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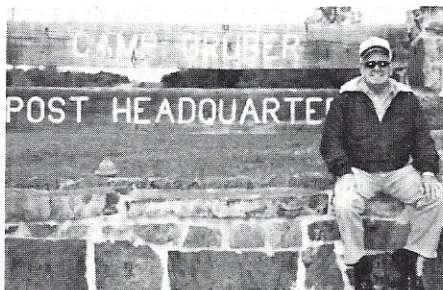
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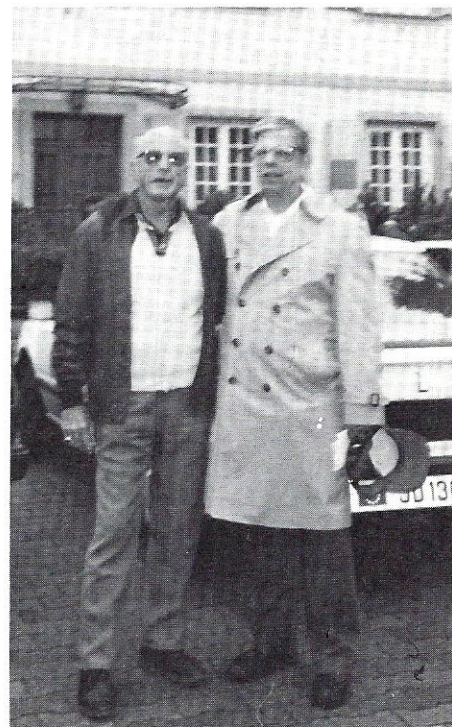
Return To Camp Gruber



1944



1989



President meets old buddy.

Sam Jennings - Co. H, 232nd Inf.

On May 4, 1990, I passed near Camp Gruber. I made a quick stop that turned into a two hour tour of the entire camp. I was escorted by SFC Gary Lester, the current Camp Historian.

The Post Commander's house is in good condition and lived in, but most of the base we knew is covered with large trees and grass. There are several military units training there. I'm probably one of the last to revisit there. It was very interesting and

Tax Reminder

Delegates who attend official meetings of the Association are reminded that IRS rulings allow a taxpayer who gives service gratuitously to an association and who incur unreimbursed expenses, including travel, meals and lodging while away from home in connection with the affairs of the Association and at its direction, may deduct the amount of such expenses in computing net income, subject to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

The unreimbursed expenses are deductible as a contribution to the Association rather than a business deduction and should be shown in that section of Schedule A, Form 1040. Expenses of an accompanying spouse do not apply, of course.

The following citations may be shown on tax forms:

1. Unreimbursed travel expense - Rev. Rule 55-4CB, 1955-1291.
2. Delegate Expense - Rev. Rule 58-240, 1958-1CB 141.
3. Mileage Expense - Rev. Rule 70-24, 1970-2CB 505.
4. Meetings Expense - Rev. Rule 58-279, 1958-1CB 145.

in some ways like a fantasy. It was if I'd been in a dream, and here I was back, but all the streets had changed. All the open fields we marched in and lived in were covered with weeds and trees. Although I was unable to pinpoint my company area, I must have passed it. Nothing was really noteworthy to photograph, but I did take pictures of the Post Hqs. and the Post Commanders house area. A few monuments have been preserved, but are in bad shape. One of interest was built by the Africa Corps P.W.s — an outline map of Germany with writing I could not understand.

All in all, I departed with the feeling that I was glad I had disproved the adage "You can never go back" by taking this short journey into the past.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE Howard Cullum

Members of the Artillery Chapter would like to give an extra special Rainbow salute to Howard Cullum, "B" Battery, 392nd F.A. Bn. in recognition of his most unsung diligent efforts past and present. Howard's efforts have resulted in a noticeable increase of people attending the Reunions, as well as intensively contributing to membership increase. Howard was highly instrumental in extraordinary success in this field. Hats off to Howard!

(Ed. note) — We are sorry to report that Howard has recently contracted prostate cancer, but seems to be progressing. Our prayers go out to him.

Best wishes to everyone for a very Happy New Year. Thanks for your support of Rainbow over the past year and the years in the past. Attempting to compile a list of all who deserve special praise poses a tremendous task. There are so many who have contributed their time and funds in behalf of our Association. Thousands of both hours and dollars have been expended by many individuals. As I read Chapter newsletters and correspond with many across the country, I realize how many wheels, both large and small, are spinning within our Rainbow community to further our comradeship.

The spirit of Rainbow surrounds those who served only at Camp Gruber; those in combat; those who joined us in Austria; as well as wives, children, and future generations. This is FRIENDSHIP on a scale that makes our Association unique.

There is no greater degree of affection than when we meet comrades in battle or friends made within Rainbow. I was thrilled to renew acquaintance with Gerry Berchenbriter after forty five years. We were together in the same pillbox on January 9, 1945. We are in the picture above, standing in front of city hall in Weyersheim last September. It was Gerry's first Association function.

Pearl and I and Auxiliary President Joanne Dart with Red Cap Don will be touring Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Indiana April 6th through the 18th. We look forward to seeing many of our fellow Rainbowners at the Chapter meetings.

Yours in Rainbow
Donald L. Segel

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Rainbow Park Honors Veterans

In June of 1990, it was fitting that a multitude of colors — from flags, uniforms, and medals — was present in ceremonies during which three survivors of WW1's Rainbow Div. were given places of honor.

A rededication ceremony was held at Rainbow Memorial Park, honoring the men of the 42nd Division. A new plaque was installed, commemorating the efforts of the division, which included National Guard units from Oshkosh, Fon du Lac and Appleton, Wisconsin. Present were Louis Kubasta of Omro, Sam Crouch and Joseph Frank of Oshkosh, who served in the 42nd in WW1.

"We were there from start to finish," said Frank, 95, after the ceremony. "We chased the Germans from France right into Germany." The cold is one of the strongest memories for Crouch. The winter of 1917-18 was bitter. "There were snow plumes, nothing but plumes," he said, "It was the same here as in France — winter is winter. We didn't ride in trucks, either, like they do now. We walked everywhere."

Rainbow Park's original plaque honoring the Rainbow Division was installed at the park dedication in 1957. The plaque was stored during reconstruction about 10 years ago. It was never returned. The plaque was finally tracked down in a warehouse and is located by the Rainbow Park docks. It was decided that a new plaque should be made to commemorate Rainbow Memorial Park, to differentiate it from Rainbow Park.

Frank said his family's involvement with Germany didn't end with WW1. "Two of my sons served in the second world war," he said, "MacArthur said after the first war, Germany could still do some damage. My sons had to finish it."

Rainbow Chaplain at Pershing Memorial

Our distinguished chaplain, Rev. Norman P. Forde, took part in a Veteran's Day Ceremony at Arlington on Nov. 11, 1990. Graveside ceremonies for General John J. Pershing honored the Rainbow Division that day. Norm said it was a great honor to be asked to take part, and it was awesome to look out at all those honored guests from so many nations. Among the honored guests were representatives from Australia, Belgium, Great Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, and the U.S.S.R. The service was marked by a musical prelude by the U.S. Army band, advancing of the colors by the 3rd U.S. Inf. and wreath laying by the following: Commanding General, U.S.A. Military Dist., Unknown Soldier Post 44, National Commander, Veterans of WW1, Commander-in-chief of the Military Order of WW1 Veterans, as well as the aforementioned foreign attaches.

Chaplain's Prayer

God of our fathers, known of old, Lord of the far-flung battle lines, we ask Thy blessing and protection on the brave men and women from the United States and its United Nations allies, now engaged in operation Desert Storm. Give to each of them the sure knowledge that a grateful nation and a grateful world support their endeavors to free Kuwait from this incursion by a fanatical dictator. Give them courage to face the perils that beset them, and grant your abiding presence with them always. May the United Nations forces enjoy a speedy victory with minimum casualties, so that peace may once again reign in the Middle East. Amen.

Rev. Norman P. Forde

Membership Lag

As can be seen on Page 6, membership figures as of Jan. 15, 1991 show a decline compared to the same period last year. We ask all chapters to intensify their efforts to get renewals from the old members and sign up new members. National members at large, who have not sent in their dues for this year, are urged to do so. Send \$6.00 to our National Secretary - Herbert A. Butt, 16916 George Franklyn Dr., Independence, Mo., 64055. Here's hoping Herb will have a membership gain to report at the Mid-Year Reunion!

Rainbow Items for Sale

WW2 Rainbow History Book
Condensed copy 8½x5½ 68 Pages (\$6.00)

Decals (window)

Round - 42 Rainbow Division Veterans

Patch - 42nd Division \$1.00 each

Full Color Rainbow Trail Map

11x14 \$3.00 / 2 - \$5.00

Prices include postage — Make checks to R.D.V.A. and mail to: Hugo E. Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, Mo. 63357-1200.

A supply of Rainbow Insignia Books is now in possession of the following individuals. You may obtain a copy by writing to the individual nearest you, making your check for \$3.65, which includes postage, payable to Rainbow Memorial Foundation:
EAST: Phillip F. Trout, 4121 Eighth Avenue, Temple, PA 19560.

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National Reunion — Houston, July 10-11-12-13, 1991

Details of both the RDVA Program Schedule and the Auxiliary Program Schedule will be forthcoming in the May Issue. The Banquet is on Saturday evening, July 13th.

The Reunion will be at the Greenspoint Wyndham Hotel located at 12400 Greenspoint Dr., Houston, TX 77060-1902 (713-875-2222). The hotel will provide FREE transportation both to and from Intercontinental Airport and it's less than 10 minutes. FREE parking for those driving.

The bargain rate for those attending the 72nd Rainbow Reunion is \$59 per day for single or double occupancy. To receive this rate Reservations must be made by June 16th. To make your hotel reservation call (713-875-2222). You may check in as early as July 8th (2 days early) and stay over an additional 2 days at the same daily rate if you would like to see and do things on your own.

The Registration Fee is \$40 per person. Pre-registration forms are available from Reunion Chairman, WALTER DUHACSEK, 17034 OLD RICHMOND RD., SUGARLAND, TX. 77478 (713-498-7288). He also has hotel reservation forms, but it is easier to make your reservation by phone. TELL THE HOTEL YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE RAINBOW REUNION.

AIR TRANSPORTATION DISCOUNTS are available from our "OFFICIAL CARRIER," Continental Airlines. To make reservations call 1-800-468-7022, identify yourself as being with 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans and give the Identification Number: "EZ 7 P 55."

TOURS - TOURS - TOURS

Two tours have been arranged with Houston Gray Line Tours. Make arrangements no later than July 5, 1991 directly with Houston Gray Line Tours by calling their Toll free number 1-800-334-4441 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. CST. Remittance must be made directly to: GRAY LINE TOURS, 602 Sampson, Houston, TX 77003. Your paid tickets will be waiting at Reunion Registration desk. American Express - VISA - Master Card accepted.

RAINBOW TOUR NO. 1 - HOUSTON CITY TOUR - \$16.00. You'll see the exclusive River Oaks homes, the renowned Medical Center and pass by the famed Galleria. This also includes a tour of the Astrodome, admission included (occasionally preempted by scheduled sports). Those who wish may stop at the Galleria for shopping and be picked up two hours later (foregoing balance of tour). Air conditioned tour buses leave Wyndham Hotel at 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday - July 10th and 12th. Approx. 4½ hrs.

RAINBOW TOUR NO. 2 - NASA/JOHNSON SPACE CENTER - \$16.00. The tour passes through one of America's largest oil

fields leading to NASA. See various spacecraft, moon rocks, flight simulators, artifacts from outerspace, and numerous displays, films and exhibits. Visit the Mission Control Center where it all comes together. Air conditioned tour buses leave Wyndham Hotel at 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, July 10th and 12th. Approx. 5 hrs.

NOTE: Those arriving early and wishing to make the NASA tour (No. 2), please use the Wednesday tour, since a limited number are admitted to Mission Control at 30 minute intervals (last admission at 3:30 p.m.)

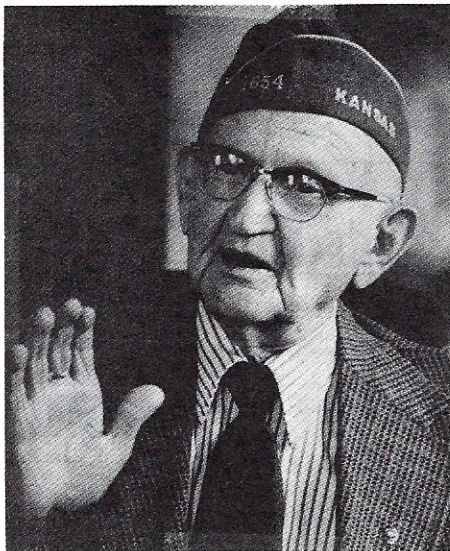
Airline Discount

Many Rainbowners will be taking advantage of discount rates being offered by SEVEN-ELEVEN TOURS Travel Agency. Seven-Eleven is putting together a special package for the Reunion in Houston on July 10-13, 1991. They state that they can provide substantial discounts well below normal fares (American Airlines). For more information call 800-645-0711. In New York call 516-454-9200.

Correction - 222nd Report

In the November issue, the telephone number for Continental Airlines (222nd Report) was incorrect. It should have been 1-800-880-0492. We regret the error.

New Medal Shines With War Stories



A little surprise opened up a floodgate of memories for WWI Rainbow veteran Friend Braden recently.

After accepting the French WWI medal from Charles Larsen, secretary-treasurer of the Chanute, Kansas, chapter, Braden

reflected on his time in the service, "It was the damndest 2 years I ever spent in my life," he said, "The war and being in service are two different things."

The U.S. declared war on April 6, 1917, and Braden enlisted on the 19th of June. A total of 110 soldiers enlisted, were sworn in at Topeka, and shipped to Hoboken, N.J. Friend became a member of Co. A, 117th Ammunition Train. Before departing for France, he had a first-hand chat with a high ranking French officer. "It's either going to be hell, heaven, or Hoboken by Christmas," he told the troops.

Oct. 31st, the division was aboard the "America." "There were as many people aboard that ship as there is in Chanute," said Braden. During the 21 day zig-zag trip, the troops were never without their life jackets. Upon arrival at the coast of France, they waded ashore and were jammed into compartments meant to hold half as many. They then took a ride on a narrow gauge railroad to the front within 40 miles of Paris.

"We fought beside the French all the way through; we were with them to the finish," said Friend, reasoning why the French paid them tribute. He also determined why the U.S. was willing to help out France. "Lafayette came over and helped us, so here we are. We came back to help them," he stated. "We were all enlisted," said Braden, "We never got any draft notices until we got to France. I said to the captain, what will we do with them?" He said, "We're a little short of toilet paper."

Friend Braden is an amazing 94-old gentleman who is still active in the Chanute chapter.

Achievements of the Rainbow Div. in the Great War

(From the records of the War Department)

It served 164 days in the front line.
It advanced 16 kilometers in the battle of Chateau Thierry.
It advanced 18 kilometers in the battle of St. Mihiel.
It advanced 21 kilometers in the Meuse Argonne fight.
It advanced a total of 55 kilometers (34½ miles) against the enemy.
With the Fourth French Army, under General Gouraud, on July 14 to 17, 1918, it stopped the last and largest German Drive at the Battle of Champagne.
It captured:
1317 prisoners
9 pieces of heavy artillery
16 pieces of light artillery
25 trench mortars
470 machine guns
2000 rifles
It suffered:
Wounded, 11,275
Battle deaths, 2,644
Total casualties, 13,919
It had been selected as one of four divisions of the United States Army to constitute a shock corps when the Armistice came.

SIX DAYS OF FIGHTING: WURZBURG

(Continued from January Issue)

On March 23rd, the 3rd American Army, and three days later, the 7th Army had crossed the Rhine at Oppenheim and Worms, and were moving rapidly toward Lower Franconia. The High Command of the 1st German Army named Infantry Col. Richard Wolf as the new commander of Wurzburg. He assumed this duty on April 1st, and this included executive power over the civilian population as well. Some of the military departments had opted to leave Wurzburg before the fighting started. The SS section IX, stationed in Wurzburg, also chose to leave Wurzburg at the right time.

The significance of the Volksturm in the fight for Wurzburg is often overrated by the Americans. To be sure, the Volksturm had been called up, but because of the city's destruction, only a relatively few men had reported for duty and even some of these were sent home again. With others from Lower Franconia, who had been pushed back, the Volksturm battle groups of Wurzburg, altogether consisted of about 100 men. Col. Wolf told the author of this history that "as far as numbers were concerned, the strength of the Volksturm was of little importance. It was about company strength, together with police units that defended the sector along the railroad from Gneisenau street via Walther street - Vogelweiderweg to the southern railroad station. Individual Volksturm men were used as guides by infantry units, due to their intimate knowledge of the area. From stocks in the Faulenberg barracks, the Volksturm received gray uniforms and steel helmets so that they could pass as regular troops as far as International Law was concerned.

Of the units in Wurzburg, the following were deployed: Landes-schutze (local defense units); Reserve Bns. 11/13 (Hindenburg Barracks); 819 (Faulenberg Barracks); Army Flak (F1a); Reserve Battalion 47; Motor Vehicle Reserve unit 50; Medical Reserve unit 13; Engineer Reserve company 173, and police units including fire-fighters and air raid police. In addition, there was an Infantry Reserve battalion from Bayreuth, the Military Academy Doberitz and smaller tank units (manned by cadet officers from Erlangen, Bamberg and Grafenwohr; this included tanks of older and newer models. All totalled there were about 3,500 men, according to Colonel Wolf. This also tallies with available American information which stated that "about 2,500 prisoners were taken at Wurzburg." Nearly 1,000 German soldiers were killed within the walls of the city, during the operations. The German fighting force was initially under the command of Army Corps LXXXIII, then under the command of Tank Corps XIII, and finally under Group "M."

The American 7th Army, along with the XV Corps (General Haislip), and the XXI

Corps (General Milbourn) had crossed the Rhine at Worms on March 26th. Moving via the Oden Forest, they moved without significant fighting for 4 days, to the area west of Wurzburg. They were surprised when they suddenly met resistance. The 12th Armored Division (XV Corps) was near Hettstadt on March 31st. They received flanking fire from the direction of Waldbuttelbronn, the 42nd Division (XXI Corps) advanced from Tauberbischofsheim and on April 1st occupied Katzenberg and Heidingsfeld. This Infantry division, under the command of Major Gen. Harry J. Collins, consisted of the 222nd, 232nd, and 242nd Regiments, plus four field artillery battalions, which were of great significance in the capture of Wurzburg. Especially, since the Germans had only a few anti-aircraft guns at their disposal. The American artillery firing (155 mm.) began on April 1st at 11 o'clock and initially directed their fire on the Zellerau; then widened their fire to the eastern part of the city. Under this pressure, the German Army units fell back to the right bank of the Main River. The bridges at Heidingsfeld were destroyed on Sunday evening, and then the three city bridges on Monday.

(To be continued)

Rhine - Danube Association

We received the following request to disseminate information regarding the Rhine-Danube Association. It is composed of two sections: one a U.S. section and one French. Membership is restricted to veterans of those units who participated in the Alsace campaign. Anyone who served in Task Force Linden is eligible. The dues are \$10.00/annually and \$50.00 Lifetime. Send to Madeleine Dautatas, Treasurer - U.S. Section Rhine-Danube Assn. - P.O. Box 96 - Chesterland, Ohio 44026. For further information write to former 12th Armored Veteran - Donald W. Seedborg - 1915 Cedar Ave. 5 - Long Beach, Ca. 90806.

(This is in no way to be construed as a solicitation by your editor.)

Persian Gulf

At this time, the war in the Persian Gulf has intensified. I'm sure that all Rainbowers join your editor in the fervent hope that the war will come to a happy end in the very near future. May the casualties be light, and may we soon see our brave men and women back home with their families.

STATISTICS? NOT HARDLY PILGRIM

During the Korean War 7,140 Americans were captured. 2,701 died in captivity (38% mortality rate in horrible conditions of harsh mistreatment), 4,418 POW's were returned, 3,745 in 2 big "swaps." 8,177 men were lost in combat and not recovered. The communists provided a list of names accounting for 19 men. This number was reduced when bodies were returned of those buried in North Korea during the war. In 1955 DOD (Dept. of Defense) set the official number at 389 missing in action. Later each was declared presumed killed in action (PKIA) by the U.S. Government, though no proof was ever provided.

The French-Indochina War was from 1946-1954. 16,754 French colonial troops participated in the battle of Die Bien Phu culminated by their defeat in May 8, 1954. 10,754 were captured. In July, 1954, 3,700 were returned/repatriated. 13,504 died or disappeared. The total missing for this 8-year conflict is 33,000.

In Vietnam in 1973, 2,553 military and 41 civilians were unaccounted for in Operation Homecoming. Of military that's 98 POW's and 1,178 killed in action, body not recovered. Civilians were 25 missing and 16 presumed dead.

No, they're not only statistics. All these numbers represent someone's husband, brother, father, son or friend; and they haven't come home.

Comrades In Arms Reunited



L. to R. C. Robert Dawson; Paul M. Knott; W. G. Pritchard, Pittsburgh - 1990.

Paul Knott (H3B, 242nd Inf.) has been attending Reunions since 1979. Every time he attended, he told his wife that he hoped his squad leader, Robt. Dawson, and platoon leader, W.G. Pritchett, would be there, but they never showed up.

Last year, Paul worked with Art Lee, trying to locate lost 42nd Div. Vets. He was able to locate Dawson and Pritchett, and they agreed to come to Pittsburgh. They had not heard of the reunion. Paul says that this was his best reunion, as they had not seen one another for 45 years. Paul is looking forward to making this a regular happening.

Pvt. Scott - 168th Inf.

We are indebted to Rev. Norman P. Forde for the following material. It is taken from the writings of James J. Cooke. Jim Cooke is Professor of History at the University of Mississippi. He is researching the 42nd Division and writing a book on the subject. Jim is a Lt. Col. in the Mississippi National Guard. He has been called up, and is currently serving his country in Saudi Arabia with the 18th Airborne.

The 42nd Rainbows were no different than any military unit which has its own heritage and own lore such as distinctive patches, nicknames and battle honors. One of its bits of lore was the rainbow itself. The stories of rainbows appearing over objectives were accepted as part of the historical lore of the unit, and often was taken with a grain of salt. What follows is a letter from Pvt. Everett Scott, HQ Co., 168th Inf. to his brother, Leslie, a high school lad in Calumette, Iowa. In simple terms, Scott, a runner who was in every battle, was gassed, and was wounded going "over the top," relates his own first hand experience. This letter is one of 93 unpublished letters in the author's private collection. It extends from Scott's call-up to his return home. **Spelling and grammar are retained.**

ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

A.P.O. 715 (Luxemburg)

December 22, 1918

Dear Bro. and All:

As I have a little time this afternoon I will try and answer your most welcome letter for I am always glad to hear from you even if I haven't answered everyone of yours, but then I guess that you know that we were pretty busy most of the time. Well we have finished our trip across the country. I always thought that I would like to travel but I have had enuff at least a plenty of walking.

Well it only cost uncle Sam 2 pair of shoes. Say kid if anyone ever tells you that they ever done any walking tell them for me that they don't know what they are talking about. Our last trip was over 250 Kilometers, and we had been walking for the best part of a year. say kid I am going to tell you about one of the funnie things that always happened for us over here you know that this is the rainbow Div. Well every time the morning that we went into there was a rainbow shining for us. it didn't matter what time of the year it was or what kind of a day it was alwas there. And beleave me at last I got so I watched for it and I realy felt better when I seen it, and just as we came in sight of the river Rhine it shone out just as clear and pretty and the band started playing over there. Now what do you think of that. I never went much on signs before, but I realy beleaved in that. And I think most of the boy said to.

Well it looks like most of the S.O.S. birds were going to beat us home. I would like to be where I could hear some of them tell about the battles that they were never in. I'll bet they have got some line. Well kid how goes the corn picking by this time I suppose that you have lots of money by this time. I sure wish that I could be back there knocking down some of that bigjack. Still I haven't done so bad considering what I get. You see

I only get \$33 per mo and I have sent home \$15 out of that for quite a spell. And besides I have \$6.40 going out for Insurance every one so you see that leaves me about \$11.60 per month for myself. it isn't very much according to the price we have to pay for everything. But then I get along nicely. and generly have a little on hand most of the time.

Well kid how is the little show girl coming. Do you hear from here very often. send me a picture of her and tell her to hold her hand so that I can see the ring. You must of had some time over there when you heard about peace. We were on the way back from the front and walking as usual when we first heard it. there was a fellow sitting in a car along side the road honking the horn and telling peace, well he got called a good many names mostly fool. but the next day we were toald that it was so. there was a little chearing but most of us were afraid that it would turnout to be a mistake for about 24 hours before we were where the shells were flying thick and fast. I am just beginning to realize that it is no now. well bro I must stop and go to supper so by this time. write often. your bro Everett

Pt. Everett H. Scott

HQ Co. 168 US Inf.

AE France

Pvt. Everett Scott returned to Iowa, married a longtime sweetheart, worked hard, had children, and died. Probably, the great event of his life was WW1 and his time in France and Germany. Like the Iowa boys in blue in 1861-1865, Scott had gone to "see the elephant" and like most members of the Rainbow Division, he was glad to go home.

Pertinent Membership Information

Our National Membership Chairman, Charles Paine, reminds us of the following items that were recommended at the Pittsburgh Reunion last Business meeting. They were accepted by vote.

1). All National Officers and all National Committee members should be Life members.

2). Membership should be carefully checked to ensure that members who hold office or all members attending the Reunion are paid up members. This would not apply to "First Timers." They can be notified that they can become members at any time during the Reunion that the registration desk is open.

Charlie also tells us that any chapter acquiring a new member in the late spring should not send in the National dues until July. However, all other phases of the registration should be processed by the chapter; e.g.-the National secretary should be properly notified, the new member should be put on the Reveille mailing list, etc. This is to prevent the newcomer from getting an unfavorable reaction at once. Dunning for dues twice within a couple of months is not the way to keep new members.

70th Wedding Anniversary



L. to R. Harm and Murl Aries

On January 20th, 1991, two of the most loyal and active Iowa Rainbows celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Harm and Murl Aries had approximately 150 guests congratulate them, and shower them with love and affection on this special day. Harm is a Past State President, and Murl has been one of the WW1 veteran's wives who has done much to keep Rainbow alive and active.

We are sure all Rainbow Veterans and friends will be happy to salute these wonderful folks!

EAST COAST REUNION

By the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea - on the boardwalk at Atlantic City! You've got it - the new Jersey Chapter will host the East Coast Reunion at the Howard Johnson, Absecon, N.J. Come join the fun, frolic, fine food and fellowship that abounds only at Rainbow affairs.

April 24th and 25th, 1991 are the magic dates with an "Early Bird" cocktail party 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. on the 24th. The traditional banquet will get under way at 7 P.M. on the 25th. Total cost is \$21 per member or guest, \$42.00 per couple, and you can't go wrong with anything that has a "42" in it.

Accommodations, both single and double, are just \$55.00 per night. This includes continental breakfast and a free shuttle to the gambling casinos. Howard Johnson, on 539 Absecon Blvd., Absecon, N.J., 08201 has a toll free number 1-800-654-2000. For reservations or information, contact Jay Price, Commander, NJ Chapter, (908) 229-7711 or P.O. Box 172, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.



The advent of "Desert Storm" has brought sadness and concern to all Rainbow men and ladies, especially those with family or friends taking part in the desert war.

Of much less concern, but still worth noting is that this third major war (Korea was called a police action, but more than 33,000 Americans lost their lives) since the Rainbow Division last saw combat, pushes our part in World Wars I & II further into obscurity. In 1950, the only combat since our nation was born, that had seen American men in significant combat that did not include the Rainbow Division, was the Civil War.

We now have a third war in forty years compared with three in the previous one hundred and seventy-five years, and we have spent one-fourth of these last forty years at war.

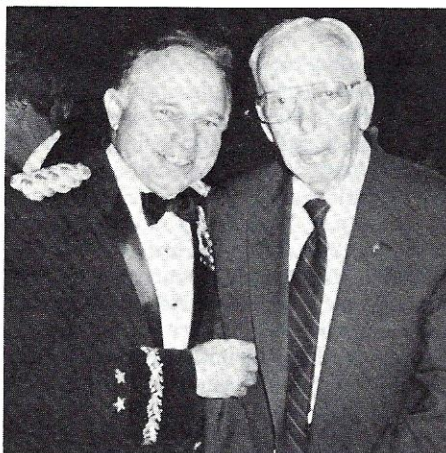
If we want the Rainbow story and our individual stories to survive our death, we must act soon. We cannot rewrite the history books to tell of our struggles or a friend's heroism, but we can leave our Rainbow mementos and unit and individual histories to libraries and museums where they will be available to future scholars and historians, and we can help educate young people in the Rainbow tradition, so they will be Rainbow spokesmen for many years to come. We can also support the publication of histories such as Lise Pommois has written, that will grace the shelves of many libraries well into the next century.

As part of this effort to leave another Rainbow trail, Archivist Bill Keithan asks that all who will attend the Houston reunion to please bring all the archival materials that they can part with at this time. Bill hopes to double the twenty boxes of material he collected at Pittsburgh.

The final plans for the printing and distribution of the Lise Pommois' history will be made at the Tempe reunion. This history is expected to include enough details of the Rainbow's combat in Alsace to be of interest to all WWII Rainbow men. It will help in determining the number of copies to be printed if you inform Foundation President Ivan Wallace or Dee Eberhart, prior to the Tempe meeting, of the number of copies you expect to purchase.

President Wallace has tentatively scheduled the Memorial Foundation Trustees meeting for 1 p.m. Sunday, March 3rd.

It Pays to Advertise



L. to R. Major Gen. Evan Hultman, Howard Parker

There is an old saying, "If you want to get results, you must make calls and advertise your product." So, while Howard Parker, Secretary-Treasurer of the Iowa Chapter, attended a Veteran's Day Banquet in Iowa City, to honor the POWs and MIAs of past wars, he wore his Rainbow pin on his lapel. An Officer, noticing the pin, approached and stated that he was once a member of the 42nd. He wore two stars, and was none other than Maj. Gen. Evan L. Hultman, a distinguished Iowan who served as Iowa Attorney General for two terms. Gen. Hultman was a platoon Sgt. and left Camp Gruber to attend O.C.S. After receiving his commission, he served in many important positions, eventually as Commanding General of the 103rd Corps Support Command. Later, he was the commanding general of the 88th Army Reserve Div. Command.

Gen. Hultman now resides in Washington, D.C. The Iowa chapter is extremely proud to have him as a member of the chapter. His picture is shown above with Howard.

Total Assn. Membership

Chapter Totals As of 1/15/90

STATE/UNIT	CHAPTER	MEMBERS SAME DATE	
		1/15/90	1991
AL	Huntsville	31	7
	Montgomery	0	0
AZ	Phoenix	12	12
CA	California	42	47
CO	Colorado	33	23
DC	Washington D.C.	30	35
FL	Clearwater	27	26
	Orlando	21	*1
GA	Atlanta	11	9
IL	Illinois	39	36
IN	Indianapolis	4	4
	South Bend	19	15
IA	Iowa State	44	32
KS	Chaute	4	4
	Dodge City-Pratt	4	4
MA	North East	30	29
MD	Baltimore	10	9
MI	Detroit	56	55
MN	Minnesota	49	44
MO	Mo-Kan	19	21
	St. Louis	19	16
NJ	Audubon	21	24
OH	State & 132nd Sig.	109	94
OK	Muskogee Mem.	27	4
	Oklahoma City	5	3
	Tulsa	7	8
OR	Pacific NW	25	11
PA	Easton	6	5
	Lancaster	11	9
	Philadelphia	14	15
	Reading	21	21
SC	Charleston	9	8
TN	Memphis	6	4
TX	Dallas	88	75
VA	Richmond	0	
	Roanoke	7	5
WI	Platteville	7	5
	222nd Inf.	509	422
	Co. M-Yanke	51	46
	Hq. Co.-232nd Inf.	10	2
	Cannon Co.-232nd Inf.	15	16
	1st Bn. 232nd Inf.	108	69
	2nd Bn. 232nd Inf.	88	114
	3rd Bn. 232nd Inf.	69	81
	242nd Inf.	308	215
	Co. H-242nd Inf. Artillery	178	191
	122nd Med. Bn.	34	43
	Med. Det. Spec. Trps.	10	10
	142nd Comb. Engrs.	26	28
	MP Platoon	35	37
	42nd Recon. Trps.	12	10
	Division Band	34	13
	National at large	76	39
	LIFE-not claimed	12	14
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