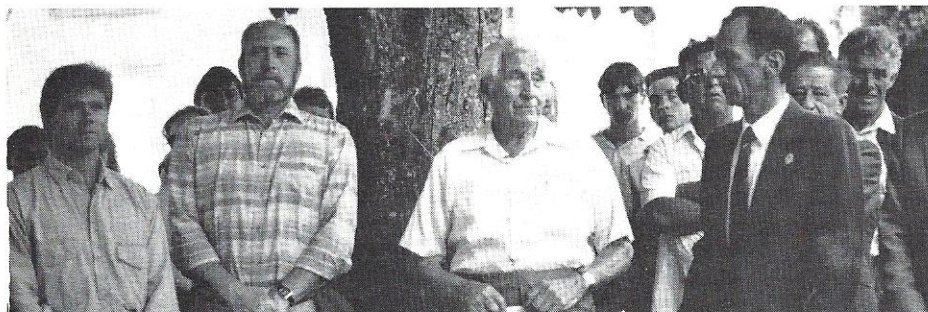


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The Return Of Paul Jarrett



L-R Clark Jarrett, John Harris (translator), Paul Jarrett, Mayor Jean Jacques.

Sunday, July 16, 1989 . . . Neuville, France. It was a picture perfect day. Blue sky, white clouds and a slight breeze. We were moments away from the most heart-touching part of the ceremony . . . and Grandpa had no idea what was next on the mayor's agenda. Each and every inhabitant of this small village (which incidentally had been located right on the Allied first-line trench during World War I) knew what was coming up. And since they had written to me in California several weeks before and had let me know their plans, I was anxiously waiting for the final part of the ceremony to take place.

After Paul saluted the war memorial on the steps of the church and had then placed the wreath below its granite base, the mayor held his arm and led him to a house located on one of the major street corners in town. With all of the one-hundred and fifty spectators looking-on, the mayor (who spoke only French) suggested to Grandpa that he pull on the small string that was dangling from a piece of paper that was taped to the side of the building about fifteen feet above his head. Perplexed, Gramps pulled on the string and the paper came floating down revealing a sign underneath which read: Rue PAUL J. JARRETT.

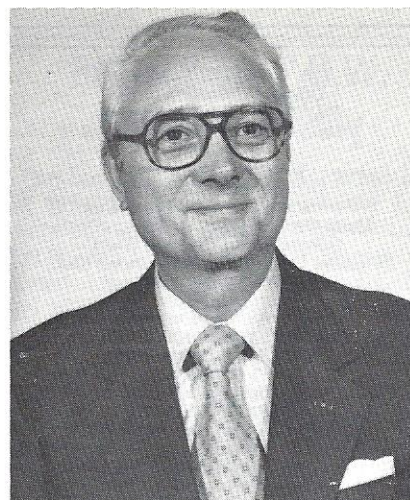
From that point on it was dream-like: the crowd applauding, a band playing, and seeing my Grandfather's name on the street sign . . . it was too perfect. Holding back his tears, Paul was overwhelmed by this act of honor as he backed away from the building and into the street to get a good look at his name above. Looking around at all of the

townsfolk he said, "People, this is more than I can take, really," and the tears began to flow across his handsome face. "A toast of honor will be held down the street followed by lunch," said Jean Pierre Jacques, the mayor of Neuville. As we began to walk the one-hundred yards down to the banquet area I grabbed my buddy, my friend, my Grandpa and I gave him a big hug . . . now it was my turn: I could take no more and I began to sob uncontrollably. With the two of us crying as we led the crowd down mainstreet I remember a small band passing us to help lead the way. For the rest of the day we enjoyed their wine and food and danced in the street until the wee hours of the night . . . it was a feast and a party all wrapped into one. Such was our second visit to Neuville, a small farming village located along what had at one time been called the defensive sector; officially known as the Baccarat Sector.

During our first visit last year, we had stumbled upon this village as part of my research on Paul's World War I experience. On this day in 1988, we were invited to have a drink with half of the village. (This type of invitation was common practice among the French upon learning that Paul was a WWI veteran). Needless to say, after this "one drink" turned into a full party, we didn't leave until the following afternoon.

And now, one year later, we were their house guests for as long as we wanted to stay. On the morning of the ceremony, Grandpa, my friend Josie, my Uncle John, and myself were escorted to military jeeps that were waiting for us in the middle of

President's Report



Our trip to the Stubb's Ranch in September was a wonderful experience, but was tempered by the news of Johnnie's passing, only a short time later. We will never forget the many courtesies extended on our visit. We were privileged to see Johnnie, who was brought home to see us. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Verna in these trying moments.

Our spirits were lifted, as we attended the Birmingham Veteran's Day affair. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Praytor did their usual sterling job as host and hostess. On the 10th we toured Birmingham, and attended a banquet at night. A Memorial service was held, the next morning, and was followed by a Luncheon. The parade started at 1:30 p.m. and was enjoyed by all.

On Nov. 19, we plan to attend the S.C. and N.C. Chapter's affair, at Columbia S.C. Here, I will present Cornelius A. Dufford (Co. A, 117 Engrs.) with his French WW1 medal.

Jane and I will depart on Dec. 1, 1989, for Clearwater, Fla., to attend the Rocking Chair Chapter meeting.

I understand our membership total is down as of Nov. 15, 1989. Please do all you can to correct this.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At this time of the year, we look back and realize that Christmas, 1944 will remain forever in our memories.

Sincerely - Dolian Harris
President

town. Joined by the city officials and the rest of the villagers we began to make our way across the fields towards the German trenches that still remain intact today. Sure enough, the German bunkers and trenches looked much the same way they did over seventy years ago when Paul attacked them. After stopping the jeeps at the first bunker, they gave Gramps a miners helmet with a light on top so he could walk inside and take a look around. With the local press covering his every move, including a tele-

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vision crew, Paul enjoyed every moment of this pilgrimage. After exiting a German bunker that was situated along the first-line trench, he remarked, "I just might move in here! In fact, I might have been inside this bunker once before, in 1918. I probably threw a hand-grenade in here, who knows?"

After exploring all three lines of German trenches, the motorcade of five jeeps made its way back down the sloping fields of wheat to the town below.

Waiting for us there in the town square were the other officials who would be taking part in the ceremony, including the Counsellor General (who represented the region much like a county supervisor here in the U.S.), and a gentleman representing the French Veterans Administration. Within moments, the ceremony began beneath the elm trees in front of the town church. With the bells of the church ringing throughout, the mayor and the other officials took their turns applauding the efforts of the American soldier from the Great War.

Then it was Paul's turn to speak. Holding back the tears that would eventually fall during the street-naming later on, he thanked his hosts and explained just exactly what this town had looked like during the Spring of 1918. "This area and this town were totally destroyed," he said, "some of your forefathers had no time to pack . . . we found some houses complete with all of the furniture . . . and as an officer I stayed in one of the least damaged."

He then presented Mayor Jacques with a letter he had carried across the Atlantic from his hometown mayor. It was from the Honorable Sonny Bono, mayor of Palm Springs. Eventually they led Grandpa up the steps of the church to lay the wreath at the foot of the war memorial (dedicated to all of those men who had been killed in both world wars). From the church everyone walked over to the street corner to witness Paul pull on the string and share in this, the proudest of moments.

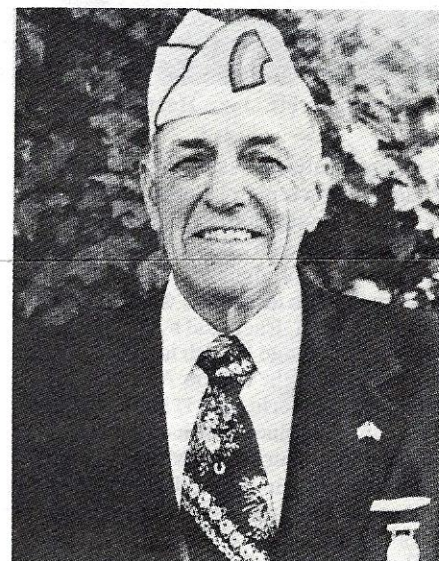
To all of you who fought in the Great War but have never been back to France to visit, I want you to remember this: the French people have **NEVER FORGOTTEN YOU**. And even though you think that all is forgotten from that hellish war, it is not. When I looked up at the street sign in Neuville I not only saw my Grandfather's name etched into the steel plate but rather, I saw the faces of all of those who perished as well as those of you who were lucky enough to have made it back home safely. If any of you ever get over to France, you just might take a trip over to Neuville and see for yourself how the French feel about the heroes from the United States. If you do, tell them Paul and Clark Jarrett sent you; but be prepared to stay awhile. You might just make some life-long friends like we did.

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Let us pray,

Lord our God, You formed us and placed us on this beautiful and fruitful planet. You measured out to each of us our own parcel of time. One of Your most precious gifts is the opportunity You offer us of ever-new beginnings. As we enter another year, we pause for a moment to reflect upon Your countless blessings. We ask that You inspire us with renewed enthusiasm and deeper sense of Your abiding presence. Help us to bear our burdens gladly and to walk joyfully with you through this year and this new decade of the 90's. May we always be a friend to those who journey with us, to those who need our love and cherish our smiles. Be with us, Lord, along our way. Amen.
Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., Chaplain

IN MEMORIAM



Johnnie Stubbs

It is our sad duty to report the passing of PNP Johnnie B. Stubbs. Johnnie passed over the Rainbow on Oct. 11, 1989, after a long, hard battle with emphysema. Johnnie was a former member of Co. D-242nd Infantry and an ex-P.O.W. He was an early member of the Association, and was a driving force in the organization of the Memorial Foundation. He served as President in 1975-76. In recent years, each official year for the Association and Auxiliary Presidents started with a Barbecue at the Stubb's ranch, in September. Johnnie is survived by his widow, Verna.

The Rainbow Veteran's Association was greater as a result of his efforts, Johnnie will be sorely missed.

Lucky Rainbow Folks At Las Vegas



The Rainbow Western Get-together was held October 15-18 at the Palace Station Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. A great time was had by all until Tuesday afternoon when the Rainbow folks were dressing for the banquet or watching the baseball game on TV. News of the San Francisco Bay Area earthquake spread quickly. It was impossible to phone loved ones in the area affected, so many Rainbows left immediately after the banquet or early the next morning for the long trip back to the Bay Area.

Once home, the concerned Rainbow folks were surprised to find minimal structural damage to their homes, and varying

degrees of disarray. As soon as the phones were operating, the Rainbow news network was in action. Fortunately there were no physical injuries to Rainbow family members. Neighbors who described the 15 second shaker made our Rainbow folks feel that they were very lucky to have been at the Western Get-together 450 miles from a terrifying experience. A total of 93 persons, including 10 first timers, attended. They came from all corners of the nation — a true Rainbow cross-section. Grateful thanks to Ray and Barbara Deming, Don and Mickey Carner for hosting this great affair.

Birmingham

Veteran's Day in Birmingham was highlighted by the attendance of thirty-five Rainbowners, spearheaded by our National President, Dolian Harris and his lovely wife, Jane.

Activities consisted of a Dinner Theatre, Thursday night, and a buffet breakfast at Shoney's on Friday morning. Here, the marquee read "Welcome 42nd Rainbow Veterans." Succeeding stops were made at RED Mountain, Baby Doe's, and Cobb Lane Tea Room, before returning to our hotel via Rainbow Viaduct (here a plaque honors Rainbow).

Friday evening, Assn. and Aux. Presidents and their spouses attended a reception for distinguished guests, prior to the National Veteran's Award Dinner. At the dinner, our President and his spouse along with our Auxiliary President and her spouse, were seated at the head table. Saturday, after church and a luncheon, we attended a 430 unit parade. The day ended with a buffet dinner.

Attending were Nat. Pres. Dolian Harris, Aux. Pres. Pearl Emlett and Redcap Glen, PNP John and Margo Carr, Harold and Marion Schenck, PNP Bill Barton, Dorothy Strange, Tom and Betty Owen, Jack and Doris Hildreth, Rainbow girl Peggy Fleming, Mike Sopak, Myron Dudley, Guy and Aleen Walker, Leon and Mary Praytor, PNP and PNAP Phil and Tiny Trout, Cornelius and Marian Benyak, Steve and Frances Hutnik, PNP Ivan and Myrtle Wallace, PNP Jack and Nancy Keyser, Wayne and Nan Oswalt, PNP Carlyle and Helen Woelfer.

Special thanks to Bill Barton, Leon and Mary Praytor, and Guy and Aleen Walker.

Mid-Year Reunion

At this time, Charleston is gradually getting back to normal, recovering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Hugo. We understand that the Sheraton, our Reunion Hotel, sustained very little damage, and will be fully prepared for us. There will still be plenty for us to see and enjoy. So, it's full steam ahead! If you haven't made your reservations yet, the cut-off date is Jan. 19, 1990. Keep in mind: The time — Feb. 8-10, 1990; the place — Sheraton Charleston Hotel, 170 Lockwood Drive, Charleston, S.C. 29403 (\$43.00 - Single - Double - Triple - Quad). Tel. (803) 723-3000. Registration is \$40.00 each. Send to: Mrs. Jane Harris, 413 South Morgan Street, Roxboro, N.C. 27573. R.V. vehicles — Plenty of parking but no hook-up facilities. The nearest facility is 7 miles away (Oaklawn Plantation — Tel. 1-803-766-5936).

If traveling by car: Coming into Charleston on Highway 17 from the North, turn right at the sixth traffic light, after crossing the Cooper River bridges. From the South, stay to the left coming across the Ashley River, turn left at the first traffic light. After one block, turn left again, onto Spring Street, then right at the first traffic light. Coming into Charleston on Interstate 26, follow the signs onto Hwy. 17 south (to Savannah) and turn right at the sixth traffic light. Airport ground transportation — call 1-800-222-4771.

Co. H - 232nd Infantry

The original "Top Soldier" of Co. H, at Gruber, Kenneth L. Jackson, has been located. He would love to hear from any of his "boys." Also, any of you who were in Co. M, 3rd Inf. are dear to his heart. Write to: Kenneth L. Jackson, 1430 Charles Ave., 644-2627, St. Paul, Mn. 55104.

NATIONAL REUNION

July 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1990
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



If you haven't given any thought to making reservations for the National Reunion on July 11-14, 1990, we urge you to make your plans early. Every year, we seem to have a larger attendance, and it is best to get your reservations in — the sooner, the better. Reservations: Single - double - twin are \$59.00 per night plus 9% tax. Mail to: Pittsburgh Hilton, Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222 - ATTN. Reservations Manager. Specify Division rates.

Registration is \$40.00 per person, and should be sent to JON M. JANOSIK, 3389 KINGSTON LANE, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44511. Make check payable to: 1990 RAINBOW DIVISION REUNION.

If your unit desires its own individual Hospitality room, do not send requests to the Reunion Chairman. You must make your own arrangements. Contact MS. MACGILL DUGAN - CONVENTION SERVICES MANAGER - Tel. (412) 594-5129 or Toll Free Hilton Direct - 1-800-3232. Tell her what your needs are, and work out all details with her. The same is true for Unit Meeting Rooms. Go through the same channels. If your unit wishes to have a dinner at the hotel, contact MS. KARIN HODGDON, DIRECTOR OF CATERING, SAME AS ABOVE.

East Coast Reunion

The East Coast Reunion will be held May 18 and 19, 1990 at the Best Western, Maryland Inn, 8601 Baltimore Boulevard, College Park, Maryland 20740. Reservations, \$55.00 for single or double, plus state and county tax, can be made by calling (301) 776-5300 with a credit card number or mailing your check for the first night rate. Please identify yourself as registering for the RDVA Reunion as we have reserved a block of rooms. The Inn is located on Route #1 and is readily accessible from all main routes into Washington, D.C., and less than thirty minutes from the U.S. Capitol. Plans are being formulated to make this a memorable Rainbow gathering. More details will be in subsequent Reville issues. Vince Pizzi, 3401 Marlborough Court, College Park, Md. 20740, will coordinate out-of-town guest inquiries.

Scholarship Program

With the awarding of scholarships to nine new Rainbow Scholars at the St. Louis Reunion, there now have been 53 scholarships awarded to Rainbow Scholars in colleges and universities across the country. They are Rainbowners in the very best sense — pursuing through their studies that Rainbow vision of peace, understanding, and brotherhood that we fought for in World War I and II.

New Rainbow Scholarships were awarded to

1) Alice Bunting who will be attending Sonoma State University and will be majoring in Psychology.

2) Timothy B. Johnson who will be attending No. Park Theological Seminary and will be majoring in Theology.

3) Jonathan W. Keyser who will be attending St. Petersburg Jr. College and will be majoring in Communications.

4) Deborah Krug who will be attending National University and will be majoring in Special Education.

5) Jeanette La Voy who will be attending Eckhard College and will be majoring in Music.

6) Amy McNicol who will be attending Youngstown State Univ. and will be majoring in Dental Hygiene.

7) Wendy A. Streckfus who will be attending Villa Julie College and will be majoring in Comp. Systems.

8) John W. Thompson who will be attending Indiana University and will be majoring in Political Science.

9) Christina Lynn who will be attending the Univ. of Colorado and will be majoring in Musical Arts.

Continuing Rainbow Scholars who received supplemental awards were: Steven Williams, Chaffey Jr. College, CA, Optometrics; Faye De Lay, Univ. of So. Fl. in Commun. Psy.; Elizabeth Hickman, Grove, C.C., in Music Ed.; Janet Chudoba, Wm. & Mary Coll., in Business Ad.; Michael Piessens, Babson College, in Math, Sci., Com.; J. Scott Poore, W.VA State Coll., in Computer Sci.; Larry Kevin Brasher, Univ. of AL, in Business Mgt.; Karen Keifer-Boyd, Univ. of OR, MA in Cul. Serv/Art Ed.; Susan Walker, W. KY Univ., in Environ. Biol/Tch.; and Jane McIntosh, W. KY Univ., in Acct/CPA.

Rainbow contributions to the Scholarship Fund since the May REVEILLE report have been:

Rainbow Auxiliary, 242d	\$500
Rainbow Auxiliary, 222d	\$500
Anonymous	\$500
In memory of Col. Daniel I. Grossbrenner, PNP, "to you and your leadership, in peace as well as war"	
222d Memorial Attendees (banquet)	\$250
In memory of all 222d men who "passed over the Rainbow, 1988-89"	
Donald and Jacquelin Schaetzeli, 222d	\$222
F-22	\$150
In memory of Billie Eudy Military Police Auxiliary#100	
In memory of Auxiliary members	
Milie Larson	
Ida Mae Masilunas	

Jay Kris, K-222d	
In memory of Russell Gladney, K-222d and Frank Lesley, K-222d	
Manuel and Margie Quintal	\$100
Bob Mayner	
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In memory of Thomas Broadley, G-222d	
Walter L. Pierce	
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In memory of Isadore Urban and Robert Ray	
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In memory of James A. Roman	

For information on Scholarships, Memorials, and Contributions please contact:

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Why We Need The Money

Last year, 1988-89, our national association expenditures totaled \$7.50 (our national dues are \$6.00) per member, and were it not for sales of merchandise, donations and interest on our savings, we would have been \$3700 in debt. In the year 1987-88 our expenditures were \$7.89 per member. We are very fortunate that we have money drawing interest; had the interest not been available to us, we would have had to curtail our expenditures or increase dues.

The memorial foundation is just beginning to grow. In 1988-89 we had income over expenditures of \$5,386.91 and in 1987-88 we had \$7,420.51. The restricted funds, of which only the interest may be used, now totals \$53,500.00. On June 30th we had \$32,950.00 that was available to spend and in August we ordered \$7500.00 for scholarship awards. The scholarship committee has set a goal of \$8,000.00 per year in scholarship awards. Our expenditures, less scholarship awards for 1988-89, were \$3,346.13 and in 1987-88 were \$4,615.96. Now, without growth in our restricted funds we don't have much of a future to look forward to, certainly not perpetuity. If all of our funds, \$86,450.00, were invested at 10%, we would only have \$8,645.00 per year with which to operate — not enough. If we are to have a memorial foundation 30 years from now, we must provide for payment of those trustees, plus travel expenses, fiduciary fees, monument maintenance, wreaths and scholarships (if the funds are there). Today we are doing well because of the on-going donations and contributions. What happens when there are no longer Rainbowners to donate or organize fund drives? Our job is not done until adequate funds are in place. How much will be needed we dare not say. Now to answer our own question — we need the money because we must provide for our own declining membership and for the future of Rainbow.

Take Down Your Service Flag Mother

A truly unique new book has been published by Louis Keefer, entitled *Scholars in Foxholes*, a book written by a former Army specialized training program participant who ended up in the 102nd Infantry Division. Many of you who came to Rainbow in March and April of 1944 will remember that there were a vast number of ASTP and Air Cadets along with some other special troops who became fillers for the Division. This was one of the unique programs of World War II where up to a 150,000 young men out of high school or the first year of college were signed up to be in technical college training programs. It has been published before in this Reveille how one large group, of those ASTPers who came from Fargo, North Dakota Agricultural College got the news at the military ball that they were going back to the Army ground forces and were being assigned to the Rainbow Division. That same report told how thrilled at least some of those men were that they were going back to the Infantry from which they had originally trained. But had it been just any infantry, there would have been far less excitement. The idea that we were now headed to join the Queen of Battles and would serve with one of the most famous divisions of World War I certainly made the change more exciting.

All of you who were ASTPers, and by reference you who were Air Cadets, often training in the same school and counter attacking the ditty "Junior Birdmen" will really enjoy this easy reading but studious review of how ASTP came to be, how it was as you volunteered or were forced to participate in the program, how it was in the program and how significant it was when you were washed out in as few as 3 months to go back to being assigned to the infantry division. We've had a chance to read it, a reasonably small book, cover to cover, and have enjoyed reliving those moments with great realism. While the author had responses of former ASTPers from many different divisions, for some reason nobody in Rainbow spotted the fact that he was looking for personal background from ASTPers. Accordingly, only an occasional name of someone you might have trained with at Fort McClellan or some other Army base will appear in print, yet everything that those reported in this book felt and did will bring back charming memories of yesterday to anybody who reads it. The book is available from McFarland & Company, Box 611, Jefferson, North Carolina, 28640. No funds of any kind are to the benefit of Rainbow so we are not promoting the sale of the book, but anyone who is interested should write that address and find out how to obtain a copy.

A Trip Of Remembrance

Thomas R. Heaton - Co. G - 222nd Inf.

In 1985, many combat veterans of the campaigns in France and Germany returned to retrace their steps and visit the battle sites. I was one of those veterans. I had developed such a strong desire to return that it became almost like a mission that had to be accomplished. Thus, in July, 1985, my wife and I flew to France, and toured by car, the areas where I had been from December, 1944 to April, 1945. At that time I was wounded in the attack on Wurzburg, Germany. We capped the trip off with a visit to the American cemeteries at Epinal and St. Avold before returning home.

We arrived in Paris in July 21, 1985 and visited that city for the next two days. The next day we drove east, going through Nancy and turning north at Luneville to Chateau Salins. On the way, we stopped at several small towns, trying to find the one where we received replacements after the Battle of Alsace, but were not successful. The next day we drove east, going over the Saverne Gap and on to the Rhine plain. We drove to the outskirts of Schweighausen, where we turned south to the town of Ohlungen. Ohlungen is important to Co. G — 222nd as this is where we were in reserve on the night of the German breakthrough across the Moder River at Schweighausen. We were sent forward to reestablish the line but were pinned down in an open field between the two towns, by heavy machine gun and rifle fire. I was able to locate the forest through which we advanced and the open field. It surprised me to see that little was changed since that night in 1945. Next, we drove through Ohlungen and on to Niederbronn. Here we visited with MME. Lise Pommois. Our discussions with her were very beneficial as she gave us a detailed map of the northern Alsace area and presented us with pictures of the Hatten/Rittershofen memorial ceremony which had occurred in June. That afternoon we went to Hatten and Rittershofen. It was remarkable to see how these towns had been rebuilt, with no sign of the devastation which had occurred there. The fields were the way I remembered them, and I located the place where our machine gun squad had dug in. Even the old Maginot line bunker was still standing, and a little stream still divided the fields. We returned to Niederbronn, and the next morning we met with MME. Pommois to tour the Wingen and Wimmenau areas. I wanted to find the place where we had spent a month during February-March. After several false starts, we finally found it near the town of Kohl-hutte. The electric power line was still in the cleared strip between the forests. This strip had separated the lines between us and the enemy. The single lane road was still there. The major change was the tree growth, which was much more dense. We went up

the hill where the German lines had been located, and up which we had run so many patrols. Behind the rifle lines, I was able to find the spots where the mortar squads and the company CP had been located. However, without the able assistance of MME. Pommois, I doubt that I would have found this area.

The next morning, we drove to Strasbourg and toured that city. We then drove across the Rhine into Germany and then back to Strasbourg. Then, we started back to Niederbronn to reexamine the battle site near Ohlungen, and to tour Schweighausen in the areas where the German thrust took place. In Ohlungen I found the area, along the road, where Co. G had dug in to contain the enemy in the forest, and then later had attacked through the forest to wipe out this German force. In Schweighausen, we took pictures on both sides of the Moder River. Upon returning to Niederbronn, we visited the German WW2 cemetery which is located on a hill above the town. In this cemetery the gravestones were made of a reddish brown stone, and there were four bodies buried for each gravestone. From the dates on the tombstones, it was apparent that many of these soldiers had participated in the Alsace battle and also in the Hardt Mountain encounters. The German cemetery was a bleak contrast to the American cemeteries which use marble extensively.

(To be continued)

Chapter News

MINNESOTA: The Annual picnic was held at Wabun Park Sept. 15th, and was attended by 17 members. The chapter luncheon meeting was held on Nov. 11th (Veterans Day) at the American Legion Post. Of particular interest was that members were asked to wear their uniforms, and if they couldn't get into them, to at least wear their caps. Rube Evanoff, SEC/TREAS/EDITOR/PUBLISHER, is hard at work pushing for dues.

Wisconsin: A very successful meeting was held in Wausau, Wis. on Sept. 23-24th. Wayman Mossholder did his usual fine job and the boys from Wausau showed everyone a good time, good food, and lots of time to visit. 22 Rainbowers gathered at the dinner meeting Saturday night.

D.C.: An unbelievable Brunch, which left everyone groaning, was held on Oct. 29th, at the Fort Meade Officer's Club. A surprise guest was the charming MME. Lise Pommois. The chapter now has 37 members.

NEW JERSEY: The semi-annual Mini-Reunion was held on Oct. 20-21st at Hopatcong, N.J. A good time was had by all — a total of 26. The highlight was a sneak

Ex Rainbow P.O.W. Addresses Rally

Howard J. Parker - Co. A - 232nd Inf., the present Sec.-Treasurer of the Iowa Chapter, recently spoke at the Vietnam P.O.W./M.I.A. day in Cedar Rapids. Included at the affair were two state senators and one state representative. The local paper carried some of the details. Howard, an ex P.O.W. himself, knows whereof he speaks. He is also adjutant of the Hawkeye chapter of ex P.O.W.'s. Howard also spoke on Nov. 11th - Veterans Day in his city. Space does not permit carrying the full article. The essence of the article was that more recognition and more government support is needed to bring soldiers home. The following is taken from the article, "We again call on our government officials not to give up their efforts to put pressure on any foreign government who may be holding these Americans in either Cambodia or Vietnam." Parker, calling upon his own experience after being captured behind enemy lines in WW2, said, "I can truthfully say all prisoners suffer." From our viewpoint, we salute Howard with a hearty "well done!"

Correction

"Queen of Battles" Trophy

In the last issue of the Reveille, it was incorrectly stated that other than the Yankee Chapter, the plaque had never been won by any unit outside of the 242nd Chapter. The trophy was won by the 392 F.A. Bn. in Denver, July 1988. We apologize for the error.

Hats and Caps

Some time ago an article entitled "Hats and Caps" appeared in the Reveille. We have been asked to reprint the article, but have been unable to locate it. Anyone knowing of this, and having a copy is asked to please send it along to the editor.

preview of the completed film footage of WWI and WWII as compiled by Hal Falch, who undertook this tremendous job for the Archives. We understand these cassettes will eventually be offered for sale to the membership.

MUSKOGEE: Al Cahoon - A. Co., 242nd Inf. - "I had stirring emotions, as I helped to lay a wreath at our 42nd Division's Muskogee Memorial, dedicated to all our comrades of both WWI and WWII, on Memorial Day. This memorial continues to be well kept and we few members of the Muskogee Memorial Chapter are seeing to it that it remains so."

Anti-Tankers 222nd Inf.



L-R Harold McEndarfer, Jack Westbrook, George Waters, Russell Fielding.

The above photo shows the surviving officers of the Anti-tank Co. - 222nd Inf., remembering the last 44 years at the 1989 Reunion in St. Louis.

Co. C - 242nd Inf.

A former German nurse, now in the U.S.A., is searching for information regarding a Wilbur O'Connerby — a member of Co. C-242nd Inf. He was taken prisoner and was in a schoolhouse hospital at Priensregenden. The nurse cared for him, as he was seriously wounded in the face and unable to eat. She even shared some of her rations. In the closing days of the war, the nurses were separated from the prisoners. She wants to know if he survived and is still living. Anyone who may have information is asked to contact the nurse's friend:

Mrs. Darlene Prowell

1704 Hilltop Drive

York, Pa. 17402 - Tel. (717) 755-0656

(The former nurse was known as "Sister Betty").

Trip To Hatten - 1990

President-Elect Donald Segel informs us that the 242nd Infantry chapter is sponsoring a trip to Hatten in September of 1990. All are welcome. Each person is to make his or her own travel arrangements, and meet in Hatten on the third Sunday of September 1990, for a dedication ceremony of the Rainbow Memorial. Lise Pommois will arrange hotel rooms, as well as the events. Interested parties should contact:

Donald Segel - 650 Jacon Way - Pacific Palisades, Ca. 90272.

National Members At Large

Is your membership card dated the year ending July 1990? If not, you have overlooked payment of dues. This oversight is perfectly understandable, as we do not send out reminders. If you do not belong to a chapter, and have forgotten to pay dues, would you please send \$6.00 for National Membership to: Herbert A. Butt - 16196 George Franklyn Drive - Independence, Mo. 64055. Merci Beaucoup!

Who Fired The Bazookas?

Joe Neilson - H - 242nd Inf.

Official U.S. Army tables indicate TASK FORCE LINDEN would have had 336 BAZOOKAS. Some Rainbowmen got to fire theirs. Did you or your buddy get to fire one? ... Here's the battle story of one Rainbow HERO who did! Rufus "C" Hamby, Co H-242 Inf blasted an enemy tank!

This enemy tank, among others, attacked the GAMBSHEIM defenders January 6, 1945. RC salvaged a bazooka lying in the snow. Bill Ryder (also of Co H) loaded it. RC STOOD UP — aimed — fired! The rocket exploded against that enemy tank in the same split second the tank's cannon fired at RC. The cannon's shell exploded in front of RC blasting him upwards and backwards. Landing on his back in the snow, bleeding from the eyes and ears, he struggled to his feet. he and Bill raced to a new defensive position. They slipped, stumbled, and fell across ice and snow covered ground. Among others, they formed the defensive line for the next 2 days. That line held and then its defenders (2nd Bn-242 Inf) including RC and Bill were moved up to RITTERSHOFFEN-HATTEN, but that's another story.

A personal interview with RC in 1989 produced his recollection, "After that shell exploded, I wasn't worth much for the next couple days!"

You other bazooka guys, write to us. Your story is important. Thanks from Ken Carpenter, REVEILLE Editor.

P.S. RC was later devastated by wounds suffered at Donauworth. An exploding 120mm mortar shell tore his body apart and nearly ripped-off an arm and a leg. He spent 2 years recovering from those wounds. Today, he is totally blind!

Rufus — "RC" — GOD BLESS YOU!

Chapter Totals As of 11/15/89

STATE	CHAPTER	TOTAL			
		1989	JUNE 1989	TOTAL Member	LIFE
AL	Huntsville	31			
	Montgomery	2			
AZ	Phoenix	10	8	8	
CA	California	39	41	34	7
CO	Colorado	21	33	32	1
DC	Washington, DC	26	30	25	5
FL	Clearwater	13	21	15	6
	Orlando	23	11	10	1
GA	Atlanta	10	11	10	1
IL	Illinois	39	37	37	
IN	Indianapolis	6	4	4	
	South Bend	20	18	17	1
IA	Iowa State	52	38	36	2
KS	Chanute	4	3	3	
	Dodge City-Pratt	5	4	4	
MA	(Mass.)Northeast	30	24	24	
MD	Baltimore	17	10	10	
MI	Detroit	63	46	40	6
MN	Minnesota	58	31	31	
MO	Mo-Kan	24	19	18	1
	St. Louis	10	15	14	1
NE	Nebraska				
NJ	Audubon	22	21	21	
OH	State/132nd Sig	119	68	67	1
OK	Muskogee Mem.	29	24	24	
	Oklahoma City	5	3		3
	Tulsa	12	7	7	
OR	Pacific Northwest	22	24	24	
PA	Easton	7	6	6	
	Lancaster	10			
	Philadelphia	20	14	14	
	Reading	24	21	21	
SC	Charleston	10			
TN	Memphis	9	6	5	1
TX	Dallas	87	63	62	1
VA	Richmond	5			
	Roanoke	2			
WI	Platteville	22	7	6	1
UNIT CHAPTERS					
	222nd INFANTRY	507	425	401	24
	CO. "M"	53	41	40	1
	HQS. 232nd INF	2	10	10	
	CANNON CO 232nd	18	14	14	
	1st BN 232nd Inf	146	130	126	4
	2nd BN 232nd Inf	92	27	21	6
	3rd BN 232nd Inf	51	59	57	2
	242nd INFANTRY	244	160	143	17
	ARTILLERY	156	152	145	7
	122nd MED. BN	40	22	17	5
	MED DET SPEC TRPS	10	10	10	
	142nd COMB ENGR	27	27	25	2
	MP PLATOON	34	23	17	6
	42nd RECON TRPS	12	12	9	3
	DIVISION BAND	24	13	13	
	NATIONAL at LARGE	176	45	45	
	LIFE - Not Claimed	19	20		20
	TOTALS	2523	1858	1720	138

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