



Into The Inferno (Hatten) David Chandler A/242

(Excerpted from the Regimental Colors)

David Chandler's remarkable story of his army career, 1939 through 1965, is too long to reproduce in its entirety. His account of his time in the 42nd follows:

In July 1944, I got orders transferring me to Camp Gruber, OK. Upon arrival at Braggs, I was met by a truck driver who drove me and several other soldiers to Camp Gruber. When we arrived at 42nd Div, HQ, I was assigned to A Co., 242nd Inf. I was further assigned to the 3rd platoon. This is where I first met Platoon Sgt. Alvin R. Cahoon. He was very military and very unique — one of the best soldiers I every met. He had a way of making you feel at ease. You were made to feel as if you were the most important man in his platoon. I felt as though I had known him all my life. He insisted that we work as a team, and when we later got to France, this quality paid off tenfold. We trained in squad, platoon, and company tactics, and went on 2 or 3 CPX's for larger unit tactics. In November, we moved to Camp Kilmer for overseas assignment.

We trained, at Camp Kilmer, on climbing down nets from the side of ships, with full field equipment, and received lectures on escape and evasion. We got one pass to go into New York City, and had a good steak dinner. Later, we shipped out on the Navy Transport "General Black". It was top heavy; rocking every which way. We landed in Marseille, France on Dec. 8, 1944. The harbor was full of ships sunk with their mast and superstructure sticking up above the water. We debarked and were moved to C.P.2 by truck. It was on a bare hill, windy and cold as hell.

We were cleaning weapons, one night, and had a good sized bon fire going. An airplane came over at high altitude. Someone grabbed a 14 quart bucket of liquid and threw it on the fire. It was a solvent, and lit up the whole camp. It turned out that the plane came over every night, and we called him "Bed Check Charley". After a few days, we moved out to Strasbourg, France. We moved into a barracks, and went out on patrol, at once. We moved to an aircraft parts factory, where we had a terrific Christmas dinner. There was snow on the ground, and the

temperature was 15-17 degrees. Our Christmas tree was decorated with metal swirls from a lathe. It was a beautiful tree.

We went on patrols and also dug fox holes along the banks of the Rhine. The Krauts would take pot shots at us once in a while. I went on patrol with Lt. Ralph Thompson one night. There were 5 of us. We had on so much equipment we looked like a bunch of pack mules. We later learned to use as little as possible. We moved from the aircraft factory to a hill position and dug in. The hill was solid as a rock. We hacked out a hole, of sorts, then moved again. We were trucked to Hatten, and took over positions from another outfit. My squad was in the area of Pillbox -9 (part of the Maginot Line). It was well positioned and had good field of fire. My squad was dug in to the left of Pill Box -9. We were about 50 feet from a small bridge which had been blown up or rotted away. It was covered with snow and a small trail led to Buhl at our front and to Rittershofen to our rear. The bridge on the other side of the Pill Box was in S/Sgt. Holden's area (where all hell eventually broke loose).

The first day went smooth, but the next day they started zeroing in with artillery. Monimee and I occupied a foxhole together. Everytime an incoming shell hit the ground, he stuck his head up like a wild turkey. We were cooking cereal in a gallon pot on our camp stove that he had gotten somewhere. The cereal was just about ready when a shell came whistling over, and Monimee stuck his head up. His whole face was blackened with the powder residue. He was very lucky. One night, S/Sgt. Whitman took a patrol past my position and ran into a German patrol, about 50 feet away. Sgt. Whitman asked "Do you want to surrender?" the German answered, in English, "Come on In." The voice had a British accent. Then the shooting started. Soon it stopped. Whitman was dead; Cash was shot in the heel. Wilson threw a hand grenade, and things quieted down. Next morning, we found a dead German and a light machine gun in the position they were firing from. We also found tracks in the snow where a bleeding man had been carried. We followed the trail of blood about 100 yards. It appeared to have been a four man

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President's Report



Our President with his lovely wife Rosemary

Dear Rainbowers,

Rosemary and I have been incredibly busy since my last report, but I must confess that only a small part of our activities were directly related to Rainbow.

We had a family reunion in the Adirondak mountains, and then flew to Anchorage for a boat trip to Vancouver. The Alaska trip included a helicopter ride to Mt. McKinley which was a real thrill. I would recommend a side trip to Alaska for anyone coming to the Seattle reunion.

While in Alaska, I was able to talk with Rudolph Sajdak, of "A", 242, who is the only active Rainbower in Alaska. He was a replacement who arrived in time for the March 15th attack.

Our other Rainbow activity was to attend the annual Michigan Chapter picnic at Wilson and Dorothea LaVoy's "ranch". Wilson obliged, as usual, with a few blasts from his Civil War cannon.

Speaking of the Seattle reunion, we had dinner with Seattle reunion Chairman Vern and Elaine Smith at the Red Lion hotel, which is the site of the 1995 Annual reunion. The hotel was very impressive, and the food was excellent. Seattle historian, etc., and phone disk guru Jim Warren gave us a wonderful tour of Seattle, and Archivist Bill and Faye Keithan introduced us to Seattle after dark. The northwest is loaded with picturesque scenery, which will add to the joy of attending the July reunion. The other part of my reunion enhancement goal is the Mid-Year in Arlington, Virginia, were we hope to sample the many outstanding features of Washington, D.C., while residing in one of the safer large cities in the U.S., which is just a dollar's throw away. My second goal is to help Membership Chairman Charlie Paine get the greatest possible number of new members, using the phone disks to locate them. The men using the phone disks need help for follow-up calls. It is much easier to gain a member if the person calling is from the same unit, or better, actually knew the potential member. If you are willing to assist, drop Charlie a note, and he will connect you.

Rainbow Grows,
John McGovern

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Chaplain's Prayer

VETERANS' DAY 1994

Almighty God, by whose grace thy people gain courage through looking unto the heroes of faith: We lift our hearts in gratitude to thee for all who have lived valiantly and died bravely that there may be truth, liberty, and righteousness in our land. Help us to prize highly, and to guard carefully, the gifts which their loyalty and devotion have bestowed upon us. Grant us the joy of a living and vigorous faith, that we may be true as they were true, loyal as they were loyal, and serve thee and our country selflessly all the days of our life, and at last receive the victor's crown. Amen.

Chaplain Norman P. Forde

From The National Secretary

All Chapter secretaries are requested to send in a list of all their officers for 1994-95. Also, send in your dues as soon as possible. Membership, as of 9/15/94 totalled 1941.

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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Bottom - L to R: Carlyle Woelfer, John Carr, Don Segel and Hugo Grimm

(At Louisville but not in picture: Charlie Marshall, Ted Johnson and Bob Weiss)

(Not at Reunion: George Irwin)

PNAPS At Louisville



Top - L to R: Catherine Woods, Myrtle Wallace, Loretta Schneider, Nan Klinedinst

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Bottom - L to R: Blanche Trout, Joanne Dart, Pearl Segel, Oriana Grimm.

(At Reunion but not in picture: Myrtle Evanoff, Francis Marshall and Pearl Emlet)

National Reunion July 12, 13, 14 and 15 1995 Seattle, Washington



Seattle Reunion to Offer Unique Vacation Opportunities

The Pacific Northwest Chapter, host for the 1995 National Reunion in Seattle, Washington, invites you to vacation in the Pacific Northwest next summer. Because our area is one of the leading summer tourist destinations in the nation, the '95 Reunion Committee and their Tour Contractor have put together a package of special tours preceding, and following, the reunion dates. These are in addition to the usual local tours which will be offered during the Reunion and feature Seattle and its environs.

You will have the opportunity to travel by Jet-Catamaran to Victoria, British Columbia on beautiful Vancouver Island, visit Mount Rainier National Park, cruise in the San Juan Islands in Washington's far Northwest corner, or cruise to an island in Puget Sound for a salmon bake at an Indian village; and for the really adventurous, a seven-day Glacier Route Cruise to Alaska. To accomodate this program, the Red Lion Hotel has agreed to extend their special Reunion rates for a week prior and a week following the reunion.

Local tours during the Reunion will feature: a Seattle city tour, Seattle harbor cruise, a visit to Ste. Michelle Winery, and tours of the Boeing Airplane 747/777 Plant.

The Alaska tour leaves Seattle on July 16, the day following the Reunion, and returns on the 23rd. Booked through Holland America Westours, you will be aboard the Holland America Lines' vessel, Rotterdam. You will start the trip traveling by motor-coach from Seattle to Vancouver B.C., then cruise the inside passage to Alaska. The ship stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Valdez, and Seward. From Seward you motor coach to Anchorage for a flight back to Seattle. Reunion Registration fee \$40.00/person. Optional \$5 contribution for drawing for free hotel accommodation for 4 nights. Make checks to: Pacific NW Chapter RDVA Reunion.

More details and registration information for the Reunion and all of the above tours are available from the 1995 Reunion Committee. Send inquiries to VERN SMITH, PACIFIC N.W. CHAPTER, RDVA REUNION, P.O. BOX 622, FREELAND, WA 98249.

The reunion will be held at the Sea Tac Red Lion Hotel, 18740 Pacific Highway

South, Seattle, WA 98188: (206) 246-8600. Room rates are \$82.00/single, double, Queen Double, Triple, Quad. (Tax 11%). If you are flying: Delta Airlines is offering special discounts. Call 1-800-241-6760 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Eastern time. Refer to File Number T1251. Free Transportation to and from Sea-Tac airport furnished by the Red Lion Hotel. If you plan to drive, the Red Lion is located at the corner of South 188th St. and Pacific Highway South. Going either north or south on Interstate 5, use Exit -152 at South 188th St. and go west for one mile to the Pacific Highway and the Hotel. For RV travelers, there is a KOA Campground located three miles to the east of Interstate 5 at the same exit -152. Take Orilla Rd. and travel three miles east to the campground located on the Green River. Make your RV Park reservations early. Seattle South KOA, 5801 South 212th. Kent, WA 98031. Tel. 206-872-8652.

Mid-Year Reunion Feb. 23-26, 1995 Washington, D.C.

The reunion headquarters is conveniently located in the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, VA. just across the Potomac overlooking Washington. Complimentary shuttle van service is available to and from Washington National Airport. Singles and Doubles are \$69.00/day plus 9.75% tax. These rates apply three days before and after the reunion. Indoor parking at the hotel is \$3.00/day. Call 1-800-468-9090 for reservations and driving approach instructions before January 20, 1995. Tourmobile Sightseeing is a very effective way to visit Washington's attractions. You can get off and reboard at any stop. From the Hotel you take the free shuttle to the Pentagon City Metro stop, then the second stop on the subway at Arlington Cemetery to obtain tickets and board the Tourmobile. Tours are: Arlington National Cemetery - \$4.00; Washington-Arlington Cemetery - \$9.00; Two day tour of Mt. Vernon-Washington-Arlington - \$26.00/person. The Mt. Vernon Tour by itself is \$17.00/person.

Registration includes Friday luncheon and Saturday evening Banquet at \$40.00. An additional \$10.00 is charged if you wish to tour the Holocaust Museum Friday afternoon.

If you fly into Washington, use National Airport and use the National Sheraton courtesy phone in the taxi area to call for the van. It runs every 30 minutes. If you land at Dulles or BWI try to join with others and use a taxi. Limousines to National (where you can board the shuttle) from Dulles or BWI charge \$26.00/person.

Val Spiegel is the Reunion Chairman. Val will be available at (301) 299-2478 at all other times to answer the phone, or at 5305 Wapakoneta Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816.

Holocaust Museum

An exhibition on the liberation of German Concentration Camps is being prepared. Members of the 42nd are asked to send ar-

tifacts, photographs, or memorabilia related to Dachau to: Patricia Heberer, Historian; US Holocaust Reserach Inst., 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, NW; Washington, D.C. 20024-2150-2150. All materials will be returned.

Navarin Farm Ceremony 17 July 1993

Upon arrival of the officials, General Fleury, Chalons-sur-Marne, inspected the troops. Floral decorations were placed by General Fleury, Directeur de Cabinet du Prefet de la Marne, General Xavier Gouraud (Ret) and Mr. Dellinger, Superintendent, Meuse-Argonne AMC, placed the floral decoration for the 42nd Rainbow Division.

Taps was played by a member of the U.S. 3rd Division and the National Anthems of the United States and France were played by the French musicians.

Speeches were given by General Xavier Gouraud, General Fleury representing the French Armies and Directeur de Cabinet du Prefet de la Marne, representing the French Government.

Afterwards a mass was celebrated by the Bishop of Chalons, Msgr. Bardonne, assisted by 3 other priests.

The 42nd Rainbow Division wreath was then placed on the tomb of General Gouraud.

The group then traveled to the French Military Cemetery at Jonchery-sur-Suippes where a short ceremony was held with one floral decoration being placed by the Prefet of the Marne and General Gouraud, and a prayer by the Bishop of Chalons, Msgr. Bardonne. A reception was given at the Jonchery Mairie for the officials.

Afterward, a lunch was held at the Officer's Club at Suippes.

Approximately 2000 persons attended. There were 90 French Flag Bearers participating. A very nice & successful ceremony.

At 16:30 hrs a short ceremony was held at the Sommepy American Monument, Blanc Mont.

The Color Guard of the 3rd Division preceded the officials to the Monument with some 10 flag bearers.

Mr. Pretelat gave a nice speech, paying tribute to the American Forces who fought and to the memory of General Gouraud. A very inspiring speech.

Afterwards floral decorations were placed by Major Claren, General Xavier Gouraud & the Superintendent. Taps was played by a member of the 3rd Division. The National Anthems of the United States and France were played with a cassette.

Approximately 250 - 300 persons attended this ceremony.

The ceremonies were very well conducted and a great success and full tribute was given to the United States Military and especially for the Rainbow Division.

Rainbow Division Veterans

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Aries, Harm
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A Co., 149th MG Bn.

Deets, Robert E.
D Co., 151st M.G. Bn.

Eason, Henry N.
149th F.A. Bn.

Forsyth, James W.
165th Amb. Co.

Frank, Joseph J., Sr.
C Co., 150th M.G. Bn.

Leach, Roger M.
Med. Det. 166th Inf.

Lord, Otho G.
E Co., 117th Engrs.

Michel, Walter G.
F Co., 117th Engr.

Miller, Clarence
A Bty., 149th F.A.

Olsen, Carl L.
151st F.A.

Patrick, James E.
D Co., 151st MG Bn.

Stebbin, Robert G.
B Bty., 151st F.A.

Todd, Amos V.
167th Amb. Co.

Wright, Lloyd V.
Hq. Co., 168th Inf.

WORLD WAR II

Adams, George D.
Bty A, 232nd F.A.

Allen, Rex B.
Co. C., 232nd Inf.

Andres, Lyle E.
Co. K, 232nd Inf.

Atkins, Robert
Med. Det., Sp. Trps.

Ball, Walter
132nd Signal Co.

Banka, Raymond L.
Co. E, 242nd Inf.

Battachio, Leno R.
Co. M, 242nd Inf.

Bowdin, Dan J.
Bty. C, 392nd F.A.

Braica, Stephen M.
Hq Co., 242nd Inf.

Brooks, Frank M. III
Co. K, 232nd Inf.

Brush, Thomas S.
Hq Bty., 232nd F.A.

Buck, Harold V.
Co. B, 232nd Inf.

Burke, Kernal D.
Co. I, 242nd Inf.

Bury, Elias T.
A/T Co., 242nd Inf.

Collins, Homer J.
Bty. C, 392nd F.A.

Corey, Mike A.
Co., D, 222nd Inf.

Dahl, Erwin
Co. C, 242nd Inf.

Day, Eliot M.
H2B, 242nd Inf.

Derr, Charles K.
Div. HQs.

Dillon, Melvin D.
Co. G, 222nd Inf.

Dooley, Roger R.
Division Band

Downard, Donald E. (Colonel)
C.O., 2nd Bn., 222nd Inf.

Dunion, Walter R.
Div. Band

Elrod, Raymond
Div. HQs.

Ervin, Glen
Co. H, 222nd Inf.

Fiechter, Arthur A.
Bty. A, 232nd F.A.

Fiedler, Marvin L.
A/T Co., 242nd Inf.

Fisher, Edwin C.
Bty. C, 392nd F.A.

Garner, Gurnie
Bty. A, 232nd F.A.

Gartrell, Major M.
Unknown

Giboney, Thomas B., Jr.
Co. D, 232nd Inf.

Glidwell, Douglas R.
Bty. C, 392nd F.A.

Greb, Earl W.
Co. E., 222nd Inf.

Grice, Harvey H.
Div. HQs.

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Hqs, 222nd Inf.

Hendricks, Everett
Artillery

Hedges, Kenneth
Can. Co., 222nd Inf.

Henderson, Robert T.
Co. G, 242nd Inf.

Huserik, Robert
132nd Signal Co.

Ingalls, Kenneth
Bty. B, 392nd F.A.

Jordan, Ray E.
132nd Signal Co.

Kays, Willard F.
Co. I, 232nd Inf.

Kessler, Clifford E.
Co. D, 242nd Inf.

Klepchick, Steven
Co. G, 242nd Inf.

Kline, Frederick E.
Co. F, 222nd Inf.

Krongard, David
Hqs Co., 242nd Inf.

Kurtz, Dale
Co. C., 142nd Engrs.

Lawton, William J.
Hq. Co., 232nd Inf.

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Co. A, 122nd Med. Bn.

Lepper, Mark H. (Dr.)
Co. B, 122nd Med. Bn.

Leichter, Leon
Co. D, 122nd Med. Bn.

Maederer, John A.
Co. E, 222nd Inf.

Mandio, Anthony
H2B, 242nd Inf.

McClenahan, Kenneth R.
Co. D, 222nd inf.

McEldowney, John W., Jr.
A/T 242nd Inf.

Mattling, Paul
132nd Signal Co.

Miller, Glen F.
Bty. B, 232nd F.A.

Mitchell, James B.
Co. I, 242nd Inf.

Morton, Samuel H.
142nd Comb. Engrs.

Mudd, Kelly
Co. D, 232nd Inf.

Murphy, Edward S.
Co. G, 232nd Inf.

Murphy, Richard
Co. M, 222nd Inf.

Newcomb, Edgar
Hqs., 542nd F.A.

Nowinski, Stanley M.
Div. Hqs.

Riddle, Clyde H.
Div. Band

Ronco, John
Co. I, 232nd Inf.

Savage, Raymon F.
Co. F, 242nd Inf.

Schneider, John G.
M.P. Platoon

Schultz, Lloyd
Co. B, 232nd Inf.

Shimkus, William C.
Co. C, 242nd Inf.

Silvester, Remo A.
Co. B, 232nd Inf.

Simpson, Alan
Co. C, 242nd Inf.

Southcomb, Gillespie B.
Co. G, 242nd Inf.

Tanner, James D.
Div. HQs.

Taylor, William E.
A/T Co., 222nd Inf.

Tioran, Louis
Co. M, 232nd Inf.

Toothman, Edgar T.
Co. I, 242nd Inf.

Trammel, Lewis E.
Bty. C, 392nd F.A.

Tuccillo, Anthony V.
Co. C, 142nd Engr.

Uptmor, Victor
Co. C, 122nd Med Bn.

Van Auken, Wendell Grant, Jr.
Co. C, 232nd Inf.

White, Roy B., Jr.
Div. Arty.

Young, James M.
M.P. Platoon

Young, Park D.
Co. C, 242nd Inf.

Zeller, William B. (Colonel)
Ex. Off. 232nd Inf.

In Flanders Fields

by Liet. Col. John McCrae

*In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.*

(The author of this poem, a member of the First Canadian contingent, died in France on Jan. 28, 1918 after four years of service on the western front.)

Honored Dead

(Not previously carried in any Memorial File)

222nd Inf.
Bushacker, Harold, Co. B
Dillon, Melvin D., Co. G
Hammer, Harry C., Co. M
Iandoli, James T., Cn.Co.
Larsen, Lavern, Co. G
Milauskas, Anthony P., Co. E
Schultz, James, Co. L
Soniville, Fred T., Sv.Co.
Tuchalski, Walter A., H2B

232nd Inf.
Littlelight, Gus, Co. H
Ferris, Gerald D., Co. G

242nd Inf.
Regtl. HQs.
Cadiero, William
Kolar, Joseph M.
Lewis, Chalmer H., Jr.
McLaurin, William J.
Vachon, William K.

Med. Det.
Blair, Perkins
Burkhalter, Maurice A.
Days, Alexander J.
Hertwig, William E.
Lyons, Dennis
McDaniel, Avery L.

Cannon Co.
Allen, James P.
Henderson, Robert T.

Anti-Tank Co.
McEldowney, John W.

Hqs. 1st. Bn.
Alverson, John E.

A Co.
Atkins, Thomas
Beers, James L.
Crabtree, Broadus
Evanitz, Steve
Noble, Harry
Nusser, Albert
Skaane, Richard H.
Yeanez, Alfred

B Co.
Doyle, Newman H.
Eyestone, Robert L.

C Co.
Brewer, Jack
Shimkus, William C.

D Co.
Turner, Virgil L.

E Co.
Wolfgang, Roy J.

F Co.
Grentzer, Herbert M.
Moorehead, Harry M.
Paul, Arthur E.
Pekich, Michael

H Co.
Laudenslager, Lloyd W.

H3B
Key, Bert A.

I Co.
Burke, Kernal D.
Cuellar, Jesse H.
Eschbach, Charles L.
Scoggin, Eulus O., Jr.

K Co.
Franconeri, James H.
Kest, Aaron
Rhoads, Robert W.
Gatewood, Harold T.

L Co.
Igaly, Joseph K.
Scoggin, Paul

232nd F.A.
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Raiford Bty B.

Unit Unknown
Morgan, George
Kyink, Walter

222nd Inf.
Sadowski, Stanley HQ Co.

150th M.G. BN.
Kubasta, Louis J.

232nd Inf.
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Q.M. Company

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On 16 April 1945, the company departed for Neustadt, arriving there at approximately 1100 a distance of approximately 30 miles. A heavy run was made on the transportation of the company again for moving PWs. CI I and III dumps were both located in the immediate area of the company CP. On 19 April the THIRD ARMY took over our area. Company left Neustadt at 1500 on 19 April 1945 and arrived at Cadolzburg, at approximately 1700. Company was billeted in civilian homes. CI I and III and II distribution points were all set up at the railroad stations. Normal functional duties were carried on during this period. CI III supplies were difficult to secure as Corps seemed unable to supply. Convoys (supply) were slowed down due to excessive traffic on the MSR. Company was requested to move at 0200 on 23 April. Company left Cadolzburg at 0600 on the 23 and arrived at Altenmuhr, Germany at approximately 1600 same date. Troops were billeted in civilian homes. The shower unit was not set up at either Cadolzburg or Altenmuhr as the troops were advancing too fast to take advantage of it. Division CI I and III dumps were set up at the railroad station.

On 25 April 1945, the company left Altenmuhr for Amerbach, Germany, a distance of 35 miles arriving same date. Troops were again billeted in civilian homes. Division CI I and III dumps were located at Wending. Company left Amerbach for Ober-Peiching, Germany on 28 April 1945 arriving at destination same date. Troops were billeted in civilian homes. CI I and III dumps were located at an adjacent area. Normal functional duties were carried out. Company left Ober-Peiching for Dachau on 30 April 1945. Arrived Dachau at approximately 1800. Company was billeted in civilian houses. Division CI I and III and II dumps were again set up at the railroad station. Transportation requests were exceedingly heavy the entire month. An estimated figure of mileage covered by drivers of QM company would be 150,000.

On 1 May 1945 the 42d WM Co moved to Ramersdorf, Germany, just on the outskirts of Munich. Company was billeted in German civilian billets on both sides of one street. Quarters were very satisfactory. Division CI III dump and also Division CI I

dump were set up adjacent to the billets. Company remained in this location until 5 May.

On 5 May 1945, the company moved by motor convoy to Schwarza, Germany, a distance of approximately 50 miles. German civilian billets were again secured on one street. Division CI I and III dumps were again established in the vicinity. The shower unit attached to the company for servicing units of Special Troops as well as Engineers and Medics, was also put into service and handled on an average of 200 men per day. VE Day came while at Schwarza and a special prayer service was held outdoors. During the period the company was located at Schwarza, they continued the normal functional duties of supplying the QM requirements of the Division. Division Transportation needs slackened off slightly and the Motor Officer called for more trucks, to be held back for maintenance which worked out satisfactorily. All sections functioned with excellent results. The company remained at this location until 13 May 1945.

On 13 May 1945, the company moved by motor convoy to Kirchbichl, Austria, a distance of approximately 65 miles. The company was billeted in two hotels and two large houses. A Class I and III dump for the Division were found again in the vicinity of the billets, thus keeping the company centrally located. The shower unit was put into service the day after arrival. Transportation requirements slackened off considerably or rather were augmented by other units of the Division, thus giving the truck drivers of the company a chance for some thorough maintenance on their trucks. A Division inspection of all vehicles was made on 29 May 1945. A training program was instituted during this period.

Information and Education program with added emphasis being laid on self. Athletics were also stressed and baseball, softball and volleyball fields and courts were constructed. During this period also, passes and furloughs were authorized for Nancy and Paris, France and the UK for enlisted men and officers. This boosted the morale of the personnel which was already high. The company sustained its first casualty of the war when a truck and trailer tipped over and crushed one of the men who was standing guard at a check post. All normal functions of the company were carried out during the remainder of the month.

232nd Crest Reordered

At present, our supply of 232nd crests is exhausted. Due to a great deal of interest, we have placed an order for more, scheduled for delivery on or about November 3, 1994. Send \$5.00 per crest to Ken Carpenter - 7618 First Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122-3402. Make check out to same.

Remainder of L

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Like most Rainbow companies replenished in numbers after January 1945, L/232nd, as it welcomed newcomers and proceeded to fight new battles, developed a new pride in achievement and a constantly renewed sense of "family." But there would always linger in company lore strong memories of "the remainder of L" and of those who were a part of that formation of whose loss in January contributed to that special designation of the company.

Thus later losses from that nucleus were especially poignant. Sgt. Antonio Manniello, who received a battlefield commission for his display of leadership at Kilstett, led a volunteer patrol deep into enemy territory soon after the move back into the lines in the mountains. And on February 19, guiding his patrol around a mine field and shielding them with his body from a treacherous mine, Lt. Maniello was killed by the blast of that mine as he saved the lives of his men. And on March 7, T/Sgt Glenn A. Goldsborough (still "the man with the AR"), led a 50-man combat patrol deep into the German defenses. Wounded three times as he continued to pour out fire on enemy gun emplacements, he finally ordered his men backout of the trap in the narrow mountain defile while he remained behind, to be counted as one of the nine men of L who failed to return that day. On that same patrol, Pfc Feller (who had crawled alone back across that open field between Gambsheim and Kilstett) was serving as radio operator and was gravely wounded up forward with the advanced party. He staggered alone down a hillside after losing his bearings in the patrol's withdrawal and finally encountered a man (Pfc Harden) who had gone back to look for him. Feller said: "Hi, buddy," then fell over and fainted.

In mid-March, L/232nd moved out in the general attack: through the Low Vosges and the Siegfried Line, then across the Rhine and on to methodical fighting through the streets of Wurzburg and to encounters with the deadly flakwagons defending Schweinfurt. Joining in Seventh Army's southwest swing toward the high mountains and the "Redoubt" it was believed the Nazis were planning to hold as a "last ditch stand" position, L/232nd entered Munich on May 2, with Lt. Priem still in command.

At about this same time, many L Company "originals," made captive at Gambsheim in January, were being liberated from POW camps all across Germany. Their myriad experiences contained a common theme: near-starvation rations, forced labor details, and debilitating dysentery that constantly thinned their ranks. When Les Neal was liberated by the Russians from Stalag IVB on the Elbe, he weighed 108 lbs. (but, he recalled, many of his buddies weighed under 90 lbs). As a final twist to the company's story, many GIs at IVB were

held by the Russians, taken across the Elbe to Mecklenberg and forced to work in a kitchen detail for our Russian Allies. Les Neal recalled: "My friend (a cook from Co. L) and I shared a room over the mess hall. His name was Henderson." Even after VE-Day, the forced detainment with the Russians continued. So one day, Neal and two other bluffed their way past a guard at the compound gate with fake bandages and a story of needing to visit the hospital outside the compound. Hiding in a gulley until after dark, and then hidden by a German family in their house that first night, the escapees set off before dawn on a trek to get across the Elbe. After a number of encounters with some threatening Russians who had to be bribed and with other who didn't seem to give a damn, but fired upon by Russian guards at the bridge across the Elbe on the final leg of their trek, Neal and his two companions made their way across the river at a bombed out bridge at Riesa. "We sat down and cried a little and thanked God for helping us," Neal said.

But after nearly 50 years, Les Neal still wonders whether his buddy Henderson, the L Company cook, who was too ill to join in the escape from the Russian kitchen detail, ever returned home. So unanswered questions still persist about "the remainder of . . . L." Can anyone answer them?

George Irwin Our Only Living Past National President from World War I

In a letter to George Irwin following the Louisville Reunion, Senior PNP Ted Johnson (64-65) wrote George Irwin (68-69) letting him know that, while we missed his physical presence, we still had his spiritual presence with us. The letter concluded with this statement:

"While I have the privilege of being the Senior PNP, we all know who really is the Senior PNP, obviously our comrade from World War I."

In a recent Resident Profile of the Abbey where he lives in Delray Beach, FL, they published a wonderful tribute to George Irwin. This covered his whole history including joining the Michigan National Guard at the age of 17, his duty in the Mexican border for 1½ years, his return to be called up for service with the Rainbow Division as a rifle carrying calvaryman and later an ambulance driver with a Purple Heart. Free cigarettes from the YMCA included the donor's name and George dropped the donor a note who gave it to his daughter who he married after his return from the war. It included his 41 years as Executive V.P. of Kroger Stores and the tribute to his son who followed his footsteps. He is active and vigorous and as personable now as he was at the age of 20.

Strange Coincidence

(Olin L. Hawkins - Co. F/222nd Inf.)

When I was stationed at Camp Gruber, an incident occurred concerning a German prisoner of war. I had no confirmation until, recently, an item appeared in the "Tulsa World".

The story concerns a German soldier named Homer Bell, son of an American soldier who fought in Europe during WW1, and a German woman who came to America with her new husband. Homer and his sister, Eleanor, were born of this union, in America. The family moved to Braggs, Oklahoma, a small town just south of Camp Gruber. The father, nicknamed "Red" and another man, opened a bar there.

Herman Henderson, now 82, a lifelong resident of Braggs and owner of a grocery store, remembers the Bell family. Mrs. Bell's parents, in Germany, died and left an estate. She had to go back to claim her part of it. Richard S. Warner of the Tulsa Historical Society said that husband and wife divorced at that time, and she took the children when she returned to Germany. Both the children had attended school at Braggs, dropping out in 1937. Sgt. Gary Lester, post historian at Camp Gruber, said that he had heard that the father died and the family returned to Germany.

Lester Warner and Henderson say that Homer Bell was either drafted or enlisted in the German Army. He was captured by American troops and, ironically, was imprisoned at Camp Gruber, until he was recognized by local civilian workers at the post. Homer Bell was then shipped to another camp. No one knows what happened to Homer after the war. He never came back to Braggs.

Artillery Corner

Do you remember our advancement up the Rhone Valley past Dijon, Wingen and through the Hardt Mountains? North of Dahn was the day when Division Artillery came to the fore . . . enemy troops and vehicles were jamming the roads - horse-drawn enemy artillery were attempting to escape. The Germans were fleeing in trucks, cars and carts. Over them were the planes of the Artillery Air Section, locating targets and directing fire for the entire VI Corps Artillery. Throughout the day and night, the guns of the artillery poured death upon the Germans. Never before, had the Artillery fired so many observed fire missions and never again did they equal that record. We wiped out whole columns of Germans and littered the road with dead and destroyed vehicles and equipment. Infantryman who had experienced German shelling now saw the destruction wrought by our own guns . . . memories . . . 50 years ago.

Into the Inferno

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patrol looking for our left flank; another 100 feet and they would have found it. The men were a little uneasy, afterward; its tough to see someone you have been close to lying dead in the snow. We had just talked to Whitman 5 minutes before this happened. He said there was someone on the other side of this little creek to our front.

The next day, all hell broke loose. We were under artillery fire all day. It was fortunate that we had good foxholes; a miracle that some of us weren't hit. Around dark, one of Sgt. Holden's men came out to our position with orders for us to come to the pill box. I asked him where the order came from, and told him to find out. He returned to the C.P. and then back to us. He said that Sgt. Cahoon wanted us back in the pillbox, and that he could cover our area from there. Bullets were flying everywhere, kicking up snow and dirt. I was a little concerned about the safety of getting out of our holes. I realized, later, that order alone saved our lives. We would have been crushed or burned had we not vacated our positions. We had very little ammunition and nothing to fight a tank with; especially the ones with flame throwers. I thank my lucky stars for that order, and think Sgt. Cahoon should have received a medal for his actions; he was responsible for saving the life of every man in that platoon.

Earlier that day, Captain Corson and his runner came to our position, heading for the platoon C.P. The captain risked his life in coming out. One of the men in my squad asked me "Why would the C.O. come out to a damn hornet's nest like this?" I told him "That's the difference between a COMMANDER and a person who holds the title and does nothing". The company commander's visit to our position did more for our morale than anything could have. It also, almost cost him his life. An artillery shell made a direct hit on the turret of the pill box from which Bill Smith was firing his BAR. The captain was up there, observing, when the shell hit. Bill Smith was blown to pieces; the captain was hit in the eye and shoulder, as far as I could tell; there was so much blood. Captain Corson was top notch with the troops under his command. He was the type person that made you feel honored to be under his command. He wouldn't let you down.

The same shell that killed Smith wounded the Captain badly enough that he turned command over to Sgt. Cahoon. Before the Germans had time to set up the charges to blow us up, Cahoon had a very important decision to make. It had to be made right away. He consulted the captain, who was still able to know what was going on. They

agreed that further resistance was useless. We surrendered and lined up outside in the snow. We marched to the next town, a few hundred yards away. They had us lined up in the street; finally our own artillery started firing on the town we were in (Buhl). The shelling got so heavy that they moved the group I was in to the first floor of a school building. They shelled us all night. Luck was with us — no one was hit.

"A Veteran Is..."

"America's war veterans come in a wide variety of sizes, shapes and ages. Their collective experience spans two world wars and several foreign conflicts. They have followed war mules through Flanders Field, dropped landing barges on the beaches of Normandy, faced the icy cold of Pork Chop Hill and trudged the rice paddies of the Mekong Delta. But, regardless of differences in makeup and experience, all veterans share a common bond, brotherhood of memory and hard-won wisdom that helps define their character.

"A veteran is the first man up as the flag passes by on the 4th of July, and the last one down, for he has been a witness to the blood and tears that make this and all other parades possible.

"A veteran is a man of peace, soft spoken, slow to anger, quick to realize those who talk most about the glory of war are those who know the least about its horror. He never jokes about war; he's been there, and still sees in memory's vivid screen the wounded and the dying, the widows and the orphans. He knows first hand that no war is good and the only thing worse than war is slavery. He is a friend to all races of man, begrudging none. He carries with him the knowledge that it is not the man who is the enemy but enslavement and false ideologies. Those whom he has faced across the hostile battle lines he now esteems as his brothers.

"A veteran is at once proud and humble, proud of the fact that in 200 years no foreign enemy has set foot on American soil, and humble at the realization that many of his comrades who helped make this aim a reality never returned."

Pass In Review

We joined this parade in progress.

They marched before us,
From Bunker Hill to Bull Run,
From Belleau Woods to Bastogne,
From Pusan to Pleiku.

There, we fell in, and picked up the step.
The final rite of passage, of course,
Is the Pass in Review
Off into the Sunset, to the Old Soldier's Home,

Go the retiring warriors.

New recruits fill the gaps and pick up the step.

Using words stolen from Lee and MacArthur,

We say good bye,
Promising never to forget.

But we will, and we must.

If we truly allowed our battles and fallen comrades

To pass in never-ending review
We would grow too sad to march,
Too weary to salute,

Too troubled at the loss of youth
So, we Pass in Review just one last time,
You and I, recalling our parades and battles.

We indulge in this brief moment of memory,

But then we forget, any more too sad to ponder.

It is not remembering that brings us immortality,

It is being remembered.

As we remember ancient battles here,

We give life to soldiers older than any now living.

Then we pass the burden and baton of memory to younger soldiers,

Who remembering our battles, sustain our service.

They are young and strong enough,
Not only to fight,
But to remember.

When we retire from the field,

The battle does not end, nor can it.

Instead, we fashion, each of us, for ourselves,

A separate peace.

We sling our rifles muzzle down,

Remove our helmets,

Remember our fallen comrades,

And, one last time, Pass in Review.

Ed. Note: The above was written by LTC R.B. Clemens, son of WW2 veteran Bob Clemens LTC U.S. Army, retired (M/222). Young Bob carried on the tradition (a 2nd generation combat infantryman). He went to Vietnam as an infantry officer in May, 1970. He served with the 4th Division and then the 101st Airborne. He ended an illustrious military career in May 1993.

Registration Form Munich/Dachau Liberation Tour April 26 - May 1, 1995

REGISTRATION*: - Fee \$100 per person refundable up to 60 days prior to trip.

Name _____ 42nd Assoc. (eg. A Co 242?) _____

Address _____ Ph - () _____

Number of Persons at \$100 _____ Total _____

HOTEL REQUIREMENTS: - NUMBER OF ROOMS _____ SGL _____ DBL _____

*Send check/money orders to Harvey Snapp, Pres 242 Inf., 900 Building, 900 N. Poplar St., Newton KS 67114 Phone (316) 283-9200
Hotel reservations may require a deposit later, a credit card or check will do.



Rainbow Liberation of Munich/Dachau An Invitation to Return April 26-May 1, 1995

Below are the plans for Rainbow's approved return to Europe to mark the 50th Anniversary of VE Day. Wolfgang Robinow, who with the 242 I&R platoon played a part in the surrender of Munich, has organized a great program which includes: 4/26/95-arrive in Munich; 4/27-Tour of Munich, and rest; 4/28-Reception at Dachau Castle as guests of the city, and see an exhibit of the 42nd activities in WW2; 4/29-In Munich see the Glockenspiel, enjoy U.S. and German band music and attend a reception by the Mayor. In the evening there will be a banquet in resplendent King's Castle. We will be guests of the Bavarian Government. 4/30-We will observe the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of KZ Dachau. Attending will be hundreds of former inmates from all over Europe. Also, various US and German dignitaries will attend. 5/1-Travel to Salzburg, visit General Collins' grave and lay wreath; attend a reception and luncheon in a restaurant owned by the great grandson of Emperor Franz Joseph. (All of the above activities plus all local transportation are included in a registration fee of \$100.00.) The Rainbow headquarters hotel is the EDEN-WOLFF. Rates are \$75.00 Sgl. and \$100.00 Dbl. (Includes a buffet breakfast.) Special airfares have been negotiated with Lufthansa and United through Travel One. Connections anywhere in the US. Registration: \$100.00/person up to 60 days prior to the trip. For travel requirements call Cindy Hinke at 800-800-8641 at Travel One

and specify what you want. Remember, the event starts on April 26th, 1995. For further information call Harvey or Bill Snuffin at (215) 674-2996.

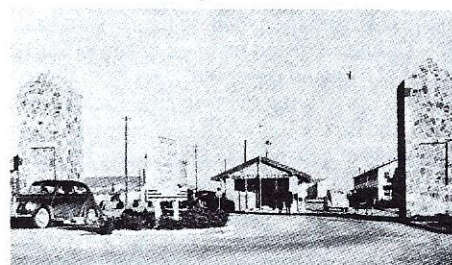
There is also an Alsatian add-on hosted by Lise Pommois and the mayor of Haguenau.

At Louisville



ATTENDEES FROM BTY C 392ND FA are shown at The Louisville Reunion.

Camp Gruber



A very interesting and informative booklet dealing with Camp Gruber, 1943 is available at a cost of \$6.50. Anyone wishing a copy should send a check payable to RDVA. Mail to: Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357-1200.

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