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HISTORIQUE DES COMBAT DU 5 JANVIER 1945 (The Fighting on 5 January, 1945)

(Courtesy of Lise Pommols)

On 5 January, 1945, the 4th and 8th squadrons with a platoon from 5th Squadron of the former 4th Legion of the Republican Guard, now the 18th group of Mobile Gendarmerie, were to fight gallantly against the enemy though they were greatly outnumbered.

Strasbourg and its area were liberated on 23 November, 1944. Then followed a period of euphoria. But mid-December was launched a great German offensive. In the Ardennes, the Germans broke through the American MLR. In Alsace, German forces crossed the Rhine and threatened Strasbourg from the north and from the south. In the north, the enemy established the Gamsheim bridgehead and built up forces in the area.

The situation was serious, so the American High Command decided to withdraw the troops from Alsace to the Vosges. But General DeGaulle could not accept the fact Strasbourg should be abandoned, even temporarily, and he ordered the French troops to hold the town, whatever the cost may be. On 3, January, in the morning, whereas the First French Army was engaged in the Colmar Pocket, General DeLattre de Tassigny received the order to defend Strasbourg. He decided to commit the 3rd D.I.A. under General Guillaume's orders. But this glorious unit was unable to reach Strasbourg before the 5th in the late afternoon. The threat grew bigger on Strasbourg.

General Schwartz, the Governor of Strasbourg, swore he would fight to the end but he had only limited forces at his disposal. In the north, the two squads from the Guard, with reduced strength and weakly armed, and a few FFI's, Gamsheim was encircled in the morning, early (KHC note; there also 2 rifle platoons Co. L/ a machine gun and mortar section Co. M/ and an Anti-tank squad from 3rd Bn. Hqs. - all 232nd U.S. Infantry). Sergeant Rene Bohn, responsible for the FFI's in Gamsheim, who had made a reconnaissance during the night, along the Rhine, managed to pass through the enemy lines and reach Kilstett. The information he gathered proved later very useful. In this case of emergency, on 5 January, General Schwartz ordered Dancourt, commanding the two squads of the Guard, to

reconnoiter the terrain north of Kilstett and Gamsheim. The northern edge of Kilstett was to be the departure line.

The attack was launched by a group of FFI's at 15:15 hours on a flat, open terrain. 600 yards from their first objective, the outskirts of Bettenhoffen, the first elements of the Guard were caught under the fire of automatic arms. Several men were wounded, but, in spite of the absence of supporting fire, in spite of the terrain, the advance continued under fierce artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Cambours, commanding the 4th squadron, was mortally wounded; his assistant, Lt. Perre, was seriously wounded. The squads tried to outflank the enemy. At 16:30 hours, the enemy artillery grew more intense, killing three men and wounding several others. Yet, the Frenchmen continued their advance. Wounded men refused to be evacuated, such as Bajolet whose face was hit by shrapnel, or Martin, from the same platoon, who lost an eye and suffered a broken arm. Yet he would not go to the aid station.

In spite of the enemy resistance, the French reached the bank of the Giessen, in Bettenhoffen, but as the enemy fire was superior to theirs and the FFI's were unable to provide them with adequate ammunition, they withdrew to defensive positions in the northern outskirts of Kilstett. They brought back Lt. Cambour, using two guns as a stretcher.

Night came, disturbed by machine gun fire and shell explosions. Threatening roars of enemy tanks heralded the next morning attack. But, when morning came, it was an American company who arrived at 0700 hours (Co. F/232nd; Co. K/232nd and Co. H/232nd - later Co. F/222nd. At the same time, a two pronged attack was taking place by the 2nd Bn. 242nd and Co. E/222nd and Co. E/232nd). These units tried, supported by three tanks and the Republican Guard, to continue the operation on the 6th and 7th. Three attacks were made. They could not break through, but they made a 100 prisoners, who said there were 1600 men in the Bridgehead. So Bohn's information had been correct. Thanks to the Guard's resistance, the Command

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President's Report



President John and Lovely Jane

Fellow Rainbowers:

Following the Reunion at Little Rock, Jane and I drove to Muskogee, Oklahoma, to get a first hand look at the Rainbow Memorial Amphitheater. It is in good shape and the security fence has all but eliminated the vandalism problem. Bob Haggard, 222nd, and a resident of Muskogee, keeps a close watch for any damage and keeps Charlie Fowler, the Association Memorials Officer, informed.

We stopped off at Macon, Georgia, on our return trip to Florida, and checked on the 151st Machine Gun Battalion Memorial. Maintenance was in progress and a rededication ceremony is tentatively scheduled between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on November 12 following the National Veterans Day in Birmingham celebration. All Rainbowers are invited to attend.

It is not too early to make your plans for the Mid-Year reunion at Tampa in February. The cut-off date for hotel reservations is January 2nd. Other detailed information was included in the September issue of the Reveille. Al Zukunft, the Reunion chairman, is planning a great reunion.

My travel plans include the Northeast Chapter meeting in Albany, New York, the New Jersey Chapter meeting in Wildwood, and the Birmingham celebration. I will report on those meetings in the next issue of the Reveille.

Charlie Paine and the "phone disk" search group continues to do a great job in locating prospective members. The *recruit* part of our "three R" program is alive and well but from looking at the latest membership data, the *retain* and the *reinstate* parts of the program could use some help. If you know someone who is about to drop his membership or who has dropped, please do what you can to keep him enrolled in the Association. Slow payment or no payment of membership dues is reflected in the data maintained by the national secretary. If you have not done so, I urge you to mail your dues to your chapter secretary. or, if you are a member-at-large, to the national secretary. Remember. Recruit. Retain. Reinstate.

Yours In Rainbow
John Whisler

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Chaplain's Prayer for Reveille

*Give us grace, O Lord, to work while it is
day, fulfilling diligently and patiently
whatever duty Thou appointest us; doing
small things in the day of small things,
and great labors if Thou summon us to
any. Go with us and we will go; but if
Thou go not with us, send us not; go before
us, if Thou put us forth; and let us hear
Thy voice when we follow. Amen.*

Norman Forde
RDVA Chaplain

We Get Letters

Editor:

I thought the members might like to
hear about a pleasant experience my
wife and I had after the Little Rock
Reunion. We drove west and stopped at
the Muskogee Memorial. It was sur-
rounded by a high fence; The paved
road to the site is one way out, so the
only access is by a dirt road; some
attention is needed.

Now for the pleasant. On the way
home, we stopped at the Air Force
Museum near Dayton, Ohio. The Nazi
flag that the 222d took at Schweinfurt has
been on display as one of the exhibits.
Unfortunately, we found the WW2 exhib-
it area closed. One of the gentlemen at
the desk took enough interest to get per-
mission to escort us to the closed exhib-
it so that we could view and photograph
the flag. Renovation will take 2 years,
but individual exhibits will reopen
shortly. I recommend this museum high-
ly. It is well worth seeing.

C. Steurat Hihn
HQ Co., 222d Inf.

Blood Brothers

The thought of "blood brothers" is
not a new one as it relates to combat
wounded warriors. Shakespeare's his-
torical drama, King Henry V is a story
of the English invasion of France and a
major battle at Agincourt. In Act IV,
scene III, King Henry is discussing the
battle with one of his field comman-
ders, the Earl of Westmoreland. They
are discussing the day's combat losses,
including the wounds received by
those on the field of battle.

Quoting from King Henry's solilo-
quy, "He that shall live this day and see
old age/ Then will be strip his sleeve
and show his scars./ From this day to
the ending of the world/ But we in it
shall be remembered:/ We few, we
happy few, we band of brothers:/ For he
today that sheds his blood with me
shall be my brother".

This was written in the 1500s- a star-
tling parallel to those words General
George Washington might have used on
August 7, 1782, when he first bestowed
what has become the Purple Heart.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Gentlemen, here they come, the
queen of battles, the Infantryman,
the old foot sloggers. Twenty-five
years ago at West Point an old tacti-
cal professor used to say to us:
'never overlook the doughboy. A
thousand years ago it was the foot
soldiers who won and held the terri-
tory and it will be the same a thou-
sand years from now...' Look at 'em,
the doughboys, God bless them."

GEORGE S. PATTON, LTG, USA
Source: OHIO North Coast news

3 Blind Lice

The following is a free translation
by 5th Army of a document taken
from a PW:

14 AT Co, 1044 Inf Regt 7 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Lousiness

TO: Strongpoint Commanders

In my last inspection of the wash
at Strongpoints B and C, I found as
many as 25 to 30 lice in a single
shirt. It was my own experience in
Russia that, with careful delousing,
lice could be kept down to 2-3 per
day; otherwise shirts and under-
clothes literally took to their heels
and ran away. In visiting the strong-
points in the future, I will make a
spot check of underclothes and
shall severely punish anyone in
whose garment I find more than
three (3) lice.

APFEL, Lt and Co Comdr
Source: III Corps & VII Corps

Civilian Attitude to the Party

An officer of the 13 Para Regt,
5th Para Div said that in the town
of Dudeldorf near Bitburg the
Ortsgruppenleiter evacuated himself
and his possessions across the Rhine
in a Red Cross vehicle. Before leaving,
however, he proclaimed to the popula-
tion: "When the Wehrmacht retreats,
the Volkstrum will take over the
defense to the last drop of blood."
When he found that the people of
Dudeldorf had been using the tree
trunks intended for fortifications as
fuel, he shrugged his shoulders and
said: "Use twigs. It will still look
defended."

Source: PID/OSS Daily ISUM & VII Corps. Published in
75th Inf Div G-2 Notes. RG 407, Unit Records, National
Archives, Archives II, College Park MD.

National Reunion - Knoxville, TN July 9-12, 1997

The National Reunion will be held in Knoxville, TN on July 9-12, 1997. The primary Hotel is the Holiday Select Downtown (525 Henley St. and Clinch Ave. Knoxville, TN 37902 - Tel. 423-522-2800), and the overflow will be the Knoxville Hilton (501 N. Church St., Knoxville, TN 37901 - Tel. 423-527-2300). Room blocks of 250 rooms, each night, are set aside at both hotels. Rates are \$75.00/per night single, double, triple, plus 13.25% tax. Reservation cutoff is June 7, 1997. There is a covered walkway and shuttle service between hotels. All meetings and the Banquet/dance will be held at the Holiday Inn. The Knoxville Amphitheater is reserved for the Memorial Service. Limited RV parking is available at both hotels. Southgate Campground is available for RVs needing hookups (\$15.00/night - Tel. 423-573-1837). McGhee Tyson Airport is serviced by Delta, Northwest, US Air, TWA and Texas Air. Free shuttle service from the airport to the hotels will be available.

Further information will be available regarding available tours. Registration is \$40.00/person. Forms were available at Little Rock. (your individual chapter newsletter will also provide forms.) If you still need a form contact Jim Pointer - Tel. 423-577-8222 or Bill Mayberry Tel. 615-484-2537. Completed forms and checks are to be mailed to KCVB-42D RAINBOW - Box 15012, 810 Clinch Ave., Knoxville, TN 37902.

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Mid-Year Reunion February 6-9, 1997

The 1997 Mid-Year Reunion will be in Tampa, Florida, on February 6-9 in the conveniently located DoubleTree Guests Suites, formerly the Embassy Suites. The DoubleTree is a luxury hotel with 260 two-room suites and is located in the Westshore Business District near the Tampa International Airport. Suites are equipped with microwave, refrigerator, wet bar, coffee maker, two telephones with dual lines and voice mail, and two color TV sets, all cable connected.

Complimentary transportation to and from the Tampa International Airport will be furnished by the hotel. Use the courtesy telephone in the baggage pick-up area and dial #11.

Single and double suites are \$95.00 per day plus 12% tax. To make reservations, call 813-873-8675 or 1-800-222-TREE or write Double Tree Guest Suites, 4400 West Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida 33607. Only 100 rooms have been blocked. Make your room reservations early and not later than January 2nd. Reservations cannot be guaranteed after that date. Rooms before and after the reunion will be on a space available basis.

Registration fee will be \$40.00 per person and will include registration, luncheon, and banquet. Any change will be announced in a

future issue of the Rainbow Reveille. The Rocking Chair Chapter is required to commit a considerable sum of money up front for the reunion. You are encouraged to pre register early. Make you check payable to Treasurer, Rocking Chair Chapter, and mail it to: Albert Zukunft, 1502 Bunker Hill Dr., Sun City Center, FL 33573. For registration forms contact Al.

DIRECTIONS

If you are coming from the:

NORTH: 275 South into Tampa, exit Lois Av. turn right, then an immediate left on Cypress St. We're 3 blocks down on the left.

SOUTH: 275 North to Lois Av. exit. Turn left go north to Cypress St., Turn left, we're 3 blocks down on the left.

EAST: I-4 west to Interstate 275 South, Exit Lois Av. Go North to Cypress St. Turn left, we're 3 blocks down on the left.

WEST: 275 North to Lois Av. Exit, Turn left go North to Cypress St. Turn left, we're 3 blocks down on the left.

Re-Dedication Ceremony Macon, GA

On November 12, 1996 there will be a re-dedication ceremony at the 151st Machine Gun Battalion Memorial located on Coleman Hill in Macon, Georgia. The 151st was a unit of the Rainbow during World War I. This monument was erected in 1922 and over the years, little or no maintenance was performed, until it had badly deteriorated. After twelve years of effort, the monument is being restored and appropriate ceremonies will be held. This is a joint project by the Macon-Bibb County Recreation Department and the Rainbow Division Veterans Association.

The program will begin at 1:30 PM and will last from 30 to 45 minutes, with speakers to include the Mayor, Jim Marshall; President of the RDVA Foundation, John McGovern; Association President, John Whisler; a Chaplain and we hope to have a Color Guard, a Firing Squad and Buglers for Taps. A wreath will also be laid.

Directions to Coleman Hill: Take the Spring Street exit off Interstate 16 (Spring Street is also Route 23 West), follow Spring Street until you come to the intersection of Mulberry Street (on your left) and Georgia Avenue (on your right), turn right onto Georgia Avenue (this is also Route 23) and as you proceed up the hill, the Memorial and Coleman Hill will be on your right.

All Rainbows are cordially invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Fowler, PO Box 64, Londonderry, NH 03053-0064, or 1-603-432-2635.

Navarin Farm Ceremony

The weather was very hot, with the temperature in the 30s, clear.

Upon arrival of the officials, General Valetin, Chalons-sur-Marne, representing the French Ministry of Defense, inspected the troops. Floral decorations were placed by: General Valetin; Sous-Prefet d'Epernay; General Xavier Gouraud (Ret); General

Dickey, Director ABMC, European Region placed the floral decoration for the 42nd Division (Rainbow Division). The defense attaché, Colonel Victorson, US Army, represented the Honorable Pamela Harrison, American Ambassadress.

Speeches were given by General Xavier Gouraud and Russian Prince Obolensky, President of the Association du Souvenir du Corps Expeditionnaire Russe en France.

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

A large attendance attended. Approximately 85 flag bearers participated.

The group then traveled to Suippes where they visited an exposition of Russian actions in WWI, and then a lunch was held at the Officers' Club.

At 1600 hrs a visit and wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Russian military Cemetery at St. Hilaire-le-Grand.

Afterwards, the officials were invited to the Presbiter of Abbe Kuhn at Vraux for refreshments and a visit to the Air Operations Joint Museum (French, British and US) at Vraux.

Unfortunately there was no US military participation (color guard). This is coordinated through the US Embassy DAO. This is only the second time that there was no color guard present. This is a "high interest" item for next year.

Memorial Officer – Needs Help

I need help in establishing the history of two Memorials, that recently came to my attention. I know from past experience that somewhere out there are Rainbows who have answers to my questions.

#1. A stained glass window located in a church in KITZBUHEL, AUSTRIA. We know that it was erected in memory of Major Warren M. Cannefax's wife Esther. Outside of that we have little information. We need to know the why, what, when and how come? I do have a copy of the article in the "Reveille", March 1951. Also if anyone has a good clear picture of the window that could be enlarged.

#2. Is a monument located in Marysville, OH. It is a bronze plaque attached to a large boulder. It reads "In Memoriam Members of Co E 166 U.S. Inf. 42nd Rainbow Division A.E.F. July 15, 1917 to May 16, 1919, Erected by Ralph Berger Chapter Rainbow Division Veterans". Again we need to know the why, what, who, when and how come?

Also, there is a flag, that I found out was used for WWI Rainbow Veterans funeral services. It has "OUR COMRADE" printed across the top, a full rainbow with 42 in the center and RAINBOW DIV VET across the bottom, all on a white background. Does anyone have any of these to spare? The gentleman who I have been in contact in regards to this (No rainbow connection, but a concerned citizen) would like replacements for the one now on the grave, as it has become dirty and tattered.

I tried on all three of these at Little Rock and came up empty handed. If you can help on any or all of these, please drop me a line - PO Box 64, Londonderry, NH 03053-0064 or call 1-603-432-2635. Thank you, In the Spirit of the Rainbow, Charles Fowler, Memorial Officer.

Rainbow Division Veterans

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WORLD WAR I

Clarke, Samuel M.
117th T.M.B.
Isaac, Joseph E.
117th T.M.B.
Price, Thomas C.
117th T.M.B.
Smith, Harold M.
Bty. F, 149th F.A.
Weise, William A.
117th T.M.B.

WORLD WAR II

Acollins, Lloyd C.
A/T Co., 242d Inf.
Arrington, William
132d Signal Co.
Barnes, Howard
Co. K, 242d Inf.
Bean, Charles J.
Co. D, 242d Inf.
Beckage, Benjamin M. Sr.
Bty. A, 392d F.A.
Bizich, Michael
Co. B, 222d Inf.
Brazzano, Sebastian
Co. D, 232d Inf.
Burgett, Orren, Sr.
Co. M, 222d Inf.
Carland, George L.
132d Signal Co.
Cellini, Peter D.
Bty. B, 402d F.A.
Chapman, Ralph C.
Co. D, 232d Inf.
Charpentier, George F.
Bty. B, 232d F.A.
Cole, Harry C.
132d Signal Co.
Coker, Truette
Co. H, 232d Inf.
Conner, John C.
132d Signal Co.
Consylman, Harold C.
Bty. C, 392d F.A.

Davis, Arvin J.
Co. G, 232d Inf.
Davis, Martin L.
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Co. M, 222d Inf.
Dulgeroff, Stanley
132d Sig. Co.
Earls, Porter M.
Co. E, 242d Inf.
Eaves, Joe C.
Co. Hqs., 222d Inf.
Galgan, Walter
Co. G, 222d Inf.
Gibson, Harry M.
Co. L, 222d Inf.
Gilman, Ralph
Co. L, 242d Inf.
Graycar, John A.
A/T Co., 242d Inf.
Griebel, William
Can. Co., 232d Inf.
Haugan, Harry, Dr.
Co. E, 222d Inf.
Havery, Donald
Co. B, 232d Inf.
Hepler, Wilfred L.
Hqs. 542d F.A.
Hillis, T. Leslie
Co. D, 232d Inf.
Hodor, Stanley J.
M. P. Platoon
Hoefer, Fred
Div. Hqs.
Israel, Frederick R.
Bty. A, 232d F.A.
Ivey, Allen
Bty. C, 392d F.A.
Jones, Alma Dale
Co. F, 242d Inf.
Joshlyn, Earnest
Co. D, 242d Inf.
Kaiser, Edward L.
Co. G, 242d Inf.
Keep, Ralph L.
Bty. A, 402d F.A.
Klass, William R.
Hqs. Co., 232d Inf.

Koenig, Carroll "Pete"
Sv. Bty., 542d F.A.
Kramer, Dale K.
Co. B, 232d Inf.
Lefebvre, Raymond P.
Co. G, 232d Inf.
Lewis, Dick P.
Co. G, 242d Inf.
Lynch, James J.
Co. E, 232d Inf.
Mabbutt, Eugene M.
Div. Hqs.
McDonald, Melvin M.
Co. M, 222d Inf.
McEwan, Willard P.
Co. A, 242d Inf.
McGill, Samuel
Co. G, 242d Inf.
Milella, Joseph J.
Co. H, 242d Inf.
Miles, Lester C.
132d Signal Co.
Miller, Joseph R.
132d Signal Co.
Mitchell, Claude P.
Div. Arty.
Moore, Thomas E.
Bty. B, 402d F.A.
Pagano, Francis R.
242d Inf.
Parks, Truman B.
Hqs. Bty, 542d F.A.
Patterson, Olin W.
Co. H, 242d Inf.
Pompek, Stanley J.
Co. unknown, 232d Inf.
Price, Wilbur R.
H2B 222d Inf.
Rettgers, Forest
Associate
Salter, Charles W.
Co. C, 232d Inf.
Sbandi, Frank
Co. B, 142d Comb. Engr.
Schneider, Jerome
Can. Co., 242d Inf.

Schoening, Theodore
Co. B, 242d Inf.
Shaw, Orville
Co. D, 232d Inf.
Sides, Burton
Co. A, 222d Inf.
Slike, Walter
L, 242d Inf.
Smith, Clinton
Co. A, 242d Inf.
Stanziole, Anthony
Co. unknown, 222d Inf.
Thompson, Andrist C.
122d Med. Bn.
Thompson, Charles L.
A/T Co., 242d Inf.
Toplanchik, George, Jr.
HiB, 242d Inf.
Trobough, George A. (Rev.)
Hqs., 542d F.A.
Turner, Marvin
Co. F, 242d Inf.
Tyson, Woodrow
A/T Co., 242d Inf.
Vachula, Thomas
WWII, unit unknown
Waggoner, Leonard
Bty. B, 392d F.A.
Ward, Richard L.
Co. M, 222d Inf.
Wasson, Kenneth R.
742d Ord.
Watkins, John
Co. G, 222d Inf.
Weinman, George I., Jr.
Co. A, 232d Inf.
Whan, Frank L.
Co. C, 242d Inf.
Wiggins, Robert S.
A/T Co., 242d Inf.
Wilbur, John S.
Bty. unknown, 402d F.A.
Williams, Lyle W.
Med. Det., 242d Inf.
Zellmer, John S.
Division Band

As God gave the Rainbow, to man, a sign of eternal promise, so have Rainbowers accepted it as their pledge in turn — that FREEDOM — EQUALITY — JUSTICE — and HUMANITY shall prevail. For all this, many of our comrades, under the tender coverlet of OLD GLORY, have been carried to the end of the Rainbow. In tribute to their services and sacrifices, these final words are said in farewell.

Memorial File Additions Since July, 1996

Andrews, H. Dean H1B, 222d Inf.
Andrews, Waldo Co. E, 232d Inf.
Aries, Russell Associate
Beattie, Elton G. Co. H, 232d Inf.
Bennett, James H. Bty. A, 232d F.A.
Chapman, Otto R. Co. B, 242d Inf.
Decker, Rollan Unknown
Eickhoff, Harry B. Co. B, 242d Inf.
Ennest, Chester M. A/T Co., 232d Inf.
Gillette, George R. Can. Co., 232d Inf.
Glass, William F. A/T Co., 232d Inf.
Guenewig, Frank Co. G, 232d Inf.
Haselhorst, Karl J. Co. B, 242d Inf.
Hill, Homer F. Bty. B, 232d F.A.
Horn, Edwin A/T Co., 232d Inf.
Jones, Tommy Co. I, 242d Inf.
Kirby, Jonathan M.P. Platoon
Knox, Jesse 132d Signal Co.
LaBombardi, Joseph 3rd Bn., 232d Inf.
Lee, Ira W. Co. A, 222d Inf.
McCush, Ralph Co. B, 232d Inf.
McElroy, Robert H. Co. D, 232d Inf.
Miller, Irving Co. A, 122d Med. Bn.
Nelson, Harvey A. Co. A, 242d Inf.
Nightingale, Carl D. Co. A, 242d Inf.
O'Shields, Charles E. Co. M, 222d Inf.
Rees, F. Worth Co. C, 232d Inf.
Rowatt, Howard E. M.P. Platoon
Seward, Glenn R. Bty. A, 232d F.A.
Schaefer, Leo J. Co. I, 222d Inf.
Sink, Joseph M. 742d Ordnance Co.
Snodell, Robert M.P. Platoon
Stevens, Prvan E. Unknown
Tynan, Thomas J. Sv. Co., 232d Inf.
Whitesides, Dent A. M.P. Platoon
Wyatt, Theodore Bty. A, 232d F.A.
Wyatt, Whealon W. Bty. A, 232d Inf.

Honored Dead

(Not previously in Memorial File or
was not a member).

M.P. Platoon

Humbach, Jerome J.

42d Recon.

Amodic, Patsey
Bagwell, Alton J.
Crowston, Arthur E.
Karatkey, Albert J.
Lillie, Russell
Gajewski, Ray
Griffin, Aulcie
Lunde, Peter C.
Tawes, William C., Jr.
VanLoven, Raymond L.

Unknown

Barber, Sydney M.
Burroughs, James A.
Fliflet, Orval C.
Morin, Donald R.
Petit, Ernest W.

Associate

Curran, C.P. (Col.)
Furey, Joseph A.
Gilbert, Albert
Grundy, Jeff
McSherry, Ray
Rhyne, James C. III
Simms, Stanley

132d Signal Co.

Rorick, Alton
Stegmeir, Perry J.

Division HQs.

Bartunek, Ray W.

392d F.A.

Grish, Sam (Bty. A)

542d F.A.

Lindsey, Donald L.

242d Infantry

Geany, Edward J. (Col.): HQs.

A/T Co., 242d Inf.

Chappell, William W.

Faulkner, Paul R.

Malculuso, John J.

Vallen, Raymond D.

Med. Det., 242d Inf.

Goodwin, Ralph J.

Co. C, 242d Inf.

Racamato, Carmelo, P.

Co. D, 242d Inf.

Rixe, Ernest H.

Co. E, 242d Inf.

Schinker, Joseph D.

Co. I, 242d Inf.

Soboslai, John S.

H3B, 242d Inf.

Thomas, Cyrus M.

232d Infantry

Minor, Hubert A.

Co. B, 232d Inf.

Baltser, Andrew

Burns, Lile D.

Co. B, 232 Inf.

Johnson, Travis H.

Kirchner, Gerhard F.

Co. C, 232 Inf.

Bann, Charles

Riggie, James F.

Co. D, 232d Inf.

Irvilne, Lewis J. (Judge)

Schrader, Aleen W.

Shews, Orville

Urvubem, Hydge Kuyis

Co. A, 232d Inf.

Kuznetz, Stanley

Total National Association Membership As of 8/15/96

Chapter	Life	Member	Total 1996	Total 1997	Member	Life
Huntsville	1	22	23	20	19	1
Phoenix	1	11	12	15	14	1
California	8	46	54	61	53	8
Colorado	2	10	12	8	6	2
Washington, DC	5	30	35	39	34	5
FL-Clearwater	7	11	18	19	12	7
Orlando		3	3	3	3	
Illinois	3	24	27	26	23	3
Indiana So. Bend	1	12	13	12	11	1
Iowa State	1	26	27	26	25	1
Kansas-Chanute		4	4	4	4	
Northeast		21	21			
MI-Detroit	4	31	35	34	40	4
Minnesota	1	19	20	21	20	1
MO-MO-KAN/Cha, KS	3	15	18	19	16	3
St. Louis	2	15	17	11	9	2
NJ-Audubon	2	21	23	22	20	2
Ohio State	2	21	23	2		2
OK-Muskogee, Tulsa	1	30	31	12	11	1
Oklahoma City	4	10	14	4		4
Pacific Northwest	9	42	51	44	35	9
PA-Phila/Reading		17	17	14	14	
SC-Charleston		11	11	1	1	
TX-Dallas	3	66	69	50	47	3
Wisconsin	8	35	43	30	21	9
222nd Infantry	31	327	358	86	55	31
Co "M" Yanke	4	54	58	44	40	4
232nd Inf. Can Co	2	11	13	12	10	2
Hqs. Co		23	23	25	25	
1st Bn	7	141	148	138	130	8
2nd Bn	10	118	128	114	104	10
3rd Bn	26	96	122	93	66	27
242nd Infantry	51	392	443	906	354	52
Co "H"		37	37	34	34	
Artillery	14	207	221	166	151	15
122nd Med Bn	5	14	19	15	10	5
132nd Sig Co	2	46	48	26	24	2
Med.Det.Spec.Trps	1	10	11	10	9	1
142nd Comb. Engr.	9	22	31	29	19	10
MP Platoon	3	15	18	33	29	4
42nd Recon Troop	4	3	7	10	6	4
Division Band	2	31	33	14	12	2
National @ Large	2	119	121	83	81	2
Recalled Chapters		6	6			
Life Not Claimed						
TOTALS	241	2225	2466	1835	1587	248

Legion of Honor To Our Beloved Paul Jarret

I have the pleasure to inform you that M. Jacques CHIRAC, President of the French Republic has signed the decree concerning your nomination as Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and it is my privilege to congratulate you warmly on this occasion.

In accordance with the protocol rules of the Legion of HOnor, you will receive the decoration during a ceremony performed by a member of same or higher rank. Please indicate to me the person of your choice in order for me to obtain authorization from the Chancery of the Legion of Honor.

If you don't know any member of this Order, I will provide you with a list of the few recipients in the Los Angeles Area.

With my reiterated congratulations and looking forward to meeting you in the near future

Very Sincerely
Philippe Vinogradoff
Acting Consul General

In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that your editor has to report the passing of another great Rainbower - Bob Snodell. We quote from the M.P. Secretary-Treasurer Charles R. Kelley: Taps sound for Bob Snodell and "Poop Sheet".

"It is my sad duty to report the passing of Bob Snodell on September 1, 1996. He was involved in a fatal automobile crash. Bob was a cohesive force for all of us in war and peace; the last of the Rainbow officers, and a fellow warrior who kept our camaraderie alive for over fifty years. He and his "Poop Sheet" will be sorely missed. A piece of all of us was buried with him. I can't think of a better way to close than Bob's - 'In the meantime, take care, and keep looking up!'

The Amazing Jeep

(continued from September issue)

Even though Red did not create or invent the work Jeep, he very well could be the one most responsible for its first news media usage. He gave a demonstration ride to a group of dignitaries in Washington, D.C. Among the group was Katherine Hillyer, a reporter for the Washington Daily News. During the demonstration ride, he referred to the vehicle as a "jeep." Hillyer's article appeared in the newspaper on February 20, 1941, with a photo caption that read, "Jeep Creeps Up Capitol Steps."

Some of us old guys still remember that rather famous shot of a jeep easily climbing the steep marble staircase.

At any rate, Jeep—with or without the capital J—was in the language to stay, and on April 23, 1944, an editorial writer for the authoritative *Washington Post* tried to put the argument over the name's birthing to rest. "As to the origin of the monosyllable (Jeep), there appears to be neither mystery nor controversy," he wrote. "It first appeared as a generic name of an amiable and exotic creature of indeterminate sex, introduced about the middle of the 1930s into what was then a highly popular comic cartoon strip."

This being America, there were, and still are, plenty of people unswayed by the *Post's* dogmatic stand—including the editors of several major dictionaries. On the other hand, very few Marines and soldiers from World War II disagreed when General George C. Marshall called the jeep "America's greatest contribution to modern warfare."

Military visionaries had their dreams of motorized versatility fulfilled in 1941 when the new vehicles first appeared on the battlefields of Europe and North Africa. Jeeps were employed first of all to support the advanced of infantry and tank units. Then, once the military objective had been gained, they could "effect immediate forward displacement" of automatic weapons, infantry mortars, antitank guns, ammunition, and communications, helping to consolidate the force's position and quickly set up for the next advance.

But that was only the beginning of the story. In every WWII theater the ubiquitous jeep was on hand to serve as a litterbearer, machine-gun firing mount, reconnaissance vehicle, pickup truck, front-line limousine service for brass and VIPs, ammo carrier, wirelayer, and everyman's taxi.

"American GIs and their officers both had a romance with the jeep," wrote Willinger and Gurney, and offered a couple of stories to prove the point. One night in a North African combat zone a French sentry chal-

lenged three soldiers in American uniforms coming through a checkpoint. When they said they were Americans who had just walked from a village some five miles distant, the sentry ordered them to put up their hands, then shot them as they tried to flee. How did he know they were German infiltrators? "For one thing," the sentry replied, "they weren't riding in a jeep. All American GIs ride in jeeps. And second, they said they walked five miles. The American doesn't walk even one block—he rides."

The second story comes from the Battle of the Bulge. A Belgian sentry at a checkpoint stopped a jeep carrying several American soldiers and immediately ordered them in German to surrender. Asked later how he knew they were really Germans, the sentry said. "The colonel was riding in the back and the aide was driving. With real Americans, the colonel drives and the aide rides next to him. Besides, American colonels never ride in the back because it gives them—how do they call it?—the piles!"

In the Pacific theater, jeeps were introduced to U.S. military installations long before the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, but they didn't appear in appreciable numbers until 1943 and the first military push to regain control of Burma and the islands lost to the Japanese. In Europe, the jeep's mission was largely tactical; in the Pacific, jeeps were used mainly as a support tool, both in combat operations and behind the lines. In the Pacific, as in Europe, the jeep served as the personal staff car of commanding officers, as well as the main mode of everyday transportation for GIs, Marines, and landlocked sailors—when they could get their hands on one. In fact, jeeps became the standard form of reliable transport throughout the Pacific and the China-Burma-India theaters, performing admirably despite constant storms that made the dirt roads almost impassable quagmires.

In all the war's theaters, top commanders and simple privates alike lauded the jeep's ruggedness and versatility. In addition to General Marshall's praise, there was General Eisenhower's comment that the jeep, along with the C-47 airplane and the landing craft, were the three tools that won the war. But it was Major General Eugene Reybold, Army chief of engineers, who may have said it best: "Though it is doubtless mere coincidence, for there must be many disabled or wrecked jeeps around, I myself in all my travels have never seen a jeep that would not run when it was needed."

A compilation of all the ways in which jeeps served their military mas-

ters during WWII, the Korean conflict, and ensuing skirmishes would make a fascinating book. More than that, it would be a shining testimonial to the usefulness of a piece of machinery and to the ingenuity of the men who put the machinery to work.

Was there a jeep in your life? Do you have a jeep story to tell? Jot it down and send it in to us. If we get some interesting anecdotes (and pictures), the editor promises to publish them in a future issue. Here are a few examples to stimulate you and get your memory juices flowing:

At Guadalcanal, jeeps went ashore with the Marines in the Corps' first large-scale offensive operation of WWII. Lessons learned by motor transport units there confirmed that the versatile jeep was the most efficient combat vehicle for supplying forward areas, and was invaluable as well in such areas as communication, liaison, and medical evacuation.

In the Ardennes during the Battle of the Bulge, jeeps loaded with stretchers and draped with the bodies of wounded soldiers raced to safety just ahead of spearheading Nazi armor.

In the morass of New Guinea, jeeps hauled .37 mm antitank cannons into battle.

On Iwo Jima, Marine tanks were sitting ducks until jeeps were pressed into service to haul them out of the hot, sucking sands.

In Egypt, on the eve of the battle of El Alamein, the British used a combat patrol of jeeps to knock out a fleet of tankers racing to refuel Rommel's armor force.

Ready-for-anything Marines and GIs, hopeful of a night on the town, used hot water from their jeep's radiator to whip up lather for a shave.

In wintry Europe, jeeps were fitted with sheets of curved steel to clear the roads of snow. Jeeps also hauled wooden sleds loaded with ammunition when bigger trucks weren't available.

Catholic chaplains often used the hood of a jeep as an altar to say Mass for the men under their spiritual care.

In both the Pacific and Europe, clever Marines and GIs used spare parts to convert their jeeps into vehicles that, with a quick switch of wheels, could drive on either roads or rails.

And in Korea, especially during the bitter action around Chosin Reservoir and hills like Heartbreak Ridge, no one can say for sure how many bleeding, shattered Marines made it back to safety stacked like cordwood in a muddy, banded-up but still willing jeep.

Conclusion

Trail of The Rainbow

(continued from September issue)

Throughout this trip, my thoughts have gone to my fine officers and soldiers—men killed or wounded in action; but one cannot fight a war without someone getting hurt and our losses were very, very low considering that there was 600 miles of fighting through Germany. We lost 800 men killed and we were fighting almost every day. Of course, one man killed is too much.

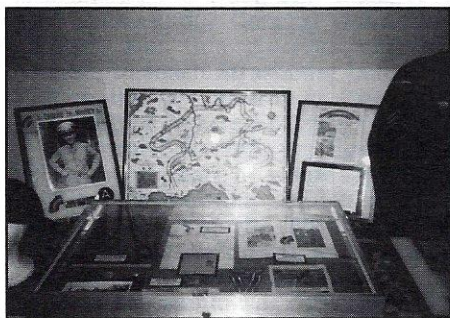
No General Officer has ever had the honor of commanding a finer group of soldiers—from the lowest private to the most senior Colonel. All ranks were "tops". My staff, supply and administrative were superior. I never had to worry about my Communications, Supply, Transportation, Medical Care, or Evacuation. They functioned in a superior manner always.

My Assistant Division Commander was, in my opinion, the best in the Army. His devotion to duty, loyalty, fearlessness were an example to everyone. His common sense, good judgement and professional ability suited him well for high command—an outstanding officer.

I had sufficient superior officers and NCOs to supply leaders and staff for another Division if called upon. Of course I would have fought like a wild bull to prevent it!

Good Bless the Rainbow!
M/G Harry J. Collins

Rainbow Division Artillery Part of Display



As part of a year long program of honoring U.S. Military History, the Rainbow Division Artillery furnished important memorabilia to Pope's Tavern Museum in Florence, Alabama. With this Artillery Display, the Rainbow Division becomes a significant part of History. Pope's Tavern has served as a meeting place for business, entertainment, and political activities since 1814. The Tavern was used as a Hospital during the Civil War.

WWII Memorial Update

A June 1996 status report was received and highlights of that report follow:

The purpose of the memorial is to honor those who served in the Armed Forces in the U.S. during WWII and to commemorate the participation of the nation in that war. All military veterans of the war, the citizens on the "home front," the nation-at-large, and the high moral purposes and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms will be honored ... The memorial will remind future generations of Americans what the WWII generation accomplished in securing freedom and democracy and how they came together to do it. An integral part of the memorial will be an educational facility, in which state-of-the-art technology will provide historical information to visitors, an Honor Roll of the war dead, etc.

The goal for donations from individuals, corporations and foundations is \$100 million. On hand is approximately \$10 million, half of which came from the surcharge on the sale of commemorative coins and half from the Dept. of Defense.

The site, dedicated on 11 Nov. 1995, will be at the Rainbow Pool between the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool and 17th Street NW and midway between Constitution and Independence Avenues in Washington, D.C.

The design of the memorial will be selected through a two-stage, open competition. It has been announced in the Commerce Business Daily, professional publications, U.S. school of architecture. Submittal date for Stage I is 12 Aug. 1996 and for Stage II the submittal date is 25 Oct 1996. Announcement of the winning design team/design concept is scheduled for Veteran's Day, 11 Nov. 1996.

Design completion and approvals will take 18 to 24 months and construction will start in 1998. Dedication of the memorial is currently planned for veterans Day in the year 2000.

Donations can be sent individually to: WWII Memorial Capital Campaign, PO Box 57071, Washington, D.C. 20013.

The Fighting on 5 January, 1945

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had time to call for elements from the French First Army, that is the 3rd D.I.A. (who arrived the night of the 7th.) the two squads from the Guard and the FFIs went on supporting them during the following weeks. The sacrifice had not been in vain. The Minister of Defense gave the name of Kilstett to a year of officers of the Gendarmerie Nationale. The population of Gambsheim was evacuated to the other bank of the Rhine in dramatic conditions and the dead lay along the road.

Rainbow Items For Sale

Rainbow stamps/roll \$4.50. WW2 History book (condensed copy 8-1/2 x 5-1/2) \$6.00. Window decals - copy of Rainbow patch - \$1.50 each - prices include postage. Gruber booklet \$6.00. Send check payable to RDVA. Mail to Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, MO . 63357-1200.

Winter Storm

Copies of Lise Pommois' "Winter Storm" hard back edition are available. Contact Turner Publishing Co., P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, Kentucky 42002-3101. Tel. 502-443-0121.

Tri-State Reunion

Iowa will host the next Tri-state reunion in Cedar Rapids, at the Wyndham Five Seasons Hotel in downtown Cedar Rapids. The dates are April 17, 18, and 19, 1997, with the early bird get-together the evening of the 17th. The rate will be \$69.00 per night including tax. Free parking is available. To contact the hotel call 319-363-8161 or 1-800-996-3426.

Colonel Hackworth

Col. David Hackworth, author of "About Face" has written a new book called "Hazardous Duty". Published by William Morrow in bookstores at \$25.00.

Memories of Alsace?

On in the snow - on in the snow
Blinded and numb, the poor soldiers go
With footfall silenter than theirs
Death dogs their steps and unawares
Strikes down his victims one by one
Frost bitten fingers, stiff with cold
Seem frozen to the gun they hold
The icicles hang on beard and hair
Breath, like smoke goes out in the air
Till reason and thought begin to wane
And only the dull blind sense of pain
And the instinct of Duty till Death remain
On in the snow - on in the snow
Ever with thinning ranks they go.

(Clifford Harrison)



The Memorial Foundation received contributions of \$1,723 during August and September. The donations were as follows:

Scholarship Operating Fund - In memory of Lester Miles, Robert Snodell, Pvt. Reil & Pvt. Rocci by Dona Herrold, Pat Guida, Virginia Duhacsek and Royce Rich, \$175. 242nd Auxiliary, \$100.

Scholarship Endowment Fund - In Memory of Waldo Andrews, Wade McFadden, Alonzo Gates, Jesse Williams, James Murphy and James Lynch, by 2nd Bn., 232nd Inf. \$150. 1996 Mid-Year Reunion, \$350, and Thomas Heaton, \$98.32.

Foundation Operating Fund - In Memory of L. Keep, Lyla Jackson and Stephen Janosik by Mary Keep and Theodore Johnson.

Foundation Endowment Fund - In honor of Paul Jarrett by Carol Anderson, \$500. In memory of Frank Guennewig, Arvin Davis, Truette Coker, Sebastian Brazzano, Raymond LeFebvre, Carl Morris and Donald Schaeffer by 2nd Bn., 232nd Inf., \$100. Donations by Arthur Bush and Alvin Calhoun, \$200.

Although Virginia Duhacsek's wonderful donation at the Little Rock reunion was a shot-in-the-arm to the scholarship program and the Foundation itself, a continued receipt of smaller, but still substantial, donations from many people will be required to continue the Foundation activities. A newsletter from another organization suggests a number of ways to reduce the pain of giving. The suggestions include life insurance, a charitable remainder trust - you retain income interest in a future gift, and a charitable lead trust - the charity receives the interest and your heirs the principal. Of course, you can give appreciated stock and avoid the gains tax, and receive a tax deduction for the current value. While we can also leave money in our wills, it seems to be much more rewarding to be able to see the results of our contributions.

Scholarship Chairman Dorothy Smith reports that she has had about twenty inquiries about scholarship applications. She asked that first year scholars be reminded that a second application is necessary in order to obtain a second scholarship. The postmark deadline for first year scholarships is May 31st, and the postmark deadline for second year applications is June 15th. Send requests for applications or information

and completed applications to Mrs. Dorothy B. Smith, 513 Mountain View Ave., Hurley, NY 12443 Tel. (914-331-0140).

The rededication of the restored Macon Memorial will be at 1:30 pm on November 12, 1996. A number of Rainbowers who attend the Veterans Day ceremonies in Birmingham will also be in Macon for the rededication. This was a memorial to the 151st Machine Gun Battalion that was formerly the 2nd Georgia National Guard, which became part of the WWI Rainbow Division. The memorial had deteriorated badly over the years and has been restored by the city of Macon. Your Memorial Foundation encouraged and made a contribution to this restoration.

The Sam Dann book on the Dachau liberation is progressing smoothly and may be published before the predicted date of next fall.

Auxiliary secretary Barbara Eberhart has been collecting lists of descendants of current Association members as a "Link" to the future and has files on 1800 people with Rainbow relationships.

Chapter Presidents Elected Executive Committeemen

State	Chapter	President
AL	Huntsville	Rex Luna
AZ	Arizona #1	Gilbert Koehler
CA	California	Jusus Palos, Jr.
CO	Colorado	George Gahm
DC	Washington, DC	Val Spiegel
FL	Clearwater Summerall	Water C. Neff Simon K. Lieber
IL	Illinois	John Keigley
IN	South Bend	Herb Klinedinst
IA	Iowa State	Harold Reit
MA	Northeast	Russel G. Lynch
MI	Michigan	Wilson LaVoy
MN	Minnesota	Ed Burkhalter
MO	MO-Kan St. Louis	Jerry J. Sirna CHARLES LOVE
NJ	Scotch Plains	William T. Kenny
OH	Columbus	Charles R. Johnson
OK	Muskogee/Tulsa Oklahoma City	Robert A. Haggard Harold Vervinck

PA	Phila/Reading	Junior F. Chester
SC	Charleston	Aaron Helms
TX	Texas	Tom Owen
WA	Pacific Northwest	Stanley Tellvik
WI	Wisconsin State	Alan Rusch
KS	Chanute	(Four Members Only)

The Soldier

*It is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given us Freedom of the Press.*

*It is the Soldier, not the poet,
who has given us Freedom of the Speech*

*It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
who has given us the Freedom to Demonstrate.*

*It is the soldier, who serves beneath the Flag,
who salutes the flag; whose coffin is draped by the
Flag ... who allows the protester to burn the Flag.*

*It is the soldier, not the politician
who has given his blood, his body ... his life.*

From the OHIO North Coast News, Summer 1996

New Archives II

The unit records for all WWII Military Units have been moved from Suitland, MD to the new Archives II Building at 8601 Adelphi Road, in College Park, MD. They will be open for research at the end of July 1996.

D-DAY Weather Forecaster Dies

Irving P. Krick who made the crucial weather forecast for the D-Day Invasion died on 20 June 1996 at age 89. He was a weather forecaster based on historic weather patterns. He selected the dates of June 6, 7 and 8 according to his obituary which would have calm weather for the invasion.

Source: Los Angeles Times and Richmond Times Dispatch

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