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Rainbow Comradeship Renewed at Mid-Year

Our Mid-Year Reunion, held at Charleston, S.C. on Feb. 24-27, 1994, turned out to be a sterling success. Ably chaired by Joe and Dot Sepalsky, and Charles and Rose Ferrante, things moved along swiftly and smoothly. A total of 210 Rainbowers enjoyed themselves immensely. Although the first day was windy and cold, we were blessed with fine weather the following day. This was the day for our Memorial Service, conducted by Rev. Forde and Rev. Weiss, in the chapel of the Citadel Military Academy. A tour of the grounds and museum followed, and then we were honored guests at a retreat parade - bagpipes and all! On the final night, the banquet featured a top-notch performance by M.C. Bob Stoudemire. Notables at the Head Table consisted of President Romeo and Mildred Fagiolo;

> Tri-State Reunion Waterloo, Iowa April 7-8-9, 1994

Iowa will host the 1994 Tri-State Rainbow Reunion in Waterloo, Iowa on April 7, 8 and 9th, 1994. The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, Waterloo, Iowa with the Early-Bird get-together on Thursday evening and the final banquet on Saturday. We have a block of rooms set aside, and we urge everyone to make their reservation early. The phone is 1-800-Holiday or 465-4329 and mention you will be with the Rainbow group.

There is much going on in Waterloo in April such a the greyhound dog racing, and we are planning on a bus trip to Tama, Iowa, to gamble at the Indian Reservation Casino. Anita and Russell Aries are reunion chairmen, and the Iowa Chapter will serve as hosts. Additional details will be furnished later, but make your plans now to come to Waterloo, Iowa, next April.

East Coast Reunion

Tentative date is May 5-6 to be held at Cape May, N.J. Contact Harold Melinek, 255 Nesbitt Terr., Irvington, N.J. 07111, Tel. 201-372-7866.

Auxiliary President Beverly and Red Cap Gilbert Koehler; Foundation Chairman and PNP Dee and Barbara Eberhart; President-Elect John and Rosemary McGovern; South Carolina Chapter President Aaron Helms and friend Hazel Hepding; and National Chaplain Norman and Shirley Forde.

President Romeo delivered a moving and confidence building speech; PNP Ted Johnson led us in a rendition of "Rainbow In the Army" and "Mountain Dew." A rousing talk focused on attendance at the coming National Reunion, was delivered by the "Louisville Slugger," PNP Jack Keyser; and PNP Dee Eberhart brought us up to date on Foundation activities. We all left with renewed ties of friendship, love, and pleasant memories.

Ohio Reunion

The Ohio State Reunion will be held on June 2-4, 1994, at the Holiday Inn, 1858 North Memorial Drive, Lancaster, Ohio, 43130; Tel. 614-653-5040. Lancaster, Ohio is southeast of Columbus, Ohio on U.S. Route 33, to the left as you come into Lancaster. Specify Rainbow, when reserving rooms. No preregistration is rquired. For further information contact James Spruance, 4143 Karl Road #111, Columbus, OH 43224.

President's Report

Since our return from Birmingham Mildred and I have been close to home. This will be short lived as we have a full travel schedule until Louisville. During the calm we were able to be home for the holidays.

Bill Warde and his Reunion Committee are finalizing the Louisville Reunion which will be long remembered. Plan to join us; send your registration fee and make your hotel reservations early to eliminate any problems at the time of arrival.

The deadline for this issue of the Reveille will not permit details of the Mid-Year in Charleston; However, the South Carolina Chapter Committee has made all arrangements for a great Rainbow affair.

I am amazed at the number of Rainbowers who devote their time, energy and resources to Rainbow. I am grateful for the assistance I have received from so many. The correspondence that crosses this nation exemplifies the administrative requirements that keeps this Association active.

As this is the year of the 75-50 anniversary of WWI and WWII, I have again asked Ken Carpenter to include a photo reflecting the changing of the guard. In our heritage there are many instances that bind the continuity of Rainbow. A memorable occasion was at the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol when the Assistant Division Commander of WWII, General Linden, offered the following prayer at the casket of General MacArthur, who commanded the 84th Brigade in WWI, and named us "Rainbow." General Linden composed this prayer and at the conclusion U.S. Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas, standing beside the Rainbow group, remarked "That was the most impressive prayer I have ever heard.'

Good evening Lord: We the members of the Rainbow Division, and the World, thank you for the great life of our comrade General Douglas MacArthur that has passed our way. Thank you Lord for letting this brave

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Changing Of The Guard Mid-Year Washington D.C. 1947



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President's Report (Continued)

soldier peacefully pass away, into your bosom in the great beyond from whose bourne no traveler returns. We thank you Lord for giving him the bountiful devotion to duty — to honor, to country and the world, which will generate faith, hope and love deep in the hearts of free men — everywhere forever. Amen.

Yours in Rainbow, Romeo J. Fagiolo

Chaplain's Prayer

Lord God we ask your blessing on the members of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association, and the members of the Rainbow Division Veterans Auxiliary. For more than seventy five years we have sought to keep alive those virtues and those ideals that made our country great. In two great wars we answered the call and fought in the great battles of World War I and World War II, and we shared in the victory. We pray, O God, that the leaders and the people of the present generation may have the same vision of greatness for our country, that may be willing to preserve our freedoms, and that we may continue to assist the peoples of the world in the pursuit of freedom and democracy. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget! Amen.

Rev. Norman P. Forde

In Memoriam

The ranks of Rainbow were, once more, thinned out by the passing of a stalwart, dedicated WWI veteran on January 3, 1994. Walter G. Michel, 97, of Sun City, Arizona passed over the Rainbow on that date. Widely known and well respected, Walt set an example we all would do well to emulate. Your editor is grateful that we were able to print a story by Walt in the November issue. Walt is survived by his wife, Doris, a sister, Eloise Cadd, and a brother, Martin. as Walt would say, "So long!"

2nd Bn/232nd Inf.

"Action in the Strasbourg Area with emphasis on the Role of the 232-2nd Battalion — January 1945" is still available from Val Spiegel, 5305 Wapakoneta Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816 for Seven Dollars. If you enjoyed Dick Engler's article in the January 1994 Rainbow Reveille, "Himmler's Bridgehead and Task Force Linden's Most 'Extended' Company — G/232nd," you will find the source material for that article also enjoyable. The latest printing of 50 copies may be the last of a total of 170.

222nd Infantry Chapter

Perhaps you have been wondering why you haven't received a copy of the "Badge" for quite some time. It is our understanding that the main problem has been the lack of an editor. Initially, Tom Heaton had to resign due to poor health. Unfortunately, his successor, Sam Platamone, was involved in an accident which has affected his eyesight. A search is on, at present, for someone to take over as editor.

The Ruptured Duck

The Honorable Service Lapel Pin was issued to every service member who was honorably discharged between September 1939 and December 1946. The small badge was affectionately nicknamed the "Ruptured Duck" by the more than 12 million soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen that returned to civilian life after WWII. After the war, veterans wore this small symbol of service on their lapel. It gradually disappeared, having been lost, put away, or forgotten. WWII veterans who would like to replace their pin, and receive one free of charge should write to: U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL CENTER ATTN: DARP-PAS-EAW, 9700 PAGE BOULEVARD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63132. PHONE: (314) 538-3573.

Lebensborn

Catrine Clay of the BBC would like to hear from anyone knowing of and having been involved regarding the participation of the 42nd or 86th Division at Steinhoering Village on May 3, 1945. There was a "Lebensborn" there where there were some fifty "racially sound" children. Steinhoering was a subcamp of Dachau. A Lebensborn was where the Germans brought kidnapped Polish boys and girls, weeded out the best, breeded "racial sound" children, and then eliminated the parents. Some 200,000 were kidnapped. Ms. Clay is at: BBC TELEVISION TIME WATCH, 10 KENS-INGTON HOUSE, RICHMIND WAY, LON-DON WEST 14. The phone number if 44 71 735 3886.

50th Year Reunion — Fargo ASTP

Rainbowers who were in ASTP at North Dakota State are invited to return to the campus on May 25-27, 1994. For information contact Lisa Eckroth 1-800-279-8971 or write to her at NDSU ALUMNI BOX 5144 FARGO, N.D. 58105-5144.

National Reunion Louisville WWI July 13-16, 1994



The 1994 Rainbow Reunion Committee would like to strongley suggest: (1) Make Reunion Registrations, and Hotel and Tour reservations early. We don't want anyone left out in some of the exciting things that will be taking place. It will also be a great help to all involved. Remember all fees will be gladly refunded if each of the three activities are notified at least 48 hours of their original expected arrival time. Reunion Registration is still \$40 per person. A special for those 12 years or under for only \$20 per person. A great chance to win a free \$64 room for 4 nights, (7/13 - 7/16) with the greatest odds on any chance one will ever be offered at only \$5 each. Take more than one chance. The Reunion Registration fees and Room Chances total remittance should be made out to 1994 RDVA Reunion and mailed to: 1994 RDVA Reunion, P.O. Box 22991, Louisville, KY 40252-0991.

(2) The Hotel Reservation for a \$64 + 104% sales and hotel tax for 1 or 2 people per night and \$74 + 104% tax for 3 to 4 persons occupying the same room. A one night's deposit using either a check, money order or major credit card should be made out to The Galt House Hotel and mailed to The Galt House West, 140 N. 4th Street at River, Louisville, KY 40202-9210. Be sure to note that it is for the 42nd Rainbow Division Reunion. Also note if any occupant is handicapped. Direct any questions concerning hotel accommodations to the hotel: Telephone 1 800 843-4258.

3) A variety of local Tours will be offered. We especially recommend the Wednesday, July 13th Fort Knox/George S. Patton Museum of Armor including lunch at \$23 per person. This tour starts at 11:30 AM and returns to the hotel at 5:30 PM.

We then recommend on Friday July 15th the Churchill Downs/Kentucky Derby Museum tour at \$24 a person. Lunch is also included with this tour from 11:00 o'clock AM until 4:00 PM which includes a stop a Louisville Stoneware. Tour Reservations should be made with: Visitorus, Inc. 1939 Goldsmith Lane, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40218. Telephone: (502) 456-2774. Reservations must be made by June 15, 1994 and no tour refunds after that time.

There are several local river boats that may be available for unit outings or individual enjoyment:

(1) THE BELLE OF LOUISVILLE - for an afternoon cruise; Tuesday or Thursday

Sunset cruise or for special charter cruises contact Belle Of Louisville, Fourth at River Road, Louisville, KY 40202 (502) 625-BELL. (2) STAR OF LOUISVILLE - The craft of fine dining & entertainment. Lunch Cruise 12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM \$17.95 with Dinner Cruise 7 PM to 9:30 PM \$32.95/35.95 with senior citizen discount Monday thru Friday. Available for privatae charter. For more information call (502) 589-7827 or groups of 25 or more (502) 502-0287.

(3) BONNIE BELLE - Choosing your own cruise time, menu, music and other amenities. Call (812) 282-9500 for more information.

Each of the 1994 Louisville Reunion committee members have dedicated themselves to encourage all of their known Rainbow unit buddies to attend the 1994 July annual reunion. Won't you do the same. All indications so far is that it is going to be a banner reunion and we wouldn't want a single veteran or their family to miss it.

Pacific Northwest Chapter



'95 REUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE, PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT:

Stan Tellvik, Bill Magrilio, Dee Eberhart, Vern Smith, Bill Keithan, and Len Morley. Not pictured, Ralph DiCecco, Bob Martinson, Will Miller, and Jim Warren.

The Northwest Chapter has only been in existence for six years, but in that time it has grown from a handful of organizers to a membership of sixty Rainbow veterans who live in the State of Oregon and Washington. The group gets together at least twice a year, besides the National Reunion. It was three times in 1993, counting a very successful August picnic and barbeque.

The Chapter will be sponsoring the 1995 National Reunion which will be held in Seattle, and are excited by the prospect of hosting the first RDVA Reunion to be held in the Pacific Northwest in the 75 years which they have been held. The Reunion Planning Committee is already hard at work putting together what we hope will be an enjoyable program and we welcome the opportuity to show off our temperate climate, beautiful scenery, and friendly people. The Reunion Hotel has agreed to extend the special rates to a week prior and a week after the Reunion, so there should be plenty of opportunity to explore the Northwest.

The next Pacific Northwest Chapter meeting will be held April 29th and 30th in Long Beach, Washington at the Super 8 Motel. Call the Motel direct for reservations at (206) 642-8988, and tell them you are with Rainbow. If you arrived the evening of the 28th, you will find you have lots of company. Any questions, contact Bill or Pauline Magrilio at (206) 379-8858.

Texas Spring Roundup Killeen, Texas April 29 - 30

The Texas Chapter will host a Spring Roundup at The Plaza Hotel, Killeen, Texas on April 29 - 30, 1994. All Rainbowers are invited.

The Roundup will be held at The Plaza Hotel, Killeen, Texas with festivities starting after noon on Friday. A block of rooms has been reserved at \$54.00 plus tax per night. We encourage that reservations at The Plaza be made early, prior to April 14. Direct reservations may be made with the hotel by using their toll free number, 1-800-633-8756. Mention that you will be with the Rainbow group.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person which includes the luncheon on Saturday. Advance payment including Rainbower's name and unit, and name of spouse/guest may be mailed to: Bill Shurtleff, 7430 Windmill Lane, Garland, TX 75044. Checks should be made payable to Texas Chapter, RDVA.

For your pleasure there will be a well stocked hospitality suite operating through Saturday night; a tour of Fort Hood, the worlds largest military base, on Saturday morning; and a luncheon Saturday noon. There is a large shopping mall across from the hotel and historic Salado, Texas, with its great antique shopping is just a few miles down the Interstate.

This will be a great opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones. So . . . make your plans and Y'ALL COME . . . hear.

Tom Owen

Great Memories Recalled Paul Rogers H/222nd

I am prompted to write and recall some humorous, and some not so, from Hatten, Schweighausen and Wuerzburg. I was at the time a squad leader.

HATTEN:

We were billeted in a small farm house, and we were in a 24 hour rotation in outposts, with 30 cal. and 50 cal. machine guns (Germans directly across in the woods) and then 24 hours in the farm house. Heavy shelling one day - about the middle of January. That night a German patrol really stumbled into our outposts. We fired. It was pitch-black and cold. That daybreak, four Germans lay dead in front of us - about 25 to 50 yards.

Richard Hamel, 2nd Squad, got up and started to crawl out of his foxhole toward the Germans. I yelled at him that this was no time for souvenirs! Richard kept holding up one bare hand and kept crawling. He reached one German, took off his wool-lined gloves and crawled back. It seems Richard had lost one of his gloves and his hand was

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Task Force Linden's Most Extended Company

Dick Engler F/222nd (Continued from January Issue)

Germans were all around. Herrlisheim was in flames. What "mission" other than surrender could possibly still be in order? In the accounts of both Alonzo Gates and Ed Murphy, the surrender alternative never became an issue. And at around 1 P.M., when Lt. Hampton reappeared and it was agreed that no more of G was likely to emerge from Herrlisheim, the only consideration was how to get through to friendly lines. In single file, moving southwest along a shallow ditch, the largest remaining segment of G/232nd sought a pathway to survival among friends.

A few hundred yards, and the column is swept by MG fire. No casualties, but bullet holes in the clothing of many. From the front of the column a report of a stream just ahead, a bridge and a German MG position. Set up a mortar (sans legs) and feed in the rounds while the enemy returns fire with small arms, rockets, and rifle grenades. A decision to back up 100 yards, but word from the rear: "We can't go back. There are 15 Germans in the ditch behind us." Lay low in the ditch while artillery shells rumble over and the dive-bombing around Gamsheim intensifies. The last hours of daylight pass.

At 6 P.M., Lt. Hampton orders that all mortars and mortar ammo be abandoned. His plan now is to cross over a levee to the right and approach and cross the river Zorn some 200 yards downstream of the bridge. Pitch dark now. Single-file to the river, wading across one at the time through waist-deep water. Form up in diamond formation, the lieutenant in the center, move toward the sound of a clock chiming quarter hours and tolling the hour. Lower trouser legs now sheathed in ice and making crackling noises that make stealth impossible. Gates recalled: "The night was dark, overcast with clouds through which filtered enough star-shine or moonglow, or both, to allow us to see faintly 20 or 30 yards . . . Squishing along in water-filled boots and icesheathed pants we encountered a patrol approaching. Standing, we froze our movement and about a dozen men passed us, within 10 yards, but apparently they did not see us. I think they were German . . . but not a word or sound was exchanged. On towards the clock. Soon we heard some people banging tools on metal. We avoided them, thinking they were working on a tank.

At about 10 P.M. Lt. Hampton's remnant of G moved through an orchard close to the clock town and spread prone in a diamond formation, taking whatever cover could be found. The lieutenant sent someone forward to feel out the hoped-for American perimeter. Soon the scout called out the "all clear," and the group moved up to a GI post and a tank parked on the road that led into

the clock town. This was Weyersheim.

Late that night of January 5 - 6, two other small groups of men from G/232nd struggled into friendly lines. A handful from 2nd Platoon, led after dark by Lt. Stonebreaker out of the bomb crater near Herrlisheim, found their way (as Clecy Hicks described) "to a blacktopped road and followed it until about 4 A.M. when we came upon a French Cafe and were given a drink, a pack of cigarettes and put up for the night." But before reaching that blacktopped road there had been clashes in the dark with an enemy so close that in one encounter the lieutenant had bashed a startled German in the face with his carbine when the man loomed up before him on the edge of a woods as the handful from 2nd Platoon doggedly persisted in their escape to fight another day. And the 3rd Platoon/1st Squad survivors of the ambushed attempt to rescue the men in Offendorf were "chased, harassed, and herded like game animals" as they fought skirmishes all across the wide open farm fields (as recalled by Edward Bumm), before they finally came during the night of January 5 - 6 to a town held by friendly troops.

Within a day or two, the 25 survivors of G were sent back out - until the final January 20 fallback - to suffer from the cold and short rations in a "line" of scattered, frozen foxholes behind the Landgraben Canal.

It would not be until the relief of Task Force Linden and the rest spell in Lorraine that G/232nd would begin to take shape again as a reconstituted fighting unit. And actualy it wasn't until the second week of that thawing out and reception of replacements of February that the last of those who had survived the inundation beside the Rhine by Himmler's forces reappeared. One day, amid the influx of new replacements, Edward La Burda and Stanley Pampek showed up. They had hidden for 31 days in the haystack of a barn, foraging for food at night, until the day when elements of the 36th Division reoccupied Herrlisheim. La Burda recalled: "I was crying when I ran out to meet an American officer who came into town with his men.'

Foolish optimism? Stubborn (but unreasonable) unwillingness to face the unknowns of capture by the Nazis? Whatever their motivations, those needles in a Herrlisheim haystack that January were further puncturing Hitler's arrogant belief that the soft, undisciplined and polyglot Americans would never withstand a great trial by fire. Faced with such stubborn courage - and that of the other men of G/232nd, who refused to surrender until nearly incinerated and persisted in a dogged, exhausting search for friendly lines when the enemy was all around - the Third Reich was doomed. For by the end of that winter crisis of 1994-45 it was clear to all who were not blind that Nazi Germany could not count on the weakness of free men to stave off its imminent defeat.

Division Killed In Action

We are in possession of a list of the Division's combat fatalities. Unfortunately, there are omissions as to company designation and date of death. Our aim is to honor these men by publishing some sort of booklet, in the future. In order to be as accurate as possible, we would like to have a complete record. Val Spiegel is, at present, delving into this. Anyone knowing of the company designation and date of death of the following men is requested to send this information to Val Spiegel, 5305 Wapakoneta Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816-3131; Tel. (301) 299-2478.

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Regt.	Name/Rank	Death
222nd	Arett, Ralph F., Pvt.	3/5/45
222nd	Benhart, Joseph R., Pfc.	1/25/45
222nd	Borg, Harry E., Pfc.	2/18/45
222nd	Burmester, Herbert G., Pvt.	1/7/45
222nd	Burns, Raymond D., Pfc.	3/17/45
222nd	Dammann, Alfred L., Pvt.	1/3/45
222nd	Denson, Carl R., Pfc.	1/15/45
222nd	Doody, William P., Pvt.	3/3/45
222nd	Dunn, Donald D., Pfc.	6/7/45
222nd	Duplisis, Jopseh N., T/5	1/24/45
222nd	Fisher, John T., Jr., Pfc.	4/8/45
222nd	Furich, John J., S/Sgt.	3/3/45
222nd	Garza, Adolphe, Jr., Pfc. Giddens, hershel C., Pfc.	1/24/45
222nd	Giddens, hershel C., Pfc.	1/6/45
222nd	Giordano, John A., Pfc.	3/17/45
222nd	Groendyk, Edward, Pvt.	2/19/45
222nd	Hall, Vernon D., 2/Lt.	?
222nd	Hammack, Royce D., Pfc. Harthwell, Dallas B., 2/Lt.	?
222nd	Harthwell, Dallas B., 2/Lt.	?
222nd	Hasz, Bethuel T., Pvt.	?
222nd	Hopson Telmon J. Pfc	?
222nd	Johnson, Ivan P., T/Sgt.	?
222nd	Judd, Harvey R., Pfc.	2/25/45
222nd	Kempf, Robert J., Pfc.	2/24/45
222nd	McCartney, James B., Pfc.	?
222nd	McElroy, Glenn R., Sgt.	?
222nd	McElroy, Glenn R., Sgt. Miller, Clifford D., S/Sgt.	?
222nd	Mirabella, Andrew J., Pfc.	4/5/45
222nd	Mirabella, Andrew J., Pfc. O'Laughlin, John E., T/Sgt.	4/13/45
222nd	Oyas, Richard W., Pvt.	3/6/45
222nd	Palmes, Jere F., Capt.	4/25/45
222nd	Perez, Tony, Pfc.	?
222nd	Pickrel, Clyde, T/Sgt.	?
222nd	Rider, Richard L., Pfc.	9
222nd	Robertson, Orvie L., Pfc.	?
222nd	Rodich, John E., Pvt.	'n
222nd	Sasser, Bernard D., S/Sgt.	'n
222nd	Schoville, Carroll D., Pvt.	4/4/45
222nd	Sherman, Ralph L., 1/Sgt.	?
222nd	Sinich, Kenneth, Pfc.	,
222nd	Skaar, Robert L., Pvt.	?
222nd	Smith, Robert C., Pfc.	,
	Succ. Robert I. Put	ż
222nd	Svec, Robert J., Pvt.	3/17/45
222nd	Tatlor, Burt B., Pfc.	1/23/45
222nd	Taylor, Charles, Pfc.	
222nd	Towse, Daniel N., S/Sgt.	4/18/45
222nd	Webb, Edwin L., Pfc.	3/4/45
222nd	Wharton, William G., Pfc.	1/18/45
222nd	Young, John F., Pfc.	3/10/45
222nd	Brecht, Henry G., Pfc.	1/6/45
222nd	Campbell, William R., Pvt.	2/27/45
222nd	Smith, James C., Pfc.	74.1745.5V
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232nd		3/7/45
232nd	Cassese, Anthony J., Pfc.	3/19/45
232nd	Cepals, Albert J., Pfc.	3/7/45

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Unheralded Valor

(Bob Clemens M/222nd)

Ed. note: The article below is another example of unknown (except to immediate comrades) and unsung actions that contributed heavily to successful defense and attack. However, the knowledge of what was done can not be taken away and remains as a bonding force for an eternal friendship. The writer, Robert B. Clemens of Co. M, 222nd Infantry, was one of the stalwart line of Heavy MG leaders in the Ohlungen Forest. He and his comrade's experiences forged a lasting chain of fellowship which endures to this day.

I would like to relate my experience as a combat infantryman in Alsace; specifically my platoon's actions for the period of 24 - 26 Jan. 1945 in the Battle of Ohlungen Forest. During the battle, we were attached to the 79th Div. At the time, I was the 4th squad leader of the 2nd section, 2nd platoon of M Co. The squad leaders were all new to the job; the NCOs were pretty much survivors, and there was a team spirit among us. On the MLR, we were attached to K Co. Our platoon sgt. had been selected for a battlefield commission, so was not present. My section sgt. John Summers, had been wounded, and I became the acting leader of the 2nd section. This meant that I had to leave my favorite squad.

On a stormy, wintry night, we withdrew from the Maginot Line, and took up position, on the MLR, just east of Neubourg, located on the road running from Strasbourg through Haguenau to Bitche. It was a narrow macadam road, and snow covered. Our two MGs were placed on the edge of the woods, parrallel to the Moder River. Our field of fire was flat and snow covered. Each squad dug gun positions, plus a squad dugout; the roof was made of logs; invaluable, as we were soon under heavy artillery fire. The 3rd squad had a zigzag trench from their dugout to the MG position. Our platoon CP was in a schoolhouse, in Neubourg, and we were in telephone communication.

On the evening of the 24th, a heavy barrage hit the entire MLR. Keeping phone lines in operation was my job, so I had to travel between HMGs. My two drivers were using the ravine to the C.P. to bring up ammo; a concealed route. We had stretched out concertina wire in front of our positions. As soon as the artillery let up, the German infantry came at us, yelling and shouting. Sgt. Vern Smith had the 4th squad in a grove of trees to the left. That squad began firing, all night, with burst after burst. (Ed. note: Afteraction report states "It was the hammering heavy maching guns along with the popping 45s of stubborn men who continued to fight even when surrounded, that saved the day".) The Germans came, repeatedly, out of the Moder River bed, towards us. Others were seen moving toward Neubourg Early in the action, the 3rd squad leader, Clifton Young, was wounded severely and

evacuated. William White took his place.

The firefight went on all night. Sam Harrington and Harold Hughes kept us supplied with ammo. The heavy German artillery never ceased; shrapnel continually broke our wire, but we kept it in operation, by constant repairs. The enemy had penetrated to an open area in the draw up the road, which kept the 3rd squad under fire. For us, there were plenty of targets of opportunity; Vern Smith and his assistant, Bill Cody, exposed themselves to the fire, as they fired standing upright. The 3rd squad had their MG mounted on the roof, and to avoid the flanking fire, they would reach up, adjust and fire, exposing only their hands. At one point, Smitty had to break his gun down to replace a driving rod spring in the bolt assembly. We began firing our rifles at the enemy no more than 20 yards away. (Ed. note: The enemy was coming in for the kill. It was common knowledge that standing German orders were to award the Iron Cross to any "Lanser" who knocked out an American HMG.) We dispensed with the attacking force, and the 3rd squad fired grazing fire to the front, adjusting over the phone. Soon, Vern Smith had his MG working, and we ended the attack.

At dawn, reconnoitering the MLR, I met two K Co. riflemen, who went along with me, along a ditch on the North side of the road. We came across Earl Schaffer and Edward Gendron of the 1st Section. We, then saw the rest of the section withdrawing along the edge of the woods across the draw. German infantry was following. We opened fire and destroyed them, as the 1st section joined us. They had been surrounded, but escaped; PFC Earhardt had shot the first Kraut, which gave the rest time to leave. Now, the Germans were again closing in. Here, I saw PFC Jamie Thompson throwing hand grenades with deadly accuracy. The 1st section crossed the draw and set their guns, as we were now in a intese fire fight. Cpl. Powlishem and PFC Guimond, of the 1st section, did a terrific job.

It had now grown quite foggy, as the woods behind us were full of approaching infantry (Co. I of the 314th Inf.). With the 1st section providing the base of fire, these men charged forward, firing from the hip. However, they were halted and retreated to the gravel pit in back of my 4th squad. In the meanwhile, the 1st section moved into positions on the MLR so that its field of fire covered the right flank, including the draw. Sgt. Smith brought the news that the 314th Lt. and his remaining men were across the road, setting up a perimeter defense. He, the Lt, was happy when I offered my 4 HMGs to reinforce his perimeter. We moved into the pit and dug in. We were still under constant artillery fire. Just before dusk, the Lt. received a call telling him to move out, to the East. Just as the 314th moved out, an artillery tree burst exploded over the foxhole I shared with PFC Whittaker and Cpl. Powlishen. Whittaker took shrapnel in his left shoulder. I decided to take Whittaker back to the Co. K C.P. and turn him over to a medic. I met Lt. Yanice There, who told me to return the platoon to the MLR position, where it would be much safer than the gravel pit. After the move, our right flank was on the left side of the draw, and our left flank was the edge of the woods east of Neubourg. Shortly after moving, a white phosperous shell hit the 4th squad's original position in the gravel pit. It was apparent that they all would have been killed had they remained there.

We continued to receive artillery and mortar fire, but no more infantry attacks during the night, or thereafter. On the night of the 26th, we were relieved. In retrospect, I, like my comrades, was happy to be alive. Later, I realized that we had been battle tested and not found wanting. A brotherhood was formed that exists to this day.

Somber Wartime Salute

(Reprinted from the Newark Star-Ledger)
Richard Tisch's WWII display in the
Chatham Library is more than a salute to
his old outfit, the 42nd Infantry Division.
"The exhibit will also help give people an
understanding of what the Dachau concentration camp was all about," explained
Tisch; who served as an artillery sergeant
in the 42nd. "Dachau was a place of horror,
and the 42nd helped liberate it too."

Tisch has assembled two showcases worth of war related memorabilia, ranging from maps and newspapers clippings to German battlefield weapons. "Some of the items go back to 1943 when the 42nd was activated," Tisch said, "the unit was part of the 7th Army during operations against Hitler's "Nordwind" or Winter Storm, in northern Alsace from November, 1944 - March 1945. The exhibit is a salute not only to the 42nd, but to the other units that fought together as the 7th Army," Tisch said, "It was an outstanding group of soldiers."

In one of the display cases, Tisch has identified the participating units of the 7th Army - the 36th, 42nd, 44th, 45th, 63rd, 70th, 79th, 100th, and 103rd, the 94th and 117th Cavalry and the 4th, 12th and 14th Armored. In late April, 1945 advance, elements of the 42nd reached the Dachau concentration camp. "The first unit to arrive on April 29, 1945, was E Co., 2nd Bn., 222nd Infantry' Tisch said, "As a matter of fact, a memorial plaque was dedicated there, last year, which honored members of the 42nd and other 7th Army personnel who helped liberate Dachau. I attended the dedication and some 500 former concentration camp prisoners attended. It was memorable and moving.'

Tisch vividly recalled what he saw at Dachau when he first arrived there, several days after the first unites liberated the camp. "It certainly was a horrible place," he said, "I believe there were 30,000 prisoners there, some still in railroad boxcars. Unfortuneatley, about 4,000 of the prisoners died after liberation. Their

An Emotional Trip Back In Time

By Howard Margbol - 392nd F.A.

Arlington National Cemetery - April 21, 1993 - 8:00 a.m. - The Amphitheater was filled and overflowing with thousands of Holocaust survivors, their families, liberators, rescuers, various dignitaries and world leaders. They were there to honor and give tribute to the American, Russian, French and Jewish Brigade Army units who liberated the various concentration camps. Also honored were civilians who risked their lives to save Jews from Nazis in various parts of Europe.

The ceremony was very moving and emotional. Martial music provided by the U.S. Army band added to the occasion. As the various Allied Forces Liberating Division Flags were carried in you couldn't help but feel a large lump in your throat. Remarks by The Honorable Les Aspin, Secretary of Defense, John S. D. Eisenhower, son of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and by the step-brother of Raoul Wallenberg were timely and very eloquent.

As Liv Ullmann, the world renowned Scandinavian actress, recited to the rapt audience "America Remembering" by Chaim Potok, my mind drifted back to April 29, 1945. I was a gunner on a 105mm Howitzer as part of Battery "B", 392nd Field Artillery Battalion, 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division. We generally operated inclose support of the 222nd Infantry Regiment. We vacated our gun position at the first light of dawn that morning, and began moving forward. After a fairly short advance, we set up our howitzer and fired several firing missions. As things quieted down and a brief lull insued, one of our jeep drivers drove by our gun position and told us about a strange camp just a few minutes walk from where we were. My twin brother and I decided to go over ther and see this strange camp. We had already noticed an unusual odor in the air, but, did not connect it up with the camp.

As we approached the main gate of the camp, we quickly realized what the strange odor was. When we were kids, our mother used to briefly hold the fresh chicken over the burner on the gas stove in order to singe off the pin feathers. Whether chicken or human flesh being burned, the odor is the same. Outside the main gate and parallel to the high fence of the camp was a long train composed of many box cars. The doors of the box cars had been opened and inside were dead bodies - one on top of the other. Whether the Germans had brought this trainload of Jews to the camp and left them locked in the boxcars to die or were trying to take them deeper into Germany away from the advancing Americans, who knows? In either case the result was the same. I stopped long enough to take a quick picture of the first boxcar with my camera and then went inside the camp.

Looking around we saw the thousands of camp inmates, the ovens, and the various camp buildings. We quickly realized where we were, the notorious DACHAU concentration camp!! We had no time to help the living and the dying. That would have to be handled by those coming behind us who were not directly involved in the fighting. We had to return to our gun position. A war was still going on!! After a five minute walk through the woods, we were back at our gun position, and not a moment too soon. Our unit was pulling out and continuing the advance against the Germans.

All that day I thought about the camp, trying to understand the full meaning of what I had seen. Why did it exist? What was the full extent of what I had seen? Were there similar camps elsewhere in the Third Reich? Why did mankind have to be so inhuman to their fellow human beings? I failed to come up with any answers.

In later years many people have failed to understand why DACHAU was not a gut wreching, highly emotional experience for me. The answer is simple. I did not realize, nor comprehend, the full meaning of what I was seeing. As an American soldier, and not a high ranking officer, I was completely ignorant of the fact that these concentration camps even existed. After all, we were there to defeat the Germans, and save the world from Nazism. That was our goal. Not the liberation of camps and the saving of Jews. It was only after the war in Europe ended nine days later, that, I learned the full story of DACHAU and the existence of many similar camps. It answered most of my questions, but, not the most important one. WHY??

"And let it stir in us the firm resolve that the horrors it unveils do not signal an end to our determined advance toward a just world: and that similar acts will not ever be visited upon the people in our free and cherished land, nor again be witnessed by humankind."

With a start I suddenly realized I was no longer lost in my rememberances of long ago. I was back to the present, the here and now, as the above words of Chaim Potok were being read by Liv Ullman at the finish of her recitation.

Later that day, I toured the Holocaust Memorial Museum. I was very impressed with the Museum itself, the documents, pictures, films, original objects and the manner in which they were presented. I was particularly surprised to see pictures of the same identical railroad boxcar outside the main gate of DACHAU I had taken with my camera displayed in several prominent places in the Museum. At the same time I was very gratified to see that much of the documentation on display was taken from the German's own files. This should help dispel the notion in some quarters that the holocaust never happened.

A tour of the Museum starts on the fourth floor and takes you through the "Nazi Assault - 1933 to 1939". A natural progression takes you to the third floor where you view evidence of "The Final Solution - 1940 to 1944". The flow of the exhibit then leads vou to the second floor - "Aftermath" I thought back to the summer months of 1945. The war in Europe had ended, and our weeks and months of combat were over. We now turned our attention to clearing up the wreckage of war - the physical kind such as roads, buildings, etc. and the human kind people.

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Division Killed In Action

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232nd	Glenn, Thomas S., Pvt.	4/17/45
232nd	Goldberg, Irwin E., Pfc.	3/20/45
232nd	Green, Everett E., Pvt.	1/19/45
232nd	Gwyn, Charles E., Pfc.	3/19/45
232nd	Haldeman, John E., Pfc.	1/5/45
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232nd	Novakofski, Raymond A., Pfc.	?
232nd	Patrick, Benjamin, Pfc.	?
232nd	Rapp, William E., Pfc.	9
232nd	Rauch, Raymond C., Pvt.	?
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232nd	Sinks, Edward W., Sgt.	,
232nd	Stearns, Charles E., Pfc.	'n
	Stowe, Philip H., Pvt.	9
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232nd	Umfress, Cecil V., Pfc.	3/1/40
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242nd	Howell, Ernest E., Pfc.	?
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232	F.A. Oliver, William R., 1/Lt.	?
232	F.A. Sloan, William R., Pfc.	?
232	F.A. Welte, Walter W., Cpl.	4/27/45
232	F.A. Pereir, Albert C., Pvt.	?
402	F.A. Lockwood, Frank C., Pfc	?
42HQ	Bt. A Heinze, John R., T/5	?
132	Sig. Lessig, joseph M., T/Sgt	?
142	Engr. Harrison, Kenneth, Cpl	?
142	Engr. Hill, Ernest J., Sr., Pfc	?
142	Engr. Horschmann, C., Pvt.	?
142	Engr. Miller, Charles, Pfc.	?
142	Engr. Pieper, Russell L., T/5	?
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Artillery Corner

The coming celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Normandy invasion gives us reason to pause and reflect. Artillerymen saw the war from a different vantage point than the Infantry. Mostly, we worked from positions already secured by the Infantry. This was, particularly, true of Service Batteries which remained in positions for extended periods. As a result, it was a daily occurance to witness a steady stream of downtrodden people, on foot and in farm wagons, moving to the rear. Upon inspection, many times, these "harmless" wagons contained a German officer hidden under a blanket or bale of hay. The children always appeared fearful, clinging to their mother's skirts. Fraternization was out, but a friendly wave, from a passing German became an expected gesture. On one occasion, Lt. Arthur Schick, Motor Officer - 392nd F.A. and an Animal Husbandry teacher in civilian life, assisted in the birth of a calf; mother, calf, and Art all survived. This all happened 50 years ago . . . memories!

Veterans Identification Program

The intent of this program is to make the veteran the focus of commemoration events. Two Veteran Identification Badges have been approved. One identifies the D-Day veteran and the other recognizes all WWII veterans. An application must be filled out, along with documentation of WWII service, as well as passport numbers for all those in the veteran's immediate party. Completed applications should be sent to: World War II Commemoration Committee, ATTN. Veteran Identification Program, 5001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, Va. 22333. For application: Dept. of the Army Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC 20310-0107. Attn: Col John K. Sullivan, Director of Operations.

They Saw The Elephant Sooner

The picture of Camp Gruber in the November 1993 Reveille reminded me of the Elephant there - A guy came upstairs, one night, sounding off all down the row of beds; waking everyone up as he shouted "There's an Elephant in the camp!" After everyone was awake, they insisted that the man had had too much to drink, and all went back to sleep.

Come morning roll call - someone shouted out "For God's sake, go down and find out if it is true that there is an elephant in the camp." Sure enough, there was an elephant - a small one with a touring sideshow. Then, we believed it was true! IS IT IN THE INFORMATION BOOK HUGO?

Walter Slike - Co. L/242nd Inf.

"Belly Button Gang" Commander Tells of WWI Trenches

Looking back 75 years, Paul Jarrett remembers his little band of warriors as the forerunners of America's elite special forces. Paul says British soldiers taught him how to raid enemy trenches for prisoners, when he was a lieutenant in WWI. He shared what he learned with his troops, who would follow him into battle with only pistols and daggers.

"Germans will have a rifle and bayonet," Jarrett recalled. "Get past that rifle and you're safe. Get belly to belly . . ." Stories about that advice got Lt. Jarrett's soldiers their nickname "Jarrett's Belly Button Gang".

Paul talks of being trapped in enemy territory as battle lines shifted. "We were in a rock quarry. The Germans didn't know we were there." The Belly Button Gang waited for the war to catch up to them, but it took several days. Later, Paul was injured from a blast from an artillery shell, and was moved to the legal corps.

Jarrett said that he shied away from reunions for many years "because most of the troops hated their officers." One day, he stopped in Ohio to see a sergeant from the old unit. The room was filled. "They put their arms around me and cried. I was sorry I didn't see them earlier." Since then, he has attended the division's last five reunions

American Medical Corpsmen Organize

Medical corpsmen from all branches of the service who served in the military during time of war in a combat theater of operation has formed a national organization to bring together medical care providers, to help them cope with their unique war experiences, and bring greater recognition for their contributions. The organization publishes a newsletter, and chapters are encouraged in all states. (Chapters are already established in some states.) For more information or a membership application, write The American Order of Corpsmen and Combat Medics, P.O. Box 1710, Dept. A, Louisville, Kentucky 40217 and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Communication From Dagny Loe

Dagny Loe, the Norwegian lady liberated by the Rainbow (see Sept. 1993 issue) sent a Christmas card to PNP Jack Hildreth, asking him to convey her warmest wishes and good thoughts to all the members of the RDVA. Unfortunately, it took Jack a month to locate someone to translate the card. Nevertheless, it is still very welcome and we thank Dagny for her well wishes.

The Victory Memorial Museum

The Victory Memorial Museum, located along the E25/E411 autoroute from Brussels to Luxembourg City was opened 3 years ago. The Victory Museum contains five large diorama depicting the North Aftrican Campaign, the Normandy Landings, the Battle of The Bulge, and the Liberation of the low countries. Anyone returning next year is urged to include the museum, near Arlon, Belgium in their itinerary. Mailing address: B-6780 Messancy, Belgium. Tel: 063.21 99 88 (32.63.21.99.88). Fax: 063.23 34 88 (32.63.23.34.88)

Wuerzburg Interlude

Don Carner C/232nd

In the January 1993 issue of the Rainbow Reveille, page 6, there was an article about the German Veteran of Wuerzburg wishing to contact members of the 42nd. Last November or early December I wrote to him and received an answer this month.

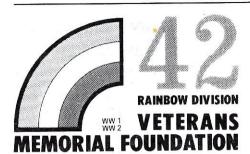
He had one page typed two sides written in English "My wartime memoirs". The other letter was in German. Anyway, in the English one he tells about the afternoon of April 4th when he and another comrade were helping one of their wounnded up the hill to the hospital Monchsberg. When I read this part of his letter I got goose-pimples all over. On that afternoon, after we had been hit hard, we received orders to fall back. In doing so, the assistant gunner of my squad (machinegun) stepped out on the railroad track side of the building and was killed.

In the area we fell back to, I went across the street andup to the top floor of another building where I had a command view of the surrounding area. Being very sleepy, I think I dozed off a little, but awoke and looked over towards the big hospital. Upon seeing 2 or 3 persons, I raised the sight on my gun and fired off one shot. I readjusted then fired off another shot. This caused them to duck down, then they hurried for cover under some bushes.

I answered his letter and when doing so, I wanted to make some copies from the pictures in our History World War II.

I have had this history book 40 some years, but really never noticed that one picture in it was printed from the reverse side of the negative until now. On pages 60 and 61 in the book is a picture of the Marienburg Castle. On the next pages, at the bottom, jeeps are shown being readied to be ferried across the river, but where is the Marienburg Castle? The pictures seems to be taken from the same side. Then I noticed that we had jeeps with the steering wheels on the right side. Ha! Now I realized that the picture wsa made with the negative reversed. Upon looking from the back side of the copy I made, the picture became clear and I could even read the 42nd 222 Inf. Co K on the

I just wonder how many others had noticed this.



Rainbow Looks Forward to a Return to Munich/Dachau in April/May 1995

Through the good services of Wolfgang Robinow, Harvey Snapp, Bill Snuffin, Bill Twiss and others of the 242nd I&R Platoon. plans are being proposed for a major return to Europe to coincide with the Liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp and the capture of Munich on the 50th Anniversary of both of these events. President Romeo Fagiolo had authorized Wolfgang to present a plan which could be approved as early as the Midyear in Charleston as an authorized Association function. This has been done. Further, the Battlefield Tour Inc. has been authorized to offer tours on the front and back of the Munich/Dachau Event. The Robinow event officially begins on Thursday, April 27, 1995, and will conclude with a reception and lunch in Salzburg on Monday, March 1. The Battlefield Tours will propose a continuation at that point to go on thru Austria and then Alsace-Lorraine with a major City Reception in Hatten-Rittershoffen on May 7th and a VE Day Celebration in Haguenau on May 8th where the Rainbow will be honored guests. Details on these authorized events will be forthcoming in the next REVEILLE. Reasonable hotel and airline reservations for the Munich/Dachau return have been arranged by Robinow's Committee for those choosing to attend just the Munich/Dachau events. A registration fee for this part of the tour will be required to cover the costs associated with Munich portion and this is expected to be about \$150. Those traveling to Europe on their own will be required to pay this fee as well if they participate in this five-day exciting event.

Robinow served with the Rainbow Division following his emigration from Germany to the U.S. whereupon he served with the I&R Platoon and is given credit for arranging the capitulation of Munich through a story that will be published in later issues of the REVEILLE. Many at the Midyear said they plan to attend these events, "God Willing," as they say.

Great Memories

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close to getting frost-bitten. I believe he wore those German gloves throughout that cold winter.

SCHWEIGHAUSEN:

Company H was defending on the perimeter - this time, in the basement of a house with 50 cal, maching gun. It seemed the whole field got up and was full of whitecoated Germans yelling "Ami, Ami!" Constant firing. Went to reload Remington round ammo box; ammo loaded upside down! What a scramble to re-load after pulling the whole belt out. By then, direct fire from 88's, house on fire, pulled back into town, dug in again and H Company stopped the attack. That morning found a Jeep trailer full of ammo. Everybody grabbed and there lo - I behold a British Press Correspondent who stopped me and asked, "How is it going?" I was too dumbfounded to answer. How he got into Schweighausen during that battle, I'll never know.

WORMS/WUERZBURG:

WORMS: Crossed on steel beams from bombed out bridge - mortar fire-ducked, slipped into Rhine River.

WUERZBURG: After firing our 30 cal. machine guns from the castle at artillary observation posts, came down the hill, facing East, to cross the Mainz River, early A.M. 4/2/45. (We crossed in rowboats rowed by engineers, who had a lot of guts as we were under fire.)

Before getting into our boat, shells came in, bank gave way, and into the Mainz River I went, down like a rock. My buddy, S/Sgt. L. J. Rhode, grabbed me and pulled me out and said, "C. P., you trying to fall in every river in Europe?

Sombre Warime Salute

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physical condition was too poor to save them. I hope that viewers of the exhibit will get a feeling that the Holocaust did indeed take place," he said, "I know it did, I was there."

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

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