



A TRIBUTE TO A FREE AND STUBBORN AMERICAN

By Dick Engler - CO F - 222nd Inf.

Adolf Hitler had a very low opinion of the American GI. A report he received on GI prisoners taken in North Africa had concluded, scornfully: "Not one of them has a political opinion or a great ideal." The Fuhrer confided to Albert Speer that the Americans would not withstand a great trial by fire because they lacked the unity and discipline of his purified race of Aryan Volk. To be charitable, Hitler was a bit confused about free men. If he had met Private Clem Dickson, I'm sure the Fuhrer would have become even more confused.

Clem Dickson (the name has been changed "to protect the innocent") was a free man in as pure a form as one could find him in the United States of America in that year of 1944. Except that the army had him. And to this dirt farmer from Alabama, the whole damned army was taxation without representation. "Whose my daddy?" he would shout at a noncom demanding he recite the names of those in the chain of command that now tried to control his life. This distrust of controlling authority obviously did not begin with the army. But it clearly was not helped by the fates that had him, a pre-Pearl Harbor draftee, scheduled to be discharged on Monday, December 8, 1941. In the years that followed he acted out his grudge against a system that somehow had to have been in cahoots with the Japanese to keep him from going home.

Dick had avoided hazardous duty until that fateful summer of '44 when the great dragnet was spread far and wide to capture men for the United States Army's infantry. But then Dickson's war wasn't overseas. It was with every element of society that interfered with a man's freedom. He was especially at war with pompous men who enjoyed imposing their authority on others. He had an uncanny ability to see through those who covered their own weaknesses by exploiting and intimidating others; and his resentment and defiance of such men kept him perpetually at a boiling point.

Our company took Dickson overseas as a prisoner under guard and threat of court-martial. He had defied our CO (who had refused him a three-day pass) and taken his wife and baby son home to Alabama from Muskogee when the Rainbow infantrymen

were alerted for shipment. But Dickson was no deserter. He got that on the record in print. "Back in a few days" said the telegram sent to the captain from the train heading home to Alabama. When he got back, the captain threw him in the stockade; and then when he returned to the company, his courtmartial still pending, his buddy in the buddy teams formed for the trip overseas was assigned as Dick's guard.

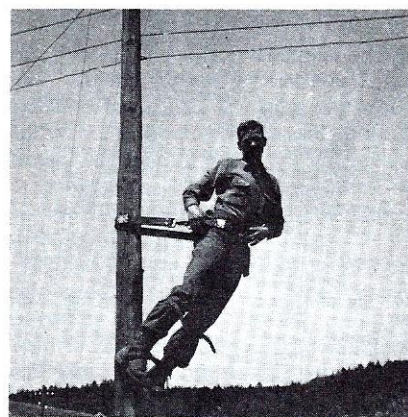
The buddy went over the hill from Camp Kilmer and was never seen or heard from again by any of us. "I knew he was goin'," Dick said. "He tried to get me to drop out the window with him from the lower birth that night the train stopped in Memphis." Still, that independent cuss carried a clean white handkerchief in his hip pocket. I'm going to see my son again; and if the only way is to start waving this white handkerchief, damned if I ain't gonna do it."

But then came our first trial by fire at Kilstett near Gambshheim.

It became legend in the platoon that in the ditch moving back from that deadly frozen field of our first attack, Dickson paused to blow his nose on his white handkerchief. Perhaps he saw the hopelessness of surrender to impersonal machines. But mostly, I think, that stubborn character simply didn't like being bullied by those arrogant Germans and their machines of war. Because one thing you couldn't do was bully or intimidate Clem Dickson.

I especially recall the day at Schweighausen on the Moder when German fire teams crept in close in the evening dusk to try to suppress our automatic weapons fire during a "turkey shoot" covering a raid on the factory across the river. Soon tracer was streaking all over our BAR position, and the natural reaction was to duck low and stay down. Dickson took over the BAR. Like a defiant gamecock, he got his head up and took on the German light machine gun. No one was going to make him grovel in the bottom of that hole! There was something demeaning about being cowed and bullied, something that Dickson could never accept. "Load magazines," he said; then he almost burned out the barrel of that BAR until the German fire team retired, dragging wounded with them.

President's Report



Our President - Hanging Out!
May 8, 1945 - Torring, Germany

On the horizon is the Birmingham Veteran's Day activities which includes rededication of the Rainbow Viaduct. The Praytors and Walkers are doing a superb job of coordination, and it looks like a great turnout! Our premier reporter, Betty Owen, will have a detailed report in the next Reveille.

I have appointed two Ad Hoc committees: one to look into methods of improved billing and collection of dues. Herm Bergeth is chairman and Herb Butt and Hugo Grimm will work with him. The other committee is to investigate the feasibility of allowing membership to interested friends of Rainbow. President-Elect Romeo Fagiolo is the Chairman, and Rev. PNP Bob Weiss, PNP Ted Johnson, Charlie Paine and Bill Clayton round out the committee. Also, I have asked PNP Don Segel to continue his committee for Officer Search, and PNP Rube Evanoff to keep on with his Future Financial Planning Committee. If there are questions or suggestions, please contact the individual chairmen of the President.

I have embarked on a personal crusade to enlist new members, and in contact with six prospects. (Ed. note): We have 1,297 members and 186 Life members for a total of 1,483 as of 9/28/92.) I urge you all to do likewise. We know they're out there!

Since this is the last Reveille until next year, I would like to wish each of you a joyous and prosperous Holiday Season. Have Fun!

Yours in Rainbow
Jack Hildreth

Clem Dickson became as loyal to his GI family as he remained to his stateside family. It almost seemed that he was determined to prove he was a better soldier even as a "garrison prisoner" than those who had placed this stigma on him. He never missed a day when our company was on the line. He had at least one good chance to defect legitimately when we prepared to move through the mountains in March. The call went out for muleskinners to bring up sup-

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plies. The job seemed to present a chance for someone to get at least as far back as the kitchen — maybe a good deal farther. And old Dick had worked with mules for 20 years. But one of the new replacements was so eager to get off the line in the upcoming attack that Dickson quietly turned down the offer to be muleskinner. "I know that rookie ain't never seen a mule before," he said, "and I've been workin' 'em all my life. But go ahead and send him back." So we did, for those first days through the mountains.

The day the war ended in Europe, Dickson presented himself at battalion headquarters to turn in his rifle and demand a jeep-driving job. He said he'd walked far enough and that as a prisoner under court-martial charges he shouldn't even be under arms. A wise battalion commander saw to it he got the driving job. But before the charges were finally dismissed on his threatened courtmartial, he had spent well over six months on occupation duty, when as a pre-Pearl Harbor draftee he should have been one of the first to go home. Finally one day in a little village in Austria we boosted him onto a 2½ ton and started him on his way back to wife and baby son in Alabama. Dickson had often sworn that if they ever came after his son one day, he'd be sitting on the porch with his hunting rifle, covering the front gate with fire. I hope it never came to that.

In my impressionable teenage years, Clem Dickson was one of my mentors. But as I look back now on a career dotted with defiant outbursts against those who hide weaknesses behind facades of authority, I sometimes think: "If only that ornery cuss had taught that one can suffer at least some pompous fools."

Dick Engler
F/222nd

Chaplain's Prayer

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people of peace among ourselves and an inspiration to other nations of the earth. To the President and to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. To members of Congress, and all who make our laws in states, cities and towns, give courage, wisdom and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people. To judges and officers of the courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served. And finally, teach our people to accept their responsibilities, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society, that we may serve you faithfully in our generation. Amen.

Rev. Norman Forde

Editor's Corner

Apparently some Rainbowers have misinterpreted or don't care to understand the tradition of the "Passing of the Cane." Your editor, perhaps, did not make it clear in the article "Ghosts of Rainbow Past." What we did not stress was that the PNP, passing on the cane to the outgoing President must purchase it at his own expense. They are very expensive as there are very few produced. After the cane is presented, someone attempts to remove it. However, it is always returned to its rightful owner, within hours after everyone has enjoyed the owner's discomfiture. Never is the cane kept by the purloiner.

This harmless bit of fun got out of hand in Houston, resulting in additional expense to the PNP involved, but it got even worse in MILWAUKEE! The cane was stolen BEFORE the PNP even had the chance to make the presentation. Thus, the PNP never had the chance to make the presentation and his carefully crafted speech. While searching for the cane, he missed the picture taking ceremony of the PNPs, missed committee meetings, and was SICK AT HEART that Rainbow brothers could play such a scurvy trick.

Another cane was purchased at a later date. It is my understanding that the original cane has also been sent to the outgoing President. The explanation was that they wanted to liven things up. In the process, they killed a fine tradition!

Officer Selection Committee

President Jack Hildreth has extended the life of the committee to search out potential candidates for National President and other positions which would entail assisting or assuming other National positions.

Names of suitable candidates and those who desire to volunteer should be sent to members of the committee:

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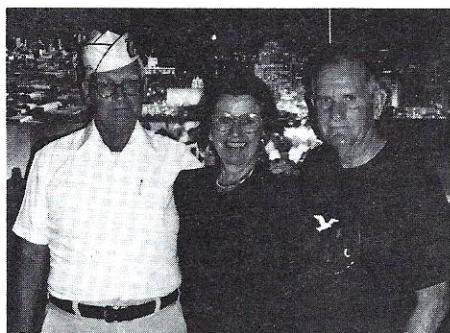
The Wisconsin chapter still has some of their souvenir pins available at the close-out price of \$2.50. Send check to Don Samolinski, 3729 Carl St., Wausau, WI 54401.

Thanks A Lot!

Our thanks go out to Mrs. Howard Smith, widow of WWI'er and PNP Howard G. Smith, for her generous donation to the Association.

National Reunion Salt Lake

July 14-17, 1993



L-R: Pres. Jack Hildreth, Aux. Pres. Peggy Fleming and Reunion Chairman Roy Bird.

We hope you are all making plans to attend the Annual Rainbow Reunion in Salt Lake City on July 14-17, 1993. Don't miss this chance to visit a new place and sample some of the most exciting tourist opportunities in the United States.

Please preregister and make your hotel reservations early. Forms are available from Reunion Chairman Roy H. Bird, 1687 East Peterborough Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121, (801) 272-3822. The registration fee is \$40 per person.

The reunion will be held at the Little America Hotel & Towers, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, (800) 453-9450. Little America is a four-star hotel, one of the best anywhere. Deal directly with the Hotel to make reservations for both individual rooms and hospitality rooms. Individual room rates are \$69 for Garden Suites and \$79 for Tower Suites plus tax per day, for single, double, triple or quadruple occupancy; the special rates are also available two days before and two days after the reunion. Reservations must be received by June 15, 1993. Be sure and tell the Hotel you are attending the Rainbow Reunion.

We have some exciting tours planned for your visit to Salt Lake City, including two special pre-reunion tours. The tours include: Tuesday, July 13:

Casino Connection: 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., \$14 per person. The Silver Smith and State Line Casinos in Wendover, Nevada, located just 90 minutes west of Salt Lake, offer guests a variety of gaming options. The ride through Utah's western desert affords guests a view of the famous Bonneville Salt Flats, where some of the world's fastest speed records have been set. Guests will enjoy playing bingo along the way and will all receive cash-back and food and drink coupons in Wendover. You may discover the "high-roller" in you on this tour!

Roots: 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., \$31 per person. Join a professional genealogist in

the world's largest family history library for a workshop that will spark or enhance interest in your own roots. The genealogist will identify up to four names on your pre-submitted pedigree chart and show you the location in the library where you can begin your research. The genealogist will also acquaint you with the library facilities and provide assistance as you begin your fascinating search into your family line. To request a pedigree chart, please contact the tour company, Sample Salt Lake, 2850 Craig Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109, (801) 278-9219.

Wednesday, July 14:

High Mountain Tour: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., \$36 per person. Guests will leave the Salt Lake Valley by way of historic South Temple Street, where some of Utah's most elegant mansions are located. The motorcoach will skirt Salt Lake's foothills and head south to Robert Redford's Sundance ski and recreation resort in Provo Canyon. A stop at Bridal Veil Falls just before Sundance will offer guests a place to stretch and take pictures. Once at Sundance, guests will enjoy a barbecue on the lawn and have time for a brief stroll. Then it's on to Park City by way of idyllic Heber Valley. Swiss immigrants settled Heber because it reminded them of their homeland. In Park City, guests will stroll and shop along Main Street. This once booming mining-town-turned-resort will delight guests with museums, diverse eateries, art galleries and specialty shops.

Friday, July 16:

Sample Salt Lake: 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., \$19 per person. Guests will visit the classic and most famous sites associated with Salt Lake — the Great Salt Lake (the world's largest inland sea) and the Kennecott Copper Mine (the world's largest open-pit mine, 1½ miles wide and 1/2 mile deep). For the souvenir seeker, a stop at the copper store just outside the mine is included. The tour will also include a drive through downtown Salt Lake, the University of Utah, Fort Douglas and This Is the Place Monument, where guests will have a chance to learn about Utah's pioneer past.

The 1993 reunion would be an excellent opportunity for an extended family vacation as well. Salt Lake is within 350 miles of 11 National Parks, with Yellowstone on the north and Grand Canyon on the south. Reunion participants and their families can enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery in the United States either before or after the Reunion.

The Utah Shakespearean Festival in Cedar City, Utah, is near two of these National Parks, Zion and Bryce. Reunion participants could enjoy seeing "Shakespeare Under the Stars" in one of the most authentic outdoor Shakespearean theaters in the world after a day touring some of nature's wonders.

Mid Year Reunion

Phoenix - Feb. 16 - Mar. 1, 1993

The Mid-Year Reunion will be held in sunny Phoenix, Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 1993 at Embassy Suites Hotel, 1515 N. 44th St., Phoenix, AZ 85008 Tel. (602) 244-8800 or 1-800-447-8483. Room rates are \$79.00 effective Feb. 25-Mar. 2, 1993. Included in the price of room is a cooked-to-order breakfast and complimentary cocktails everyday. Free transportation to and from the airport. Please send or phone hotel reservations directly to the Embassy Suites. There is room for RV parking, but no hookups. Cutoff date for reservations is Jan. 25, 1993.

If driving, take I-10 to 143 N. exit at McDowell Rd., turn left for two blocks on South side of street, Moose Lodge is two doors to the east of Embassy Suites.

The early bird party is Fri., Feb. 26, luncheon Sat. 27, and the banquet Sun. 28. Registration is \$40.00 per person payable to Mid-Year 1993 Reunion, Gil Koehler, 1269 E. Manhattan Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282, Tel. (602) 838-2816. Early registration greatly appreciated.

Due to many inquiries concerning a tour, it was decided to have one. On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27th, 1993, there will be a tour to the Desert Botanical Gardens and the Hall of Fame Museum of Firefighters. The cost is \$10.00 per person, which includes the admissions and transportation. Send the \$10.00 for the tour in A.S.A.P. Reservations are limited. For room confirmation call 1-800-447-8483.

First Reunion

In February of 1919 while the Rainbow Division was on the Rhine at the extreme left flank of the Army of Occupation, each Company of the 166th Infantry sent a delegate to Oberwinter, and Ohio Rainbow Division Veterans Association was formed with Col. Benson W. Hough as president.

The meeting at Oberwinter was in connection with the forming of a national Rainbow Division Veterans Association, with each unit in the division holding a similar meeting and forming a state organization. At the prenational organization meeting delegates were chosen for the Divisional convention.

State delegates met at Neuenahr on March 28th, 1919, and the national organization was born with Col. Benson W. Hough elected as the first national president and Sgt. Major Albert G. Brown of Division headquarters as secretary. Sergeant Brown came to Columbus after demobilization to make his home.

Some of the first pioneer immigrants entered the Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847, and the State of Utah has celebrated this event ever since. Reunion participants might enjoy the Days of 47 celebration after the reunion, which includes a parade and a world-class rodeo.

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Co. M, 232nd Inf.
Wozniak, J. Michael
Med. Det., 232nd Inf.

*Comrade true, born anew, peace to you:
your soul shall be where heroes are,
and your memory shine like the morning star:
brave and dear, shield us here, farewell!*

Sgt. Joyce Kilmer, 165th Inf.

Honored Dead

(not previously in Memorial File)

242nd Infantry
 Parker, Charles W., Regt. HQS.
 Hutson, Herman, Co. A
 Lipowski, Julius T., Co. A
 Quesenberry, Arnold, Co. A
 Quesenberry, Donald, Co. A
 Ballschmider, Ed. J., Co. B
 Campbell, Charles A., Co. B
 Cajoleas, James G., Co. B
 Droschen, George F., Co. B
 Myklebust, Harold V., Co. B
 Poe, Hurston O., Co. B
 Sanchez, Thomas J., Co. B
 Shelly, George W., Co. B
 Waddle, Vernon E., Co. B
 Wetzel, Wesley M., Co. B
 Mullett, Charles W., Co. B
 McCalla, Howard B., H2B
 Brooks, John W., H2B
 Hood, Mark A., H2B
 Bauer, Walter H., Co. G
 Lail, Ernest, Co. G
 Harrison, Jay H., H3B
 Holterhouse, Thomas L., H3B
 Kee, Joe M., H3B
 Kerwin, William, H3B
 Labudzick, Frank D., H3B
 Lydick, Henry W., H3B
 Co. K
 Aldinger, Edwin R.
 Bennett, George W.
 Boyer, Clyde
 Crivello, Tony J. (Co. F)
 Fernandez, Joe
 Guarrero, Eluterio R.
 Hafner, Earl S.
 Hunt, Lyle P.
 Johnson, Russell F.
 Johnston, Raymond E.
 Jones, Joseph M.
 Kennedy, Julian, III
 Kotkis, Alexander J.
 Kowalski, John F., Jr.
 McCoy, James J.
 Noonan, Ralph R.
 O'Hara, John W.
 Pape, Raymond A.
 Pasbrig, Raymond C.
 Payne, Everett G.
 Steele, William T.
 Co. L
 Desjardins, George
 Diderich, Lawrence A.
 Duling, Charles F. (Co. I)
 Leski, Clarence
 Torres-Reyes, Richardo
 Zarn, Fred C.
 Butts, Charles T., (Co. M)
 Sandercock, William J.
 Scheer, Roland K., Co. L
 Abel, George W., Anti-Tank
 Castelanto, Joseph J., Anti-Tank
 Meyers, Vincent N., Anti-Tank
 Pepper, Morton L., Med. Det.
 Zadylak, Edward, Med. Det.
 Elmuccio, Carmello, Hq. Co.
 Tucci, Gerald, Unknown
 Other Units
 Banaszynski, Andrew, M.P. Pltn.
 Kreiser, Ralph G., B-122nd Med.
 Taylor, James C., D-222nd Inf.
 McCall, Charles D., WWI, 168th Inf.

Stanley Simms

Stanley Simms, 48 West Hanover Avenue, Morris Plains, N.J. 07950 is seeking information regarding his father, Stanley, who served in Co. A, 117th Ammunition Train. He sends along the following news article from the Morristown, N.J. paper 3/20/22:

STANLEY SIMMS ENDS CAREER IN ROPED ARENA

Local Boy Announces Retirement — seeks position as Bluecoat on the Police Force.

Stanley Simms, leading local exponent of the manly art of self defense, and one of the champions of the A.E.F., while overseas in the World War, has fought his last ring bat-

tle. Announcement of his retirement from the boxing game was made yesterday, and local followers have probably seen the transplanted "Long Island duck" in action for the last time inside the squared circle.

Stanley has been in the professional ranks for the last eight years, and when he devoted himself strictly to the business, made a big name for himself. However, he has been mostly content to indulge in the sport as a sideline. He had a big following, and none of the big smokers were complete unless Stan appeared in one of the principal matches.

Followers of the game will miss Stan, for he won many friends with his clever work in the ring, and his clean-cut, manly tactics. Simms, who is a native of Long Island, made his first appearance there as a mere youth. He speedily made a name for himself and enhanced his reputation later in Morristown, and further afield.

When the World War broke out, Stan was among the earlier ones to get into this bigger game, and he was assigned to the 42nd Rainbow Division. He was overseas for more than 18 months with this outfit, and his experiences, told in numerous letters, delighted thousands. Stanley was connected with one of the ammunition trains. In scarcely any of these letters did he mention that he was following the old game, when the strenuous days of fighting were over, and the boys had more leisure, whether somewhere in France, or along the Rhine — wherever Stan happened to be stationed — different athletic events were featured. Boxing was the most popular of these. Against good, hard-fisted he-men, Stan had an opportunity to display his wares. He made good by winning the Lightweight championship of his regiment, and was considered one of the best in the Division, which was chock full of fighting Irishmen, such as composed the 69th Regt.; fellows who would rather fight than eat any day.

Stan is still young in years, although old from the athletic viewpoint, yet he still has a lot of fight left in him. However, he is getting rather heavy, and is out of the lightweight class. His ambitions now turn to the "finest," and, occasionally, he can be seen on special duty with the local Police Dept. Friends are hoping that he will get a permanent appointment soon. They believe he, when one of the bluecoats, will continue to be the same clean-cut fighting man in the interests of law and order.

Presidential Certificate

On Thursday, November 14, 1918 the citizens of Clarkson, Nebraska, and the surrounding area, joined millions of other Americans in a jubilant celebration of the end of World War I which occurred just three days earlier in France.

It must have been a great relief to those who had loved ones taking part in those last terrible battles before Germany was final-

ly crushed. Among those who undoubtedly breathed a sigh of relief and joined in the celebration were John and Marie Mrsny, whose son, Frank, was at the battlefield. Although they received a letter dated October 24th, they would not know until January 2, 1919 that Frank had made the supreme sacrifice for his country in the closing days of the war.

With the passing of the years and the deaths of his immediate family, an awareness was raised among some of his nieces and nephews about him. They were always aware that he had been killed in France but did not know where he had been killed or where he was buried. Realizing that such a vital part of their family history was lost, and out of reverence for his sacrifice for his country, a nephew, Herman Mrsny of Stanton and a niece, Judith Weitzel of Lindsay, began the search. Inquiries to the National Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis and the Nebraska Historical Society provided no information. The first solid information came from the History of Czechs of Nebraska and the National Association, Rainbow Division Veterans, but seemed to end there. With the assistance of the Stanton County Veterans Service Officer further correspondence took the search back to the Rainbow Veterans, Personnel Records and the Dept. of the Army, and the Colfax County Press.

Records show that on December 7, 1917 Frank J. Mrsny, aged 27 years, was drafted into the United States Army from Stanton County, Nebraska. He left Stanton in the company of 32 others. (Of these 32, Louis Franek and Frank Mrsny would lose their lives). He was assigned to Co B, 134th Inf. Div., Camp Cody, Deming, New Mexico.

On July 1, 1918 he was sent to France and attached to Co F, 165th Inf of the 42nd Division. Records indicate that he died October 23, 1918 of wounds received during the battle of the Argonne Forest. Records of the Rainbow Division Veterans further show that on October 23rd the Rainbow penetrated the infamous and impregnable Kreimhilde-Stellung fortress.

Private Mrsny was laid to rest in Grave 10, Row 24, Plot C in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, Romagnes-sous-Montfaucon, France, which is 152 miles from Paris. He shares this resting place with 14,245 other heroes of WWI who gave their lives for their country.

On May 8, 1992, almost 74 years after his death, Frank J. Mrsny, Pvt. US Army, received a Presidential Certificate in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of his country. Two months later his family received his Purple Heart badge and ribbon, the WWI Silver Victory Button and the WWI Victory Medal for Defensive Sector: Meuse-Argonne, St. Mihiel, Aisne-Marne, Champagne-Marne.

Although this young soldier's body will in all probability be forever among his comrades in France, he has returned in spirit to his family and his country.

Inspiration for Cartoon of GIs Dies



"Joe, yestiddy ya saved my life an' I swore I'd pay ya back. Here's my last pair of dry socks."

MUSKOGEE (AP) — A World War II veteran who was an inspiration for the "Willie and Joe" cartoon that was a staple in the reading diet of wartime GIs has died.

Rayson Billey died Tuesday at the Muskogee Veterans Administration Medical Center. He was 71.

"He had lots of sides to him, this guy. He was my guru. He taught me about the army and how to get along in the infantry, too," said Bill Mauldin, artist of the comic "Willie and Joe."

The popular panels published from 1940 to 1945 by the military newspaper Stars and Stripes portrayed U.S. infantry soldiers making often irreverent comments about their status in the war effort.

Mauldin said he drew from his experience in the Army to comment on the war. Sgt. Billey, a Choctaw Indian from Keota, gave him some of that experience during their stint together in the 45th Infantry Division.

"He taught me from rolling a pack to smarting off to officers without getting into trouble. He sort of took me under his wing. He was a good man," said the 68-year-old cartoonist.

"He was a tough, seasoned old soldier. And a decent man, a man who killed because it was what he had to do, not because he wanted to," Mauldin said.

Billey retired from the U.S. Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester in the mid-1960s when his war injuries became disabling, family members said. He was an accomplished pianist and artist who often presented paintings to friends.

During the war, Billey earned numerous medals and decorations, including the Bronze Star for valor and Purple Hearts for the three times he was wounded. He participated in four amphibious landings, including Salerno and Anzio, in Italy.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church of Keota.

Mauldin said he thought he had found Billey dead in Sicily during the war.

"They shot the hell out of him. I saw him lying there bleeding from a lot of holes," he said.

Mauldin included the "killing" of Billey in his 1969 book, "The Brass Ring."

When the cartoonist attended a reunion of his war buddies at the opening of the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City — "the only division reunion I went to" — he saw Billey there.

"I said Billey, where have you been . . . you're dead," Mauldin said.

Billey replied, "I know. I read your book."

In the comic, Willie had the "beak" and was the senior guy, and Joe, with the round face, was sort of the straight man, Mauldin said.

Thanks to Carley Elsky, widow of Leo M. Elsky, Hq. Co. - 222 Inf.

WWII Exhibit To Be in Iowa

The National Archives and Records Administration has a major World War II traveling exhibition which will be in Iowa at the Herbert Hoover Library in West Branch from Jan. 30-April 11, 1993.

The exhibition, entitled "World War II: Personal Accounts — Pearl Harbor to V-J Day," is part of the National Archives Nationwide Commemorative of the 50th Anniversary of U.S. Participation in World War II.

Among the nearly 300 items on display are:

- * A rare six-minute film depicting the actual Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
- * Captured photographs from the Bataan Death March
- * Letters from Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Generals Charles DeGaulle, Hideki Tojo, H.H. Arnold, Jimmy Doolittle, and George S. Patton
- * General Eisenhower's personal campaign jacket
- * The sword of the Japanese commander of the River Kwai prison camp
- * Hitler's will and political testament
- * Entries from his diaries of Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels
- * The Japanese and German surrender documents signaling the end of WWII

The exhibition will travel across the nation during the commemorative period of 1991-1995 to eight of the nine Presidential libraries and other sites.

Rainbow Stamps

Someone gave Herb Butt \$2.00 for stamps. Herb put it away, but now cannot find the name of the person. If you are the one, please contact Herb.

Mme. Pommois Honored

On July 18, 1992, members of the Mo. Kan. Chapter and Auxiliary held a potluck dinner in honor of Lise Pommois at the home of Herb Butt, National Secretary. Those attending were PNP Hugo and PNAP Oriana Grimm, Gene and Evelyn Wopata (Lise was their house guest following the National Reunion), George and Louise Rhodes, Dick and Stella McCray, and Arnieta Schwab and Forrest Eckhoff. Members presented Lise with a marble paperweight bearing the Rainbow emblem.

U.S. Forces, Austria, 1945-1955

I am researching the occupation of U.S. Zone of Austria: I am seeking contact with veterans who may help. Please state your unit, organization, location, duty assignment and period of service in your first letter:

SGM W. L. Orten, USA, retired
5020 Salzburg
Zwieselweg 6
Austria - Europe.

2nd Bn. - 232nd Infantry

Val Spiegel has completed his manuscript dealing with the actions of the 2nd Bn., 232nd Inf. in and around Strasbourg Dec. 1944-Jan. 1945. It is must reading for men of the 2nd Bn. and for all Rainbowners. We will pass on the information as to cost and method of obtaining the manuscript as soon as we hear of it.

WWI Artifacts

The terror of the war that was to end all wars is depicted in an exhibit on display at the University of Tulsa.

The exhibit includes letters, photographs, wartime and post-war writings and memorabilia of three Tulsa men who served in the 42nd "Rainbow" Division of the American Expeditionary Forces.

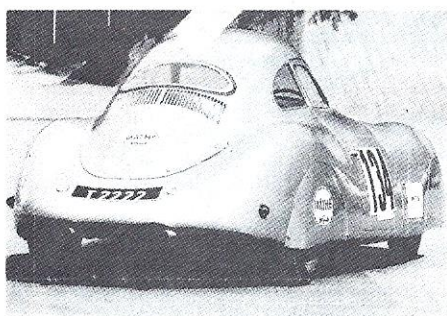
"Americans All: The Rainbow at War" is open to the public and will be on display through March 15 in the Satin Rare Book Room of the McFarlin Library at TU.

Hugo (Hap) A. Gruenberg and Paul B. Havenstrie gave up their studies at Henry Kendall College, now TU, to become members of the Tulsa Ambulance Company (the 167th) attached to the 117th Sanitary Train. John C. Johnson was a member of the 167th Infantry Brigade. Their papers and personal effects form the basis of the exhibit.

The division trained in the Luneville sector of France before seeing action in Baccarat, Champagne, Chalons, Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel. The unit took part in the Argonne-Meuse offensive, in the march to the Rhine and served as a part of the occupation forces.

The Satin Rare Book Room is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Spoils of War?



We received the following from Tim Considine. It deals with the story he is working on for Sports Car International:

In the closing days of the war, on or about May 5th, 1945, troops from the 42nd "Rainbow" Division were in the Austrian town of Zell am See. As was common practice at the time, German vehicles were appropriated. Among them, however, was one taken from the grounds of a "flying school." This particular automobile, as the photo shows, was a small, streamlined coupe. According to reports, the top was then cut off by the Americans — presumably to allow more passengers — and the car was driven until the motor ground to a halt — no oil!

Tim would like to hear from anyone who might have personal recollection or photos of this car, which just happens to be the progenitor of all PORSCHES.

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Men of Yanke



The photo above shows the attendance of M Co., 222nd Inf. at the National Reunion. This is the fourth straight year that M Co. has either won or tied for the "Queen of Battles" plaque awarded to the line company having the most attendees.

Membership

At the National Reunion, a motion was passed that although we are honoring our original commitment to Life Members, we should make a request that Life members make a voluntary contribution of \$5.00, if possible. Also the point was stressed that members seek associate membership for their siblings. One of our PNPs even has enrolled a new member one month old!

Medal Still Has Meaning



Archie Dunbar, 67, displays the Bronze Star that he was awarded 47 years late.

Archie Dunbar fought the Germans for 24 days during the harshest of winter conditions.

It came almost 47 years late, but Archie Dunbar has his Bronze Star.

"I'm more proud of it now than I would have been if I had received it when I got out of the Army," says Dunbar, 67, who lives near DeSoto and who officially is Harold Archie Dunbar. "Everyone calls me Archie," he says.

Dunbar was a 20-year-old U.S. Army infantry enlisted man in January 1945 when he and other replacement riflemen were trucked from an embarkation point in France to the combat zone in the Vosges Mountains where they were assigned to the 42nd Infantry Division.

There followed 24 days of slug-it-out fighting against German troops in the toughest of winter conditions. Later, members of many of the units, Dunbar's Company L of the 232nd Regiment among them, were awarded the coveted Combat Infantryman Badge.

And still later all those who had that badge also were awarded Bronze Stars. But Dunbar never got his.

He learned of the oversight in reading a 42nd Division alumni newspaper. He wrote to the Army and in November he got his medal.

Execution

One week after hostilities had ended in World War II my Company was assigned to occupational duty in a small village in Austria. During the first week of duty I was confronted by several irate ladies of the village who guided me to the back of a house where six chicken heads were visible evidence that one or more of our soldiers had been supplementing his or their diet at the expense of the locals. A sergeant confessed to being the culprit, and I had him placed under guard and strode back to my quarters while the ladies pleaded with me to not inflict any punishment on the sergeant.

Shortly after returning to my quarters the

sergeant called me on the phone and suggested that we have some fun by executing him before a mock firing squad. I agreed, and after preparations were made, I placed myself in the street and blew my whistle. The Sergeant emerged with his hands tied behind him, and we began our parade down the street. The parade was complete with the culprit being followed by four riflemen, a medic and a bugler.

We took the Sergeant up the mountainside and placed him in a position where he could be seen by the villagers below. Pains were taken to place the firing squad behind a small shed and out of sight. Upon signal the weapons were fired, and the culprit fell to the ground. The medic felt his pulse, and we placed him on a blanket and four of us carried him down the mountainside to my quarters.

I then walked down the street with a stern look on my face to inquire of the ladies whether they were satisfied. The bugler was playing "Taps," and I noticed the villagers clearing the street and looking at me apprehensively as I passed as though I were the devil incarnate.

The next day, on my way to breakfast, I noticed the villagers were laughing. One lady approached me wagging her finger and said: "You are a lousy boy. Today I saw the sergeant, he's not dead." I responded, "Of course not, we wouldn't shoot a man for killing six chickens."

The villagers seemed to enjoy the little farce as much as we did and realized that, although we were combat soldiers, we had a sense of humor.

Dolph Trantham

Rainbow Items for Sale

WW2 Rainbow History Book
Condensed copy 8½x5½ 68 pages (\$6.00)
Decals-window-Round-42 Rainbow Division Veterans - \$1.00 each
Decals-window-copy of Rainbow Patch-\$1.00 each

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 \$3.75, which includes postage, payable to Rainbow Memorial Foundation:

EAST: Phillips F. Trout, 4121 Eighth Avenue, Temple, PA 19560.

WEST: Donald J. Carner, 27150 Dahlia Court, Sun City, CA 92381; Bill Clayton, 819 Piedmont Way, Redwood City, CA 94062.

NORTH: Rube Evanoff, 5101 West 109th St., Minneapolis, MN 55437.

SOUTH: John D. Carr, 1302 E. Timberland Dr., Plant City, FL 33566.

SOUTHWEST: Frederick W. Goldsmith, 4739 E. Wilshire Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

CENTRAL: Hugo E. Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357-1200.



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WW 1
WW 2

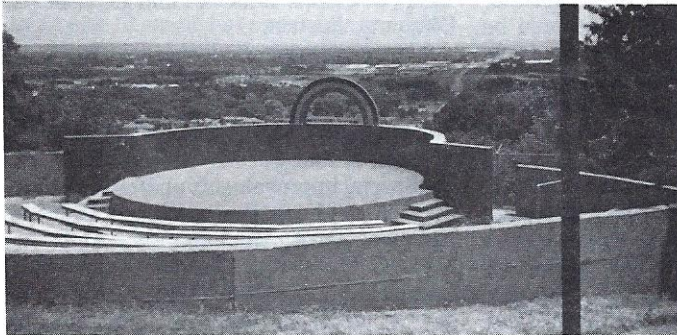
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AND OTHER U.S. 7TH ARMY LIBERATORS
OF DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP
APRIL 29, 1945 AND IN EVERLASTING
MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF NAZI
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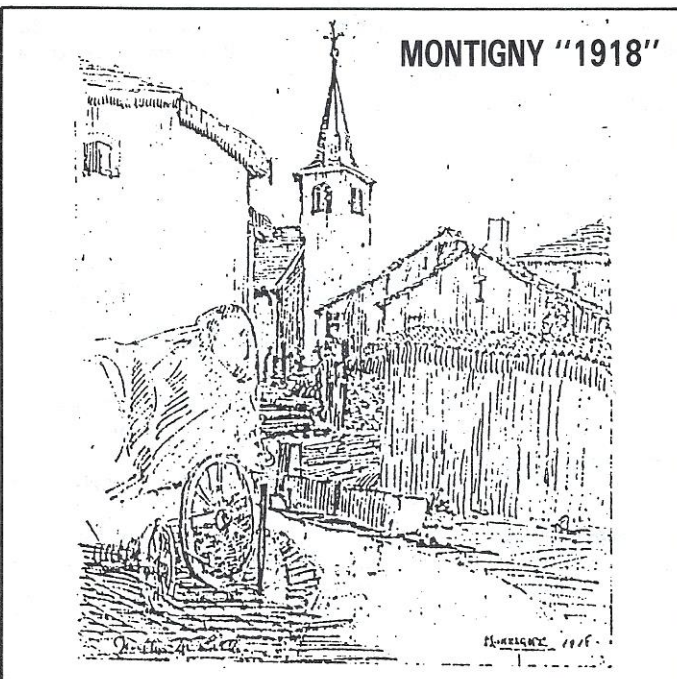
HONOR HEIGHTS



NAVARIN FARMS



MONTIGNY "1918"



HATTEN-RITTERSHOFEN - 1945



The lower two sketches on page 1 are taken from a series of 10 pencil drawings by Milton Latta depicting WWI sites; and from the sketchbook of Col. Ted McKecknie 42nd Div. Hqs. "Here Rests 58 Amerikanisch Soldaten." It is the Foundation's hope to publish the entire sketchbook covering over 50 villages and sites of the Rainbow Trail.

YOUR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

(ITS FUNCTION AND PURPOSE)

The Rainbow Division Foundation has been very good at accomplishing what it was established to do, namely memorializing for the veterans of the 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division in two world wars "their contribution and sacrifice to the cause of freedom." However, the Foundation apparently has not been totally successful in explaining its activities and obtaining widespread support. Thus, our goal here is to explain once more its functions and purpose and how that purpose may be perpetuated. Please read this special Rainbow Reveille with the knowledge it is your Foundation, your Faith, and your chance to once more make a difference for the same Freedom our buddies paid their lives for.

James Jones in his book WWII wrote memorable lines which go to the heart of the matter — ordeal, victory, and memory. Who else ever experienced the ordeals common to the Infantry Division? As Jones wrote, "It is hard enough to accept dying. But to accept dying unknown and unsung except in some mass accolade, with no one to know the particulars how and when except in some mass communique, to be buried in some foreign land . . . requires a kind of bravery and acceptance so unspeakable that nobody has ever given a particular name to it . . . I remember lying on my belly more than once, and looking at the other sweating faces all around me and wondering which of us lying there who died that week would ever be remembered in the particulars of his death by any of the others who survived. And of course nobody else would know, or much care." And as to the victory, ah the victory. It was not just writing FINIS to the Nazi atrocity; not just the pictures of joyous bedlam in Times Square; nor even the "Back Home for Keeps" ads. It was a composite of the thousand little victories purchased with the blood of comrades, out of which some, through skill and experience but mostly through luck, survived. That was the most wonderful victory.

Finally, Jones also says: "German prisoners, asked to assess their various enemies, have said that the British attacked shouting, but that the Americans attacked in silence. They liked better the men who attacked singing or shouting, than the grimly silent men who kept coming on stubbornly without a sound." Victory over the foe; victory over fear.

Our memories fade and soften, but don't ever really go away. For some the loaded Walther pistols or trench knives which at first rested under the pillows have been moved to bedside tables. For others they were packed away completely. But no one who ever depended upon a lethal weapon at hand, day and night, will ever really get over the memory of that long-ago need.

So what should we Rainbowners do about it? We can just fade away like old soldiers are supposed to do, leaving nothing behind but fragments of stories told to family and friends. Or, we can make absolutely certain in the relatively few years remaining to us, that the memorial record of our wartime ordeals, the just causes we willingly fought for, and the victories for freedom we attained are permanently preserved for the enlightenment and inspiration of those who come after us. Twice within this century at critical times in our history, citizen soldiers came forward under the Rainbow banner, stared down death, and defeated a formidable foe. That in its own right should be sufficient to memorialize our past. However, all of us know that the evil which we seemed to have conquered in both 1918 and 1945 has a thousand faces and can emerge again suddenly and unexpectedly. Our divisional history should be inspirational and instructive, not only to our own descendants but to all generations which follow us.

This is the rich tale which, if told properly needs no embroidering, but it does need to be articulated often and maintained forever in our memorials, our publications, and our vision as expressed by our actions to educate the young during the remaining years left to us.

Ours was perhaps the last of the great Citizen Armies, fighting for a cause we all shared. We pray that future generations will find better solutions to the problems that are bound to arise, but we know too, that the same spirit will be needed to meet those challenges.

NATIONAL MEMORIALS

In order to reinforce and perpetuate our collective memory, the Memorial Foundation was established in 1970 by Rainbow visionaries, sparked by PNP Dan Gloss-

brenner of Indiana. After organizational matters were settled, the first major project of the Foundation was construction and dedication of the Honor Heights Memorial in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Under the leadership of PNP's Ted Johnson and Herb Klinedinst, and a dedicated cadre of WWI & II men, more than \$120,000 was raised to complete the Muskogee Memorial. This honors the gift of WWI vets who transferred their history and colors and pride to the new WWII Division. In addition to building this Living Memorial, enough was and has been raised to serve the 24 other National Rainbow Memorials in the U.S. and abroad. The Foundation has accepted the long term responsibility for 25 of these memorials. Activities including limited wreath laying, refurbishment, and improvements to the Rainbow Memorials are a current and continuing Foundation responsibility involving annual costs which may grow as time goes on. These efforts are a vital part of our program to help preserve the memory of the Division and of the men who fought and died under her colors. A permanent fund is already in place but it must be augmented so our work can continue long after today's generous donors are no longer here. Examples of specific service related to our memorials include:

- Perpetual maintenance of General Harry J. Collins' land fees and gravesite in Salzburg, Austria.
- Wreath laying at designated sites, including especially the annual ceremony at General Gouraud's tomb at Navarin Farms, France, where our 42nd Division is uniquely honored and warmly welcomed.
- Special improvements and/or refurbishment have been supported at: Chicago Rainbow Park; Montgomery, Alabama Memorial; Macon, Georgia Memorial; Rosedale Arch, Kansas City; and the Rainbow Viaduct, Birmingham, Alabama, to name but a few. In many cases, we need only modest funds to support the local enthusiast who wants to preserve these sites.

PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER MEDIA

Another major program the Foundation has undertaken is to support publications and audio-visual productions to perpetuate the Rainbow spirit. Again, a partial list includes:

- Reprinting the official WWII history book which had originally been published at the end of the war. Thanks to Hugo Grimm, this book became available and was

acquired by hundreds of Rainbowers who had either lost or had never obtained the original history book.

- Publication of a combined WWI/WWII history which included biographical summaries by those who submitted them.

- Publication of the Rainbow Patch Book.

- Support for the distribution of a large number of "Report of Progress in Peace in Vienna" booklets, originally published during the Division's occupation of Austria.

- Support for distribution of the Rainbow map of WWII.

- Support for Bill Clayton's magnificent audio tape of Rainbow history and music.

- Support for the refurbishment of the WWI 168th Infantry pictures in Des Moines.

- In television, promotion of the Rainbow story in two world wars, dedication of the Muskogee Memorial, the liberation of Dachau and our Reunion activities produced by the national network TV program, "Real People."

- Recent financial and editorial support for Lise Pommoy's outstanding military history, WINTER STORM. No other military historian had published such a factual account of the winter war in Northern Alsace. This allows us, as well as future historians and others, to understand what was at stake and the thin margin of victory during those perilous January days. If the Foundation had never accomplished anything else, it would have served its purpose in encouraging Lise and arranging for publication so that this story could finally be written in English. The rest of the Rainbow Trail still needs to be similarly recorded.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Since 1984, Rainbow scholars have been awarded \$46,000 to help them attain their higher education goals. All of them have been sponsored by, and most have been descendants of, Rainbow Division veterans. They have all expressed themselves in their own way about the Rainbow spirit and vision. This scholarship program is our most costly Foundation activity, requiring \$8,000 annually for the awards to students. Thus far, contributions have been sufficient each year for support of this program. However, for this level of awards to continue in the future, supported by interest from the scholarship fund, the permanent endowment principal has to be built up to at least \$200,000 for this program alone. This goal is achievable.

ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS

With the dedication and direction of Archivist Bill Keithan, the collections of Rainbow documents and memorabilia are growing. Two primary archives for our material have been designated: (1) Love Library at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and (2) United States Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, PA. The six museums for Rainbow items are: (1) Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Madison, WI; (2) War Memorial Museum of Virginia, Newport News, VA; (3) Headquarters, 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division, New York Army National Guard, New York, NY; (4) Liberty Memorial Museum (WWI memorabilia only) Kansas City, MO; (5) MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk, VA; (6) Indiana War Memorial Museum, Indianapolis, IN.

Arrangements for giving to the Rainbow archives and museums should be made now. Too often important papers and artifacts are discarded or lost after death of the veteran, with no hope thereafter, of ever recovering them. With the work of Bill and his Assistant Archivists, great headway has been made, although time is short to collect these items before they're lost to posterity.

DACHAU

Twelve years of Nazism, Hitler's Germany running wild, death, destruction and horror, all were encapsulated in one word — DACHAU. In the 47 years since April 29, 1945, when Rainbow troops liberated the 32,000 emaciated inmates in the Dachau KZ Lager, we have heard many others claim that their units were the liberators of the Dachau prison camp. These others included the 522nd Nisei Field Artillery, the 20th Armored Division, a Third Army division, and a Tank Destroyer unit. We have also read the accounts by and about an officer of the 45th Division that troops of the 45th Division had liberated the prison camp before the 42nd Division had even arrived. The meticulous research of our own Sol Feingold and Art Lee has clearly established the chronology of liberation with our people first in the compound and General Linden accepting the camp surrender from the SS officer in charge.

On May 3, 1992, with the eyes of the world and 500 former inmates focused on us, we symbolically nailed to the wall documentary evidence of our role in stamping out the Nazi evil at Dachau. Everyone in the Rainbow family can take great pride in this authoritative statement made through the dedica-

tion of our Rainbow plaque next to Dachau's infamous "Arbeit Macht Frei" old main gate. This grand and appropriate gesture could not have happened without the sponsorship of the Memorial Foundation. That plaque will remain as long as the camp remains.

Payment for the plaque was covered by donations from Foundation members and RDVA chapters. From the first funding appeal at the February Mid-Year Reunion in Tampa, basic costs had been met by the time of the May 3 dedication.

The significance of the Dachau liberation is apparent, as the number of liberator claimants attests. Preservation of our history is our Foundation's task, and we intend to continue to fulfill it. That it was a timely statement is even clearer in November than it was in May.

NAVARIN FARMS PLAQUE

At Dachau, 47 years elapsed before an appropriate Rainbow marker was in place. Inside General Henri Gouraud's monumental tomb at Navarin Farms, a place has been saved for a 42nd Rainbow Division plaque, in memory of the Rainbow Division's part in the decisive Battle of Champagne, nearly 75 years ago (July 1918). The Memorial Foundation has authorized a marble plaque to be inscribed and placed in the Navarin Farms monument for dedication in 1993, the 75th Anniversary. Some funds for this plaque have been collected but additional funds will be needed.

GIFTS, PLEDGES AND BEQUESTS

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. In "The Rainbow Legacy" booklet which should be in the possession of all Rainbowers (and will be forwarded upon request if you don't have one), various types of giving arrangements are presented. We are forming a formal, and probably final fundraising program to reach a critical mass in the Foundation Endowment Trusts. We are encouraging members, chapters, and possibly outside Foundations to consider setting up special Foundation fund

accounts in names of buddies, family members, prominent Rainbowers, and others. If in the next decade, we are successful in establishing a treasury balance of at least \$500,000, permanent maintenance of memorials, archival/museum collections, scholarship program, and perpetuation of the Rainbow Memorial Foundation will be assured. Chapters, Companies, Batteries, and Special Units will be encouraged to set competitive goals with their membership.

For direct gifts, please make out your check or money order and fund designation

to the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation and send to: Treasurer Jon Janosik, 3389 Kingston Lane, Youngstown, OH 44511 (216-799-1004).

For archival or memorabilia contributions, please contact: Archivist, J. William Keithan, Jr., 226 Eastmont Way West, Seattle, WA 98199 (206-284-1487).

For more information about the Foundation, please contact any of the following: President Ivan Wallace, P.O. Box 182, Pinetta, FL 32350 (904-929-4026); Chairman Dee R. Eberhart, Rt. 2, Box 630, Ellensburg,

WA 98926 (509-968-3354); Judge Advocate Ted Johnson, 116 Merryhill Lane, Ely, IA 52227 (319-848-4960); or any of the other Trustees.

Our progress will be reported in each issue of the REVEILLE. We begin with an endowment fund as of June 30, 1992, of \$125,802. Pledges and deferred gifts are as important as cash gifts, and are encouraged. Details on the use of Trusts, Testamentary Gifts, and Insurance will be supplied by the Foundation Endowment Committee.

Navarin Farms Plaque

PNP Father Bob Weiss received the following:

ASSOCIATION DU SOUVENIR
AUX MORTS DES ARMEES DE
CHAMPAGNE ET A LEUR CHEF,
LE GENERAL GOURAUD

July 15, 1992

The contribution made by the 42nd Rainbow Division in the 15th July battle had been greatly appreciated by General Henri Gouraud. He was proud of this gallant U.S. Division's presence, hand in hand with French divisions, in this decisive action.

I am greatly honored by the presence of Rainbow Division Veterans at our Navarin Farm Memorial Ceremony.

For myself and for the "Association du Souvenir aux Morts des Armees de Champagne et a leur chef le General Gouraud," I express my best thanks to the Rainbow Veterans Association, for the resolution voted at their annual reunion in Houston, Texas.

I assured them of the warmest friendship of our Association towards the Rainbow Division Veterans.

May 3, 1992 Dachau Ceremony



PNP Dee Eberhart hands plaque cover to PNP Ivan Wallace at Unveiling.





The last copies of "Winter Storm" will be sold during 1993. There could be another printing in a few years, but this is highly unlikely because of the declining customer base. The book has been a source of enlightenment, pride, remembrance of lost comrades, and renewed appreciation for the job that Rainbow did in France and Germany, for hundreds of Rainbow veterans. It has also provided wives and children and grandchildren of veterans with an account of their loved ones' part in the war that gives a detailed picture of his part in the overall combat in Alsace.

There is still time to buy copies for your grandchildren that will be a lasting source of interest to them that will far outlast the latest toy. It is not too late to order copies of "Winter Storm" as Christmas gifts. Send your order to Jon Janosik, 3389 Kingston Lane, Youngstown, OH 44551. The cost is \$25 for the first book and \$23.50 for each additional book on the same order.

Archivist Bill Keithan had a bountiful collection of archival materials at the Milwaukee reunion. Among the largest hauls was the Michigan Chapter materials that were stored at Fort Wayne, which is just south of Detroit. The materials were rescued just as the City of Detroit was closing the facility and holding the city's largest garage sale. Also brought to the reunion were part of the records of recently deceased PNPs Charlie Sayers and Bill Barton. Although the flow of material to Bill has been edifying, the job has just begun, or, as Bill says "(The) mindset concept of preserving the Rainbow history is gaining ground. One only need look at the volume of materials passing through to the archives to realize how successful we have been in so short a time. Yet there is a lot more out there, and all of us should redouble our efforts to encourage that materials be brought to mid-year and annual meetings to be sent to our official repositories."

An ad for two disks containing 70 million telephone numbers and addresses crossed my desk. It requires a CD ROM and is reputed to sort any name you enter from the 70 million. The purveyor is one of the mail marketers, but if Charles Paine (Membership Chairman), or anyone else, convinces me it will work, I'll try it.

Artillery Corner

Advance plans for our Reunion in Salt Lake City next July are well under way! Fred Barrell ("C" Btry.-392nd) who lives in Salt Lake City, is in charge of arrangements for our Hospitality Suites. He has reserved Suites #5101 and #5102 in what is known as 5 Lodge at the Little America Hotel and Towers. This is a building separated from the Hotel, but on the same property. In making reservations Artillery members should ask to be housed in 5 Lodge. Fred has also arranged for a large room for the Artillery Ladies to hold their meetings. In-depth details regarding the above will be contained in a letter, along with Registration Forms, etc. in early February to all Artillerymen on our mailing list. If, for any reason, you feel you are not on our mailing list, please contact John P. (Hype) Igoe (Serv. Btry. 392nd) at (215) 789-1635 or Harold Cullem ("B" Btry. 392nd) at (816) 231-2963.

WW2 Memories Recalled

Russell Jeske has completed a book that he says would not have been possible if his wife had not saved all the letters she received from him while he was in the Army. When his grandchildren started asking questions about the war, Jeske determined to do something with the letters. The result is a four-year written record of a correspondence courtship and how a soldier tackles daily life. The book is set up in diary form; over 700 letters; 379 pages; 200 photos and documents; a map of the Rainbow Trail. To order send check for \$13.50 plus \$2.50 s&h to Sycamore Press Ltd. - P.O. Box 5263, 780 Elm Grove Rd., Elm Grove, WI, 53122.

A Remembrance On Veterans Day



Carl A. Edman - 100 on Feb. 15th, 1992

We learned from Bob Snodell's "Poop For The Group" that Carl A. Edman, D Bty., 149th F.A., celebrated his 100th Birthday on Feb. 15th in Blandinsville, IL. The Illinois Chapter sent him a gift of \$50.00. His wife, Elsie, purchased a plant in a brass pot with red roses and a red, white and blue ribbon for Carl to enjoy. The mayor proclaimed it "Carl Edman Day" and they had a good time helping Carl celebrate. Unfortunately, Carl fell and broke his hip, and is still recovering in Macomb, IL. God Bless you, Carl!



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