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The Lion And The Rainbow

Michael J. Dolan - S-3, 222nd Inf.

Henri Gouraud, General of France, hero of World War I. Now just a name on the masthead of the Reveille as a Permanent Honorary President of the RDVA. But to the Rainbow soldiers of WWI, he was a true "lion." As Commanding General of the French Fourth Army, he planned and executed the defense of the Champagne Sector in the Rainbow's first battle July 14, 1918.

General Douglas MacArthur considered Gouraud the ideal commander. "With one arm gone, and half a leg missing, with his red beard glittering in the sunlight, the jaunty rake of his cocked hat and the oratorical brilliance of his resonant voice, his impact was overwhelming. He seemed almost to be the reincarnation of that legendary figure of battle and romance, Henry of Navarre." Gouraud reciprocated his admiration. Later, he called MacArthur "one of the finest and bravest officers I have ever served with."

General Gouraud was born in Paris, Nov. 17, 1867, the son of a surgeon. In 1880, he entered St. Cyr, the French West Point. He graduated in 1890 as a 2nd Lt. of Light Infantry. In 1894, he sailed for Africa, and spent the next twenty years in the French Colonial Army. He made a name for himself in the Soudan, killing the great native chief, Samory, in single combat. In 1900, he subdued the natives in the Niger and Tchad regions, and drew the first map of the territory. After fighting in Mauretania, he was promoted to Colonel and later to Brigadier General.

With the onset of WWI, he returned to France, and led the 10th Infantry Division in the Argonne Forest. He was wounded on Jan. 1915. Upon recovery, he was given command of the French E.F. and along with the British, had the mission of capturing the Dardanelles from the Turks. On June 30, an exploding shell caused bad wounds of the arms and legs. One arm had to be amputated.

December of 1915 found him back in the Champagne sector. By 1918, France's situation was desperate. German troops were

freed from the Russian front. General Gouraud was once more in charge of the Fourth Army. German prisoners indicated a massive offensive was set for early July, with a heavy concentration in the Champagne area. Objectives were the capture of Rheims, Chalons, and Verdun, opening the way to Paris itself.

The 42nd Division, Major General Menoher commanding with MacArthur Chief of Staff, had arrived at Chalons-sur-Marne to join the French Army under Gouraud, "that lion of a man who had almost been blown apart at Gallipoli." He initially posted the Division in reserve at Suippes. Gouraud perfected his defense plan while waiting for the attack. The usual procedure was to concentrate troops heavily in the front line with massed artillery and reserves in the rear. The toll in dead and wounded was always frightful, but four years of trench warfare made this standard procedure.

Gouraud devised a novel plan to wear down the German attack before it reached the MLR. His front line would be a "sacrifice" line thinly held by just enough troops to return fire and tell when the main attack would begin. Hopefully, the Germans would think it was the main line, and flares would signal the attack. The troops in front would then fall back to a line more heavily defended. The attackers would wear themselves out before hitting the main positions. The 42nd went into position on the MLR, but General MacArthur sent twenty-five men and an anti-tank weapon to the sacrifice zone. In addition, five battalions contributed a company each to defend in the intermediate zone. The defenders waited through the long night for the attack to begin.

Many batteries of German artillery were seen moving into position south of the Argonne. Vast numbers of infantry moved up in the hills around Rheims. On the night of July 13-14 French combat patrols returned with prisoners. It was learned from them that the artillery barrage would begin at 12:10 a.m. on July 15, and the infantry

President's Message



Our President 1944

Sixty two Rainbow men and women traveled to France to dedicate the Rainbow Memorial bench in Hatten-Rittershoffen. The ceremony, known as "Task Force Pommois," was very impressive, and included additional ceremonies in Haguenau, Weyerseim and Gombsheim.

Rainbow flags made by Donnie Simonson and American flags were presented to the Mayors of Hatten, Rittershoffen and Haguenau. A citation honoring Vito Bertoldo, our Congressional Medal of Honor winner, was presented to the citizens of Haguenau from a city near the San Bruno, California cemetery where Vito is interred. Soil from the Revolutionary War Battle of Brandywine and Yorktown, containing the battle blood of Lafayette and other French volunteers, was intertwined with soil from Alsace containing American battle blood and presented to the French people. Joe Nielson, Ken Carpenter and Romeo Fagiolo were responsible for putting all this together. Dee Eberhart recited a very impressive poem he wrote in French.

Our thanks to the people throughout Alsace for their great hospitality and affection and their willingness to welcome Rainbowners at any time. Again Lise Pommois has performed in her most efficient manner to insure that our visit and the ceremonies were successful and memorable.

All members are urged to support Membership Chairman Charlie Paine and the Regional Vice-Presidents in their efforts to enlarge and retain membership. Thanks to Barbara Eberhart for her "Link to the Future" campaign to enroll Rainbow descendants.

Joanne Dart, National Auxiliary President, and I will represent Rainbow at the Birmingham Veterans Day Program. Leon and Mary Praytor and Bill Barton are to be thanked for their coordination efforts. All Rainbowners are urged to attend this impressive ceremony on November 11th and 12th.

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would jump off at 4:15 a.m.

An hour before the expected German bombardment, Gouraud's artillery opened fire. Although the Germans had 1,656 batteries opposed to 768 of the French, the surprise attack tended to even the score. The methodical enemy withheld fire until 12:10 a.m., while Allied shellfire ripped apart German formations. Proof that the plan would succeed came when the German artillery concentrated its fire on the "sacrifice" line, thinking it to be the MLR. As the German infantry began to attack, survivors of the sacrifice line scurried back to the intermediate zone. The trap was sprung. The massed Allied artillery dropped on the 15 elite German Divisions as they reached the "sacrifice line," and here their advance came to a halt. Gouraud's unorthodox plan had won the day.

By way of contrast, the French Fifth Army east of Chateau Thierry was badly mauled since it did not apply the Gouraud method. It not only lost its advance posts but its defense line. In one day, General Henri Gouraud became the idol of the Rainbow and of the entire American army. The Rainbow took 1,567 casualties in the battle, but considered the effort worth the price paid. The Allies now had to acknowledge that the American Doughboy was a first-class fighting man. The victory at Champagne signaled the beginning of the end of the German Empire.

Chaplain's Prayer

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad, and especially those deployed in the Middle East. We remember the men and women also of our allied countries, who have closed ranks with us to pursue a common goal, that of deterring naked aggression of a strong nation against a weak nation. We thank you O God that there is such a consensus of agreement that there are some things that can no longer be tolerated in a civilized world order. We ask you to defend these brave people with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them the courage to do what must be done, and give them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. To their leaders, and to the leaders of all the nations involved, give a special measure of wisdom and insight and diplomatic skill, so that a truly acceptable plan may be adopted to stop all threat of armed conflict. May all of us work and pray for peace, today and always. Amen.

Rev. Norman P. Forde

A Soldier's Return

(Conclusion)

Standing at the pillbox, I tried to envision how that rescue had succeeded. How could the Germans have failed to pick off the men on the back of the tank, or knock off the tank?

On our way to the Restaurant A La Gare, we came upon another monument. It was of bronze marble with a large block cross on the middle panel. On the left panel were the words, "A Nos Morte;" on the right panel, "1914-1918, 1939-1945." Yes, this was a border town. Some of an earlier generation had fought against Hitler, and others . . .

We arrived at the restaurant at noon and took a small table at the side door. There was a kind of morbid nostalgia behind this choice. The night of January 5, 1945, this room had been packed with GIs, some on duty and some stretched out in sleeping bags. I had thought to bed down in a small space next to the side door, but decided that there was too much traffic there. I found a spot in the middle of the room and squeezed into it. An hour or so later, German shells began coming in; one in front of the building, one behind it, and then one just outside the side door — blasting away the door and the right foot of the G.I. guard just inside the door — and inches from where I may have rested my head. That night we became aware that those mortar shells had to be directed by a German with a radio*, in one of the houses on the street, a house owned by someone who was pro-German. Yes, we had been aware, back then, that this was a border town.

The dining room filled quickly with families and couples dressed in their Sunday best. It was obvious that most of them knew one another. The room bubbled with conversation, some in French, others German. It was a happy scene. We were served with promptness; and there was jocularity in our efforts to translate from the menu. The other patrons were conscious of us, but did not subject us to the rudeness of staring, although our travel dress was out of place. Throughout the meal, my mind was filled with recollections of what it had been like in this room forty years ago. Was it wrong to remember?

It was good that this generation of Alsations was not afflicted with the bitterness or enmities of historic French-German conflicts. So would I have it, for all the world. Yet, there in that dining room, in Kilstett, in Gambsheim, and in all the towns of that once bloody area of conflict, this serenity was possible because of what my comrades had been willing to face.

Mary Lou joined me in a quiet toast to the memory of all those brave men who had been casualties of the final effort of Hitler's forces. I wondered if anyone in that dining room remembered these men and their

deeds. The language barrier prevented me from making a public toast. I would have said: "We can sit here in peace and friendship because they were willing to fight and die while opposing forces of hatred, oppression, and evil incarnate. Let them not be forgotten and let us not erase the memory of why they fought."

When we rose to leave, people at the next table smiled and nodded. We smiled and nodded in return. I said, "Au 'voir" as we walked out the side door.

**Ed. Note: (On Jan. 9, 1945 members of the French Third Algerian Division flushed out 30 Germans and 6 radios from the attics of several houses at Kilstett.)*

Memories — Did They Make It?

Edward A. Zeno - Co. F - 242nd Inf.

I was 27 years old when I joined the Rainbow as a replacement. Eddie Turner was my foxhole buddy and our platoon leader was Lt. Turner. The Lt. was so well liked that he always got more volunteers than he needed, anytime he asked.

When the drive into Germany started, Lt. Turner put me in with a BAR and Bazooka team. A Jewish fellow (I don't remember his name) always gave me his dog tags, to keep, whenever he went on patrol. While we were taking a hill, he got hit but I don't know if he was killed or not. He had plans of opening a bar in N.Y.C.

There was a young soldier who ran back around the side of a mountain when he saw a G.I. step on a Schu mine. There was another guy we called "Frenchy" who carried a sniper's rifle. After moving for days, we attacked and took a road block. Later, a man heard a voice and called "Are you German or G.I.?" He was immediately cut down. As we got to the top of the mountain, 88s began to fall. A young boy, about 19, lying beside me, got peppered pretty bad. I patched him up with my two gauze pads and the two he had, but needed more. Our medics were on the other side of the mountain, caring for dozens who had been hit earlier. I knew I had to get the boy back to them. In the pitch dark, I half carried him down the mountain. We got into a shell hole where he complained of feeling cold. There was some hay in the hole, so I covered him the best I could. I heard a patrol moving nearby, and took a chance, calling "medic." A medic responded; gave the boy a shot of morphine; then went running to catch the patrol. Finally, I got the boy to the aid station, and gave him my jacket. I was told that an ambulance would be there in the morning. All the boys were in bad shape. I often wondered how the boy made out. I hurried back up the mountain and had not been missed.

When I got hit on April 7, in the Rhineland, our Lt. also received a bad wound. I often wondered what happened to him. When I woke up in a field hospital later, one fellow

from my squad was beside me; I don't know if it was "Frenchy" or not. He told me that one of the boys; a tall redhead with a southern accent was killed after I was hit. I will always remember him: Happy-go-lucky, and singing square dance numbers — "Duck for the oyster/ duck for the clam/ duck for your girl in the happy land." He was one of those who would always volunteer if the Lt. asked.

Before the drive started, we were a patroling company and each platoon had a crack at it. We would count the guys, as they came back, to see how many made it. One day, a fellow with his foot blown off was all smiles. He knew he would be Z.I.d and sent home. We all wished him well.

What made the whole thing seem so strange: directly across from us in the hospital were two German soldiers. They also got Salvation goody bags as we were flown back to France. To this day — I'd love to know — DID THEY MAKE IT?

President's Message

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National Secretary Herb Butt has completed a major effort notifying chapter secretaries concerning delinquent member follow-up. Herb has also sent notices to National members whose dues are not current. Please support this activity with your much needed current dues. Note dues are \$6.00 for National membership.

Yours in Rainbow
Donald L. Segel

At the Pittsburgh Reunion Memorial Service, Father Erb asked about information on Rainbow Chaplains (war memories and their post-war whereabouts). He will be grateful for whatever information (including photos) you can send him. A prompt reply is promised. Rev. Charles G. Erb, SVD, Divine Missionaries, Bordentown, N.J. 08505.

Trip To Europe

Phil Trout, Liaison Officer for future Reunions, is arranging a trip to Europe in Sept. 1991. The last trip was a great success, and this should be even better. Highlights include a visit to Wurzburg, Vienna, Salzburg, Munich (Octoberfest), Zell am Zee, Hatten and the Lorraine Cemetery. For information write: 4121 8th Ave., Temple, Pa. 19560 - Tel. (215) 929-3541.

Firearms Restrictions

Bill Keithan reminds us that the Treasury Dept. Division of Tobacco and Firearms controls the shipment of firearms, but that weapons more than fifty years old are considered "relics and curios" and can be shipped without restriction.

42nd Recon

by Bill Butts

I was particularly saddened as I came across the names of three former troopers in the "In Memoriam" section of a recent Reveille. Three is a large number for a small outfit. One name, Israel Goldberg, stood out. We were in the same section of the third platoon. "Goldy" was the point jeep commander, "Chuck" DeCantio the driver, and Pvt. Cyr on the 30 caliber M.G. Goldy was always cool and collected. He had a reassuring smile that made you like and respect him.

One night our section was on patrol. We were rolling along, when the night was shattered by a terrific blast. We had struck a mine! Chuck was killed instantly, Cyr suffered back and leg injuries that sent him home. Goldy was blown clear with hand and other injuries that sent him to the hospital and then to Rehab. He returned a few weeks later. Then we heard that he had saved a man's life in a swimming accident at the Rehab Center. Goldy never mentioned it.

Goldy was one of the first to go home, after the war, and I never saw or heard from him again. I'm sure he was successful and enriched the lives of those he associated with. Thanks for the memories Goldy! Rest in peace.

by Phil Trout

I'm writing for the Recon Troop, a small unit of 150 men who ran the flanks during the drive, and worked far in advance. The Pittsburgh Reunion was a highlight for Recon; five veterans attended, the most ever!

Double Jeopardy?

Learning artillery basic in the Mohave Desert and mountain climbing in Colorado wasn't the ideal situation, in 1943, for Howard Margol. At least, not with twin brother, Hilbert, stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla., learning artillery, at the height of WW2. Like most twins, the Margol brothers had always been together, and they opposed the Army's effort to separate them. Today, the brothers own a 32 chain of furniture warehouses on the Eastern Seaboard.

The real story of these brothers is their effort to stay together in the midst of a world at war. In April, 1943, they were inducted at Camp Blanding, Fla. They both ended up at Syracuse Univ. in the ASTP. When the program was cancelled, Hilbert was sent to the 42nd Div., and Howard was sent to the 104th Div. For the first time, the 20 year old Margols were apart. Howard made regular requests for transfer to the 42nd. One night, the company clerk told Howard that his requests went no further than the Captain's trash can. Howard's mother wrote to Presi-

dent Roosevelt, asking that her sons be reunited.

Howard was called before his company commander, who wanted him to refuse orders for the transfer. All the officers joined in telling horror stories about serving with relatives, but Howard held fast. Two weeks later, Howard joined Hilbert. They went overseas together, survived the war, and came home together. They went into business together, and to this day, they just don't like to be separated.

Medal of Honor

We are indebted to Tom Douglas, A Bty. 232nd F.A. for the following:

Michael Donaldson enlisted in the National Guard in 1917 and his unit was called into action on July 24, as part of the 165th Inf. 42nd Rainbow Division and shipped out to France.

On Oct. 14, 1918, at Sommerance-Landres-et St. Georges Road, Sgt. Donaldson's regiment was pushed back by heavy enemy fire. The men were entrenched on the crest of a hill but fell back to a sunken road to regroup. Several wounded men from the regiment had been left behind, and Donaldson decided they had to be brought in. He left his regiment and went back to the hill under heavy machine gun fire, and rescued all six of the wounded men, one by one.

For his action, he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and the French Medaille Militaire. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor on Feb. 24, 1923. He passed over the Rainbow on April 12, 1970.

G Co. - 232nd Inf.

Due to a fine response, Val Spiegel has been able to fill in many of the gaps in the history of the 2nd Bn. However, he has yet to hear from former G Co. men. The regimental history makes no mention of Co. G from Jan. 6-20, when they were in on the attack on Schweighausen. We know they suffered heavy casualties at Herrlisheim, Offendorf, and Rohrwiler, but we don't have anything on the movement of the survivors. Were you, or do you know of anyone who was there? We are anxious to fill in the gaps. Write to: Valentine Spiegel, 5305 Wapakeneta Road, Bethesda, Md. 20816.

Furth/Nuremburg

We received the following: "Thank you for placing my ad in the Rainbow Reveille. The response was super, and I even had the opportunity to visit a former member of the division who lives near me." — Ed Miller, Cpt. GS.

222nd Chapter Report To Association

All members of the RDVA, who arrive early, are invited to participate in a cruise, sponsored by the 222nd Inf. on July 9, 1991. It will be an all day affair, and bus fare and meals are included. The bus will leave from the Marriott (4 blocks walk from the Wyndham) at 8:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. The ship will depart from Galveston Island (65 mile bus trip), go out to the Gulf of Mexico and return. Gambling will be allowed. Buses will be available in increments of 47 persons.

There is a special all-inclusive rate of \$40.00/person. Make check out to "Pride Cruise Lines" and mail to Arthur Petersen, 6030 DeMoss St., Houston, Tx. 77081. For further information, call 1-713-666-5038. We would like to know by 1/15/91.

All are also welcome to take advantage of discounted airline reservations (Continental). Contact: Supertours - Attn. Randy Jierscheck, 10777 Northwest Frwy. Ste. 105, Houston, Tx. 77092. Tel. (800) 880-4492 Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bob Monsen - Pres. - 222nd Inf. Chapter

Toll of Battle Follow-up

Since we first printed Toll of Battle statistics (June issue), much interest has been shown by members wanting to know about their unit. Your editor has no access to such figures. However, Art Lee has recently supplied us with figures on the 1st Bn., 242nd Inf., and the 7th Army Processed Casualties Reports. Also, Hugo Grimm has sent us a copy of the 232nd Inf. History. The following is derived from those sources:

Unit	1st Bn., 242nd Infantry				Total Losses	
	Jan. 8		Jan. 10			
	0	EM	0	EM	0	EM
Co. A	5	149	1	11	4	138
Co. B	6	161	2	90	4	71
Co. C	6	154	3	51	3	103
Co. D	7	124	2	65	5	59
Total	24	588	8	217	16	371

The 232nd History gives only the total casualties:
1/1/45 to 1/31/45

Total Casualties		Heaviest Loss	
1st Bn.	228	Co. G	106
2nd Bn.	187	Co. L	101
3rd Bn.	184	Co. B	99
Anti-Tank	33	Co. A	64
Cannon Co.	2	Co. C	47
Service Co.	0	Co. D	39
Med. Det	14	Co. K	34
Regt. Hqs.	3		
Total	651		

7th Army Casualties Processed Report (42nd Div.)			
Date	Officers	Enlisted Men	Total Loss
1/1/45 to 1/31	61	1310	1371
2/1/45 to 2/28	39	855	894*
3/1/45 to 3/31	28	829	857
4/1/45 to 4/30	44	623	667
5/1/45 to 5/31	26	225	251
Total	198	3842	4040

*Ed. note: Many of the February casualty figures are actually from January and not confirmed until February.

National Reunion

Houston -

July 10-11-12-13, 1991

SPACE CITY - USA and your Military Police Chapter and Texas Volunteers plan to make your July '91 Reunion a memorable and enjoyable one. Please make your plans early to come down to TEXAS.

There are so many attractions available to the summer visitor; i.e., NASA, Museums, the Opera, Theatre, and Imax (6-story high scientific theatre), major league baseball in the 8th wonder of the world, the ASTRODOME — the world's first indoor field. And the world renowned Medical Center across from Rice University that just hosted the World Economic Conference. And we are only a few miles from the sandy beaches of the Gulf of Mexico at Galveston. By Reunion time conducted tours will be available.

The registration fee is \$40 per person. Pre-registration forms are available from WALTER DUHACSEK, 17034 OLD RICHMOND RD., SUGAR LAND, TX. 77478 (713-498-7288).

The Reunion will be held at the Greenspoint Wyndham Hotel just a few minutes from the Intercontinental Airport with free transportation to and from the airport. 12400 Greenspoint Dr., Houston, TX 77060-1902 (713-875-2222).

RDVA has again obtained a bargain rate for your stay at \$59 per day for single or double, this includes same rate 2 days before and 2 days after Reunion. There are a total of 473 deluxe rooms and suites plus many additional amenities. Meeting rooms are more than adequate and conveniently situated. All just across the street from a major shopping center. — Yawl come!

Mid-Year Reunion

The Mid-Year will be held in sunny Arizona March 1-3, 1991 at Embassy Suites Conference Center, 4400 S. Rural Rd., Tempe, Az. 85282 (602) 897-7444.

Registration of \$40.00 includes a luncheon on Sat. and a banquet on Sun. night. Room rates effective Feb. 28-Mar. 4th for \$79.00 include cooked to order breakfast, beverages - cocktails for two hours each evening, free transportation to and from the airport. All rooms are two room suites including a living room, refrigerator, microwave, bedroom and two TV's. There is room for RV parking, but no hookups.

The earlybird party is Friday March 1st. A bus tour and Fighter Museum tour is available for \$5.00 per person. Please send Registration and bus tour checks by February 8, 1991 to Mid-Year Chairman Gil Koehler, 1269 E. Manhattan Dr., Tempe, Az.

85282 (602) 838-2816.

Send hotel reservation directly to the Embassy Suites by Feb. 8, 1991. Mention 42nd RDVA. There is a shopping center, 14 restaurants, bowling alley, laundry and other shops within walking distance. If driving, take Interstate 17 or 10 to Superstition Freeway 360, then proceed to Rural Road. It is on the southwest corner of Rural Rd. and 360. Please send in your checks now while it is on your mind. Thank you.

EDITOR THANKS YOU!

Your editor is very grateful, and wishes to thank one and all for the great amount of material he has received. Many of the articles are quite long, but to shorten them would detract from their "message." Due to lack of space, we must carry them in a serial form. We regret this, but feel they are worthwhile. Look for the following: Six Days of Fighting: Wurzburg; Hell Let Loose: Sessenheim; Lonliest Man In The Infantry; Hatten, Hagenau Revisited; Bitter Ordeal. Thanks again.

WWI Veteran Honored



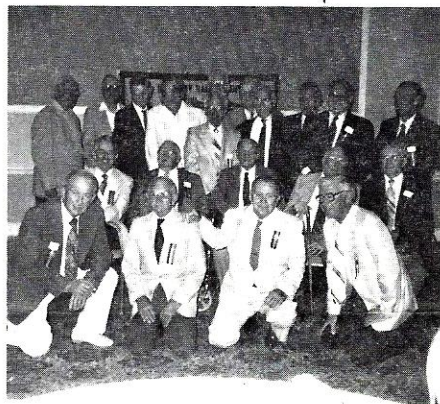
Jay Price, Commander of the NJ Chapter, RDVA, placed a Rainbow Wreath, Memorial Day, 1988, on the grave of Private Wilbur Wilkerson. Private Wilkerson was a member of the 117th Field Signal Bn. of the 42nd Inf. Div. On March 17, 1918, Private Wilkerson was mortally wounded in defensive action on the Western Front. For heroism in action, Pvt. Wilkerson, the first signalman killed in WW1, was awarded the Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre with silver star. On Nov. 15, 1958, a memorial plaque was dedicated in memory of Pvt. Wilkerson. The memorial is located at Fort Monmouth, NJ, on the Avenue of Memories.

Our Padres



L to R - Father Erb, Rev. Norman Forde, Father Weiss, Rev. Ray Willemssen

"B" Co. - 232nd Inf.



"B" Co., 232nd Infantry tied for first place in attendance among line companies at the Pittsburgh reunion. Andy Balster, who is in the wheelchair, typifies the spirit of "B" Company. Andy is 85 and lost a leg to diabetes, but still was enthusiastic about coming to the reunion. Andy was a veteran of Guadalcanal before becoming 1st Sergeant in Co. "B."

392nd Field Artillery Bn.

392nd FIELD ARTILLERY BTN. - Each year the gathering of the 392nd Field Artillery Battalion during the Division Reunions continues to gain momentum! The Pittsburgh Reunion was no exception with 45 in attendance — including spouses and friends, there were 79 of us. Due to the inclement weather, our Hospitality Suite was an active meeting place from mid-morning on into the evening. Coffee, tea, snacks and refreshments were available all day.

Everyone who attended seems to be looking forward to next year in Houston and additional information will appear in a later issue of this publication.

All those whose names are on file will be contacted early in 1991.



Rainbow Scholarships are awarded each year at the annual reunion. In order to be considered for the academic year following the reunion, scholarship applications must be submitted by June 1st. Applicants must be nominated by a Rainbower and have two academic recommendations and a character reference.

Transcripts, activities, personal background and goals also should be submitted. For more details, or to submit applications, write George Jackson, Chairman, Rainbow Scholarship Program, 5289 Joaquin Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

The scholarship program has been active since 1985-6 and has distributed more than \$30,000 to 52 Rainbow scholars since then. The number of scholars has increased from two initially to ten this year. The Scholarship Committee plans to hold the number of scholarships at ten for the present.

Gifts to the scholarship program or to the other Memorial Foundation Funds should be sent to Jon M. Janosik, Treasurer, RDVMF, 3389 Kingston Lane, Youngstown, OH 44511.

The Memorial Foundation Funds are: The Endowment Funds which are the preferred route for donations and provide interest to operate the Foundation and pay for scholarships, etc. after 2010. The Operating Funds will pay directly for operating costs. The Endowment Scholarship Funds are invested to provide interest for scholarships. The General Scholarship Funds are used directly in granting scholarships. The Memorial Foundation has tax exempt status and all contributions are tax deductible.

When donating to any fund, make your check payable to the Memorial Foundation and designate the fund in your enclosed letter.

Archivist Bill Keithan's earlier publicity generated so much archival and museum material brought to Pittsburgh that he required twenty boxes to ship it to Seattle. Although twenty boxes seems like a lot of material, it's just a drop in the bucket compared to all the things in attics, closets and drawers that would be useful additions to the Rainbow archives. If you want to keep these things during your lifetime, be sure to leave instructions to send your Rainbow memorabilia to the Rainbow historian or archivist. Pending a codicil in your will, let your children or heirs know your wishes.

World's Largest Cake!

Iowa has sponsored a week long bicycle race across the state, every year. This year, the bikers were 10,000 strong with 5,000 followers. At every town they stop, the folks treat them with goodies. When they stopped at Algoma, Harold Reitt, past State President, had a rare treat for them — a cake 2,100 ft. long! They called it the world's longest cake — stretching six blocks long. The record is $5\frac{1}{2}$ blocks, so Harold should get into the Guinness Book of Records. Harold said the cake weighed two tons, had 1,100 lbs. of icing, and would serve 25,000 people. Another Rainbower takes the CAKE!

WWI Rainbow's Harm Aries

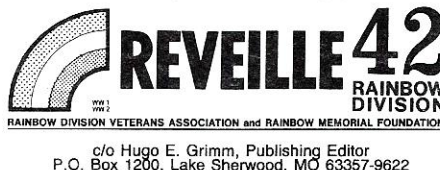
Cedar Rapids hosted the National Convention of WW1 Veterans in August, and Rainbow vet Harm Aries and his wife Murl attended all four days. Harm, a long time member of the Iowa Chapter, was interviewed at length by the local T.V. station. He gave a superlative performance and looked great on T.V. Harm was a young farm boy when he went off to serve with the Rainbow. He was wounded in the Argonne, and won five battle medals. Harm epitomizes the Rainbow spirit.

Thank You Rainbow!

Louie Rondinaro, our bugler, who blows taps so beautifully at our National Reunions, lost his wife, Virginia, recently. Virginia was a lifelong, loyal, and dedicated Auxiliary member. Louie wishes to thank all the many Rainbowers who sent cards, flowers, and mass cards.

Correction - Scholarship Report

The report in the September issue referring to the Dorothy Kris Memorial Fund gift of \$100.00 should have read Marion Zelonski instead of Freeman Zelonski. We apologize for the error.



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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Aurora IL 60506

Life Membership

Have you taken advantage of Life Membership in Rainbow? This is an opportunity for you to invest in the future of the RDVA and save yourself the trouble of paying dues annually at the same time.

How does it work? A one-time payment of \$100 to the National Secretary marked "Life Membership," gets you into the program. From then on, as long as you live, you never have to pay National dues again. Of course, you must continue to pay dues to your local or geographic chapter, because interest on Life Memberships accrue only to the National Association.

But the importance of this Life Membership Program is that your Membership lives after you, and continues to support the RDVA long after you have "shuffled off this mortal coil," so to speak. It is your legacy to Rainbow, and your name will continue to be carried as a Life Member for as long as the RDVA exists. Think about it. It's your opportunity to help Rainbow Live!

A Medic's Prayer

Christ, O Lord, who on earth didst heal,
Give us now the strength to fight
For brotherhood that men should feel,
The sick to cure, the wrong to right.

Let not our efforts be in vain,
Sustain our courage and our might;
Give strength to those who lie in pain;
To those in darkness send Thy light.

Look down upon their Gethsemane;
Please give them now the strength to bear,
The sorrows, pains and agony,
Of all the things they see and hear.

Grant those of them who die, O Lord,
That by their death the world shall see,
Through light of Faith Thou givest, God,
More clearly what it ought to be.

For us, O Lord, we ask naught more,
Than strength and faith to carry on
The task that Thou didst choose us for,
To comfort and heal as does Thy Son.

T/3 Henry A. Nelson
122nd Medical Battalion
Attached to Headquarters Company,
First Battalion, 232d Infantry

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