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## LITTLE ROCK\* WILL YOU BE THERE?

### NATIONAL REUNION\*

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS JULY 17-21, 1996.



Arkansas Museum of Science & History  
Birthplace of Gen. MacArthur.

Have you made reservations? The time is fleeting, but you still can be there if you act quickly. Don't pass up this chance to rekindle old friendships. Who knows how much time is left to us, and it behooves us to take advantage of what there is to see and talk to those who shared the greatest experience of our lifetime. We want and need you all! The program can be found on page 2.

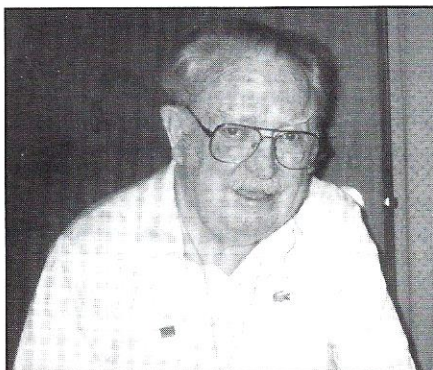
The National Reunion will be held in Little Rock, Ark. on July 17-21, 1996. The first three hundred and fifty rooms will be assigned to the Excelsior Hotel; thereafter to the Doubletree Hotel. Room rates are the same in either hotel: \$70.00 per night for 1 bed/1 per-

son; 1 bed/2 persons; 2 beds/2 persons; 2 beds/4 persons. Forms should be sent to: Rainbow Division Veterans; c/o Little Rock Convention Bureau, P.O. Box 207, Little Rock, AR 72203-0207. Fax (501) 376-4143. Contact Jack Refling, Lakewood Hills Condo #41, Fairfield Bay, AR 72088 for forms. Tel. (501) 884-6270. Registration is \$40/person with an optional \$5 contribution for a drawing offering 4 nights free hotel accommodations. Send reservation forms to Reunion Chairman: Rainbow Division Veterans, Little Rock Convention Bureau, P.O. Box 207, Little Rock, AR 72203.

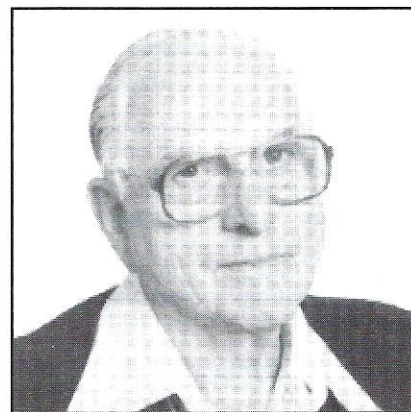
## In Memoriam

Your editor was extremely saddened to hear of the passing of Martin L. Davis. Martin served as Company Commander of M Co./222d Infantry in WW2. He was the founding father of the Otto Yanke Chapter, and served as the Rainbow Reveille Editor from 1973 to 1985. Martin was a dear friend who helped and encouraged your editor who took over the Reveille in 1989. A memorial service was held at a chapel of the Naval Academy Post Graduate School in Monterey. PNP Father Bob Weiss conducted the service. Father

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## President's Report



Vern Smith

Is it June yet! Time really goes by quickly when you're having fun. Our latest good times were the Tri-State Reunion in Minneapolis in April and the Pacific Northwest in May.

It's still not too late, but it is getting that way; if you haven't made your reservations for the National Reunion in Little Rock, AR. Reunion Chairman Jack Refling tells me that registrations have been pouring in and he is expecting a big turnout, so you don't want to miss this one.

On the subject of National Reunions, I recently received a letter from a Rainbow veteran who attended one of the National reunions for the first time a couple of years ago. This man didn't even mention what unit he had been in, so his intention wasn't to complain, but rather to offer constructive criticism. I quote from his letter: "I am curious to know how many new recruits that attend for the first time return for future reunions? When a first timer comes to a reunion someone should welcome him and explain what is going on and show him the ropes. There were a number of members attending from my old outfit but they seemed to be too busy to get together with me. They had a dinner but I wasn't invited and I wasn't told about the hospitality room until the last day. I finally came to the conclusion that these reunions consist of cliques."

I have responded to this gentleman and assured him that not only do we welcome first time attendees but we are busy seeking them out and welcome their participation. We all know that the unfortunate circumstances such as he described are going to happen on occasion, but we should make every effort to prevent it. I will appreciate it if all the Unit Chapters give a little thought to this matter and urge their members to not only welcome new-comers, but actively look for them and explain the ropes. You may have forgotten, but a National Reunion can be a scary experience the first time you attend one.

See you all in Little Rock!



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**1996 VETERANS REUNION PROGRAM****VETERANS**

**TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1996**

7:30 a.m. - Tour - Blanchard Springs/  
Ozark Folk Center

8:30 a.m. - Tour - Mississippi Casino

9:30 a.m. - Tour - Hot Springs National Park

Noon-5 p.m. - Registration-Osage

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1996**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Registration-Osage

10 a.m. - Tour - Little Rock Air Force Base

1:30 p.m. - Tour - Little Rock City

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. - Unit Meetings-Page 4

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Memorials Committee -  
LaSalle

4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. - Scholarship Committee  
Meeting - LaSalle

8 p.m.-10 p.m. - Early Bird Party & Dance  
Ballroom

**THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1996**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Registration - Osage

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. - Executive Committee  
Meeting-LaHarpe

10:30 a.m.-12 noon - Memorial Foundation  
Trustees-LaSalle

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. - Joint Opening Business  
Meeting-Ballroom A & B

2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. - RDVA Business Session  
Ballroom A & B

4 p.m.-5 p.m. - Chapter Secretary's Meeting  
Ballroom

4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Memorial Foundation  
Audit Committee-LaHarpe

5:30 p.m. - Tour - Murry Dinner Playhouse

**FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1996**

8 a.m.-10 a.m. - Banquet Table Assignments  
Statehouse Rotunda

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Registration - Osage

8 a.m.-10 a.m. - Audit Committee Meeting  
Miller

8 a.m.-10 a.m. - Resolutions Committee  
Meeting - Izard

8 a.m.-10 a.m. - Constitution & By-Laws  
Committee Meeting - Pope

8 a.m.-10 a.m. - Membership Committee  
Meeting - Caraway I

8 a.m.-10 a.m. - Credentials Committee  
Meeting - Caraway II

10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. - Memorial Foundation  
Budget Committee-LaHarpe

11:30 a.m. - Luncheon - Governor's Hall

1:30 p.m. - Tour - Little Rock City

1:30 p.m. - Tour - Little IMAX Theatre

5:30 p.m. - Tour - Murry Dinner Playhouse

7 pm. - Unit Banquets

**SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1996**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Registration - Osage

8 a.m.-10 a.m. - Banquet Table Assignments  
Statehouse Rotunda

8 a.m.-9 a.m. - Budget Committee Meeting -  
Miller

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Nominating Committee  
Meeting - Izard

8 a.m.-9 a.m. - Time & Place Committee  
Meeting - Pope

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - Memorial Service -  
Robinson Center

1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. - Closing Business Meeting  
Ballroom A & B/C

4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. - Memorial Foundation  
Trustees - LaHarpe

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Church Services:

Protestant - Izard/Catholic - Miller

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hour & Cash  
Bar - Statehouse Rotunda  
(President's Reception)

7:30 p.m. - Banquet - Governor's Hall

**SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1996**

10 a.m. - Tour - Hot Springs National Park

10:30 a.m. - Tour - Branson - Return on  
July 23, 1996

**AUXILIARY**

7:30 a.m. - Tour - Blanchard Springs/  
Ozark Folk Center

8:30 a.m. - Tour - Mississippi Casino

9:30 a.m. - Tour - Hot Springs National  
Park

Noon-5 p.m. - Registration-Osage

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1996**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Registration-Osage

9 a.m.-12 noon - Bazaar Sales-Fulton

10 a.m. - Tour - Little Rock Air Force  
Base

1:30 p.m. - Tour - Little Rock City

2 p.m.-5 p.m. - Bazaar Sales - Fulton

1 p.m.-3 p.m. - Executive Committee  
Meeting - Pope

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. - Unit Meetings-Page 4

4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. - Scholarship  
Committee Meeting-LaHarpe

8 p.m.-10 p.m. - Early Bird Party & Dance  
Ballroom

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Registration - Osage

8 a.m. - PNAP Dutch Treat Breakfast

10 a.m.-12 noon - Bazaar Sales - Fulton

10:30 a.m.-12 noon - Memorial  
Foundation Trustees-LaSalle

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. - Joint Opening  
Business Session-Ballroom A & B

2:30 p.m.-4 p.m. - Opening Business  
Session - Ballroom C

5:30 p.m. - Murry Dinner Playhouse

8 a.m.-9 a.m. - President's Breakfast  
for 1995-96 Officers

8 a.m.-10 a.m. - Banquet Table  
Assignments-Statehouse Rotunda

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Registration - Osage

9 a.m.-11 a.m. - Bazaar Sales - Fulton

11:30 a.m. - Luncheon-Governor's Hall

1:30 p.m. - Tour - Little Rock City

1:30 p.m. - Tour - Little Rock IMAX  
Theatre

2 p.m.-5 p.m. - Bazaar Sales - Fulton

5:30 p.m. - Murry Dinner Playhouse

8 a.m.-10 a.m. - Banquet Table

Assignments-Statehouse Rotunda

9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Registration - Osage

9 a.m.-10 a.m. - Bazaar Closing -  
Drawings held & winning number

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - Memorial Service -  
Robinson Center

1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. - Closing Business  
Session - Ballroom C

3 p.m.-4 p.m. - Joint Closing Business  
Meeting - Ballrooms A & B

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July 23, 1996



## The Trail of The Rainbow — (Continued from April issue)

### Now Back to the War Days - Würzburg

Our next objective was Würzburg. We knew nothing about the defenses of Würzburg, and our G-2 information was very scanty. We made a map reconnaissance of the city, and the approaches to it. In view of our lack of information, I decided to advance on a broad front, and make a "feint" at crossing down the river north of the city. The Rangers, under Lt. Dixon Rogers, located some row boats on the West side of the river, crossed the river and picked up some more row boats, rowed them back to the West side, and then began the ferrying process of a battalion of 222nd Infantry, which later established a bridgehead in the city of Würzburg. Finally, the 222nd Infantry was completely across the Main River. I then began pulling my troops, at night, from the left flank up the river to the right flank. The Corps Engineers were to fill in the gap on the bridge which the enemy had blown out. Finally when it was in, I ordered the 232nd Infantry across the bridge. As it was approaching daylight, I went back in my jeep to find the 232nd Infantry asleep on the side of the road - good soldiers take advantage of every rest. I got them up and hurried them over the bridge.

When I crossed the bridge at Würzburg; I glanced back at the Marienburg Castle, and for the first time saw a tremendous sign: Heil Hitler. In a joking way I said to someone: "Take that damn sign down and paint a Rainbow on it." That was the beginning of painting Rainbows in captured cities.

Later that day, from the artillery OP in the Marienburg Castle, I witnessed a perfect German counter attack. It was against the right South flank of the 222nd Infantry. Still later that day, I saw the results of a stupid counter attack by the enemy against the 232nd Infantry. In this counter attack the enemy was almost completely wiped out. The following day, information came to me that the enemy was using the tunnels under Würzburg to change into civilian clothes, come up in the rear of my troops and shoot them in the back. I sent word to the Bürgermeister that I would hang him and ten of their leading citizens on the bridge of Würzburg, and leave them there until the buzzards picked their bones clean. This I did not have to do as this unethical practice by the enemy stopped immediately. Needless to say, I never intended to go beyond the threat - but it worked. Then began the series of scraps to clean up the city.

### Würzburg 1958

Who should I find here but M/Sgt. William M. Lanam of the 142nd Engineers who is now the Post Sergeant-Major. We

had several long talks about the battle of Würzburg. The present post for the 3rd Division and American troops, is on the former German airfield which was captured by the 222nd Infantry. The German hospital is now the American hospital, and the town is almost completely rebuilt. I went up to the castle and stood at the point of my old OP. The view up there is perfectly beautiful, much more so today, than it was in 1945. It looks so peaceful now, and it does not seem possible that only 13 years ago all this fighting went on.

### Schweinfurt

From here we were ordered to take Schweinfurt. Again our G-2 information was very scanty, hence we advanced on a broad front. The enemy offered resistance in innumerable towns, but it was overcome and the Division kept moving on. In the absence of specific G-2 information, I again made a thorough map reconnaissance, and went forward in my jeep to take a "look-see." The city was completely encircled with 88 dual-purpose guns (AA and direct fire). The 222nd Infantry on the right, ran into a combat command of the 12th U.S. Armored Division which also had the objective of taking Schweinfurt. I telephoned the Corp Commander and recommended that either the 42nd Division be attached to the Combat Command of the 12th Armored, or that it be attached to the 42nd Division as there should be one Commander with the mission of taking Schweinfurt. The Corps Commander attached the Combat Command to the 42nd Division. I then went forward to the Combat Command where I talked with Brig. Gen. Riley Ennis and said to him: "Riley, this is hardly a suitable objective for an armored outfit, is it?" He replied: "No, Harry, it is not." I then said: "As long as you are attached to the 42nd Division, suppose I send you back and across the river and swing around the left flank of the enemy and out of their line of retreat, liberate Col. Pop Goode and the American PWs. I understand they are marching out of Schweinfurt on the main road. This will give you a wide end run. Is such a mission suitable for your Armor, and if so, when can you start?" He replied: "It is very suitable and I can start right now." I told him I would let him know in a few minutes when I returned to my Command Post. I returned there and found it all set up and functioning. After a brief staff conference, I decided to push the 222nd Infantry forward on the right, send the 232nd Infantry on an end run on the left flank (enemy right), hold the 242nd Infantry in reserve and send the 12th Armored Combat Division around the enemy left flank.

About this time the Commanding General of the XXI Corp came up and I told him that I could not take the town that day, that my plan was to ask for air support to soften up the enemy, make a

double envelopment, and then take the city. He replied: "All right, Harry. Take your time. Your plan is good." I ordered some of the 142nd Engineers attached to the Combat Command of the 12th Armored to help them across the river on their envelopment. I then telephoned Mike O'Daniels, Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division, and asked permission for my 232nd Infantry to enter part of their zone of action. This he granted. The Combat Command of the 12th Armored had already started around the enemy left flank.

The next day, the Air bombed Schweinfurt. Following the bombing, the 222nd Infantry and the 232nd Infantry Regiments moved ahead into Schweinfurt, and the 242nd Infantry which had been in reserve, drove through the center into the city. The 222nd Infantry captured the Ball Bearing Works, and as I went forward, it was still operating. Then, we started the cleaning up of the city.

### Schweinfurt 1958

The city has been completely rebuilt, showing little damage from the fighting. The Ball Bearing Works have been completely rebuilt, and one would not recognize it as the place we captured. The market place was filled with farmers selling their produce. On the way out, we stopped at the police station and asked directions to Schwaheim of the policeman who spoke English. He asked us to take the copy of our history into the police station, which I granted. While he did not say so, I have every reason to believe he was one of the civilian policemen who fought our troops. He was very polite and courteous. There are elements of the U.S. 3rd Division stationed there. The church where we had our ceremony with the State flags on the President Roosevelt's Memorial Day has been completely rebuilt into a modern church, with a very unique modern tower.

### Furth

We now had an order to move generally South and attack Furth.

Again, not having much information on the enemy, we moved on a broad front. Our first night's Command post was in a beautiful Schloss, the stairway was lined with hunting trophies and paintings. I set up my G-2 and G-3 sections in what I recall was their music room. It had two grand pianos and beautiful oriental rugs. I directed that the rugs be rolled carefully and put out of the way and the pianos be covered and signs put thereon to be careful not to stain, mar or damage the pianos, or any other art treasures in any way. I did not want the Germans to think that we, the 42nd Infantry Rainbow, were a bunch of guerrillas. The next day I found that one of my more junior staff officers had confiscated a small painting, so I made him return it and apologize.

(to be continued)



## California Chapter — West Coast Fun Days — Laughlin, Nevada

Start saving your nickels and join us at the Edgewater Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada, on October 6, 7, 8, 9, 1996, with departure on October 10. Room rates are \$15 per night plus 8% tax. (You heard me right — \$15!) We have 30 rooms reserved with a river view, and it's first-come, first-served. When these rooms are gone, there is no guarantee of a river view, but all the rooms are very nice. Most rooms have two queen-size beds and up to four people can occupy one room at the \$15 rate. They also have a few rooms with king-sized beds.

The number for reservations is 1-800-67-RIVER (677-4837). When you make your reservation, be sure to tell them that you are with the 42nd Rainbow Vets.

Laughlin is a busy place, so we suggest you get your reservation in as soon as possible, preferably no later than August 6 or sooner with one night's deposit or confirmation with a credit card. Check-in time is after 2:00 p.m.

Will you please advise me of your name and address after you make your reservation? We are working on getting a nice hospitality room where you can cool your heels, quench your thirst and count your winnings. It will help me if I have an approximate number of attendees. Thanks. Also, if you want a brochure on the hotel, I have a few.

There is more to do in Laughlin than just gamble. The Edgewater is centrally located and within easy walking distance of several other casino and hotels where you can take in a current movie, go country dancing, play bingo or just enjoy the walk along the river. It's fun to feed the fish or birds your left-over toast from breakfast.

If you are flying into Laughlin/Bullhead City, call the hotel upon arrival, and they will send a free shuttle to pick you up.

For those of you who attended the mid-year in Mesa, please note this is a change in hotels.

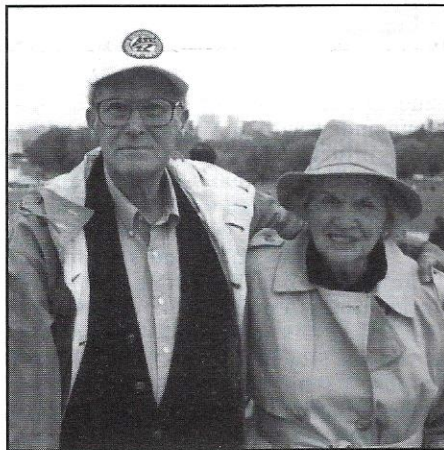
Yours in Rainbow,  
Donald J. Carner  
27150 Dahlia Ct.  
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## World War II Memorial

At long last, there will be a memorial for those who served in WWII. It will be located at the Rainbow pool, on the Mall. Excerpts from the official Dedication Program: THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL TO HONOR MEM-

BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II TO COMMEMORATE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE NATION IN THAT WAR. The site stands between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Having these three linked recognizes and remembers eternally the great sacrifices our forbears made to allow this nation to enjoy the gifts of peace and democracy. The soil used in the dedication ceremony comes from each of the 15 American Memorial Cemeteries overseas, where more than 93,000 of the known and unknown war dead of WWII are buried, and more than 55,000 of the missing are commemorated. Soil also comes from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific where recovered remains of Pacific Theater Battle dead, not returned home, rest.

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Rainbowers Vince and Dorothy Pizzi at WW2 Memorial Dedication.

## Navarin Farms

Charles Fowler, Memorial Chairman, informs us that BG Gen. John W. Donaldson (Co. H/232d Inf.) Director of the American Battlefield Monuments Commission, Europe has retired. We can't begin to thank John enough for all he has done for Rainbow in every respect. We are informed the Navarin Farms ceremony will be celebrated this year on July 21, 1996.

## Scholarship Update

Rainbow scholarship applications may be obtained by writing to the Chairman Mrs. Dorothy Smith, 513

Mountain View Ave., Hurley, NY 12443, Phone No. 914-331-0140.

Scholars desiring a second year stipend must submit a new application - the granting of second year awards is not automatic. In order to allow time to compile the required data, you are urged to request an application as soon as possible.

## Task Force Membership

Task Force Chairman Jim Warren writes: Had a good experience today. I decided to look through my notebook of 242d Service Co. materials. Using the new Phone Disk that John McGovern had sent me, I ran through some names of veterans I hadn't been able to contact before. The first I tried was a master sgt. Robert Koepke. I called and he answered. He asked for the membership packet. Then I noticed Service Co. M/Sgt. Howard A. Porter. I gave it a try, and he answered on the first ring. He said he would be interested in membership. He asked if I had found M/Sgt. Bob Blissert. So I figured I'd try finding Robert Blissert. Two rings later, I was having a conversation with Bob. He asked for the membership info, and thought he might make Little Rock.

The more one uses the system, the more one understands it. Imagine - three within the course of a half an hour. Let's get a cadre working the system. We haven't a lot of time left in which to find the vets.

## Battle Deaths Corrections

Art Lee informs us that Sgt. Greenhalgh and Pvt. Willey were not KIA, but were captured. Also Hunnicott and Tewell did not commit suicide, but died natural deaths.

## We Get Letters

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

Would you consider, please, including a brief notice in the next issue of The Rainbow Reveille? Such a notice might read as follows:

SEEKING CONTACT with or information about Corporal William C. Hinshaw, ASN 34 678 961, Hq Btry, 542nd FA Bn, 42nd Rainbow Division, APO 411, US Army. Write: SGM W. L. Orten, USA, Retired, 5020 Salzburg, Zwieselweg 6, Austria - Europe.

I assure you that (1) any and all responses to this notice will be treated as privileged information, (2) there is no intent or desire to cause pain, suffering or hardship to any person and (3) there is no ulterior motive connected herewith.

Your assistance and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

William L. Orten



## The Amazing Jeep

Ed. Note: The following article is reprinted from "The Leatherneck" magazine. It was passed along by 4th Marine Division veteran and honorary Rainbower Clarence "Rudy" Rudolf.

by James A. Cox

LATE LAST YEAR, at the height of the holiday season, President Bill Clinton, as commander in chief of the nation's military forces, ordered American troops to Bosnia to head up the NATO peacekeeping effort in that troubled area of the world. Soon the country's newspapers and television news programs were flooded with pictures of the first American fighting men and women - led by Marines, as usual - disembarking with their tanks and other armored weapons from the cavernous bellies of huge transport planes. And other pictures, too - parents, children, husbands, wives, all hoping and praying that their loved ones would return safely, that their loved ones would not be numbered among the inevitable casualties.

Then, much too quickly, the inevitable began to happen. From the *New York Times*, datelined Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, December 30, 1995:

*An American soldier was wounded when his vehicle hit a land mine in northeastern Bosnia today, becoming the first American casualty of the NATO-led peacekeeping mission.*

*The soldier, whose name was not released, was hurt when an antitank land mine exploded beneath a vehicle carrying military police officers on a surveying mission in the American sector. Military authorities here said they did not know how serious the injuries were, but Pentagon officials later said he suffered internal injuries but was in stable condition...*

*A spokesman for the multinational force here said a convoy of four Humvees carrying soldiers from the 709th Military Police Battalion were on reconnaissance mission when the lead vehicle struck the land mine. The other passengers in the Humvee, a wide-bodied cargo carrier, were not injured.*

Hey, wait a minute! Isn't this supposed to be a story about the "amazing" jeep? How come all this stuff about the Humvee?

Well, yes, this is a story about the "amazing" jeep. But you really can't tell the complete story of the jeep unless you bring up the Humvee, which is the jeep's direct descendant. It's just that we started kicking tires at the front end instead of the rear. We'll



Deja vu in Bosnia: "Mine Field, Keep on Road" reads sign on Guadalcanal coconut tree, and Marines in jeep pay heed.

get back to the jeep, but let's stay with the Humvee for a paragraph or two. Then maybe you'll be better able to appreciate the connection between the two.

The history of the Humvee began in 1979, when the Army began looking for a successor to the jeep. Six proposals came in from industry and were evaluated against the Army's specifications for a High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicle, abbreviated to HMMWV - thus "Humvee." Three designs were selected, and contracts were awarded to General Dynamics, Teledyne, and AM General to produce test vehicles in such categories as TOW carriers, troop carriers, cargo carriers, and ambulance variants. Military specs were tough - absolute reliability, durability, and maintainability for starters, along with stringent demands for light armor, deepwater fording capability, as well as desert and Arctic operational ability, to name a few. And the job had to be done in just ten months.

The first outfit to complete its test vehicles was AM General. Prototype "Hummers," as the company called it HMMWV efforts, came through with "superior" ratings on Army proving grounds at Aberdeen, Yuma, and Fort Hunter-Liggett in April 1982. A year later, AM General was awarded an initial production contract for 55,000 vehicles to be delivered over a five-year period.

Still don't get the connection? It might help you to learn that AM General traces its corporate history back to 1903, when Standard Wheel Company of Terre Haute, Indiana, expanded its bicycle business by adding the Overland Automotive Division for the manufacture of motor vehicles. A few years later an industrialist named John North Willys acquired the ambitious bicycle manufacturer, along with a few other properties, moved them all to Toledo, Ohio, and formed Willys-Overland Motors, Inc.

And by that tortuous route we have now worked our way back to the amazing jeep. (If the above information still doesn't ring any bells, you're probably too young to remember. But don't

worry - all will become clear shortly.)

Armies may indeed travel on their stomachs, as former mess sergeants are fond of reminding us, but for many centuries the men who made up the world's fighting forces had to march on shank's mare. Putting a horse - the four-legged kind - between the wheels of a chariot or the legs of a soldier helped ease the bunions and blisters of some lucky members of the foot-sore hordes, and from that happy union many centuries ago developed the elite group of reconnaissance scout and rapid-deployment units known as the cavalry. In more recent years that exalted company included the Horse Marines of USMC legend, who galloped into history in the Barbary Wars, the Indian Wars, the Mexican War, the Boxer Rebellion, and the Nicaraguan Campaign - although Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon and his seven doughty men had to ride into Horse Marine annals on the backs of lumpy dromedaries, the one-hump camels of North Africa.

Unfortunately, horses, camels, and even the ever-useful mule have limitations in military applications. "The birth of the automobile at the turn of the century," wrote Kurt Willinger and Gene Gurney in *The American Jeep in War and Peace*, "outmoded the cavalry horse . . . Starting in 1922, the army began to minimize its cavalry and was desperately in search of a vehicle that would better than approximate the cross-country ability of the horse."



Then and now: Jeeps carry casualties through a snowy pass - depicted in Colonel Charles Waterhouse's painting "The Eternal Band of Brothers." Humvees four decades later crossed the Persian Gulf to follow camels across the desert.

Military planners well knew that, "all the way back to the Civil War for Americans and much further back for most other nations, battles had been lost because reconnaissance soldiers on horseback had their mounts shot out from under them and were not able to return to their own lines. What was needed was a reconnaissance vehicle that could be counted on to return" and could also scout off roads, carry more than one man as well as weapons

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## The Amazing Jeep

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and ammunition, be used for communications, have a relatively low profile, and not whinny or nicker when it sensed the presence of other vehicles.

It wasn't just the cavalry that was interested in finding such a vehicle. The Marines as well as the Army tried using the motorcycle, but even with a sidecar it did not meet all, or enough, of the requirements. Both branches also experimented unsuccessfully with various kinds of tractors.

The search accelerated in 1932 after General Douglas MacArthur of the Army decided to throw a tantrum. In May of that year, in the depths of the Great Depression, some 15,000 unemployed Army, Navy, and Marine Corps veterans descended on Washington, D.C., to demand payment of the bonus that Congress had promised them for serving in World War I. President Hoover called out federal troops, under MacArthur and Major Dwight D. Eisenhower, with orders to send the demonstrators packing. Easier said than done, for the Army, with all its firepower, had trouble controlling the situation. General MacArthur, splendidly mounted as usual as he led his men into action, put most of the blame for the Army's poor performance on his horse. "What a commanding officer needs in situations such as these," he complained loudly, "is a motor vehicle, not a horse. A cavalry mount will never work in modern wartime. The value of the cavalry ended with the Spanish-American War."

By 1937, top military strategists and tacticians had concluded that what was needed was a "quarter-ton, four-wheel-drive, low-profile, powerful vehicle." This opinion was heartily seconded by most infantry and cavalry officers, who could see distinct advantages to riding a low-slung mechanized vehicle, rather than a high-stepping horse, when they were out in front, leading their troops.

A year later, as hostilities flared in western Europe, the Army put the word out to all automobile manufacturers that it was searching for a light reconnaissance vehicle to replace the motorcycle/sidecar combo. The following summer, C.H. Payne of the American Bantam Car Co. in Butler, Pennsylvania, came up with a proposed design and in September delivered three test models, each weighing in at 1,275 pounds. Unfortunately for Bantam, all three were rejected after extensive testing as having no military use.

Meanwhile, the military was also listening carefully to Ward M. Canaday, chairman of the Willys-Overland

Company (remember John North Willys and the Indiana bicycle company that eventually became AM Genera?), as he presented an idea for a Willys-built "mosquito" car. After talks got serious, Canaday ordered Delmar "Barney" Roos, Willys vice-president of engineering, to get to work at the drawing board. Three days before Christmas 1939, preliminary sketches of a mosquito car were in the hands of the Army's planning section.

Then came a blow. While Roos was still in the process of refining his design ideas, he received a letter from his Army contacts informing him that they were giving serious consideration to the "Howie Bellyflopper," a small, four-wheel vehicle that handled the low-profile specification by having the driver lie flat on his stomach. The brass were interested, the letter said, because this was the first concrete answer to their quest for not only a reconnaissance car but also a weapons carrier—an important requirement that the Bantam models had failed to deliver earlier.

Roos and Frazier carried the day, but the pressure was building. On June 20, 1940, Army officers trekked up to Pennsylvania to look over a revised Bantam model. This one turned out to be too light. Now the Army was getting frustrated - and impatient. Less than a month later it mailed out to 135 manufacturers requests for bids on delivering 70 vehicles. The specs called for a vehicle that would weigh 1,300 pounds, carry a 660-pound payload, be powered by an engine capable of 85 pound feet of torque, have a wheelbase of not more than 47 inches. The bid request also included two stiff stipulations: delivery of a pilot car in 49 days and 70 completed vehicles in 75 days.

Willys-Overland was the low bidder, but only Bantam, of all the manufacturers responding, was willing to commit to the delivery stipulations. Bantam won the bid. (to be continued)



Your Editor 1945

## In Memoriam

(Continued from April issue)

Weiss conducted a very personal service, quoting comments he received from many about Martin. President Vern Smith delivered the eulogy, pointing out that, although enlisted men are not supposed to like their officers, this wasn't the case with "Pappy" as he was affectionately called. George Thompson read a poem about Martin written by Own Burgett.

Martin leaves behind a sister, and his wife, Ellie, with whom he shared 57 years of married life. He was a career military officer, retiring as a Lt. Col. after 29 years. He served with the 25th Division in Korea. His decorations included C.B.I. with star, Purple Heart with O.L.C., Bronze Star with 2 O.L.C., and Air Medal.

We shall miss you "Pappy." Farewell!!

## Chaplain's Prayer

June 1996

We ask your blessing, O Lord, on the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association, the Auxiliary, the Memorial Foundation, the many local chapters, and all the activities that strive to keep alive the heritage of the Rainbow Division. We now prepare for our 1996 reunion - may all those who ever served in Rainbow come together in Little Rock to demonstrate the comradeship forged in two world wars, and to show our continued interest in the welfare of the United States of America.

Rev. Norman Forde

## John D. Carr Award

**EACH YEAR PNP JOHN CARR AWARDS A LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

The winning member must be present at the Reunion, registered with the Reunion Committee with registration paid in full.

In event the winner is already a Life Member, as verified by the Secretary's records, a check for one hundred dollars as full refund will be mailed to the winner.

## Rainbow Items For Sale

WW2 History Book (condensed copy 8-1/2 x 5-1/2 - \$6); Decals - window - copy of Rainbow patch - \$1.50 each — prices include postage. Also Camp Gruber booklet (\$6.50) is still available. Send checks payable to RDVA. Mail to Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357-1200.



## Bitter Ordeal

(Excerpted from "The Wanderings of Dog Co./222d Infantry's 2d Platoon" by Arturo Trevino)

### January 19, 1945: Hunsbach, France:

Rumors that we are withdrawing or are being relieved are circulating around. Tonight, Lt. Moore, Scotty, and Trevino spent time fixing the phone wires. A shell would land now and then breaking the wires. Once, Scotty heard the wind whistling through a barn and said "Hit it." We went down fast, and didn't feel a bit silly when we found out it was just the wind blowing.

### January 20, 1945: On the road, France:

Midnight! We've been traveling at a slow rate for the last four hours. There is a blizzard blowing and none of the vehicles have their tops on. We are executing a strategic withdrawal from a point which was in danger of being cut off. We are riding 40 and 50 to a 2 1/2 ton truck, on fenders, running boards and anyplace we can find a hold. "Nose" has the G.I.s, and fell off the truck once. Refugees through the road. Old men and women, little children, are all walking through the snow, carrying or pushing their belongings. We all thanked God this was not happening in America.

Early this afternoon, we found some rooms, near the gun positions, that we could sleep in. As we finished moving in, we received orders to move. Tough break!

### January 21, 1945: Mertzwiller, France:

Well, we're out on the OPLR again. The trip out of Hunsbach finally ended about 4:30 a.m., at the little town of Wittersheim, where we had about 2 hours to thaw out a little, then moved out again. We are with Able Co., along a railroad track outside the Schweighausen RR. station. All day long, refugees passed through, on the way to the rear. We waited for the attack that was sure to come. The CP is in a Beer parlor. The second section is billeted in the next house and the first section in a house near the station.

### January 22, 1945: Wittersheim, France:

We pulled back to this town in the middle of the afternoon. Everything seems quiet. We received PX rations: Hershey Tropical bars, cigarettes, chewing gum, and matches.

### January 23, 1945: Ohlungen, France:

We are in regimental reserve, at present. Last night, the first section took part in stopping an attack at the OPLR, and spent a miserable night. Upon withdrawing, they had to cross a creek, where the bridge had been blown. While crossing, on a log, Huyett fell, and was wearing a coat of ice before he knew it. The section is credited with killing 18 Germans.

The platoon was assembled at Uhweiler, where we cleaned equip-

ment. We were told to be ready to move on 10 minutes notice. We moved to this place, which is just behind the MLR, and is being subjected to constant artillery fire.

### January 24, 1945: Ohlungen, France:

Nothing much happened last night. We spent the day digging positions to defend the town. A shell landed near the 6th squad position; caused injury to Huyett and temporarily blinding Shacklette. Hanks was unable to walk and was evacuated.

Later tonight, the Heinies really started a barrage and we were put on a one minute alert.

### January 25, 1945: Woods outside Ohlungen:

Tonight is a miserable night. We're set up in these woods and there's a blizzard blowing. This morning, about two, we were alerted to repel a breakthrough, and some of us were put on road blocks to prevent infiltration. George Company stopped the attack. We returned to our billets and hot chow was brought to us. Later in the day, we moved out with Able Co. to straighten out the MLR, after the breakthrough last night. We walked through knee-deep snow into these woods, and proceeded through them, until dark. We set up and dug in. It was freezing weather, and snow was really falling. I would melt when it hit our clothes, so soon we were really wet and miserable. Our artillery was laying it in on the edge of the woods, and a short round caused casualties. Finally, we settled down to sleep.

### January 26, 1945: Marschwiller, France:

Well, we've been relieved. Last night was really bad. Trevino had a good break. He was sent back to battalion as a guide, where he, alternately, thawed out and froze on trips between the CP and the lines. Came the dawn, and we were really glad to get on the move again. Without any opposition, we advanced the 800 yards we have lost, a couple of nights ago, and established the MLR. Then we loaded on jeeps, went to Uhweiler to join the company, ate a hot meal, warmed ourselves and found some red wine. By the time we were ready to move on, we were all feeling good, except for Ed, who had a little too much.

On the way back, Schabow tried to fire back at one of our artillery batteries that fired a volley as we passed. Doc Horton kept falling off the jeep, and accusing J.J. of pushing him off. Doc would get up, run up to Lt. Moore, and holler to stop the jeep. Flathead ran besides the jeep almost half the way. Ed was stretched out on the trailer, out of this world. Upon arrival at this town, we hunted up a couple of rooms and spent the night.

## Headquarters - United States Forces in Austria APO 777, U.S. Army

General Orders Number 66

19 December 1945

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

Private Maurice L. Tyler, 13063933, Regimental Headquarters, 222nd Infantry regiment, United States Army. On 1 April 1945 near Vockenrot, Germany, Private Tyler, an automatic rifleman in an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, was acting as scout in an escape jeep during a forward reconnaissance mission. Advancing towards the enemy, the platoon was suddenly subjected to intense German machine gun fire, that destroyed the interplatoon radio set and disrupted communications. Private Tyler and the men in the escape-vehicle were ordered to withdraw for reinforcements. Returning with reinforcements to aid the members of his platoon, pinned down by the enemy machine gun fire, Private Tyler advanced to within 200 yards of the German positions, where he opened fire with his automatic rifle and inflicted several casualties. Immediately, the enemy returned withering fire from all flanks. Private Tyler, with complete disregard for his personal safety, calmly directed machine gun fire on the hostile positions. Completely ignoring the fire concentrated on himself, he advanced directly into the hail of enemy bullets, firing short bursts from his automatic weapon and designating targets for the machine gunner. Disregarding an order to withdraw to safety, Private Tyler pushed steadily forward against the German positions until he was mortally wounded. His courageous actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and exemplify the finest traditions of the United States Infantryman.

## 20th Armored Vet's Question Answered

Ed. note: In the September edition 1995, we ran an article from a 20th Armored vet recalling actions where his unit was attached to a Rainbow company. He stated that the infantry company commander directed them with great skill, and complimented them in such a way that they would take all measures to achieve what he wanted done. He greatly admired him and regretted that he had never learned the captain's name. All he could recall was that the captain reminded him of Jerry Colonna. We, now, are happy to say that

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There have been major donations to the Memorial Foundation Fund for more than 25 years. During the drive to fund the Muskogee Memorial Amphitheater, the Foundation paid for an issue of the REVEILLE each year, and listed the donors and the amounts received. In recent years, the Foundation has published an Annual Report of the donations received and the projects completed or pending. Now, with Chairman Bill Shurtleff's short and long term plan in place to build funds total to \$500,000, the Foundation will publish in each issue the donations received as well as an annual summary.

As we move forward, we commend all those who have donated faithfully for many years, and continue to do so. Your gifts are deeply appreciated, and were essential to place the Memorial Foundation in a position to achieve its long sought goal; to be worthy of every Rainbow veteran and Auxiliary member-past, present, and in the future.

A total of \$21,229 has been received between July 1, 1995 and April 1, 1996, not including the donations for special projects. There are some encouraging trends in these gifts. One gift of \$10,000 is not only substantial, but is also a vote of confidence for the Scholarship Committee and the work they are doing.

George Jackson received a call from Mrs. Helen Gelardi, a non-Rainbower, inquiring about the Rainbow scholarship program. She had heard from a soldier on duty in Europe about the program. George visited her and explained the purpose, approximate numbers available, and the size of our scholarships. He also explained our procedures and how the program has worked in the past. Mrs. Gelardi was impressed and responded with a \$10,000 donation in memory of her twin brother, Keith Jackson McEwen. He arrived at Clark Field, P.I., in November 1941, with the 30th Bomb Squadron, and died in a Japanese prison camp on July 26, 1942. Dottie Smith sent an scholarship application to the soldier, who was the grandson of a Rainbower. This donation, plus \$3,000 from the National Auxiliary in memory of their deceased Past President, and the other donations listed, have added \$17,365 to the Scholarship Operating Fund.

In addition to the nine-month figures reported by our dedicated Treasurer, Jon Janosik, Dolph Trantham, F-242, has donated \$500 to the Scholarship Endowment

Fund, and Jim McNicol donated \$50 toward the General MacArthur plaque in Little Rock. Dolph supports monuments and histories, but sees education of our future generations as a way to overcome some of today's serious concerns.

Contributions in this period follow:

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Contributions in memory of total-\$295, Martin Davis, B. Keithan, Alic Hartman, TX Chap., Gene Mabbutt, Pac. NW Chap., Carl Morris, B. Keithan, Lida Willrich, B. Keithan, Betty Wright, B. Kohler.

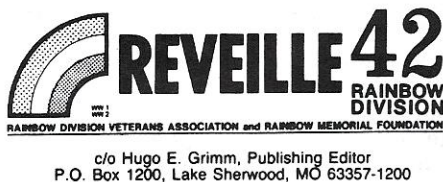
Unit donation, \$500-Artillery Chap, others, B. Keithan-\$1,000, Myrtle & Rube Evanoff-\$500, C. Eldon & C. Fowler pledge-\$100.

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a Rainbower has identified the captain, and passed the information, with a picture, along to the 20th Armored vet.

James V. Rutledge, F.O. Bty. A, 402d F.A. remembers it well. He states that the captain was Captain Joseph (Little Joe) A. Shoemaker, of Co. B, 242d Infantry. He says that "Little Joe" was a heroic man and great company commander. He regrets that he doesn't have a current address. (Maybe "Task Force Membership" can locate him.)

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