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Great Doings At Houston

The Houston Reunion on July 10-13, 1991, had all the ingredients of a great Reunion. Due to the efforts of Chairman Walter Duhacek, his wife, Virginia, the M.P. Chapter, and the Texas Chapter, everything went smoothly. The Early Bird party was brightened by the presence of the granddaughter of John and Loretta Schneider (M.P. Chapter), Anje Geilhausen and her friend, Casey Loman. The girls sang in honor of WW1 and WW2 Rainbow. Casey wore an authentic WW1 uniform and Angie wore John Schneider's WW2 uniform.

The business meeting opened with a color guard, from the Houston Recruiting Center, advancing the colors. We were welcomed to Houston by former Captain Beatty (V.P., Greater Houston Economic Development Assn.). Various matters of business included a report on the publication of Lise Pommois' "Winter Storm," and the plans for a memorial plaque at Dachau. Reports on coming Reunions (Salt Lake City in 1993) were given and a change in the Reveille format was announced (5 issues-each 8 pages). Total membership was 2,438 with 145 Life Members.

Several tours were enjoyed by all. The dance was a great success as many Rainbrowsers performed in 1944 style.

The memorial service was conducted by Rev. Norman Forde and Rev. Ray Willems-

sen. PNP Ted Johnson narrated the Champagne hour in his usual brilliant manner, paying tribute to the untimely passing of Lou Rondinaro, our faithful Piper, and led the singing of "My Buddy." "Amazing Grace" and "America The Beautiful" were led by Anje Geilhausen and friend.

The Banquet was expertly handled by M.C. Dee Ray Alford (222nd) who moved things along ably, interspersing several gems of wit. Harry Hunter and Paul Jarrett (WW1) received standing ovations as did Lise Pommois and Peggy Fleming (our Rainbow girl). The head table was graced by the presence of Pres. Don and PNAP Pearl Segel, Auxiliary Pres. Joanne and Redcap Don Dart, incoming Pres. Father Bob Weiss, incoming Auxiliary Pres. Myrtle Wallace and PNP Ivan Wallace, and Father Norman and Shirley Forde. After announcements and awards, 857 attendees reluctantly dispersed in the glow of warm Rainbow friendship looking forward to Tampa.

Mid-Year Reunion Tampa—Feb. 6-9, 1992

The Mid-Year Reunion will be held at the Crown Sterling Suites (Formerly Embassy Suites), 4400 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, Fla. 33607. Tel. (813) 873-8675. Fax (813) 879-7196. Rates are \$74.00 single or double. Rates are in effect two days before and two days after. You can get to the hotel from the West Shore Blvd. exit on highway 275, go north to Cypress, turn right 1/4 mile to hotel. It is one mile from Tampa International Airport (with free transportation to and from the hotel). It is three miles from downtown Tampa and fifteen miles from Busch Gardens and Adventure Island. The hotel features full cooked to order breakfasts and complimentary cocktails every evening. Cutoff date is 1/5/92.

Registration is \$40.00/person payable to "Rocking Chair Chapter - R.D.V.A. Mail to Earl Kerns, 4408 Oak Harbor Court, Tampa, Fla. 33613-4903. Tel. (813) 979-4845. Early registration deeply appreciated.

President's Report



Our President in ASTP Days.

Dear Fellow Rainbrowsers:

What a thrill it is to be chosen to lead the Rainbow Division Veterans Association for the next twelve months! I thank you all for this wonderful honor and for the mark of friendship it represents.

As I reflect on the loyal, generous, and truly outstanding men who have held this position through the years, I am awed by the thought of following in their footsteps. What makes it easier and so pleasant is the great tolerance and support of the men and women of Rainbow. I was very impressed by the fact that almost all of the living past presidents were in attendance at this reunion. I am also grateful for the strong slate of officers.

My theme this year is "Lifelong Rainbow Fellowship." I hope to build on Don Segel's theme of "Rainbow Friendship." Don certainly exemplified that idea by becoming such a dear Rainbow friend himself to me — and I know to many others — during this past year.

I have set two goals for this year and I want to enlist your support in accomplishing them. The first is greater involvement.

It is easy to say that we do not have the time and energy to take advantage of some of the opportunities for greater Rainbow fellowship — but we all know that if we do not do these things now, we may not have many more opportunities. I think we were all taken back a bit by the length of the Memorial file at the reunion. (It will be reprinted with additions in the November Reveille).

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Birmingham Veteran's Day

Birmingham Veteran's Day will be held Nov. 9-10-11, 1991. The hotel is the Hotel Tutwiller. Rates are \$60.00. For reservations contact: Wm. R. Barton (PNP), 1033 White Oak Ave., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30310. Tel. (404) 753-5130, or Leon Praytor, 206 Raimund Ave., Bessemer, AL, 35020. Tel. (205) 425-7353.

Living PnP's

Theodore A. Johnson	1964-1965
George L. Irwin	1968-1969
William R. Barton	1969-1970
Charles F. Marshall	1971-1972
Herbert E. Klinedinst	1972-1973
Charles B. Sayers, Jr.	1974-1975
Ivan Wallace, Jr.	1977-1978
Hugo E. Grimm	1978-1979
Albert L. Brewer	1979-1980
Garnett "Buck" Jones	1981-1982
Vassil J. "Rube" Evanoff	1982-1983
Philip F. Trout	1983-1984
John D. Carr	1984-1985
Col. Carlyle P. Woelfer	1985-1986
Frederick W. Goldsmith	1986-1987
Dee R. Eberhart	1987-1988
John M. Keyser	1988-1989
Dolian Harris	1989-1990
Don Segel	1990-1991

President's Report Continued

First, I suggest you consider attending the Veterans Day ceremonies in Birmingham. Our own Rainbow Division is the only one singled out for special notice and participation, and you would enjoy these days of fellowship. Details are available elsewhere in this issue of the Reveille.

Secondly, I urge you to think about coming to the mid-year reunion in Tampa, which promises to be an extraordinarily good time. See this issue and future issues for more information.

Thirdly, it is not too early to start making plans for the next annual reunion in Milwaukee, July 8-12, 1992. The reunion committee has already worked through all of last year planning the event.

Finally, I ask you to attend the chapter gatherings in your area. Most parts of the country now have regional reunions and all of them welcome men and women of Rainbow from far and near.

My second goal is to encourage lifetime memberships. For \$100, it is an easy way to relieve yourself of the trouble of ever again paying national dues. Even more important, it is a way of generating the maintenance of membership. Moreover, it would put our national association on a firmer financial basis — because the income would be available in perpetuity. Eventually, these funds would go to the Memorial Foundation to carry on the memory of Rainbow.

A few weeks after the reunion, I had the opportunity to visit with Tom and Betty Heaton while I was in Denver on business. They invited Arnold and Betty Wessling to join us for dinner. Tom and I also stopped to see Colonel Henry Luongo. It was a mini-reunion and the kind of Rainbow fellowship that is a special gift. Henry has not been able to attend the last few reunions, but he sends his fond regards to all.

In closing, I want to thank those who worked so hard to make the Houston reunion such a success, especially the many Rain-

bowers who work behind the scenes for all of us. I have found no more loyal or dearer friends anywhere than the men and women of Rainbow. May we all have a marvelous year!

Yours in Rainbow,
Robert F. Weiss, S.J.
President

Editor's Corner

Rainbow Forever—One And All

It is a wonderful thing to have pride in one's particular outfit. It is right and proper that we do so. Overall, however, we should all stand united in our overall pride of the 42nd Rainbow Division. When asked, your editor first states he is a Rainbower and then a veteran of the 232nd Infantry and then Company H.

Everyone who wore the Rainbow patch shares in each and every victory, be it the crucial ones in "Operation Nordwind" or a skirmish at some long forgotten patch of woods or hillside. He also shares the pain of Hatten, Rittershofen, Ohlungen, Sessenheim and Gambsheim (who knows there was a second great battle at Gambsheim and Weyersheim in conjunction with the attack on Sessenheim?), and the bitter retreat to Hagenau, as well as the elation of Wurzburg, Schweinfurt, Nuremburg and Munich. (Who can forget the magnificent performance of our artillery, Recon, and Engineers in the drive through the Siegfried and beyond?) We loved the Medics, Ordnance, Signal Corps, Quartermaster and all supporting units. Without the M.P.'s we would have been lost. (What a difference they would all have made in Alsace!) We all share in the liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp. What a tremendous feeling it is to know we also share in the Battle of Champagne and all of the rest of our WW1 buddies' victories!

Your editor was not at Hatten, but is as proud of the bravery of his comrades at arms there as if he had been there. He was at Gambsheim, Kilstett, and Weyersheim and is happy to share the memory of that valiant stand with Rainbow men who were fighting elsewhere (how about Co. G, 232nd Inf. defense of Herrlisheim and Offendorf?), as well as those units who were still on the bleak Atlantic.

Where we happened to be at any given moment, we all know, was a matter of fate. None of us came to the studied decision "Today I think I shall fight at Sessenheim," or "There's more glory at Hatten than at Stattenmatten, so I'll do my thing there," or "I guess I'll wait for the next boat at the N.Y. P.O.E."

We were so deeply pleased to hear President Bob Weiss' theme for the year "Life-long Rainbow Fellowship." This is what your editor has tried to say here.

Chaplain's Prayer

Eternal God, we are grateful for the Rainbow Family. We feel so close to one another because of our experiences many years ago. Each year at our reunions we feel these bonds of friendship strengthened and affirmed. Our gathering in Houston was such a high point. Now we look ahead to the mid-year reunion in Tampa and all our regional reunions and then our meeting in Milwaukee next July. The years are going by so swiftly, so let us all resolve to make our numbers grow by inviting Rainbowers who have never joined us, or those who have not been with us recently. May all that we do as the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association reflect the high ideals of service to God and Country. Amen.

Rev. Norman P. Forde

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OVER THE RAINBOW



Lou rendering "Taps."

We are extremely saddened to report the passing of Louis Rondinaro on June 1, 1991. Lou was our official Reunion Piper who rendered taps so movingly. Although Lou served in E Co., 222nd Inf., he belonged to all of us, beloved by everyone who knew him. Lou had recently suffered the loss of his dear wife, Virginia. The beginning of his obituary in his local paper says it all. "Despite his war injuries, Louis Rondinaro wasn't the type to pity himself. He never gave up. He was always active and helping someone." That is how we also saw Louis. The world is a better place for his being here, and we are all the poorer for his leaving us.

General Dues Information

Each Chapter has its own dues to cover general administrative expenses. There are two types of chapters; Unit based on the unit each man was assigned to, and Geographic (present area of residence).

Each man may choose which chapter he wants to forward his National dues. Only one chapter may be designated to forward National dues of \$6.00 to the National Secretary. (Some members pay dues to several chapters). One needs to pay the National dues only once a year, but one can join several chapters by paying each chapter's dues. Note that anyone not wishing to belong to a chapter can be a member at large by sending \$6.00 to the National Secretary. You may, if desired, complete the accompanying form and mail to Herb Butt, National Secretary.

Rainbow Farewell



Co. I, 222nd Inf. Rainbowers Day Tribute to 1st/Sgt. Wm. E. Gallaway at Houston National Cemetery.

Co "I" 222 Inf Rainbowers paid respect and tribute to our top-kick - 1st Sgt. William E. Callaway by going to the Houston National Cemetery and holding a memorial service at Sgt. Callaway's grave site. Our National Chaplain Rev. Norman Forde and a member of Co "I" 222 Inf. made some opening comments — and read two passages from the Bible — Psalms 121 and Revelation 21:1-5 and closed with a prayer.

V.J. "Rube" Evanoff concluded by reading the "Rainbow Farewell." A final hand salute was given by all 14 Co "I" 222 Inf Rainbowers who were present. They were Ted Berg, Richard Besancon, Myron Dudley, Ben DeSantos, V.J. "Rube" Evanoff, Rev. Norman Forde, Otto Fuchs, Dolian Harris, Jesse Harry Jr., Chester

Krawcykowski, Robert Monsen, Leon Praytor, Carl Segraves, and Tillman Wheat, a first timer.

A sincere thanks to William B. Southwick from Glenarm, IL, for his efforts in confirming and locating where Sgt. Callaway is interred. Our only regret was that we were unable to locate Sgt. Callaway while he was alive.

We also appreciate Tillman Wheat's efforts in locating Sgt. Callaway's grave site and leading us to the cemetery. Tillman was unable to locate any of Sgt. Callaway's next of kin.

Sgt. Callaway came as cadre to Co "I" 222 Inf from the 102 Inf as did Sgt. Robert Monsen. The 102 Inf was located at Camp Maxey, TX, near Paris, TX.

Membership Application — Rainbow Veterans New Member or Delinquent Member

To:
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Please forward the enclosed check made out to the Rainbow Division Veterans Association to the appropriate Chapter Secretary for my dues July 1991-1992.

Chapter Name _____ National Dues and Chapter dues (\$6.00 and \$5.00)
or National Life Membership and Chapter dues.
(\$100.00 and \$5.00)

Chapter Name _____ Chapter dues to a second chapter (\$5.00).

Enclosed is the following amounts \$11.00 _____
or \$105.00 _____
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Total: _____

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National Reunion Milwaukee — July 8-11, 1992

The Wisconsin Chapter will host your July '92 Annual Reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and will make every effort to make it a successful and enjoyable visit.

Registration — The fee is \$40.00 per person, Pre-Registration forms are available from Reunion Chairman, Don Samolinski, 3729 Carl St., Wausau, WI 54401, (715) 675-6221.

Hotel Reservations — The reunion will be held at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel, located within five minutes of Mitchell International Airport, at 4747 N. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53702, call (414) 481-8000 or (800) 558-3862 toll free. The hotel provides free 24 hour transportation to and from the airport. There is free parking for those traveling by automobile or recreation vehicles, electric hookups are available for RV's.

Hotel rates — \$64.00 per day single or double including two days before or after, or a

seven day package. The hotel offers many health club activities including: Tennis, running track, indoor/outdoor pools, sauna, whirlpool and exercise room.

PLEASE — Make hotel reservations directly with the Grand Milwaukee Hotel. Tell them that you will be attending the Rainbow Division Veterans Association Reunion. If you have a handicap, advise the hotel and they will try to accommodate you. Hotel reservations should be made no later than June 2, 1992, after which regular rates may apply.

Remember, Reunion Pre-Registrations and fees should be sent to Reunion Chairman Don Samolinski. So please pre-register and make your hotel reservations early.

This is your opportunity to visit Milwaukee — a friendly city. Its motto is "A Great Place On A Great Lake" — justified by its fine ethnic restaurants, touring, sports, arts, history, architecture, and summer festivals — making it a visitor's dream.

Future issues will include more details as to the arrangements and things to see and do.

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Past National Presidents welcome newest member Don Segel. This hard-working group deserves our everlasting gratitude.

L to R Top to Bottom: Herb Klinedinst, Ivan Wallace, Dolian Harris, Dee Eberhart, Fred Goldsmith, Charles Marshall, Jack Keyser, John Carr, Phil Trout, Rube Evanoff, Hugo Grimm, Al Brewer, Charles Sayers, Buck Jones, Ted Johnson, Don Segel, Bill Barton, Carlyle Woelfer.

John Carr Award Winner

To help promote the National Association of Rainbow Division Veterans, not only in Life Membership, but also in greater attendance at National Reunions, PNP John D. Carr awards a Life Membership at each National Reunion. This year's winner was J. William Keithan, Co. H, 232nd Inf. Bill donated the \$100.00 to the Memorial Foundation.

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NY NATIONAL GUARD AWARDS

PNP Col. Carlyle Woelfer reported that the following awards were given: Best Soldier: Spec./4 David Sweet - 42nd Aviation Brigade. Best Company: Co. B, 2nd Bn., 174th Inf. commanded by Capt. Paul Sandowski.

President Elect

We are delighted to report that the President elect for the 1991-1993 year will be Jack E. Hildreth. Jack served with B Bty., 232nd F.A. He and his wife, Doris, reside at 15115 Stonehedge Cliffs Rd., Northport, Alabama 35476. Tel. (205) 333-8688.

Attendance Trophies

Charles Paine announced that the trophy for largest attendance was won by Co. M, 222nd Inf. (26), and the trophy for the largest percentage of improvement went to Co. H, 222nd Inf.

R.D.V.A.

Income and Payments July 1990 thru June 1991

Income:	
1990-91 Dues	\$13,680.00
Sales of Merchandise	425.00
Interest on Savings Certificates	1,962.85
Interest on Lifetime Members	586.56
Interest on Checking	193.48
Interest - PNP John Carr Award	102.59
Donations	46.00
Dues Paid In Advance	24.00
Charter Fee	3.50
PNP Dolian Harris - Allowance Returned	500.00
Lifetime Member	100.00
Check #1872 Voided	115.00
Transfer From Savings & Close Acct. #02-0579530	2,380.10
Total Income 7/1/90-6/30/91	\$20,119.08

Payments:	
PNP Plaque	\$35.00
President's Travel Allowance	500.00
Birmingham Vets Day Contribution	300.00
President's Allowance Birmingham Vets Day	200.00
John Carr-Lifetime Membership Award	100.00
Secretary's Salary	2,770.46
Internal Revenue-Social Security	459.00
Secretary's Travel Allowance	315.66
Computer Expense	535.90
Reunion & Mid-Year Transcribing Minutes	662.00
Printing & Mailing of Minutes	80.93
Printing & Mailing Revised Pages of C&BL	36.66
Treasurer's Bond	237.00
Treasurer's Travel Allowance	600.00
Copier Service Contract	150.00
Telephone Expense	162.82
Postage	448.96
Misc. Office Supplies	409.61
Stationery & Supplies	946.85
Equipment Repairs	150.16
Reveille Expense	11,142.39
Membership Committee Expense	126.00
PRO Expense	148.56
Lifetime Member	100.00
Bank Service Charge	10.00
Total Payments 7/1/90-6/30/91	20,627.96

PAYMENTS OVER INCOME	(\$508.88)
Checkbook Balance 7/1/90	\$1,401.32
Less Payments Over Income	508.88
Checkbook Balance 6/30/91	\$892.44
Checkbook Balance 7/1/90	\$ 1,401.32
Add Income 7/1/90-6/30/91	20,119.08
	21,520.40
Less Payments 7/1/90-6/30/91	20,627.96
Checkbook Balance 6/30/91	\$892.44

Rainbow

Scholarship Program

George Jackson, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, reported that the Committee had recommended the granting of ten \$500 scholarships for the 1991-92 school year and ten \$300 renewal scholarships, also for the 1991-92 school year. The Memorial Foundation Trustees approved the recommendations. The \$500 scholarship awardees are:

Student	Field of Study	College/Univ.
Christine Cooney	History/Eng.	St. Olafs-MN
Sara Harrison	Speech/Sp.Ed	Regis-CO
Heather Helms	Education	Charleston SC
Michael McNicol	Sports Med.	Ohio St.-OH
Kristin Peck	History/Ed.	Bowling Gr.-OH
Lisa Piessens	Psych./Ed.	Merrimack-MA
Peggy Lynn Samolicki	Masters/Soc. Wk	Portland St-OR
Tara Padfield	Library Scien	Lock Haven-PA
Julie Winebarger	Law	Evansville U-IN
Zachary MacLean	MediaArt/Comp	VisualArts-NY

The \$300 renewal scholarships went to Tiffany Owens in Teachers Ed., Tamara Markley in Psychiatric Nursing, Nancy Anderson in Teachers Ed., Kent Happel in Ministerial Study, Michael Hunsberger in Elementary Ed., David Hunter in Math/Ed., Judy Reed in Teachers Ed., Jennifer Green in Medical Science, Neal Snow in Psychology/Ed., and Barbara Kemp in Human Dev.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund since last reported were:

Donor	In Memory Of	Donation
George Jackson	wife Daphne	\$1000
J. Kriz, I-222	wife Dorothy	500
J. Kriz	Daphne Jackson	100
Cleveland Chap		250
Louis Rondinero	wife Virginia	250
D. Schatzel, C-222	Vernon Hall, C-222	222
Walter & Virginia Duhacsek	Stanley McHugh	35
MP Chapter	Frank Harris	25
MP Chapter	Frank McHugh	25
Virginia Duhacsek	Marge Snodell	50
Virginia Duhacsek	Ruth Kahlandt	50
Lloyd Allen	wife Carlene	100
Arizona Chap	George Smith	25
Jake Kizirian	Lou Rondinero	100
Rosemary McGovern		100
Arizona Chapter		100
J. Kriz	Chairman's Expens	100
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Western Get-Together

Once again, the California chapter will hold a weekend of fun and games for Rainbow veterans. The site chosen is Lake Tahoe, Nevada; the date is Oct. 4 through 7, 1991 (Friday through Monday); the hotel is the Lakeside Inn/Casino, Highway 50 at Kingsbury Grade, P.O. Box 5640, Lake Tahoe, NV 89449. Information and reservations 1-800-624-7980 or 702-588-7777. Make reservations direct with the Lakeside Inn. Be sure to mention Rainbow Veterans Group. The room rate is \$60/single or double. Shuttle bus and taxi available from the So. Lake Tahoe Airport. Registration fee is \$30 per person. Send check to: Jack Summers, 475 Fir Lane, Los Altos, CA 94024. Remember: cutoff date for special reservation rate is September 4, 1991.

After Action Report: Gambsheim Col. Ellis' Force

The following was obtained from the National Archives and was compiled by Lt. Col. Wm. B. Goddard, Inf., 7th Army Historian:

At the time of the Weyersheim-Gambsheim operation, 5-6 January, 1945 in which units of the 42nd Infantry Division participated, Col. Ellis was the C.O. of the 2nd Bn., 232nd Inf. Lt. Col. Coleman G-3 was the C.O. of the units which made the first attack on Gambsheim.

The original plan provided for the composition to be as follows: Col. Ellis was to have E Co., 242nd Inf. under his command. Major Reynolds, C.O. of the 2nd Bn., 242nd Inf. would then have the 2nd Bn. (less Co. E) under his command. However, Col. Ellis did not get E Co., 242 and E Co., 222nd Inf. did not arrive until 1800 5 January. The only information available as to the enemy location and strength was that Gambsheim was occupied by the enemy. There was no information as to the enemy being in the Stainwald Woods.

As to supporting troops, there were two squads of some recon outfit and some 7th Army engineers in the vicinity of Weyersheim and part of the 232nd Inf. was in Kilstett, a mile southwest of Gambsheim. Lt. Col. Wm. B. Zellers, Exec. Officer of the 232nd Inf., was in Weyersheim, and took charge of the recon and engineer units. He used them as a security force around Weyersheim.

In Kilstett, the 232nd Inf. had set up an advance C.P. E Co., 232nd Inf. had come from Kilstett to join Col. Ellis. Part of the 3rd Bn. and 2nd Bn. (minus Co. G) were assembled at Kilstett. The plan was for these units to attack Gambsheim from the south on the morning of 6 January. If this force had attacked as planned, Col. Ellis was of the opinion that the enemy would have been driven out of Gambsheim. (Ed. note: This force made three assaults and suffered heavy casualties. F and K companies got within yards of Gambsheim, but had to withdraw.) They were unable to be of any assistance to the force in Gambsheim. There was no artillery support for the attack launched the afternoon of 5 January. The mission assigned to the two forces was to seize and hold Gambsheim.

The two forces, supported by three tanks, assembled east of Weyersheim. The attack started at 1500, 5 January. The Ellis force, composed of E Co., 232nd Inf. attacked south of the Weyersheim-Gambsheim road. When it began to get dark, the three tanks moved out ahead of the Infantry, fired into the edge of Gambsheim, then turned back and went on into Weyersheim. Except for a small amount of fire, from the wooded area along the Zorn River, the Ellis force encountered

little opposition until it got within range of machine guns, located in the woods near the Landgraben Canal and the canal paralleling the Zorn River. Enemy patrols were chased off and the 60 mm. mortars knocked out the machine guns which had been placing heavy fire on the riflemen. As the Ellis force approached Stainwald Woods, heavy fire was encountered. It appeared that they had advanced ahead of the 2nd Bn., 242 on its left (north) flank.

The mission was to take Gambsheim. However, the fire from Stainwald could not be ignored, but the woods was in the area of the unit to the north. An effort to locate the 2nd Bn., 242 was made. To do this it was necessary to work to the rear. The Ellis force moved to the west side of the canal and dug in. Contact was established with the 2nd Bn., 242nd just north of the canal. It had been delayed by heavy enemy fire. Lack of communication played an important part throughout this operation. Requests had been made for some other form of communication rather than by Runner, but this request had not been complied with.

Col. Ellis joined Major Reynolds and Col. Coleman. Plans were made for the attack to continue, Col. Zeller relieved Col. Coleman of command of the operation. E Co. 222nd Inf. now joined the Ellis force. The attack went off at 0300 6 January. Five tanks appeared and moved out with the Ellis force. The terrain over which the 2nd Bn., 242nd was advancing was not suitable for tanks. The attack was a sound one. However, a three hour delay for further reconnaissance would have been of considerable benefit. The problems of communication might have been solved and arrangements for additional fire support made. Furthermore, a resupply of ammunition could have been requested. No additional ammunition was issued before this attack and there was no ammunition for the bazookas which the unit carried.

As the Ellis force led by Co. E-222nd Inf. crossed the first canal, it encountered heavy machine gun fire. This was silenced, and the attack continued across the open terrain, the infantry firing as it went forward. Though it was dark, it was not difficult to advance in coordinations with the 2nd Bn., 242nd. The road, which was the boundary between the units, could be followed easily. The noises and flashes of the fire by the infantry as they advanced through the Stainwald Woods was used as a guide. During the first part of the attack, fire from the Stainwald was encountered, but as the forward elements of the 2nd Bn., 242nd entered the woods, the firing ceased and the advance to the railroad tracks, along the western end of Gambsheim, progressed rapidly. The five

tanks stayed with the Ellis force during the early stages of the attack. However, at about 0600, when the infantry reached the railroad embankment, the tanks moved to the rear and were not seen again. The infantry crossed the tracks and rushed into town. It was now daylight. Very little enemy fire was encountered. The enemy was evidently caught by surprise. Artillery shells fell in the rear of the infantry.

The Ellis force pushed into Gambsheim and set up a C.P. in the railroad station on the western outskirts of town. The force was divided into two groups, each assigned a separate section with instructions to clear the houses. A wide strip running from west to east was taken over. The plan was to turn south and join up with the force coming from Kilstett. No assistance was given to the 242nd Bn. to the north. It was thought that this force could dispose of the enemy to its front. Here, lack of communication again came into the picture. Communication would have acquainted Ellis with the situation there and would have been aware that the force coming from Kilstett was not close enough to help. Had he known this, he could have swung north and, perhaps, been of a great deal of assistance to the 2nd Bn., 242nd. This would have made the taking of Gambsheim a reality. The Ellis force got to the eastern edge of Gambsheim, killed lots of Germans in the process. They fired rifle grenades into houses and cleared them.

Five tanks were seen coming from the direction of the Rhine, from the east. They were thought to be the missing American tanks, so the companies swung to the south to complete the plans of clearing the town. The tanks proved to be German Mark IVs and were soon on the heels of the infantry. When the tanks began to fire, the Ellis force moved to the vicinity of the railroad station and set up a defense in a ring of houses around the station. Only anti-tank grenades and rifle grenades were available for this defense. German infantry was following the tanks. Light machine gun fire killed many of them. The tanks moved through the streets of the town, came up to the houses near the station, and began knocking them down. The position was broken, and the C.P. in danger. Again, there was no means of communicating with the other forces, and there was no way to call for anti-tank support. There was no way of obtaining artillery support. The difficulty was not with the enemy infantry. They could be taken care of. The tank support the enemy was getting, and the lack of any means to resist the tanks was the deciding factor. The decision was made to move back out of town, and the

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Remember Rainbow

Last month on a raft trip down the Colorado River, through the Grand Canyon, our group included five gentlemen from Koln, Germany. After talking to them for a while, someone asked if I had ever been to Germany. My answer was that I had been with the 42nd Division. One of the men, KURT HARBODT, spoke up and said, "You mean the Rainbow Division? I have been looking for someone from the Rainbow for over 40 years, and you are the first one I have found. I owe an awful lot to the Rainbow Division, even maybe my life."

Kurt went on to tell me the story and why his devotion and gratitude to the Rainbow still remains strong.

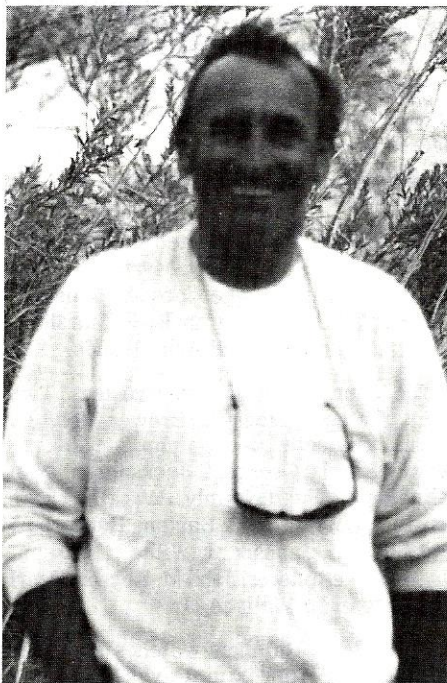
Kurt was fifteen years old and was held in a French prisoner of war camp. He said: "The French didn't want me so they sent me to an American POW camp. The Americans said, 'You shouldn't be in a POW camp. We are sending you home to Kitzbühl. When I got to Kitzbühl, my father and mother were no longer there, and I couldn't find them. One day an American officer asked me if I was hungry. As I hadn't had any food for several days, I hopefully answered that I was. To this day I have never tasted any food that good. After hearing my problem, they (I don't remember their names, for which I am sorry) said they would take care of me, but I would have to be willing to work. For American food I would do anything they asked. For the next two months I worked in the Officer's Mess and lived with the G.I.'s. The one I remember the best was in the Division band. He was a drummer first row left, and he played drums in the band at the 'Alles Kaputt' club. We mess boys called him Abraham. I sure would like to see him again. After two months they located my parents. When members of the band took me to the station to go to my parents, I had a hard time deciding whether to stay with the men I admired and who had taken me in as if I were their son, or should I go back to my parents where I really knew I should go. That first step onto the train was a hard, hard one to take."

Kurt was excited that the Rainbow veterans are still a close group and he wants very much to get in contact with the men who took care of him for those months. So if any of the Division Hdq. and band members remember him, drop him a line. His address is:

Kurt Harbott
Rieherstrasse 44
5000 Koln 50 (Rondorf)
West Germany

I'll bet Kurt would be thrilled if he were invited to join our Division Veteran's Association.

Kurt is an extremely fine man. He is an executive of two large companies in Europe. Many times each day on our raft trip he would look at me with a big smile and say



Kurt Harbott

"Rainbow." It was obvious that the men at Division Hdq. had a great impact on his life. One day he asked, "Where is Gen. Collins now?" When I replied, he said, "I'll have to go to Salzburg and visit his grave."

The oddity of it all is that our meeting took place at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Donald E. Schaetzel
Co. C 222nd Inf.

Gambshiem - Continued

force Co. E-222nd and Co. E-232nd withdrew in good order, and control of the two rifle companies established.

To the north, along the road leading from Weyersheim to Gambshiem, elements of the 2nd Bn., 242nd could be seen moving to the rear. Enemy mortar fire was destroying many of the vehicles on the road. Mortar fire began to fall on the Ellis force, which decided to move further to the rear, to the area where the attack had started. Col. Ellis found Major Reynolds in his C.P. north of the road. The two forces remained in a defensive position for the next eight days. At the end of this time, they all withdrew to the eastern edges of Weyersheim.*

*Ed. note: A discrepancy exists. On 8 January, the 2nd Bn., 242nd was moved to Rittershofen, and the elements of the 222nd moved to Ohlungen. Co.s F and H, 232nd Inf. were relieved at Kilstett by the French and joined in the defensive positions around Weyersheim. Elements of the 3rd Bn. 232nd moved up to Drusenheim-Sessenheim. The 2nd Bn., 232nd (less G Co.) repelled a company sized enemy attack accompanied by four tanks on 10 January and a large scale offensive on 17-18 January.

(A report dealing with the attack of the 2nd Bn. 242nd Inf. from Weyersheim to Gambshiem is available and will be printed in the future.)

Rainbow Items For Sale

WW2 Rainbow History Book

Condensed copy 8½x5½ 68 pages (\$6.00)

Decals-window-Round-42 Rainbow Division
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Full Color Rainbow Trail Map

11x14-\$3.00/2-\$5.00

Prices include postage-make checks to RDVA and mail to: Hugo 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:

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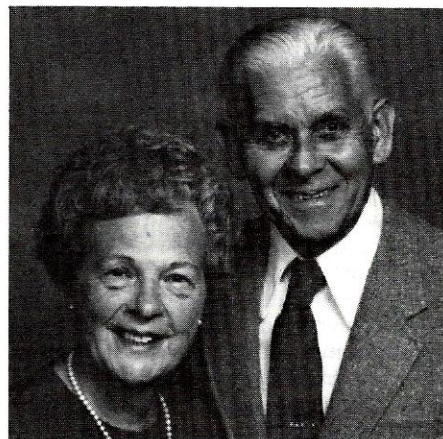
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Help A Rainbow Buddy

On Dec. 24, 1944, I was sent to a Field Hospital near Strasbourg. Can anyone recall the unit name of the Field Hospital used by Rainbow that day? I need this for VA information.

Donald J. Carner — C-232nd Inf.
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50th Wedding Anniversary

On May 30, 1991, Paul E. and Lucie A. LaVoie celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Paul was a member of Co. M, 232nd Inf. and a veteran of the Alsace campaign. Many Happy years ahead!



John McGovern
Public Information Officer

The Memorial Foundation Trustees met twice at the Houston reunion, with President Ivan Wallace presiding. The items addressed included the publication of "Winter Storm," the distribution of the "Rainbow Legacy Book," the election of a Chairman of the Board and eight trustees, approval of the scholarship recommendations, approval of the budget, and approval of the financial reports. Dee Eberhart reported that he and Ted Johnson and Ivan Wallace were meeting with Lise Pommois in Houston to complete final corrections to the text of "Winter Storm." Lise expects to send the final changes to the publisher by the end of July, with publication in October. Dee and others who have read the "Winter Storm" manuscript feel strongly that this will be an exciting and poignant book for Rainbow veterans and an important legacy for their children and grandchildren.

Orders for "Winter Storm" were taken in Houston and 250 of the 1,000 books ordered from the publisher were sold. The price of the book is \$20 with a \$5 charge for shipping and handling. If more than one book is ordered for a single address, the price of the book is still \$20, but the shipping charge is \$3.50 for books after the first. For example, one book is \$25, two books are \$48.50, three books are \$72, etc.

Checks for the book should be made to the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc., and should be sent to Jon M. Janosik, 3389 Kingston Lane, Youngstown, OH 44511.

Archivist Bill Keithan reported that "The Rainbow Legacy" booklet had been sent to all active Rainbowners. The booklet gives a concise outline of Rainbow history, Memorial Foundation history, a list of designated archives and museums for Rainbow papers and memorabilia, a tabulation of the materials sought, and ways that Rainbowners can support the Foundation. If you have not read the booklet, please do so. If you have not received the booklet, write to Bill Keithan at his address in the Reveille. It is planned to send the booklet to widows and descendants of Rainbowners who may have archival materials they would like to donate to the Foundation, and also to institutions and companies that might contribute to the Foundation.

Even though large contributions are welcome, the goals of the Memorial Foundation cannot be achieved without wide support from all Rainbowners, even though some can only make a small contribution.

Dee R. Eberhart was elected Chairman of the Board. The other officers are: President - Ivan H. Wallace, Jr., Secretary - William R. Barton, Treasurer - Jon M. Janosik.

The following were elected as three year trustees: Dee R. Eberhart, Myrtle Evanoff, Vasil J. Evanoff, Theodore A. Johnson, Herbert E. Klinedinst, Charles F. Marshall, Loretta Schneider, and Arlie Woods.

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The sale of Rainbow watches has been completed. Approximately \$3,000 was generated for the Foundation through sale of the watches. Bill Clayton is to be complimented for his part in making these watches available to Rainbowners.

The financial statement prepared by Treasurer Jon Janosik for the Memorial Foundation, showing total assets of \$112,437.07 on June 30, 1991, was approved by the Audit Committee and then by the Board of Trustees. The Budget Committee produced a budget for the next fiscal year anticipating \$39,000 income and \$27,375 expenses. This was also approved by the Board of Trustees.



Lise Pommois, author of "Winter Storm" and President Ivan Wallace of the Rainbow Memorial Foundation, share a happy moment as they watch Rainbowners place book orders.



WWI Paul Jarrett and "Rainbow Girl" Peggy Fleming make plans for the '93 Reunion in Salt Lake City.

Heppenheim P.O.W. Survivors

The 3rd Annual Reunion of the Heppenheim P.O.W. survivors will be held Sept. 13-14-15, 1991 at the Daytonian Hilton in Dayton, Ohio. Any P.O.W. held captive at this hospital is urged to attend. Contact Loring R. Carper, P.O. Box 3134, Winchester, Va., 22607. Tel. (703) 662-3533.



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