

MEMORIES OF HATTEN

MARVIN R. POSEY

AT/242d Inf.

This has been very difficult to write. The situation at Hatten was very stressful, to say the least, and my way of dealing with it was to try to forget it. However, we never really forget; we suppress memories and for fifty-two years this has been a constant problem. It is like trying to hold a beach ball under water — it keeps popping back up when you think it is under control. I am now more comfortable with these memories. The time has come to forgive and forget and just be thankful that we are alive.

I do not remember all the dates and details that led up to our capture by the Germans. We left Nieder Bechdorf for Hatten early in the morning riding in a truck with Lt. Yeates (Jasper, TX). On the way, we ran into heavy artillery fire. Fortunately, it was all going over our heads and none of it was close. Being very green and untested, we did not know this. Our truck was stopped — with several other trucks — and we all ran to the side of the road. Appropriately, we were next to a cemetery. I ran into the cemetery and lay down behind a large headstone. I was going to remember the name on that headstone, but it is forgotten now. The headstone was large, but I still was scared and felt vulnerable. After a few minutes of this, one of the company officers (name not remembered) rode up in a jeep and started shouting, to get us started again.

After arriving in Hatten, my squad was assigned the job of laying a mine field, blocking the main street. The ground was frozen and we could not bury the mines, so we put them on top of the ground and tried to cover them with snow. Obviously, it was a poor job. While we were laying the mine field, there was a dead soldier lying on top of the ground as he had fallen. I went over and looked at him. He was very young and I did not recognize him. Seeing him stirred up such rage — like I have never felt since. It just did not seem fair for him to die in a cold, God-forsaken place like Hatten.

While we were laying the mine field, Lt. Yeates decided we needed more mines. Jack Gober and Ralph Bellenot volunteered. How lucky can you get? When we had used up the mines that we had, Lt. Yeates ordered John McEldowney and me to stand guard in the alley that was next to the field. About that time an American tank destroyer came into town. None of us were familiar with this model of a tank destroyer, so we immediately thought it was a tiger tank. You can imagine the relief when someone said it was American. We opened the mine field and they rolled on to the rear. McEldowney and I resumed our guard duty after the departure of the T.D. McEldowney was singing "It Had To Be You" in a low voice and I was kidding him about being "sweet" on a girl from a small town near Camp Gruber. He talked about her constantly. We started receiving some small arms fire and mortars, so Mac and I decided that we could guard the mine field just as well from the building across the street. Bob MacNally had taken the rest of the squad there.

The building turned out to be a bar, with a bedroom back of the bar (no wine or liquor). The building was occupied by our squad: Cpl.

MacNally, Pfc. Hinrichsen, Pfc. Sorensen, Pvt. Peters, Pfc. Trolie, Pfc. McEldowney, myself, plus five or six guys from some other company. Also Cpl. Bob Chambers and Sgt. Beasley were present. I do not recall why they were there since they were in the mine platoon, but not in MacNally's squad.

Behind the bar was a courtyard, outhouse, and a barn. This area was surrounded by a fence of brick or stucco or rock. I do not remember the exact composition, but it was close to six feet tall. I would stand on tip-toe and see over the wall to a cultivated field on the other side. For some reason, we were all in this courtyard, looking at everything. Mortar shells started dropping around the area and we panicked and scattered like a flock of quail. I ran behind the outhouse and discovered it was a dead-end with farm implements stored there. As I turned around to run out, my gas-mask strap at my back hung on the handle of the plowshare. I couldn't get loose, and all I could think of was how terrible it would be to be killed in Hatten. France hung up on a plowshare behind an outhouse. I finally calmed down enough to get the gas mask off of me. I left it hanging in place and double-timed back to the bar.

In the bar everyone picked out a window to watch and fire from. I was in the corner of the bedroom, overlooking the alley and across from the mine field. Needless to say, we were scared and worried and really did not know what we were going to do. As I looked out the window, I could not believe my eyes. A German peeked around the corner of the building where Mac and I had been standing guard. I shot him. He fell partly in the open, but others pulled him back out of sight. After I fired the shot, a German fired a burp gun through my window. He started at the top of the window and moved down. I immediately dropped to the floor. Chambers hollered at me, "Are you hit? I replied, "No — he missed," but then I touched the top of my helmet and one shot had grazed the top.

Later, a 2nd Lieut. came bursting through the front door. He was very excited and almost incoherent. He had lost his platoon and wanted everyone to go with him to find them. (I think he might have been with the 1st Battalion). He did not know where they were, but he wanted to find them. He would not listen to reason and, finally, he ran back out of the door and down the street to the rear. Looking back at it today, we probably should have followed him.

It was getting late in the afternoon and everything was quiet when MacNally decided we needed to get out of there. Everyone certainly agreed with that decision. The plan was to retreat to the barn and then work our way back to the rest of the company. The order of leaving was for MacNally to lead and everyone else to follow, and I was to bring up the rear. MacNally made it to the barn and that is the last we saw of him. Bob Chambers was next, and as he started across the courtyard, it drew a heavy mortar barrage. Instead of continuing to the barn, he returned to the bar. We then realized that the courtyard was targeted by the mortars. So we decided to wait until dark to leave.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

President's Report



President Bill and His Lovely Wife Mary

Fellow Rainbowers:

It certainly has been a busy time since Knoxville. In August we attended the 80th anniversary of the formation of the 42nd. Rainbow Division at Garden City, Long Island, NY. It was a wonderful affair run by the 42nd. National Guard and they did a superb job. Also in August we again ventured into New York for a filming of the "Path of the Rainbow" which is being produced by David Dann the son of Sam Dann. We were accompanied by men from Iowa, Conn., NJ, NY, MD, NC, PA and RI. It should be a great film when it is finished. Dick Tisch and his wife Rosanne put on a barbecue for some of the men the night before the filming.

Another matter that I have been working on is a project that I was directed to initiate during my Presidency, that is to study the possible amalgamation of the 42nd. National Guard with the RDVA. I have started this by forming a committee to ascertain what the benefits and possible obstacles might be. I have sent out a questionnaire to my committee and should have a preliminary report ready for the Mid-Year. This is a matter of the utmost importance and it deserves our critical attention.

The RDVA is planning a trip to France to participate in a ceremony commemorating the 80th anniversary of the battle of Champagne as well as cessation of hostilities in WWI. The plans are still in formation but we know that it will follow immediately after the reunion in Duluth in July 1998. The actual ceremony will take place on the 19th of July. The tentative plans call for about 4 days round the town of Hagenau where the Rainbow went through its baptism of fire in WWII. It should be a great trip, so mark your calendar now if you have any desire to go. We will have final details in the next Reveille.

Yours In Rainbow
William T. Kenny

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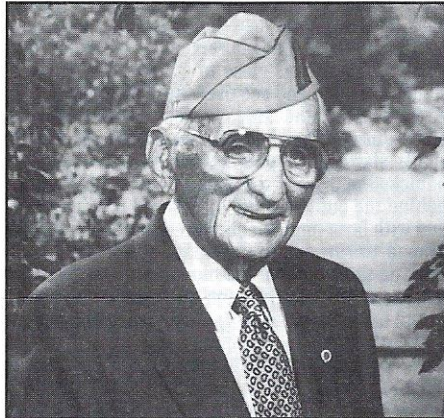
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Veteran's Day 1997

Gracious Father, as on this day our memories are tuned toward those who have served our nation throughout our history, in war and in peacetime: Do Thou guide our thoughts aright. We thank Thee for all the good which through them has come upon our land. Grant us a sense of honor and gratitude for every true sacrifice to preserve our nation's peace. Teach all of us to bring the tribute of a ready heart, an obedient life, and a worthy citizenship to our country. Guide our President and all the counsels of government; and strengthen the bonds of true loyalty and patriotism. Let the ideals of liberty and peace prevail among all the citizens of our land. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

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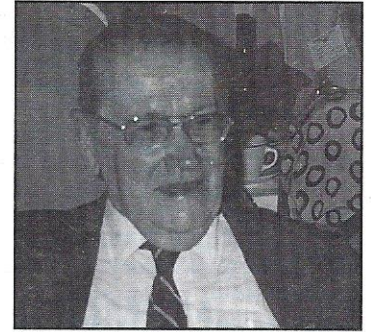
End of an Era

The 42nd RAINBOW Division Veterans Association has come to the end of an era: We have been advised that Past National President George L. Irwin, Former member of the 168th Ambulance Company passed away Saturday, July 26, at his residence, Abbey Delray Health Center.

According to his resume in the file he held most of the chapter offices in his Michigan and Florida Chapters, all the way up to National President in 1968-69. Along the way he took time to be National Treasurer, Vice-President, helped organize the Gold Coast Chapter and was Reunion CHairman for Detroit and Florida Reunions. I will always remember him as being one well dressed, dapper, elder Statesman type individual and always willing to talk to any and all Rainbowners.

George is survived by his son, George, Jr. of Hilton Head, SC and three grandchildren. Final Memorial Services and Funeral arrangements are not complete at this time. He will be cremated with final interment at Lawson, MO in the family plot. The Memorial Service, when arrangements are completed, will be at his recent residence so that his friends and neighbors may attend: Abbey Delray Health Center, 2020 Lowson Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33445.

We hate to say goodbye, not for George only, but also for what he represented for so many years.

We'll Miss You Norm!

NORMAN R. McCLELLAND
July 29, 1909 - Dec. 31, 1996

Taps sounded for Sgt. Norm McClelland the final day of 1996 as he departed this world to join his beloved wife at Eternal Rest. He was interned at Arlington memorial Gardens in Mount Healthy, Ohio side by side with the one true love of his life, his wife PNAP Mildred. A moving service was held at the Gump-Holt Funeral Home in Cheviot, Ohio, his city of residence for many years.

These facts do not begin to tell the story of our friend, comrade in arms, dedicated Rainbowner. He served his country well with dignity and honor as well as valor, first with a searchlight battalion in the Coastal Artillery located in the State of Washington, and later with the 42nd Rainbow Division. Norm was assigned to Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 242nd Inf. where he was respected by those with whom he served from Camp Gruber till the end of hostilities. When he returned to civilian life, Norman joined the Rainbow Division Veterans Association in 1947 along with many of us in Ohio and all across the nation. One big difference existed — NORM became an active member, serving the National, State, and Chapter Associations with dedication and expertise. In Ohio he served as State President in 1972 and later years as Secretary-Treasurer for more than 10 years with distinction. In addition, he also served in various capacities with the Hamilton County Chapter. At the National level, he served as Editor of the Rainbow Reveille until he relinquished the post and assumed a like post with the Ohio Rainbow Reveille until failing eyesight required him to turn the reins over, but he was still available for his advice — all you had to do was ask.

Yes, Ohio has truly lost a faithful friend, an honorable comrade, an Association member of the highest calibre; however Norm has left us with a wealth of treasured memories that will be remembered the rest of our days. Rest well old friend until Roll Call calls us again on the other side of the Rainbow.

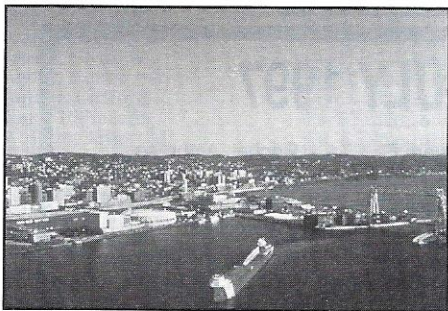
Rainbow Items For Sale

Original WWII History Book, Blue Cover - \$30.00 - includes postage and handling. 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.

Information Needed on Possible 242d Man

A cousin of Charles Herbert Stogsdill, deceased, knows only that he was captured on January 9, 1945. His name does not appear on the Camp Gruber list. If anyone remembers him, please contact Richard G. Lewis, R#3, Box 58, Joplin, MO 64807 or Lise Pommois 8 rue des Cerisiers, 67110 Niederbronn les Bains, France.

1998 National Reunion Duluth, MN – July 8-11, 1998



Duluth, A Great Lake City!

This city by the bay is like nowhere else in the world. Seated in the middle of the Midwest, its steep, rocky cliffs and vast, open waters may seem almost out of place for the region – but instead provide a unique getaway, a faraway adventure that's close to home.

Located on the beautiful shores of Lake Superior, Duluth literally thrives on the water that surrounds it. And it should! Covering nearly 32,000 square miles, Lake Superior is the largest freshwater lake in the world. Like an inland sea, it can be calm and clear as glass, or tremendously powerful. Lake Superior's 15-foot waves have brought about dozens of shipwrecks and created a legend of power for this greatest Great Lake.

The main hub of the city is an area which connects the lake to the harbor. Canal Park. Welcoming ships from all the oceans and visitors from everywhere else, Duluth's canal forms the entrance to the world's largest, farthest-inland seaport. It's home to the famous Aerial Lift Bridge, which rises to a height of 138 feet to greet these massive vessels, and hosts the Marine Museum, one of Minnesota's most visited tourist attractions.

From its weathered waterfront architecture and sculpture gardens, to its out-of-the-way ships and out-of-this-world eateries, Canal Park is a tribute to Lake Superior. Next to the Great Lake, it is Duluth's chief attraction and serves as the meeting place for many Duluth activities. These waterfront events include concerts on the shore, fairs, a blue's festival and the world-famous Grandma's Marathon, as well as more intimate pastimes such as a romantic horse and carriage ride or a stroll on the beach.

While Duluth's link to the water is best represented by the Canal Park experience, it doesn't end there. Instead, it stretches all along the city's waterfront via an old-fashioned boardwalk called the Lakewalk.

"Lakewalking" is the best reason to be here. Winding quietly beside the waves, Duluth's Lakewalk offers breathtaking views of this greatest Great Lake. It also takes you through a sculpture garden, quiet city parks, past a 580-foot mosaic mural and through a meticulously designed rose garden. Perfect for walking, jogging, bicycling and rollerblading, the Lakewalk connects visitors to the city, the water and everything they both have to offer.

In the Midwest, Duluth is the city by the bay. From every sunrise on the water to every sunset over twinkling city lights, Lake Superior forms the perfect backdrop to every day's events.

The 1998 National Reunion will be held in Duluth, MN, "The Air-Conditioned City" on July 8-11, 1998. The primary Hotel will be the Holiday Inn Downtown Waterfront, 200 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802. The overflow Hotel is the Radisson Hotel Duluth – Harborview, 505 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802. There are equal blocks of rooms set aside at each Hotel. Rates are \$79.00 per night for single or double occupancy, plus local taxes of 12.5%. This rate will be honored two days prior and two days following the Reunion dates. All rooms will be reserved on a Duluth Housing Bureau Reservation Form that can be mailed or faxed to: Duluth Convention and Visitors Bureau, Rainbow Division Veterans Housing Bureau, 100 Lake Place Drive, Duluth, MN 55802, Fax: 218-722-1322.

Reservations MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 5, 1998. TELEPHONE REGISTRATION NOT ACCEPTED.

Note: If you did not obtain a Registration Packet at the Knoxville Reunion, please write to Don Samolinski, 3729 Carl Street, Wausau, WI 54403 – Phone (715) 675-6221 for Housing Forms and Registration Forms. Registration is \$40.00 per person. Information will be sent to your individual Chapters for printing in your newsletters. All rooms will be assigned through the housing Bureau of the Duluth Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Holiday Inn will be filled first and then the Radisson Hotel on a first come first served basis. All of the Meetings, Committee Meeting, Luncheon, Banquet, Memorial Service, etc. will take place at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC). The two hotels are located approximately two blocks apart and the DECC is approximately the same distance from either hotel. All are connected by covered climatized walkways-skywalks. Also a bus shuttle service will be provided to all functions for the handicapped, impaired mobilization or those who just find it undesirable to walk the two block distance. The DECC is a beautiful facility that has facilities for all of our Reunion needs. You will find it an attractive and splendid facility.

An interesting group of tours has been selected. A description and a reservation form for the tours are included in the registration packet. Write for yours today.

A special discount rate from Northwest Airlines is being negotiated and full information should be available for the next issue of the Rainbow Reveille. Check this out. At this point it is looking good.

RV Parking Facilities are available at the following campgrounds:

Spirit Mountain (Ski Hill) Campground, Phone (800) 642-6377 Ext. 244#. Have about 100 sites ranging from \$22.00 to \$15.00. Some with water and electric, some just electric. This is the closest and just a few miles from downtown Duluth.

Mid-Year Reunion Charlotte, N.C. – February 5-6-7, 1998

The Mid-Year Reunion will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina on February 5-6-7, 1998 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. A room for 2, 3, or 4 people is \$82.00 plus tax per night. The address is 555 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28204 – Phone (704) 372-4100 or (800) 444-ADAM. Be sure to mention the 42nd Rainbow Division. Reservation Deadline is January 10, 1998. Reservation Forms, if desired, may be obtained from Tom O'Neill, Phone (704) 365-6417 – Fax (704) 366-7589. Registration is \$40.00/person and includes early bird reception, luncheon and banquet. Make out checks to RDVA Mid-Year and send to Tom at 2317 Cloister Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28211, as early as you can. Call Tom at above phone number for further information.

Optional tours are: Friday, Feb. 6, 1998, City Tour, \$18.00/person, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm (30 people minimum) and Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998, Shopping Tour, \$15.00/person, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. Write Charlotte for arrangements, 1409 East Boulevard, Charlotte, N.C. 28203 or phone (704) 332-8445, and ask for Sandy Hardy.

The hotel is 20 minutes driving time from the airport and is accessed by limousine and cab service. Courtesy phones are located in the lower level near baggage claim. There is no free shuttle to or from the hotel. RV parking is available at the hotel. Many exciting events, including mounting of a Rainbow Division Commemorative Plaque, in the center of town, are planned.

Recommended Reading

"The Short Life of the ASTP" by Frank Iglehart . . . American Literary Press, 8019 Belair Rd., Suite 10, Baltimore, Md. 21236. \$10.50. The writer ended up with the 99th Division in the Bulge.

"Drawing Fire: A Combat Artist At War" . . . Famous Yank Artist, Howard Brodie . . . \$16.95 / Portola Press, P.O. Box 911, Los Altos, CA 94023.

"Sandy Patch" . . . Catalog Number 6G17W . . . The Scholar's Bookshelf, 110 Melrich Road, Cranbury, N.J. 08512 . . . The list price is \$59.95 and the sale price is \$39.95 plus \$5.50 shipping. You can request a catalog.

"Never A Dull Moment" by Herb Plambeck . . . \$12.95 plus \$2.00 . . . Send check to Herb Plambeck, 2909 Woodland Ave., Apt. #602, Des Moines, Iowa 50312 or Sigler Printing & Publishing Inc., 413 Northwestern, P.O. Box 887, Ames, Iowa 50010. Presently a radio host. Many faceted career includes that of WWII war correspondent where he came in close contact with the 42nd.

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Fetzer, Roy
Co. B, 149th M.G. Bn.
McSwinney, Austin M.
HQ., 165th Inf.
Parks, Ray T.
Bty. F, 150th F.A.
Wagner, Charles L.
151st M.G. Bn.
Weart, Everett
67th F.A. Brig. Hqs.

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Co. M, 222D Inf.
Andrews, H. Dean
Division Hqs.
Andrews, Waldo
Co. E, 232D Inf.
Aries, Russel
Associate
Bann, C. Charles
Co. C, 232D Inf.
Barnes, Howard
Co. K, 242D Inf.
Baumbarger, James E. Jr.
Co. D, 232D Inf.
Baxter, Joseph B.
Co. C, 232D Inf.
Beard, William E.
Bty. C, 392D F.A.
Beattie, Elton C.
Co. H, 242D Inf.
Belcher, Calmer D.
Co. A, 232D Inf.
Benarick, Andrew S.
Bty. A, 232D F.A.
Bennett, James H.
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Berg, Julius
Co. B, 242D Inf.
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Co. L, 222D Inf.
Blasko, Stanley
Co. G, 242D Inf.
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Co. C, 232D Inf.
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132D Signal Co.
Chappy, Raymond
Co. D, 232D Inf.
Clements, Robert
Co. B, 232D Inf.
Copeland, Quinton
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Custer, Robert E.
Hqs. Co., 232D Inf.

Decker, Rolan E.
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Defabbo, Dominick
Co. C, 232D Inf.
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Hqs., 542D F.A.
Eaks, Eldon C.
Co. D, 232D Inf.
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Unknown
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Ferrell, Jesse
Co. H-D, 232D Inf.
Flatt, Virgil B.
232D F.A.
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A/T Co., 222D Inf.
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Hqs. Bty., 542D F.A.
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Can. Co., 232D Inf.
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Co. G, 232D Inf.
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222D Inf.
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Co. I, 242D Inf.
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Jones, Tommy
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Kirby, Jonathan
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McCall, Mead C.
232D Inf.
McCush, Ralph
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McElroy, Robert H.
Co. D, 232D Inf.

McGraw, William F.
A/T Co., 232D Inf.
McWilliams, Mailan P.
Co. C, 142D Engrs.
Miller, Irving
Co. A, 122D Med. Bn.
Mrotek, Max M.
Co. C, 232D Inf.
Nelson, Harvey A.
Co. A, 242D Inf.
Nicoli, John H. Jr.
242D Inf.
Nightingale, Carl D.
Co. A, 242D Inf.
O'Shields, Charles E.
Co. M, 222D Inf.
Pallenik, John
H1B, 232D Inf.
Perkins, Delbert
Co. H, 242D Inf.
Philbin, John G.
Hqs. Co., 242D Inf.
Plack, Arvid
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Platz, Robert D.
Co. M, 222D Inf.
Porter, Robert
Bty. A, 542D F.A.
Price, Alan D.
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Rowatt, Howard
M.P. Platoon
Schaefer, Leo J.
Co. I, 222D Inf.
Schomp, Wyckoff L.
Bty. A, 392D F.A.
Scribner, Otha
A/T Co., 242D Inf.
Seward, Glenn R.
Bty. A, 232D F.A.
Sink, Joseph M.
742D Ordnance Co.
Skrainar, Felix
Co. B, 232D Inf.
Snodell, Robert
M.P. Co.
Steffe, Robert F.
Co. I, 232D Inf.
Stemple, Andrew J.
Co. L, 242B Inf.
Stevens, Orvan
Co. G, 242D Inf.
Syslo, Henry C.
Co. C, 242D Inf.
Tierney, Felix A.
Co. H, 232D Inf.
Trobough, George A.
(Rev.)
Hq. Bty., 542D F.A.
Tynan, Thomas J.
Sv. Co., 232D Inf.
Umbach, Albert C.
Co. E, 242D Inf.
Vadenais, Joseph A.
Co. H, 242D Inf.
Vanassa, Albert C.
Co. B, 232D Inf.
White, Carley C.
Co. A, 242D Inf.
White, Alvin D. (LTC)
Co. C, 232D Inf.
Whitesides, Dent A.
M.P. Platoon
Wickens, Franklin R.
A/T Co., 242D Inf.
Wyatt, Theodore
Bty. A, 232D F.A.
Wyatt, Wheaton W.
Bty. A., 232D F.A.
Yandrich, John J.
Co. H, 232D Inf.
Yelenek, Stanley J.
Co. D, 232D Inf.
Young, Earl
Can. Co., 232D Inf.

TAPS

**Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hill, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.
Thanks and praise, for our days,
Neath the sun, neath the stars, neath the sky,
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.**

Memorial File Additions Since July, 1997

Aleliunas, Joseph A. Co. C, 232d Inf.
 Blodgett, John F. Co. L, 222d Inf.
 Brann, Eugene W. Co. D, 232d Inf.
 Brown, Clyde W. Co. I, 167th Inf.
 Caylor, Henry J. Co. H, 242d Inf.
 Canney, Clifford Co. D, 232d Inf.
 Clark, Robert F. Co. K, 232d Inf.
 Crolette, Albert M. Co. E, 232d Inf.
 Dubin, Emanuel S. A/T Co., 222d Inf.
 Dell, Anthony Hqs. Co., 23d Inf.
 Evenson, Glenn A/T Co., 222d Inf.
 Everheart, M.C. 402d F.A.
 Fleisher, Earl E. A/T Co., 222d Inf.
 Fruitt, Warren G. A/T Co., 232d Inf.
 Giampietro, Leonard R. Co. C, 242d Inf.
 Gilbert, Lawrence Medics, 242d Inf.
 Gottlieb, Richard E. H1B, 232d Inf.
 Gustofson, Carl Co. I, 232d Inf.
 Hane, Arthur L. 42d Recon.
 Harrison, Lonnie D. Unknown
 Howell, Thomas W. Bty. A, 392d F.A.
 Irwin, George L. (PNP) 168th Amb. Co.
 Jamison, Robert Bty. C, 392d F.A.
 Jaycox, Richard E. Serv. Co., 242d Inf.
 Kennedy, John A. (Dr.) Medics, 242d Inf.
 Klumpp, James Unknown
 Lautzenheiser, Harold C. 142d Comb. Engrs.
 Leake, William Co. E, 232d Inf.
 Lee, Alvin Hqs, 242d Inf.
 Leblanc, George A. Co. M, 242d Inf.
 Lucas, Ralph Co. M, 242d Inf.
 McClelland, Norman H2B, 242d Inf.
 Mirante, Antonio G. Hqs. Bty, 232d F.A.
 Nevens, James F. Co. M, 232d Inf.
 Oddo, Frank J. Co. B, 222d Inf.
 Pyle, Donald L. Co. E, 232d Inf.
 Poarch, Cecil A. Co. F, 232d Inf.
 Rains, Stanley Co. K, 232d Inf.
 Santilli, Michael A. Co. F, 222d Inf.
 Stauffer, Raymond J. Co. H, 232d Inf.
 Stidham, Donald E. Co. A, 232d Inf.
 Trout, Philip (PNP) 42d Recon.
 Vanzant, Charles R. Hqs. Bty., 232d F.A.
 Voss, Franklin A. Medics, 222d Inf.
 Watham, James Co. C, 142d Comb. Engrs.
 Welterbride, Peter Hqs. Bty, 392d F.A.
 Wenning, Donald 42d Div. Hqs.
 Willis, James F. H1B, 232d Inf.
 Wozcinski, Richard Can. Co., 232d Inf.
 Youmans, James R. Co. C, 242d Inf.

Honored Dead

(Never appeared in Memorial File or not a member).

42nd Quartermaster

Gajewski, Ray
 Girard, Joe
 Greene, Rockford
 Griffin, Aulcie
 Lunde, Peter L.
 Nichols, Frank J.
 Palatt, Ralph A.
 Scaniello, Vitro R.
 Spehar, William V.
 Sweet, William C.
 Tawes, William C.
 Van Luven, Ray L.

Btry. C, 392nd F.A.

Beckett, Edward
 Higbee, Robert
 Massaro, Raffael
 Nichols, George
 Noelte, Martin
 O'Connell, William
 Page, Marvin
 Paul, Hilbert
 Poarch, H.D.
 Schnitzler, Arthur
 Schrage, Amel
 Trimble, Charles
 Webb, Haskell
 Westphal, Elmer

242nd Regiment

Anti-Tnk. Co.
 Bury, Elias T.
 Kalich, Hugh E.
 Scribner, Otha Thomas

H.Q. 242nd

Mason, Robert B.

Cannon Co.

Angerstein, Chales
 Hundley, Herman F.
 McFarland, Van M.

Med. Det. - 242nd

Dubin, Emanuel
 Gilbert, Lawrence W.

Hazel, Alfred J.
 Johnson, Henry P.
 Myklebust, Gerald E.
 O'Connor, James A.
 Rich, Stuart B.

Service Co.

Brandano, Frank
 Cean, Donald C.
 Kronenberg, Emil
 Lyles, Samuel

H.Q. 1st Vn.

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

Company A

Fearnley, Robert E.
 Fountain, Alfred E.
 Kois, John R.
 McGreehan, John E.
 Menges, Fred
 Radmer, Eric W.
 Santarsiero, Vito P.
 Schultzius, Victor C.
 Scott, Dale W.
 Templeton, Elmer F.
 Yaws, William I.

Company B

Bozeman, Earl G.
 Grant, Willie H.
 Malone, Malachy A.
 Meier, Fred P.
 Naber, Robert F.
 Swanson, Walton A.
 Thronson, Kerrel K.
 Yannuzzo, Joseph

Company C

Barber, Kenneth V.
 Bishop, Eldridge
 Burnett, Cecil C.
 Canter, Charles W.
 Danowski, Roman
 Dewberry, Frederick O.
 Dixon, Russell J.
 Engebretson, George S.
 Fabreau, Eustache A.
 Figlioli, Albert J.
 Frende, Colton D.
 LaFont, Arthur D.
 Lyons, Philip J.
 Rathburn, Rex A.
 Schaeneman, Roy C.
 Schilling, Frederick
 Schoesler, Adam W.
 Udden, Eric G.
 Walsma, George A.
 Whan, Frank L.
 Whitmore, George F.

Company D

Barnes, Horace G.
 Bisdorf, Stanley H.
 Bishop, Walter L.
 Cline, Adam W.
 DeBell, Donald W.
 Estep, Thomas C.
 Flojnik, Albert F.
 Leupold, Gordon W.J.
 Greggio, Lincoln R.
 McDaniel, Arvey
 Montegut, Mancil J.
 Priolo, Frank J.
 Zaffino, Frank J.

Hq. 2nd Bn.

Burleson, Norvel C.
 Fitch, Frank
 Graves, William R.
 Janczy, Stanley
 Kelso, Doyle D.
 Mayshock, Frank P.
 Meyer, Eugene J.
 Neff, Floyd W.
 Smith, James H.
 Streckfus, Henry G.

Company E

Alliston, John C.
 Becker, Eugene E.
 Beyea, James A.
 Black, Robert A.
 Blake, Charles H.
 Como, Joseph R.
 Darnell, John
 Dees, J.C.
 Double, Frank A.
 Dozier, Buford M.
 Dujik, Alex
 Dunn, Glenn
 English, Cecil
 Farmer, John B.
 Farr, Frank R.
 Feathers, Calvin E.
 Fisher, Somerton W.
 Fletcher, Harlan
 Grant, Benjamin
 Hathaway, Harry
 Isaacson, Everett
 Kuhl, Hayward
 Kulik, Stanley
 Murmes, Leonard
 Logsdon, James
 Roman, Wallace
 Smith, William J.
 Tyree, Chester
 Wall, Chester
 Wessel, Louis W.
 White, James A.

Witkowski, Francis P.
 Kummert, Leavearn
 Lebsack, Alobert G.
 Leslie, Joe W.
 Melerine, Joe W.
 Porter, Troy
 Richards, Harry L.
 Rothwell, Glenn F.
 Scerese, Alexander E.
 Virnala, Arnold E.

Company F

McLain, Lawrence A.

Company G

Maher, Herman D.
 Raines, Leslie H.

Hq. 3rd Bn.

Bartelson, Glen L.
 Davidson, Odell, L.
 Reid, Mayson R.

Company I

Kugaczewski, Edward G.
 Williams, Robert S.
 Williams, Woodrow H.

Company K

Grubbs, Perry
 Savage, Merton

Company L

Borders, Dillard H.
 Penkert, Otto
 Postlewait, Orville E.
 Strand, James W.
 Yates, Esper E.

Company M

Doerr, Ralph J.
 Gash, Autie R.
 Kennedy, Harry D.
 Liskey, Deray
 Mathews, Charles D.
 Miron, William R.
 Morgan, George A.
 Wareheim, Delmar II

Unknown

Tyson, Woodrow
 Olson, William B. (Co. Hqs.)
 Nyberg, Duane (Co. A)
 Moyle, Richard J. (Co. B)
 Lucas, Clyde J. (Co. C)
 Smith, George R. (Co. C)
 Cotter, John W. (Co. F)

Membership Chairman's Report

Last year was not too promising (+109). We are still looking for a major increase. We would, therefore, stress some other avenues for potential membership increase.

For several years, we have held at approximately 2600. Attrition due to age. We only have managed to hold the status quo through the outstanding work of the phone disc people and chapter secretaries. This year, we missed 2600 by about 100 (145 Memorial File). We have beaten the bushes pretty thoroughly, so where do we turn?

- (1) Our families. All descendants of an eligible member are likely candidates for associate membership. This means children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, etc. Changes in the by-laws states that such associates are entitled to all membership rights. Upon reaching the age of 21, an associate may vote and hold office.
- (2) Since the formation of the Rainbow Division Memorial Foundation, 109 people have become associate members. Most are not active. It is felt that with encouragement from us, we can enlist more of our blood relatives, and encourage them to participate. I (Charlie Paine) intend to push my three married children to join and take an active part in RDVA. This is an example we all should follow in order to make "Rainbow Live". I sincerely believe the interest is there. Will they be going to reunions and actively participate? Charlotte in 1999 could be a litmus test.

We all stuck together and did the job in Europe. By displaying the same brand of stick-to-itiveness we can and must get our numbers up so that the foundation continues after 2010. Sign up your descendants. Maybe one of them will be leading us in the near future!

MAKE RAINBOW LIVE!!
 Charles Paine

Day of Trial

(Continued from September issue)

Not to be outdone by the attacking regiments, the 232d Infantry still had its B company in the fight. Although often times surrounded on Hill 335, and under almost continuous German counter-attack, B Company was digging in to stay at 6:40 P.M. Its score of machine guns knocked out and prisoners taken continued to mount.

Lt. Colonel Edwin Rusteberg, the Rainbow G-2 learned from the 100th Infantry Division at 8:50 P.M. that the forts around Bitché, to the left of the Rainbow zone, had been captured and that the Germans in that area were in a general withdrawal to the West Wall to the North. The enemy was to have no rest. At 9:45 P.M., General Collins' directive, to infiltrate as many men as possible to the day's objective, was sent out to the 222d and 242d Infantry Regiments.

By 11:00 P.M. fairly reliable reports had reached Division that the Baerenthal-Zinswiller Road had been cut by the 3d Battalion of the 222d Infantry. The attacking units had outrun their wire communications, and radios simply didn't function in the dense woods and difficult mountains. Efforts were being made to establish communications through use of messengers, but the unfriendly darkness of the chill night made it most difficult. The fog of battle would not clear before morning.

However, if there was doubt about the precise details of the military situation, there was no doubt about the personal situation. Thousands of bone-weary, hungry, and chilled Rainbow soldiers knew the answers to the questions that had gnawed at them earlier that day. Many had paid dearly to learn those answers. All of them had earned their own self-respect, as well as their peculiar respect which only comrades who have served together in battle can have for each other.

The results of the Rainbow Division's action on the 15th of March 1945 wasn't to become apparent until after the war was over and the score could be totaled with returns from the enemy side. General Major Wolf-Rudiger Hauser, the Chief of Staff of the First German Army, summarized it very nicely when he said, "From 15 March until 19 March the enemy launched attacks with his far superior forces and succeeded in creating a deep breach in the area of the XIII S.S. Army Corps and the LXXXX Army Corps, particularly in the former, resulting in withdrawal of the front line back to the West Wall. In view of this situation, which became worse every moment, the Army as well as the Army Group Realized that an immediate withdrawal — sector by sector — to the prepared Rhine bridgeheads was necessary to save the remaining, already weakened, fighting power of formations."

History also records the fact that the 16th Volks Grenadier Division was so badly shattered that the larger of the two halves into which it was split had to be attached to the 36th Volks Grenadier Division in order to evacuate it to the

Rhine bridgeheads. Also, after the action to penetrate the West Wall was over, the XIII S.S. Army Corps, of which the 16th Volks Grenadier Division had been a part, survived only as a headquarters.

Despite the almost impossible obstacles presented by the harsh terrain and the fanatical enemy, a Rainbow soldier was the first man in the U.S. VI Corps to cross the German border — thus, the Rainbow Division began the "Glory Road" — proud, bloodied, but unbeaten.

Navarin Farm Ceremony, 7 September 1997

The weather was overcast and cold, with a maximum temperature of 18°C.

Upon arrival of the officials, General D'Anselme, Commanding General 2nd D.B., representing the French Ministry of Defense, inspected the troops. Floral decorations were placed by: General D'Anselme; 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, placed the floral decoration for the American Ambassador.

Speeches were given by General Xavier Gouraud and the Sous-Prefet from Epernay;

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

There was a large attendance. Approximately 110 flag bearers participated. Also a large delegation of French Navy veterans and military members were present.

The group then traveled to Sommepey-Tahure for the inauguration of a monument in memory to the French vessel "Tahure".

Afterwards the group traveled to Suippes Army Camp for lunch. Buses were made available for travel to all the destroyed villages in the Suippes Army Camp after the lunch.

The Color Guard and Bugler from the U.S. Army Europe Elite Guard, Germany, performed very professional. Their presence was greatly appreciated.

Help, Again

As you all know, over the years, articles on various National Memorials and Rainbow Sites, have appeared from time to time in the "Reveille". On those rare occasions that I have obtained a copy of the older "Reveille" with an article on one of our Memorials, I have been amazed at the amount of information available.

Now the reason for this article. One of my many jobs as Memorial Officer, is to put together a photo-history album of all the Rainbow National Memorials and Rainbow Sites. At times trying to get information on these is difficult because of the length of time that has elapsed since the memorials inception, especially those that were put up shortly after World War I.

If any of you have old copies of the "Reveille" (the older the better) with articles of any of the various memorials, that are gathering dust and on your demise will probably be thrown out, I would appreci-

ate them for my files. It would surely make that portion of my job much easier. If you would be willing, please send to Charles Fowler, P.O. Box 64, Londonderry, NH 03053-0064. And if you do, many thanks.



Left to right: Pres. Bill Kenny, General Kinley

80th Anniversary of the Formation of the 42nd Rainbow Division held at Garden City, Long Island, N.Y.

by President Bill Kerry

On Saturday, August 2, 1997 I left Morristown, New Jersey accompanied by my wife, Mary, Don Dart, Jo Ann Dart and Harold Melinek. We drove to Garden City, Long Island, a trip of about 60 miles. Due to traffic, it took us about 3 hours, but it was worth it when we got there.

The 42nd A.N.G. pulled out all the stops honoring the formation of the first 42nd Rainbow Division that took place at Camp Mills, L.I. in 1917. The whole day's activities were directed by Col. Joseph Taluto, as the Chief of Staff. He did a superb job. Major General Thomas Kinley, the commanding General, gave an inspiring talk about the heroic battles of WWI as well as those fought by the brave men in WWII. Then the Mayor of Garden City and the Representative of the County Supervisor issued a proclamation, declaring the day to be "Rainbow Day" in Nassau County. It was my pleasure to introduce Col. Carlyle Woeffler who presented a plaque to the outstanding unit of the 42nd A.N.G. for the year 1996. The award was won by a company from Vermont. This was followed by a 20 man bagpipe unit from the Nassau County police dept. who led all the men on the reviewing stand to the Rainbow Monument where a beautiful Rainbow wreath was placed by Gen. Kinley, Vincent Lanna, former commanding Gen. of the 42nd A.N.G., now head of their Veterans Assoc., and myself as President of the RDVA.

After the ceremonies were complete we were all invited to a splendid reception held under a tent and a band concert put on by the the 42nd National Guards 24 piece band. It was a magnificent day and one that made us all proud to be from the Rainbow. Those present included, Joe and Dottie Smith, Jack and Anita Baker, Judson and Gloria Walker, Geo. and Elizabeth Williams, Charlie Fowler, and Tony Caminiti. A good time was had by all.

The Story of TAPS

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War. When a Union Army Captain, Robert Ellicombe, was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of this narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern. Suddenly he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son! The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, the heart broken father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral. That request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. Out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted. That music was the haunting melody we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals.

542nd F.A. Personnel Section

The 542nd Field Artillery Battalion Personnel Section was responsible for maintaining the service records, preparing payroll information and performing all duties relative to keeping all records of the Battalion.

The Personnel Section traveled behind the artillery units. There were approximately 12 to 14 soldiers in the section.

The following men comprised the Personnel Section:

Warrant Officer Charles Brown
T. Sergeant James Newhouse (Living in Oklahoma)

Cpl. Bill Sak, Detroit, MI
Cpl. Larry Rosen, Silver Spring, MD
Cpl. Harold Vervinck, Oklahoma
Cpl. Charles Gipson (Deceased)
Cpl. Phil Giambalvo, Long Island, NY (Deceased)

Cpl. Claude Swackhammer (Deceased)
Cpl. Joe Herbers (Deceased)
Cpl. Joe Miller (Deceased)
Cpl. Clodfelter (First name unknown) (Deceased)

Cpl. Mensman (Mail clerk?)

Journey of the 542nd Field Artillery Battalion, Personnel Section, 42nd Infantry Division

Arrived at Camp Kilmer, N.J.	Dec. 25, 1944
Left Camp Kilmer, N.J.	Jan. 5, 1945
Left POE	Jan. 6, 1945
Arrived in Marseilles, France	Jan. 18, 1945
Went to cp 2 Marseilles, France	
Left cp 2 France	Feb. 5, 1945
Arrived in Harricourt, France	Feb. 8, 1945
Arrived in Cirey, France	Feb. 9, 1945
Left Cirey, France	March 28, 1945
Arrived in Annweiler, Germany	March 28, 1945
Left Annweiler	April 8, 1945
Arrived in Wertheim German	April 8, 1945
Left Wertheim	May 11, 1945
Arrived in Traunstein, Germany	May 12, 1945
Left Traunstein	May 16, 1945
Arrived in Kufstein, Austria (Tyrol)	May 16, 1945
Left Kufstein	July 8, 1945
Arrived in Hellein, Austria	July 8, 1945
Left Hellein	July 31, 1945
Arrived in Bisceffhoven, Austria	July 31, 1945
Left Bisceffhoven	Sept. 15, 1945
Arrived in Obertrum, Austria	Sept. 15, 1945
Left Obertrum	Nov. 2, 1945
Arrived in St. Gilgen, Austria,	Nov. 2, 1945
Left St. Gilgen, Austria for departure back to U.S.	Feb. 26, 1946

Men of the 242d Band



Men of the 242d Inf. Band at Camp Gruber: Pft. Irving Slifkin, Cpt. Bill Everett, Pvt. Geo. Olson, Sgt. Roy Cooper, Sgt. Bob Sturgeon, Pft. Ken Glass, Cpl. Art Steffenberg, Pfc. E. Peterson, Pvt. R.W. Nelson, Pvt. Allen Ostar, Pvt. James Krohe, Cpl. A. Betlinski.

Men of Co. H / 232d



PNP Ted Johnson chats with Stephen Magocs, Grandson of Leroy Reynolds who was in Ted's Squad.

Buddy in Need Memories To John Farley

On the afternoon of Jan. 5, 1945, our company and several others counter-attacked the German penetration of our line at Gambsheim, France. Towards dusk, I had the bad judgment to fall through the ice of a canal while moving for a better view of a machine gun. Soon the dark night arrived and the company formed a defensive circle like a wagon train and prepared to spend the night in the open field without tents, blankets or overcoats. The colonel refused my Platoon sergeant's request that I be allowed to return to the village from which we had commenced the attack. As the night grew colder it seemed certain that I would literally freeze to death, but John scrounged a camouflage net from a jeep, wrapped me in it, then put my frozen feet next to his chest inside his field jacket. I have no doubt that this saved my life that night and also saved my feet which were very nearly taken off in a German hospital two days later.

Next morning we continued the attack. While crossing a flat open field, I saw tracers streaming through our rifle platoon from beneath a lone tree 400 yds. to our right front. I told John to aim directly at the tree because there was no cover for our gun and an aiming stick was unnecessary, as soon as we had set up our little mortar the machine gun switched his aim to us. We were completely exposed as there was no more than a few inches of plowed furrow to hide behind, but John had to look through the site about 20" above the ground.

Anyone who has been in battle knows the strongest emotions, fear, anger and excitement mix into a powerful brew which can result in a given individual reacting in various ways ranging from foolhardy bravery to utter panic. Emotion driven acts of heroism are admirable, but John's behavior was exceptional. It requires an unusual degree of courage and self discipline to peer through a little site, fiddle with the cranks and screws trying to center a couple of balky bubbles while machine gun fire crackles a few inches above your head. John did that, not once but twice. Our first shell failed to pop out of the tube because the tail fin from an earlier firing had remained in the tube, blocking the firing pin. I unceremoniously dumped the misfire on the ground and returned to my former position of cringing as close to the ground as possible. Up-ending the gun had spoiled the aim so John had to go through the same leveling routine again and all the while the German's kept firing bursts just over our head. John's only display of emotion was a muttered "the son of a bitch is trying to kill me." Fortunately for us we had one of the lucky shots of the war because our first shell was a tree burst over our tormentor and he was either hit or fled because the firing stopped and we continued on our way to Gambsheim."

Harold E. Ford E/232



500 Club

The following **500 Club** contributions were made in August and September and were Directed to the **SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**.

William Y. Boyd II, \$500, Dee Eberhart, \$100, 2nd installment, Jack G. Refling, \$100, 1st installment.

George Jackson's 500 Club donation reported in the September Reveille, was in memory of Daphne Jackson.

PNAP Beverly Koehler, who is the conduit for 500 Club contributions, asks that only 500 Club checks and pledges be sent to her. All other contributions to the Memorial Foundation funds should be sent to Treasurer Jon Janosik, who will send the donor a receipt. All contributions will be recognized in the Reveille. Donations \$500 or over sent to Jon Janosik will be credited to the 500 Club.

The 500 Club was conceived by Beverly and the Auxiliary to recognize those making \$500 or larger contributions with a beautiful Rainbow pin.

Other contributions:

Scholarship Endowment Fund -

Thomas Heaton, \$107.23; Duane H. Tetzlaff, \$250 - In memory of his wife, Audrey Evanoff Tetzlaff.

Scholarship Operating Fund -

Dee R. Eberhart, \$100 - In memory of Phil Trout; 142nd Engineers Chapter, \$100; Tulsa/Muskogee Memorial Chapter, \$500; Theodore A. Johnson, \$50 - In memory of PNP George Irwin.

Foundation Operating Fund -

RDVA, \$25 - In memory of PNP Phil Trout; RDVA, \$25 - In memory of PNP George Irwin; 232nd RDV Auxiliary, \$50; Knoxville Reunion Committee Contribution, \$2,000; Illinois Chapter RDV, \$100; E. Stuart Campbell, \$25.

Scholarships - Scholarship Chairman Dottie Smith reports that only ten requests for scholarship applications have been received by the end of September. She asks that request for scholarship applications be received by the end of September. She asks that requests for scholarship applications be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. These completed applications must be returned to Dottie Smith by May 31, 1997. The number of scholarships available next year will be determined by the amount of money in the Scholarship Operating Fund on October 31st.

Constitution & By-Law Committee - Bill Keithan has resigned as Chairman of the C&BL revision committee, and also as a Memorial Foundation trustee, to pursue an interesting job challenge that will consume most of his waking hours for the next two years. Dee Eberhart has been appointed as his replacement as Chairman of the C&BL Committee.

Rainbow Year 2009

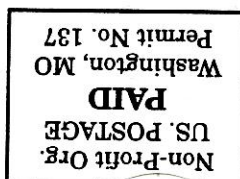
A tool used for planning the future is a thought process of projecting oneself into the future and then thinking backwards. In our imaginations we are projecting ourselves to the Rainbow reunion, July, 2009. Is a Rainbow reunion being held this year? Most assuredly, Yes!

As we look around us, we observe still a number of original WWII veterans; we see wives and dedicated widows, but who are all these younger men and women? The hall echoes with the familiar sounds of Rainbow hospitality and cheer. The old songs and stories are alive and well. How can anyone from 1989 tell by listening that this is year 2009, we find ourselves wondering.

Of a sudden, the hall is hushed and all eyes are on a young man on the podium. We hear him say, "It is now time for the Champagne Hour. Just as our forefathers commemorated this solemn time of history, we continue their tradition today, July 2009." His presentation is familiar and inspiring. Now he is finished and another person takes her turn at the lectern. She is describing the scholarship program that is a project of the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation. She calls out names and

one by one young men and women rise to be recognized. One of them then takes her place at the lectern and reads a summary of her dissertation on political and social causes of fine young men and women, and we are thinking "Rainbow is continuing to be in good hands." Another person is beginning to speak and we are aroused from our memories when we hear familiar names - "Meuse Argonne," "Task Force Linden." He is listing some newly published material that some of the members gathered together from the original Rainbow archives. He is telling the members that there is a list of new books and publications, including historical accounts, poems and children's stories for everyone to take with them on the table at the back of the hall. These books may be bought at any bookstore, or ordered through the Foundation, he is saying. Now he is introducing the treasurer of the Foundation. We listen carefully and we are astounded at the size of the figures he is reading. Rainbow is truly alive and well! But there is more! Another officer begins to speak - he describes the Veterans Day reminding the members of the Rainbow Tours - but he is listing many tours - and some are in this country as well as Europe. (We are continuing to be amazed at the imagination and resourcefulness of our children and their children.) We retire to our private memories as the sound of his voice diminishes into the future explaining something about school programs...

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