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1988 NATIONAL REUNION DENVER, COLORADO

As Horace Greeley supposedly said, "GO WEST, YOUNG MAN, GO WEST." If you do you could very well end up in Denver for the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans' National Reunion on July 13, 14, 15 and 16. On the other hand, if you previously took Mr. Greeley's advice and live on the west coast, then you must reverse the process and head east. In any event, the Reunion Committee is counting on you to make this rapidly approaching occasion a huge success.

The reunion will be held at the Sheraton Denver Tech Center, 4900 DTC Parkway, Denver, CO 80237. Room rates are a modest \$50 per night for single, double or triple occupancy. The hotel has 623 rooms with 24 equipped for handicapped. **THE HOTEL WILL NOT GUARANTEE A ROOM FOR ANY RESERVATION RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 22ND, SO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY.**

The hotel has ample facilities of all types, with a 24-hour New York style deli; Compari's northern Italian cuisine; Cafe in the Park for breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch. Lily's Lounge for happy hour and evening entertainment; the Gazebo Lounge for quiet cocktails.

Busses run at 30 minute intervals from the airport for about \$7.00 for the twelve minute ride.

If you plan to arrive in an RV and require hook-ups during your stay, the closest place is Cherry Creek Dam State Park, approximately 4½ miles from the hotel.

If you plan on driving to Denver and come from the north or south, Interstate 25 is the main highway into Denver. Exit I-25 at Bellevue Avenue and turn east to the first cross street (at stoplight on Syracuse Street) and turn north to the Sheraton DTC. From the east, the main route is I-70. Exit I-70 to the south on I-225. I-225 ends at I-25 in south Denver. Follow I-25 to Bellevue Avenue; go east to Syracuse (first traffic light) and then north to the Denver DTC. From the west on either I-70 or U.S. 6 take I-25 south to

Bellevue, then east to Syracuse and north to the hotel.

In addition to the previously mentioned bus service from the airport the Airport Limousine Service will provide round trip transportation for \$10.00. Trip tickets for this transportation may be purchased at the Airport Limousine Service counter at Door 6 on the lower level at Stapleton Airport. Their van also departs the airport every half hour.

The banquet seating sign-up will be from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, July 16th.

The Committee would like to hear in advance from units planning unit dinners or meetings; the estimated attendance. This information is necessary so a room of the proper size can be scheduled at the time required. To date only the 222nd Chapter has scheduled a business meeting and dinner.

The very modest registration fee of \$35.00 has proven, on occasion, to be inadequate to cover all expenses inherent in putting on a national reunion, so if any of you people out there are looking for a legitimate tax deduction the Reunion Committee will welcome any such donations.

A conducted tour will depart the hotel at 12:30 PM on Friday, July 15th, for a visit to the Air Force Academy, the architectural gem being the Air Force Chapel. Then on to the Garden of the Gods and a view of Pike's Peak. Tickets for the tour are \$14.00 and may be purchased at the time of registering or when picking up your credentials from having pre-registered.

Reunion Chairman Richard Bayles, 2741 South Garfield, Denver, CO 80210 is accepting early registrations at \$35.00 per person. He also has hotel reservation forms available. In the interest of saving time and postage you may call the Denver DTC Hotel toll free at 1-800-552-7030; inform them you are planning to attend the Rainbow Reunion, give them your credit card info and you're in like Flynn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



An alert photographer with a high speed camera caught President Dee Eberhart smiling at the California Mid Year.

Greetings Comrades. Our Mid Year Reunion in California has ended and our end of another great Rainbow Year culminating in the National Reunion in Denver is rapidly approaching.

At the Orange County Westin Hotel approximately 140 Rainbow people showed up for the Mid Year business and committee meetings, where they also enjoyed a great luncheon, a super banquet and a long running hospitality room presided over by the indefatigable mixologist Earl Kerns, plus lots and lots of socializing.

Thank you, members of the California Chapter, for being such great hosts.

Our special guest was Madame Lise Pommois from Alsace whose major contributions to the history of the Moder River Campaign will be published in December, 1988. Unfortunately, our WWI Poet Laureate Kurt Frederick had to cancel, but three WWI veterans were present; Ed Couron, Lefty Balkema and Paul Jarrett. Paul and his two grandsons, Clark and Brad, will represent our Association at the annual Navarin Farm commemorative ceremonies in France this coming July.

I will share my banquet comments with those of you who were not with us in California:

"Seventy years ago it was Baccarat, a quiet sector for the Rainbow Division, with deep trenches, heavy with the smell of chlorine, phosgene, mustard and death — with the chalk of Champagne and the shat-

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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tered forests of Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Meuse Argonne still to come. It was 1918, a watershed year — the year of victory and of Armistice — one great war ended and an even greater war yet to come.

Other watershed years were: 1781, the end of the Revolutionary War and the westward course of an American empire still to come.

1865, the end of the Civil War and beginning of the industrial might and the Caribbean and Pacific empire still to come.

1945, the end of WW II — total defeat of our Axis enemies — and unsurpassed economic, political and military power of America, lasting for the next quarter of a century, still to come.

It was a time when life and hope was renewed for the surviving, weary infantrymen of WW II Rainbow after having absorbed the massive shock of Operation Northwind from the 25th Panzer-grenadier, 21st Panzer, 7th Parachute, 47th Volksgrenadier and 10th SS Panzer divisions; the March 15th jump off, breaking through the Hardt Mountain crest, smashing the Siegfried Line West Wall and moving on to capture the great cities of the Main, Danube, Franconia and Bavaria. Yes, and Dachau — Dachau, it was, and the other death camps that finally revealed to the civilized world (and to the liberating infantrymen) the full extent of the monstrous evil that was Nazi Germany.

The mark of that climactic year is still worn by most of us here. In response to a question to the 3rd Division's Audie Murphy, if he had ever gotten over his wartime experiences, he replied: "No combat infantryman ever gets over them." He went on to explain he couldn't go to sleep without his loaded Walther automatic under his pillow. We understand that. It is why we are here at these Rainbow Reunions, in remembrance of what once was and in thanksgiving and comradeship.

We have recently been told this is the era of the end of our super power empire; that we are destined for inevitable decline. Although some of us continue to build, create and compete, most of us have now been moved aside from the places of production by those who are younger. But, we still have time to tell our epic tale of defense of homeland and civilization and of support and protection of our beloved comrades-in-arms.

EDITOR'S CORNER

As various articles reach the desk of you Editor and some are subsequently published in the *Reveille*, there is no possible way we can verify or authenticate the incidents as reported by the individual who details his experiences during WW II and occasionally, after publication of such accounts, we receive letters more or less in "rebuttal" of such an article, advising that is not the way it happened or doubting that the situation depicted ever actually occurred.

It would seem logical that two individuals assigned to the same unit, but perhaps situated a considerable distance apart in the battle zone, could be embroiled in events that would seem to be two different wars.

Be that as it may, we cannot get involved in the middle of any such controversy, but must rely on the truthfulness and factual relating of those wartime experiences by the contributors and, if time has dimmed the memories or altered the facts somewhat — well it was 43 years ago.

Word has been received of the death of Helen O. Sullivan, West Palm Beach, FL on 2-29-88. She was the widow of PNP Bernard J. Sullivan, who died in 1981.

Interesting accounts of Europe revisited by Rainbowners and by descendants of Rainbowners have reached us, but we have not been successful in condensing them to a suitable length for publication. Perhaps excerpts will be the answer. We'll keep working on it, so don't despair.

You would never guess what hit song was first played publicly on the day of the stock market crash in 1929 that triggered the great depression. Yes, it was "Happy Days Are Here Again."

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The sagas of Roland and Beowulf are still recited, 1,200 and 1,400 years after they died their hero deaths, one at the hands of the Moors; the other in the dragon's cave. If we now do what we should, our song, too, will echo forever in our Nation's hallowed halls inspiring our children of the future to be of good heart and to meet courageously their own dragons. This is why I have asked that your stories continue to be recorded in print, pictures and sound — to weave more golden threads into our already rich tapestry of those heroic years of 1918 and 1945.

Until we meet again, Rainbow comrades and your wonderful ladies, good health, good luck and good fortune.

MEMORIAL FILE 1987 — 1988

WORLD WAR I VETERANS

App, Virgil G.
G 166th Inf
Bates, Persins
Unit Unknown
Beck, Robert B.
E 168th Inf
Bishop, Frederick E.
149th MG Bn
Boldt, Albert F.
D 150th MG Bn
Boyer, George
M 166th Inf
Brock, Arthur F.
167th Amb Co
Brown, Jesse R.
Hq Co 149th FA
Bull, Frank K.
A 117th Eng
Cotter, James F.
K 168th Inf
Cole, Louis E.
F 166th Inf
Cross, Leon E.
168th Amb Co
Curry, James F., Sr.
L 165th Inf
Daley, Bernard
M 165th Inf
Davis, Arthur Clayton
F 117th Eng
Davis, Walter A.
C 166th Inf
Davidson, Russell E.
D 117th Am Tr
Everhart, George
G 166th Inf
Gardner, Homer W. (PNP)
G 168th Inf
Gee, Elmer M.
E 117th Engr
Goodman, John F.
168th Amb Co
Huber, Emil
165th Amb Co
Heflin, Guy R.
C 168th Inf
Hurst, William W. (Dr.)
Med 151st FA
Katz, Samuel E.
149th FA
Knowles, Roger
Hq 168th Inf
Larson, Gilbert O.
B 151st FA
Lesh, Perry W.
A 150th FA
Livingston, David P.
Hq Co 168th Inf
Lombardo, Nicholas
Unit Unknown
Mitchell, Frank E.
165th Amb Co
McClatchey, Otto E.
B 117th Am Tr
Richards, New S.
A 168th Inf
Robertson, Carl W.
K 166th Inf
Prucha, Fred E.
B 149th FA Bn

"Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Oh may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
And, when the strike is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong,
The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, seen to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia!"
by Wm. W. How

Samuels, Floyd M.
117th Am Tr
Schneelock, Felix P.
H 168th Inf
Seelig, Paul C.
G 166th Inf
Stockwell, John W.
L 168th Inf
Thomas, John E.
L 168th Inf
Vogel, John T.
165th Inf
Walinski, Stanley F.
149th FA
Wescott, John H.
117th Am Tr
Woodward, Howard M.
E 117th Engr
Wust, Walter A.
B 150th MG Bn
WORLD WAR II VETERANS
Angerer, W. (Bill)
B 392nd FA
Ballonoff, Abe
Unknown
Bassham, Fain
E 242nd Inf
Baugler, George D.
H3B 242nd Inf
Blackford, Roy H.
Med Det 242nd Inf
Boehner, Chris Vernon
MP Platoon
Clinton, Clayton C.
I 242nd Inf
Coffing, Orville
742nd Ord
Combs, Harold A.
A 142nd Comb Engr
Cook, Robert F.
F 22nd Inf
Cornetta, Andrew
A 142nd Engr
Cox, Walter J.
Hq 2nd Bn 222nd Inf
Czurzynski, Edward S.
C 232nd Inf
Darby, Joseph
E 222nd Inf
Darr, Shirley A.
42nd QM
Douglas, William C.
Hw 1st Bn 242nd Inf
Dunham, James W.
(National Chaplain)
A 402nd FA

Dutton, Elwood E.
B 142nd Comb Engr
Farley, John H.
F 232nd Inf
Feller, Richard
C 242nd Inf
Frasell, John J.
G 242nd Inf
Fredericks, Donald
Reg. Hq 222nd Inf
Gallivan, George P. (Rev)
Hq Co 222nd Inf
Gindry, Paul J.
222nd Inf
Gottesman, Abe
A 232nd FA
Grassman, Herbert
I 242nd Inf
Greene, John E.
C 232nd FA
Gregg, Francis
G-2, Div Hq
Guy, Albert E.
I 242nd Inf
Haaland, Carlos
Hq 1st Bn 222nd Inf
Hathaway, Harry P.
Div Hq
Hermes, Maurice F.
B 232nd FA
Hicks, Russell E.
Div. Band
Horn, Kenneth G.
Hq 1st Bn 232nd Inf
Hornstein, Julius
Hq 222nd Inf
Ippolito, Louis E.
M 242nd Inf
Jones, Richard
142nd Comb Engr
Johnson, H. D.
Unknown
Ketcham, Robert E.
42nd Recon Troop
Knepp, Howard W.
K 242nd Inf
Krambeck, Laverne W.
Hq 2nd Bn 222nd Inf
Labeledz, Leroy Jr.
K 242nd Inf
Lambert, Otto M. Jr.
D 242nd Inf
Mace, Wayne E.
B 222nd Inf
Madsen, Max E.
Hq Co 222nd Inf

Matson, Loyd H. (PNP)
E 222nd Inf
Mercado, Ramon
42nd Recon
Miller, Frederick H.
42nd QM
Miller, Royston O.
E 222nd Inf
Monroe, Leo
742nd Ord Co
Moorman, Robert L.
K 222nd Inf
Morales, Adolfo D.
K 222nd Inf
Neese, Robert D. (Pete)
Med Det Spec Trps
Normoyle, Robert M.
MP
O'Hara, John C.
Hq 3d Bn 222nd Inf
Palmer, Karl V. (Col)
Hq 1st Bn 222nd Inf
Petersen, Leebey R.
Unknown
Phillips, Blair T.
I 242nd Inf
Pluss, Charles
Hq 542nd FA
Pogue, Ivan D.
Unknown
Porr, Duane S.
C 232nd Inf
Quade, Henry H.
Hq 232nd FA
Rakin, Walter J.
392nd FA
Ranney, Russell G.
Hq Co 222nd Inf
Rantuccio, Joseph
M 232nd Inf
Rose, Vincent T.
Unknown
Starkl, John
I 222nd Inf
Strausbaugh, George W.
D 122nd Med Bn
Struk, Michael
Div Hq
Stuemke, Arthur J.
G 242nd Inf
Treadway, Joseph
D 222nd Inf
Vaughn, William L.
I 232nd Inf
Venker, James H.
M 232nd Inf
Vornbrock, Richard P.
Hq 1st Bn 242nd Inf
Walterscheid, Joseph H.
Division Band
Weiser, John C.
C 242nd Inf
Weiser, Morton L.
Unknown
Welsh, Francis
Hq 2nd Bn 222nd Inf
Willrich, Ted L.
M 222nd Inf
Wojtusiak, John L.
Hq 232nd Inf

MID YEAR CALIFORNIA STYLE

Something wonderful happened in southern California on February 25, 26, and 27. Those days offered up a lot of sun, interspersed with a few sprinkles of rain; the infamous smog disappeared and it all came together to hover over the South Coast Westin Hotel in Costa Mesa. When Rainbrowsers assemble in one locale, that part of the world takes on a different aura, surrounded with comradeship.

President Dee Eberhart presided over the opening meeting and formally welcomed everyone to southern California.

The agenda was handled in a most expeditious manner; reports were presented by the various officers and details of the planning for the reunion in Denver were presented by Reunion Chairman Dick Bayles and Tom Heaton.

PNP Carlyle Woelfer gave an inspiring talk on the past, present and future of Rainbow.

It was reported that Mrs. Irene Collins had passed away in Salzburg and that the mementos of General Collins will be sent to Rainbow.

A total of 129 Rainbrowsers registered and were on hand Thursday evening in the hospitality suite to reacquaint themselves with old friends. A scrumptious luncheon was served on Friday inside a gigantic tent.

On Saturday night a delicious banquet meal was served to 140 Rainbrowsers. Sam Platamone began the short program, which included speeches by President Dee Eberhart, Auxiliary President Pearl Segel and President Elect Jack Keyser, who trimmed his long speech down to five words — and then forgot his notes in "his other suit," so he promptly sat down.

Recognition of all PNP's, first-timers, Rainbow University attendees, unit members, WW I men, etc., was accomplished amid cheers, boos and/or applause.

Catherine Smith, daughter of the late WW I Rainbrower Frank Swartz, led the group in a "sing-along" with her lovely voice. Ted Johnson joined her with a rousing rendition of the "Rainbow Song" and it never sounded better.

The closing scene of the evening produced a reminder of what Rainbow is all about — love and togetherness. Clark and Brad Jarrett touched all hearts with their obvious love and devotion for their grandfather, Paul Jarrett, WW I, and their unique (for such a young generation) pride in Rainbow. Paul is an example to his grandsons and the Mid Year of 1988 was honored through his sharing of these young men in the finest of Rainbow tradition.

1988 REUNION PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, July 13, 1988; 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration. 3:00 - 5:00 PM 222nd Chapter Meeting. 8:00 - 10:00 PM Early Bird Party & Complementary bar. 10:00 - 11:00 PM Cash Bar.

THURSDAY, July 14, 1988; 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration. 9:00 - 11:00 AM National Executive Board Meeting. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Unit Meetings. 12:30 - 2:00 PM Past National Presidents' Luncheon. 2:30 - 3:00 PM Opening Session joint with Ladies Auxiliary. 3:00 - 5:30 PM National Business Session. 6:30 - 8:00 PM WW I Dinner (Veterans, Wives, Widows) 8:30 - 11:30 PM Dance and Entertainment

FRIDAY, July 15, 1988; 7:30 - 9:00 AM Scholarship Committee Meeting. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration. 10:00 - 11:00 AM Memorial Service. 9:00 - 10:00 AM Unit Meetings 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Joint Luncheon. 12:30 - 5:30 PM Conducted Tour (Air Force Academy, etc.) 7:30 - 9:30 PM Unit Dinners and Memorial Services

SATURDAY, July 16, 1988; 9:00 - 12:00 Noon Registration. 9:00 - 12:00 Noon National Committee Meetings. 2:00 - 4:30 PM National Business Session. 4:30 - 5:00 PM Final Session with Ladies Auxiliary 6:00 - 7:00 PM Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar). 7:00 - 9:30 PM Banquet. 9:45 PM National Presidents' Reception.

Ladies Auxiliary

WEDNESDAY, July 13, 1988; 7:30 - 9:00 AM Auxiliary President's breakfast. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Auxiliary sales. 3:00 - 5:00 PM 222nd Chapter Meeting. 8:00 - 10:00 PM Early Bird Party & Complementary Bar. 10:00 - 11:00 PM Cash Bar.

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HEY, BUDDY CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?

Gosh, fellows, what's happening to our membership? We are behind last year in paying dues. I can't understand why, when we have such fine men working to put out the papers which help make contact in most cases or at least easier than it would be if we didn't have this fine hard working staff.

Without the dues we cannot have the fellowship we have enjoyed. This is our life's blood. A few can't carry the load.

Without being specific, we have people who have taken an active part for years, but who, for some reason, don't pay their national dues. We need your financial support. \$6.00 per year is less than 2¢ a day.

Please contact the membership chairmen in your units and try to get some action. Sure, we have some who are financially unable to help and these Rainbrowsers, I feel, we can and should carry. The ones who can carry on should shoulder their part. It shouldn't be just a few over 2,000 as we are now. I feel the ones we are in contact with should be over 3,000 dues paying members. If we don't get these fellows in soon, with our losses each year, plus the increase in postage and other things, we will have to make some changes. As I see it, membership is the most simple answer.

In no way have I attempted to offend anyone, but somehow some of our people don't seem to realize the importance of our jobs and, if anyone disagrees, please let's have constructive criticism. We need all the help we can get. It is up to us. This can be one of the best years recently, or we can go down hill before we need to.

We have a fine hard working President. Let's not let him down. This membership year is drawing to a close. I've enjoyed working with each of you and hope the best for all.

Dolian Harris, National Membership Chairman.

WELCOME, TRAVELER

Liason Officer Philip F. Trout, who has been making plans and arrangements for a trip to Austria in the fall of 1988, advises that a total of 42 Rainbrowsers and guests are committed and only 10 spaces remain to be filled before the tour is filled to capacity. If you wait until the national reunion, the odds are there will be no space available, so, if you are interested, contact Phil at 4121 - 8th Avenue, Temple, Pennsylvania without further delay.

AT YOUR SERVICE

by Donald F. Downard

I have received several requests for help with claims against the VA. I have placed them all into proper channels and hope for results. I must rely on VA and service personnel to follow through, since the records of veterans or survivors are not available to me. These records are usually in the VA Regional Office in the state where the veteran resides. All states have at least one VA Regional Office. California has three and Texas has two. A few other states have more than one. When I receive a claim or a request for help, I must contact the pertinent State VA Regional Office. I do, however, write a brief of the case on each one, pointing up the best way to attack the problem.

I am familiar with VA laws, but have to apply them to what the claimant tells me in his/her letter.

SO, in writing me, please be as detailed as you can, telling me what you are claiming; what the VA has done, if anything; your physical condition, etc. The more you write in detail, the better chance we have of good results.

Sometimes the claim is not against the VA, but is a claim for lost medals or awards. These usually are against the Service Department (Army, Navy, Marines or Air Force). In our 42nd Division case the Army is the department involved.

HISTORY OF RAINBOW

The last reprint of the original blue book entitled "HISTORY OF RAINBOW" was a printing of 500 copies in 1979 (at that time with a white cover) and that supply was exhausted quite some time ago. There is a possibility, however, that extra copies or unused copies may be in the possession of members or the families of deceased members and just collecting dust on the book shelves. If you have any such copies and would be willing to return them to the Rainbow Division Veterans Association for distribution to Rainbowners who are still desirous of obtaining that particular book, please contact Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 200, Lake Sherwood, Missouri 63357.

POW'S

If you were a POW and have not previously done so, please write to Archivist J. William Keithan, Jr., 2226 Eastmont Way West, Seattle, WA 98199. This is your last opportunity to be included in the records being compiled on Rainbow POW's.

SINGALONG WITH GEORGE

If you were a member of the artillery chorus under the direction of George Lynn, even though your singing voice today may be a little raspy or cracked, you will undoubtedly want to make a special effort to arrive in Denver a little early as Dr. George Lynn, musician, composer, director, etc., is planning a terrific singing presentation at the Early Bird party on July 13th. It promises to be a gala affair, so why not participate in this once-in-a-lifetime singing extravaganza. There will be plenty of tape recorders and perhaps even a video camera to record all the sights and sounds to be preserved in a special niche for Rainbow memorabilia.

THANKS, WHOEVER YOU ARE

National Secretary Herb Butt received a donation that was used to purchase a copying machine, thereby eliminating trips to a print shop to have copies made and saving RDVA the cost of the copy work.

The donor did not identify himself, but the gift is greatly appreciated and a sincere THANK YOU goes out to this anonymous person whose gift will help expedite the work of our National Secretary.

A PRECIOUS MEMORY

During the height of WW II Company M, 232nd Infantry was occupying a defensive position near the Maginot line. The men of Company M had dug fox holes and gun pits in the frozen ground. It was the coldest winter in Germany in some twenty years. It was so cold the men found it necessary to build fires in their fox holes to keep from freezing.

According to Louis Tioran, Auburn Hills, Michigan, the Commanding Officer of Company M, Captain Conner, was the finest captain he ever met. (Louis Tioran also became a captain in Company M.) Captain Conner constantly worried about the welfare of the men under his command. On Christmas Eve, 1944, Captain Conner went to a village and purchased some wine and around midnight he traversed Company M's mile long defense line, stopping at every fox hole, giving the men a bottle of wine and some kind words of encouragement. Louis Tioran writes this act of love on THE BIRTHDAY OF LOVE was something he will never forget. It was one of the coldest, loneliest and most miserable Christmases ever, but it was one of his most joyous, because of the love of Captain Conner. Two weeks later Captain Conner was killed in action at Gambshien, however, Louis Tioran writes he knows at that moment the Lord took him to Heaven for this act of love and compassion for his men.

OVERDUE CREDIT



Leon Praytor

One reason for the success of the Birmingham Veterans' Day activities, as far as the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans are concerned, is because of the tireless efforts of Rainbowner Leon Praytor, Bessemer, Alabama, who served as host, chauffeur, guide, etc., last November in Birmingham. Since it took us so long to acknowledge your contributions, Leon — giving credit where credit is due — we'll even throw in 6% interest so you know we are sincere.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

July 14, 1988, when we are all in Denver, will mark the 45th anniversary of the reactivation of the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division. In addition to being issued clothing that didn't fit, here are a few other things that were taking place about that same time.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill met in Casablanca to map war strategy and, coincidentally, the best picture was "Casablanca." The best actor was Paul Lukas; best actress Jennifer Jones; best selling book "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn;" Best radio show, "Arthur Godfrey Time." The NY Yankees beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series. Georgia, 9 and UCLA, 0 in the Rose Bowl. The Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown Winner was Count Fleet with jockey Johnny Longden. Also, the Pentagon was completed; the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) created; a system devised to de-ice planes; and zinc pennies issued by the U.S. Mint.

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES



One of Iowa's famous WW I members celebrated his 90th birthday on last December 6th in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Harm Aries, who served in Company F, 168th Infantry Regiment, is shown holding his original WW I helmet with the Rainbow still showing.

Harm Aries has served as President of the Iowa State Chapter and has always been active in Rainbow activities both on a state and national level and received much recognition at Bloomington, Minnesota last July. His wife Muriel is also a true Rainbow veteran and has served as President on more than one occasion in the Iowa Auxiliary of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association.

Wishing you many more happy returns, Harm. The example you have set should be an inspiration to those "young" WW II Rainbow veterans.

SMILE, DARN YOU, SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

RIGHT KIND OF FRIENDS IN RAINBOW

The following is excerpted from an article written by National Treasurer Jon M. Janosik in 1986, at which time he was President of the Ohio State Chapter:

"As you grow up into men and women, you will find that you cannot have too many of the right kinds of friends. But, such friends are not to be found easily. You may have to search them out and make them your friends. If you do, however, you will be rewarded beyond all expectations. Those words came from a smart man — my dad — on many occasions to his children.

"Let's go back to the sentence 'You may have to search them out and make them your friends.' Doesn't this sentence fit us Rainbowners to a 'T' Uncle Sam, more or less, searched us out and placed us into the 42nd Rainbow Division. In Rainbow we have hundreds of friends and they are scattered throughout the Good Ole U.S.A.

In our atomic age, how frequently we hear people say 'They're friends of ours for business reasons.' Not so in Rainbow! In Rainbow we have true brotherly love. Attend a reunion and you will witness this. True friendship must be far and above any selfish interest — an expression of brotherly love.

"Real friends are folks who know your faults, but boast about your good points; who wouldn't say anything about you behind your back that they wouldn't say to your face. They are folks who have shared joys and sorrows with you, who have fortified you in times of trial, enlivened your life with rich and lasting experiences, and who have in their own special way helped to bring the very best that is hiding stubbornly inside of you to the surface.

"Can't we all go back in time and think of the joys and sorrows we shared, the times we fortified each other in times of trial, the times we enlivened each other's lives with rich and lasting experiences?"

This is only a small portion of Jon Janosik's article on the "Right Kind of Friends in Rainbow," but it certainly conveys the idea of what the Rainbow Division Veterans Association is all about.



WW I Rainbowner Paul Jarrett at Mid Year in Costa Mesa, CA. Paul will represent Rainbow at the Navarin Farm Ceremony in France in the summer of 1988.

SOLDIER - WW I

SOLDIER - WW I was written in 1987 when Wilbur C. Peterson of Las Vegas, Nevada was 88 years old. It was done entirely from memory, except for verification of casualties and some dates.

A veteran of the legendary 42nd Division, Peterson served in the Rainbow's 151st Field Artillery for 25 months, 18 overseas. He was wounded, but was able to rejoin his regiment and take part in the great battles of the Champagne, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne.

For 50 years Peterson was a newspaper editor and journalism professor.

To coin a phrase, "Old Soldiers Never Die, They Just Write Books."

If anyone is interested, the book is a 176-page paperback that sells for \$7.95 plus \$1.50 for shipping and handling and may be ordered from Wilbur C. Peterson, 2900 Valley View Blvd. #91, Las Vegas, NV 89102. Include cash or check with your order.

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