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## MINNEAPOLIS REUNION LARGEST SINCE 1949

The predictions of Reunion Chairman V.J. "Rube" Evanoff proved to be right on track with the largest attendance at a national reunion since 1949. When the final count was taken "up yonder," a total of 829 people registered and attended. Had it not been for last minute cancellations from many who had pre-registered, the total would have approached the all time high.

Festivities officially got under way with the traditional early bird party at poolside on Wednesday, July 8th, where it was time to renew acquaintances, swap stories and otherwise enjoy the fellowship that only old army buddies can appreciate.

The joint opening session on July 9th featured a welcoming speech by Mayor James H. Lindau, Bloomington, Minnesota, where the Radisson South Hotel is actually located.

The Thursday night dance proved to be a fitting climax for another great day.

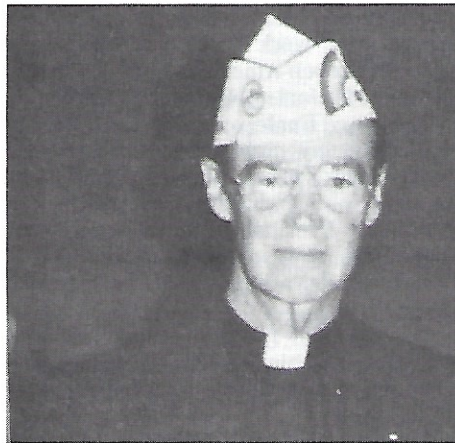
The one and only Rainbow Girl, the charming Peggy Fleming, was present as well as the gracious Lise Pommois, our lovely French connection, a special guest of Historian Don Segel and his cohorts.

Friday, July 10th, began with a joint memorial service at 9:30 A.M., followed by the Champagne Hour. (See separate article on Page 3, Column 2.) A buffet luncheon followed at 11:00 A.M., with a number of serving lines (eight, to be exact) that expedited the movement of people into the dining room.

The bus tour of St. Paul and Minneapolis, scheduled for 1:00 P.M., was such a sell out it was necessary to run it in two sections; one group of busses departing at 1:00 P.M., the other at 1:30 P.M. The tour, itself, was delightful, featuring a beautiful downtown Minneapolis with its skyways; a short visit to a local brewery in St. Paul where refreshments were served; a ride down Summit Avenue from the State Capitol Building in St. Paul, featuring several miles of mansions and fine homes, ending up in the park to take a look at Minnehaha Falls, which, due to a drought,

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## REV. JAMES W. DUNHAM



It was announced during the annual reunion in Minneapolis that National Chaplain James W. Dunham found it necessary to resign, due to illness, and Reverend Dunham was included in the thoughts and prayers of those attending the memorial service. The prognosis on his illness was that he had approximately one year to live, therefore the news of his death on Monday, July 13th, came as quite a shock, especially to those people who had the privilege of knowing him personally. His death occurred one year and one day following the fulfillment of his duties as Chaplain at the banquet during the Oklahoma City reunion.

Chaplain Dunham was a man of many accomplishments. He was graduated from West Point in 1944 and immediately assigned as a Second Lieutenant as a field artillery officer with the 42d Rainbow Division.

He returned from Europe with the rank of Captain; earned a master's degree in aeronautical engineering at Johns Hopkins University and taught physics at West Point for the next four years. He later commanded the Army's first guided missile base at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

He resigned from active duty in 1959 with the rank of major, but spent the next 16 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he rose to the rank of Brigadier General.

General Dunham served as Vice President of Fansteel Inc., in North Chicago until 1971 when he joined Universal Oil

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



My first message to all of you good comrades of Rainbow is to thank you for electing me President of, in Ted Johnson's words, "one of the finest organizations the world has ever known." It is a great honor you have bestowed upon me. We number only about 2300, but are disproportionately important to each other and to our Country for what we have done.

Some of you WW II veterans have commented that over the years you have tried, without results, to find some mention in popular histories of our participation in the war or even reference to the battles and campaigns in our 7th Army sector. General Patch seemed to have been indifferent to the creature comforts of war correspondents and General Devers, 6th Army Group Commander, was one of General Eisenhower's least favorite generals. We all know the northern generals, Patton, Bradley and Montgomery, always made good copy to the neglect of action account reports from our part of Europe. Be that as it may, steps are being taken to help set the record straight. Madame Lise Pommois has translated into English her book on the Hatten battle and there are now plans under way to publish the English version and make it available to our members. In addition, she is proceeding with research in both the U.S. and Europe on her latest history, this one on the Moder River Campaign, which hopefully will be available within the next few years.

Our own Dick Engler has much of his book completed on the German Nordwind attack in January 1945 and has sent us a 12 page summary of some of the high points, which Ted Johnson, President of our Memorial Foundation, will have printed. Rainbowman Bill Boyd's "Gentle Infantryman," is a real life fictional account of our winter war, which has been referenced in earlier editions of the REVEILLE.

We would like to augment these fine offerings by asking you members and all chapter secretaries to go through your files for wartime personal accounts in old newsletters, newspaper articles, letters, diaries or any other sources and send them

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## MINNEAPOLIS REUNION

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was only a trickle. However, a few days after departure from Minneapolis, they were inundated by a ten inch rain, at which time Minnehaha Falls probably resembled Niagara.

Saturday morning was for relaxing, shopping or whatever, followed by the final business sessions in the afternoon. The RDVA business session was highlighted by a detailed report from Lise Pommio on what she has accomplished thus far and what her goals are for the future. Her work will ensure a lasting place in French-American military history for the 42d Infantry (Rainbow) Division.

The grand finale, of course, was the banquet Saturday night, with Roman Bever from down Arizona way as Emcee; the customary introductions of PNP's, the Auxiliary President and officers, etc., topped off by a splendid talk by John S. Staum, Past National Commander (1985) of the VFW.

The organist for all special occasions was Ralph Doble, brother of Minneapolis chapter and Artillery Chapter member "Bill" Doble.

The vocalist was Allison Twiss O'Neill, daughter of Bill Twiss of the Northeast Chapter. Bill resides in Nahant, Mass.

President Dee R. Eberhart officially took office at the banquet for the 1987-88 Rainbow Year, as did Pearl Segel, the new Auxiliary President, while Rainbow Historian Don Segel assumed the duties of red cap.

The person who really needs a red cap is Jake Kizirian, who again provided those 1½ ounce boxes of California raisins. A rough estimate is he brought at least 90 pounds of raisins so his efforts are greatly appreciated.

Among those in attendance were seven WW I veterans and fifteen Past National Presidents.

The large attendance and well run reunion was due to the groundwork laid by Reunion Chairman "Rube" Evanoff and his Committee, but credit should also be given to Public Relations Officer Col. Carlyle P. Woelfer with his nationwide news releases, which seem to be getting good results as there were approximately 40 first-timers in attendance. One Rainbower from Texas found a buddy he hadn't seen in 44 years. Isn't that what reunions are all about?

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The following post reunion message has been received from V.J. "Rube" and Myrtle Evanoff, 1987 Reunion Chairman and Chairlady:

"We want to thank those of you who assisted us and those of you who attended

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Products as Executive Vice President. He conceived and started Universal's Automotive Products Division, which produced the first catalytic converters for American cars.

Chaplain Dunham became the first ordained deacon of St. Mary's Church in Lake Forest, Ill., where Mass was said on Wednesday, July 15th, followed by burial in the West Point, N.Y. Cemetery.

Not the least of his accomplishments, Rev. Dunham was the founder and Executive Director of Chicago SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange, a self-help program operated under the auspices of Catholic Charities.) He devoted most of his time to that facility in the last few years.

His survivors include his wife Beatrice of Lake Forest; three daughters, two sons, a brother and four grandchildren.

## MINNEAPOLIS REUNION

the 42nd Rainbow Reunion at the Radisson Hotel South in Bloomington, Minnesota this past July. Rainbow people are the greatest!!

## HISTORY OF RAINBOW INSIGNIA

A legitimate complaint was lodged by Rainbower Roman Bever, who said: "If you can't tell the judge from the prisoner without a program, how do you expect me to sell those books if you omit my name and address?" In order to rectify that error, we are once again printing the complete list of those individuals from whom you can secure a copy by sending your check for \$3.56, which includes postage, payable to Rainbow Memorial Foundation:

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to me. An editorial board will review all material received and begin compiling it for publication and for preservation as part of our historical and permanent archival records. You are also invited to submit your own recollected personal accounts as well as transcripts of recorded oral history interviews with WW I and II Rainbow veterans. With your cooperation, hopefully we will have Volume I ready for distribution by next year — nothing too fancy, just the meat and bones of the Rainbow Infantry Division's part in the successful prosecution of two wars in this century.

By the time of our 69th Annual Reunion next July, we hope to have alternative long range financial projections for our Association to help our planning efforts for the future. Jon Janosik, our Treasurer, and Norm Thompson and his computer have agreed to help with this. At and following the Orange County, California Mid Year Reunion, February 26-27, 1988, we should have a progress report for you on this project.

Because of some major logistical problems, I am sorry to inform you I won't be able to accept all the invitations and attend as many of the chapter meetings as did my peripatetic predecessor, Fred Goldsmith. From mid March to mid June 1988 I will be completely immobilized with University teaching assignments, with no travel time off. Although our orchard harvest time this year is an awkward time to be away, Barbara and I plan to attend the September 26th Texas Chapter meeting at Johnnie and Verna Stubbs' ranch at Fort Worth. Since driving is impractical, because of the distances involved, air travel is necessary. "Super saver" reservations must be made well in advance, therefore, will you please let me know at least 60 days ahead of time if you wish me to attend a particular chapter meeting? I will do my best to meet you at your place.

May good health and good fortune be with you for the rest of this Rainbow year.

Dee R. Eberhart, President

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Time and Place Committee has selected St. Louis, Missouri as the city where the 1989 National Reunion will be held. In due time details will be forthcoming, but this central location with its excellent airport facilities should make it a convenient spot for Rainbowners coming from anywhere in the United States.

## RDVA MEMORIAL SERVICE



A capacity crowd gathered in the Great Hall West and Center of the Radisson Hotel South, Bloomington, Minnesota, at 9:30 A.M., July 10th for the memorial service paying tribute to those RDVA and Auxiliary members who had passed over the Rainbow in the preceding twelve months.

Due to the critical illness of Chaplain James W. Dunham, who was unable to be present, the services were under the direction of Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., Former National Chaplain and now Asst. National Chaplain, assisted by Fr. Norman Forde, an Episcopalian Priest; and the Rev. Raymond Willemssen, a Presbyterian Minister who was elected National Chaplain at the reunion.

Rainbowner Louis Rondinaro provided musical accompaniment on his trombone while Soloist Allison Twiss-O'Neill, daughter of Rainbowner Bill Twiss, led the singing.

WW I Veteran Kurt W. Frederick, Headquarters Company 166th Infantry, recited his poem "Buddies."

Special prayers were said for Chaplain James W. Dunham.

Taps concluded the ceremony as played on twin trumpets by Sara Halvorson and Scott Kreger, who were stationed in different locations in the hall, creating an echo effect and a very beautiful rendition.

Immediately following the memorial service the Champagne Hour was narrated by PNP Theodore Johnson as only he can present it.

For those of you who have not attended a national reunion and heard this presentation, it is not an hour, as the title implies, but is probably a ten minute commemoration of a WW I battle. This, too, is a very moving story and certainly very meaningful to those WW I veterans in attendance, as well as an important part of Rainbow history.

## EDITOR'S CORNER

The majority of ministers are opposed to all forms of gambling, except marriage.

Exercise definitely will change a man's life, especially walking down the aisle to get married.

Despite the odds, we celebrated our 50th this year.

PNP Hugo Grimm and Oriana paid a visit to PNP Homer G. Gardner in Des Moines, Iowa on their way home from Minneapolis, as Homer's health does not permit him to attend the Rainbow reunions. Also missed were PNP's George Irwin and Johnnie Stubbs at Minneapolis. All other PNP's were present.

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Greetings to all fellow Rainbowners. Thank you for electing me to serve as Chaplain of RDVA. I count it a privilege to share in this responsibility and trust I can be of service as together we serve God and Country.

We all share burdens and problems, but, also, challenges of being of service to others. We indeed are grateful for the excellent contributions of our late Chaplain, Rev. James W. Dunham, during his all too brief tenure. His "Reflections" from time to time were magnificent.

May we keep in mind the promises of the Scripture so we may experience God's hope and comfort not only for this life, but also for the life to come. There is a word in Isaiah 30-18, which is one of many promises that encourage us to trust in God: "Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you and, therefore, he waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice. How blessed are all those who long for Him."

May we truly long for Him, trust Him and His Mercy and rejoice in His great salvation.

God's blessings on all of you.  
Chaplain Raymond Willemssen

## BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS

There was some response to a previously published article concerning those men who received battlefield commissions, but Harry T. Bleil, 2820 Coachmen Road, New Port Richey, Florida 34655 believes there must be a number of Rainbowners who were so honored or selected, and he would like to hear from the rest of you as the N.O.B.C. is certainly a select group.

## SEARCH FOR EX POW'S

42D Infantry (Rainbow) Division Archivist J. Wm. Keithan, 2226 Eastmont Way West, Seattle, Washington 98199 is compiling, on behalf of the Division Archives, material on the Division's WW I and WW II prisoners of war.

If you were a POW and have not yet been contacted by "Bill" Keithan, please contact him promptly in order that you may be furnished with an information request package to elicit unique and unusual stories experienced by those Rainbow soldiers who ended up in POW camps.

When all known POW's have been contacted, it is hoped that a book will be published detailing their various experiences.

## 1988 MID YEAR REUNION

So you've hardly gotten the wrinkles out of your clothing upon returning from Minneapolis. Well, here's a wonderful opportunity for you to spend a winter vacation in sunny Southern California as the Mid-Year Reunion will be held at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, 666 Anton Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA., 92626, on Friday and Saturday, February 26th and 27th, 1988.

To start things off, an early bird party will be held on Thursday, February 25th.

The rates are \$50.00 per room. Hotel reservation forms are available by contacting the meeting Treasurer Donald J. Carner, 27150 Dahlia Court, Sun City, CA., 92381. Send your registration fee of \$35.00 per person to Don Carner.

The Westin Hotel is across from the South Coast Shopping Center with a multitude of shops and restaurants. The Hotel is adjacent to the John Wayne (Orange County) Airport, which is served by commercial transportation from Los Angeles and Long Beach Airports. It is also located about 12 miles south of Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and the Crystal Cathedral. Historic San Diego is just a short drive to the south along a beautiful coast line. The Long Beach waterfront offers numerous attractions and, if you are so inclined, you could even make it to Hollywood and Vine to the north or visit the Los Angeles Coliseum or the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Then there is the Palomar Observatory nearby with its giant telescope and many other interesting features.

You could even visit Tijuana, Mexico, just beyond San Diego. OLE!

## REUNION PLANNED AT SALZBURG IN 1988

The mini reunion that Liaison Officer Philip Trout is planning to be in Europe is scheduled for the fall of 1988 — not 1987. Phil would like to have an estimate of the size of the group by late this fall (1987), therefore, if you are planning on making the trip, please let Phil know as seats for the Octoberfest must be purchased one year in advance. A \$200 deposit will reserve your seat on the plane. The charge to leave from the midwest or far west will not be more than \$100. The approximate cost for this 14 day trip will be \$1800.

The tour will cover Germany, Austria, France, Switzerland and Luxembourg with two and one-half days in Salzburg and two days in Munich.

First things first, however. Please attend the National Reunion at Denver, Colorado in July 1988. If you have time and money left over, join the reunion at Salzburg.

Phil Trout may be contacted at 4121 8th Avenue, Temple, PA 19560.

## MONEY MAGIC

The money changers were among us in the temple, but these individuals all wore white hats and their purpose was most admirable.

PNP John Carr took it upon himself to raffle off a Rainbow Division History Book and raised \$622.00 for his efforts and immediately donated the receipts to the Minnesota Chapter Reunion Fund to help defray reunion expenses, however, due to other generous donations these funds were not required.

Therefore, with the approval and blessing of PNP John Carr, the amount of \$622.00 was transferred to the Scholarship Fund and a check for that amount was sent to Chairman George Jackson of the Rainbow Scholarship Program.

Thanks to all those people who bought chances on the history book and to John Carr for his efforts and thoughtfulness.

## RAINBOW HISTORY

In Kitzbühl, Austria there is a bit of Rainbow history. In St. Catherine's Catholic Church in the center of town, above the main entrance is a round window and, upon close inspection, one can see a small Rainbow and under the Rainbow the inscription: "Dedicated to the Veterans of the 42nd Rainbow Division."

After the cessation of hostilities in WW II, Major General Harry J. Collins was instrumental in having this window placed in St. Catherine's Church.

You may want to keep this in mind if you plan a visit to Austria in the future.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP WINNER

The life membership offered by Dolian Harris to the Rainbower bringing in the most new members to RDVA was awarded to Harold Cullum, a member of the MO-KAN Chapter and Artillery Chapter. Harold signed up eleven new dues paying members for the Artillery Chapter. Congratulations are certainly in order.

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One new Artillery Chapter member, attending a reunion for the first time, was so impressed with the way RDVA's programs and operations were being conducted he immediately took out a life membership.

## SUCCESSFUL SEARCH

At long last a former Rainbow soldier has been located and that individual is none other than George A. Lynn, a former member of Headquarters Battery Division Artillery, a talented organist and composer, whose list of musical credits is indeed impressive. George directed the Division Chorus and a few years ago a recording was played at one of the Rainbow annual reunions, on which the chorus was under his direction.

George now resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado and credit for locating this long lost buddy goes to 1988 Reunion Chairman Richard Bayles, Denver, Colorado, former 1st Sergeant of Headquarters Battery, who, you might say, found George practically in his own back yard.

It is expected that Mr. Lynn will attend the 1988 reunion in Denver for the first time and hopefully we can again sing those old Rainbow songs under his talented direction.

## WW II TRIVIA

According to information reaching your Editor's desk, Allied soldiers were guided into Germany during World War II by National Geographic maps that had been copied and posted at road intersections. What happened to all those military maps we were required to pore over in map reading classes?

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Wife to hubby, upon his return from the doctor's office where he had undergone a complete physical: "Well, what did the doctor tell you?" Hubby: "He told me not to buy any green bananas."

## RDVA's NEW CHAPLAIN

RDVA's newly elected National Chaplain, Rev. Raymond H. Willemssen, graduated from George, Iowa High School in 1939 and spent the following three years doing farm work until being drafted in 1942. His first year was spent with the 13th Armored Division; applied for and accepted into the Aviation Cadet Corps and subsequently transferred from Shepherd Field, Texas to Camp Gruber where he was assigned to Company F, 222d Infantry, in March of 1944, when the Air Corps suddenly discovered it had more pilots than planes.

On August 19, 1944, he was married to Grace Kanengieter of Little Rock, Iowa in Muskogee. James Harold Benton of Company F (later to be First Sergeant of Company F) and his fiancée, Virginia Hill, were witnesses, along with Delvin Glen, also of Company F. Two days later J. Harold Benton and Virginia were also married after his parental consent arrived by mail.

Raymond Willemssen served as assistant squad leader and later as squad leader; was wounded on April 28, 1945 near

Dachau. He was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. He received a medical discharge in November of 1945, after six months in army hospitals.

In early 1946 he began his college education in preparation for the Presbyterian ministry at Dubuque, Iowa and was ordained in 1952.

His experiences in military service were a guiding influence in encouraging him to serve God in the ministry. He has served six churches in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa during 35 years of ministry. He once officiated at a funeral for a WW I Rainbow veteran.

Raymond and Grace have five married daughters; two living in California, two in Iowa and one in South Dakota. Their retirement home is in Rock Rapids, Iowa, from where he continues to do supply work in churches.

His hobbies include mechanical work, gardening and camping, as well as trying to keep up with eight grandchildren. Now that he has been elected National Chaplain a portion of his time will be spent on his new duties.

## REVISED VA BUDGET

The Senate, on May 6, 1987, approved a revised budget that incorporated increased funding for veterans' programs proposed by Senator Frank R. Lautenberg. The budget that passed contained roughly \$320 million more for veterans' programs than the plan approved by the Senate Budget Committee. It adds \$80 million a year for the next four years.

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Senator Daniel Moynihan introduced legislation that would restore travel reimbursement to hospitals for service-related medical problems for veterans. The Senator has urged the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and the Senate to consider a supplemental appropriation of \$90 million to the VA budget so the beneficiary travel can continue.

## IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Rainbower Ernest M. Peets of Salina, Kansas purchased Rainbow tags for both his car and truck and left the truck in the driveway of his home. A few days later his paper carrier came by accompanied by an assistant. The following day the assistant (the grandfather of the paper carrier) came by looking for Ernest as he, too, was an ex Rainbow soldier. As a result of their meeting, Wilbur R. Steinle of Salina, KS, a former member of the 542d Field Artillery, is now a member of the Dodge City-Pratt Chapter of RDVA.

## PRESIDENT ELECT

The President Elect for the 1988-1989 Rainbow Year, as shown in the masthead, is John (Jack) Keyser, Lt. Colonel (Ret), who served in Company D, 232d Infantry; Company H, 232d Infantry and the 42d Division Band. He resides in Bowling Green, Ky.

## BITTER MEMORIES

Retired Master Sgt. Anthony W. Remza, 88, of the Mifflin Healthcare Center, Cumru Township near Reading, Pennsylvania, still finds it difficult to talk about Memorial Day, having seen so many battlefield casualties, which to this day conjure up vivid images in his mind.

Sgt. Remza says the only person he saluted on the battlefield was General Douglas MacArthur. Remza participated in five battles during WW I, including the Battle of Champagne. He was gassed and hospitalized by the French in September 1918. He recovered and continued his military career, having served in WW II as well as the Korean War.

You would-be historians in the Reading area might garner some interesting first-hand information by paying this ex Rainbower a visit.

In addition to Sgt. Remza there are three other Rainbow veterans living in the "Berks" area near Reading; William R. Kline, 90, of Berks Heim, Bern Township; Irvin Schaeffer, 89, of the Topton Lutheran Home, Topton; and William F. Tothoro, 91, of 1517 N. 12th Street.

## AUSTRALIAN HONORS FOR RAINBOW VET



Thomas R. Heaton, a Rainbow Veteran of Company G, 222d Infantry, who resides in Littleton, Colorado, traveled half way around the world to Bega, Australia, which is the sister city of Littleton, Colorado, to participate in the activities on ANZAC Day, April 25th, which is the anniversary of the date on which Australian and New Zealand armed forces invaded Gallipoli in 1915 during WW I. ANZAC Day is the combined equivalent of the USA Memorial Day, July 4th and Veterans' Day and is celebrated by every city and town across the broad expanse of Australia.

Mr. Heaton was able to march in the Bega ANZAC Day parade through the sponsorship of Mr. Keith Otten, an official of the BEGA RSL (Returned Servicemen's League) and was privileged to represent both the City of Littleton, Colorado and the Rainbow Division Veterans Association.

In keeping with custom, Mr. Heaton wore his campaign ribbons pinned to his business suit as shown in the above photograph.

Activities began at 6:00 A.M., with a march to the Bega War Memorial, where wreaths were laid, prayers were offered and the Australian version of Taps was sounded. This was followed by a sumptuous breakfast and then a visit to the sea-coast town of Tathra, where there was more wreath laying at the Memorial flagpole, prayers, hymn singing, a speech on the importance of ANZAC Day and the singing of the Australian national anthem. After brunch the group returned to Bega for another formal ceremony.

While the Australian and New Zealand armed forces had little direct contact with the 42d Rainbow Division in WW I and none in WW II, as they were busy protecting their homeland at that time, Australia is one of the very few allies to have fought alongside the United States in World War I, WW II, Korea and Viet Nam.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heaton will long remember this rare opportunity and RDVA was well represented by Thomas Heaton.

## CAMP GRUBER GETS A FACE-LIFT

At the peak of training for the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division in 1944 Camp Gruber, Oklahoma consisted of endless rows of neat frame barracks, five theaters, three service clubs, three guest houses, three libraries, 10 post exchanges, a chapel and recreation hall for every unit the size of a regiment and a day room for every company.

For those Rainbow veterans who have made a post war pilgrimage to Camp Gruber, they were greeted by an overgrowth of weeds and brush, cracked and broken concrete pads, unidentifiable streets and — it just wasn't the military base that had been home for many of us for as long as a year and a half.

If you should choose to pay a return visit to Camp Gruber, you still may not recognize it as it is undergoing a face-lift or minor building boom with a number of barracks having been built; plans for two dining areas (weren't they called mess halls?), administrative headquarters, medical facilities and 2½ miles of new asphalt paving on Avenue F.

Construction includes a new water tower, a bridge over Greenleaf Creek to provide access to the eastern areas of the camp, and much more.

It has been written "you can't go home again," but, it may again someday resemble a place that played an important role in the lives of many of us.

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Just twenty miles away in Muskogee the Rainbow Division Memorial Amphitheater is being well maintained. It is used for Easter sunrise services and weekly concerts throughout the summer. The stage area is covered with green outdoor carpet. The local Rainbowmen lay wreaths at the Memorial on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans' Day.

This information has been furnished by Leo and Rickie Elsky of Muskogee, Leo being a Rainbow veteran and an active participant in the Muskogee Chapter.

## EYE TO EYE

The most embarrassing thing you can see, when looking through a keyhole, is another eye.

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It really does pay to advertise. There are 26 mountains in the State of Colorado higher than Pike's Peak.

## MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

### Financial Statement July 1, '86 - June 30, '87

#### Income:

Interest on Investments	\$3,873.50
Veterans Memorial Fund	340.00
Scholarship Fund	1,895.00
Sale of WW II Histories	900.00
Sale of Insignia Books	720.50
Sec. of State Indiana	34.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME 7-1-86 - 6-30-87</b>	<b>7,763.00</b>

#### Payments:

Bank One Fee	\$ 150.00
Memorial Wreaths	635.66
Scholarships	2,700.00
Printing of Constitution & Bylaws	408.46
Repairs & Refurbishing Muskogee Memorial	1,961.24
Refurbishing General Collins' grave	464.78
Sec. of State Indiana	40.00

<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS 7-1-86 - 6-30-87</b>	<b>6,360.14</b>
<b>INCOME OVER PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,402.86</b>
Book Value July 1, 1986	\$72,244.98
Add Income over Payments	1,402.86
<b>Book Value June 30, 1987</b>	<b>\$73,647.84</b>

#### ASSET SUMMARY

Uninvested Cash	147.84
Investment - Prudential Funding Corp.	60,000.00
Money Market Portfolio	2,500.00
Prime Obligation Portfolio - Liquid Assets	11,000.00
<b>TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$73,647.84</b>

#### Restricted Funds:

The Founding Members Trust	\$20,334.90
The Founding Chapters Trust	18,371.78
The Associate Members Trust	7,788.24
The Scholarship Trust	13,982.65
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$60,477.57</b>

#### Non-Restricted Funds:

The Founding Sponsors Trust Fund	\$13,170.27
<b>TOTAL NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,170.27</b>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED AND NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$73,647.84</b>

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