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Delightful Dixie Doings!

Reunion Chairman Jim Pointer, Bill Mayberry and Delores Kalleher did themselves proud as they and their committee welcomed and entertained 825 Rainbowers at Knoxville, Tenn. On July 9-13, 1997. Everything was handled in a highly competent manner as social and business matters moved quickly and smoothly.

All thoroughly enjoyed the early bird party and dance featuring "Jack Daniel's Barrel House Band". At the opening business session a special group known as "The Patriot Heroes of '76", complete in revolutionary uniform advanced the colors. A beautiful rendition of our national anthem was sung by Jeannette Lavoy, daughter of Wilson Lavoy of G and H Cos./242D Inf. A welcome address was delivered by vice-mayor Jack Sharp. This was followed by a talk by Major General Thomas D. Kinley of the 42nd National Guard, who invited all to attend a celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Birth of Rainbow. The event was to be held in Garden City, Long Island on Aug. 2, 1997. Our public relations officer, PNP Carlyle Woelfer announced that this year's best company award went to B Co., 172D Armored Inf.

A fine luncheon was enjoyed on Friday and many Rainbowers embarked on tours.

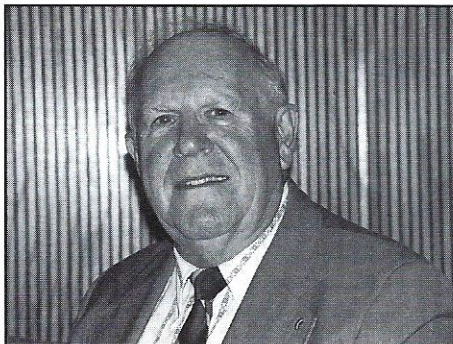
The memorial service was outstanding. It featured invocation, scrip-

ture readings, and benediction by our Chaplains, Revs. Forde, Weiss and Willemssenn. A beautiful and stirring delivery, as usual, of the champagne hour was made by PNP Ted Johnson who always does the impossible and seems better each time. Highlights were solos by Miss Jeannette Lavoy of "America the Beautiful" and "America". Miss Lavoy has enjoyed numerous guest appearances with symphony orchestras in New York, Florida, and Washington, D.C.

Our finale, the banquet was another great affair as Bill Mayberry performed M.C. duties skillfully. Notables at the head table were President John and Jan Whisler, Auxiliary Pres. Mildred and PNP Romeo Fagiolo, Pres.-Elect Bill and Mary Kenny, Aux. Pres.-Elect Mae Coyle and Red Cap John Erdody, Bill and Sally Mayberry, Jeannette Lavoy, Rainbow Girl Peggy Fleming and Rev. Norman and Shirley Forde. We were honored to have MME. Lise Pommois and Daughter Carol on hand. Outstanding performance of "Lili Marlene" and "La Vein Rose" by Jeannette Lavoy was given amid rousing applause. Bill Kenny appeared to have stolen the show when he introduced 11 members of the Kenny clan. Bill Mayberry then introduced his 13.

We took our leave, as always with a feeling of regret but hopeful that we will meet ONE MORE TIME!! in Duluth.

Over the Rainbow



Philip F. Trout

We have enjoyed a long dry spell, but it had to come to an end!

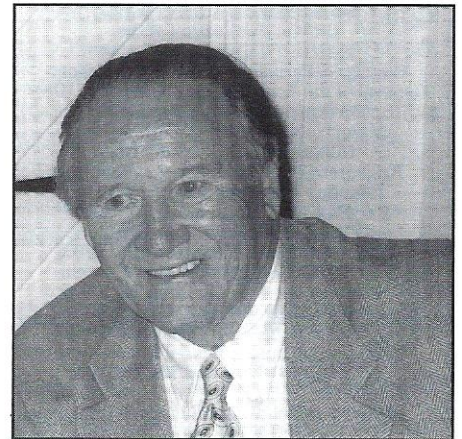
Word has been received that Past National President Philip F. Trout while it appeared he was beating Prostate Cancer, lost his battle to lymph node cancer. Phil passed away Wednesday morning, June 25th at a hospital in Reading.

Phil Trout served with the 42nd Division Recon Troop and has been a loyal member of the RAINBOW Division Veterans Association for 35 years. He served all the way from Chapter Secretary to National PPresident. Along the way he found time to be Sgt. at Arms, East coast Vice President and Liaison Officer. Let me tell you, if the flags for any program were not properly displayed, we were advised "loud and clear".

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, 9:30 AM, Jun 28th at Saunders Funeral Home, 11th & Pike Street, Reading, PA. Phil is survived by his wife Blanche (Tiny) and son Terry and daughter, Susan Kahler and their families including four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorials are suggested for the Rainbow Foundation, c/o Jon Janosik. When hard work, loyalty and leadership were required by the Association, Phil was leading the way. He will be missed.

President's Report



TO ALL FELLOW RAINBOWERS,

What a great honor it was to have been selected to serve as your president for the coming year. I can assure you that I intend to dedicate all my time to further the prestige and legacy that our wonderful Association has earned and certainly deserves.

I mentioned in my acceptance speech that I intend to continue the membership initiative launched by my predecessors John Whisler and Vern Smith. I also mentioned that I was going to set in motion a plan to prepare the Association for the year 2010.

One of those initiatives that I am proposing and acting upon is the establishment of a committee to actively study the association of the 42nd National Guard with our Association. I am sure there is some form of membership that will help our Association continue its great work after we are no longer able to. With proper planning and the good will of all we can set the foundation for a new chapter in the history of Rainbow. More about this as the year proceeds.

I am looking forward to working with President-Elect Dick Tisch and I hope I can be as much help as John Whisler was to me during the past year.

Again, let me say how proud I was to be selected to serve you.

Yours in Rainbow,

William T. Kenny
President

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Chaplain's Prayer

*Most gracious God, by whose knowledge
the depths are broken up, and the clouds
drop down the dew; we give Thee thanks
and praise for the return of seedtime and
harvest, for the gathering of the fruits
thereof, and for all the other blessings
thy merciful providence has bestowed
upon our nation this year. We beseech
thee, give us a true sense of gratitude,
such as will appear in our lives by our
care and concern for each other, and
especially for those less fortunate than
ourselves. To Thee be all honor and
glory. Amen.*

Norman P. Forde
CH (COL) USA Ret
RDVA Chaplain

Last of The Old Guards

We received word, as we had gone
to press of the loss of our PNP
Emeritus George Irwin - the last WWI
PNP. We will print a fitting tribute to
George in the November issue.*

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Scholarship Committee

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Top row left to right: Loretta Schneider, Virginia Dubacsek, Nan Klinedinst, Pearl Segel, Joanne Dart.
Middle row left to right: Frances Marshall, Catherine Woods, Oriana Grimm, Myrtle Evanoff.
Bottom row left to right: Beverly Koehler, Peggy Fleming, Winnie Baldock, Myrtle Wallace.
(Mary Brewer, Edith Sayers, Blanche Trent and Pearl Emlett not present.)

PNP's AT KNOXVILLE

Top row left to right: Herb Klinedinst, Dolian Harris, Romeo Fagiolo, Ted Johnson.
Third row left to right: Dee Eberhart, Fred Goldsmith, Bob Weiss, Hugo Grimm, Vern Smith.
Second row left to right: Rube Evanoff, John Carr, Carlyle Woelfer, Ivan Wallace.
Bottom row left to right: Charles Marshall, Jack Keyser, John McGovern, Don Segel, Jack Hildreth.
(George Irwin not present)*

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

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 rang-

ing 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.

Buffalo Valley Campground, Phone (218) 624-9901. Have a total of 75 sites of which 20 are full service and 25 have just water and electric. \$15.00 and \$16.00. About 10 miles from downtown.

Indian Point Campground, Phone (218) 624-5637. Have about 50 sites. Six are full service and some have sewer and water. \$15.00 and \$17.00. About 5 miles from downtown.

There is a possibility that some parking may be available at the DECC parking lot where all of our Reunion functions will take place. At the time of this printing this information was not yet available. There would not be any services available and the units would have to be self contained. Information on this will be available in the next issue of the Rainbow Reveille.

Duluth is located at the southern tip of Lake Superior, the largest fresh water lake in the world and has a beautiful shoreline with a two mile walkway with parks and shopping areas along its path. Duluth overlooks the harbor-Canal Park and forms the entrance to the world's largest, farthest-inland seaport. This is an area you won't want to miss seeing. An experience of a lifetime. Join us for an exciting National Reunion in a great setting hosted by the Wisconsin Chapter that also hosted the 1992 National Reunion in Milwaukee, WI.

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 Clister 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 for 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.

Veteran's Day Birmingham, Alabama

Please contact Leon Praytor, 206 Raimund Ave., Bessemer, Alabama 35020 - Phone 205-525-7353 or Guy Walker, 260 Walker Rd., Birmingham, Alabama 35215 - Phone 205-798-1542 for details and information.

East Coast Reunion

A reunion to surpass all others if possible was held at the Port-O-Call Motel at Ocean City, N.J. on May 22-23, 1997. Some 81 Rainbowners attended a great affair hosted by National President Bill and Mary Kenny and Chaired by Harold Melinek, Pat Guida, Penn Rankin and Joe Heelan. Our guest was Keith E. Bonn, Author of the 7th Army's Vosge Campaign (When The Odds Were Even). Keith is working on a followup book which will include Rainbow actions in Alsace. Notables attending were National Auxiliary President Mildred and PNP Romeo Fagiolo, Reveille Editor Ken Carpenter, Scholarship Chairman Dotty and Chapter President Joe Smith, VP Walter Pearce and Memorial Officer Charles Fowler.



Left to right: Harold Melinek - Past N.J. Chapter President, Lt. Col (Ret.) Keith E. Bonn - Author of "When The Odds Were Even", Bill Kenny - National President.

New Jersey Chapter Meeting

The New Jersey Chapter will hold its annual meeting on October 27-29, 1997 at the Port-O-Call Hotel, Ocean City, N.J. All Rainbowners and friends are invited. For more information call Harold Melinek 908-604-9181 or National President-Elect, Dick Tisch 201-635-2559.

Day of Trial

(Continued from June issue)

Reports came in from the last few weary patrols which had been keeping the Germans off balance. At 40 minutes past midnight, one patrol reported the location of a foxhole containing 2 Germans who were laughing and talking, little expecting the fate which the morning held in store for them. Reports of digging, log cutting, and flashlights behind the German lines were commonplace. By 1:30 a.m. the 42nd Reconnaissance troops had established firm contact with the 103d Infantry Division on the right flank. Preparations for the attack continued in logical order.

A report from the 232nd Field Artillery Battalion of machine gun-fire and smoke falling into their area at 3:00 a.m. caused some anxious moments at the Division, until it was concluded that this was only a part of routine German harassment. By 4:30 a.m. Captain Carroll at Division had determined that all units were ready for the attack, except Task Force Downard which did not complete its preparations until 6:15. By 5:45 a.m. the front lines were quiet in the zones of the Rainbow Division and the 103d Infantry Division to its right. The lull before the storm had settled over the Hardt mountains – and only the U.S. forces knew the weather report.

The storm broke precisely at 6:45 a.m. on the 15th of March 1945 when silent soldiers of the Rainbow crossed the line of departure into the German lines. Telephones at the Division operations center jangled continuously as reports began to arrive. VI Corps was advised at 7:05 that the Rainbow was on the move. The attack was a complete surprise to the Germans, as prisoners of war were later to reveal. German reaction to the attack was mixed. Some just thought that the Rainbow patrols were getting stronger and larger. Others did not detect the advance until Rainbow units were well on their way to gaining high ground. Some Germans fought desperately, or others executed withdrawal plans with, or without orders. Some just quit and surrendered.

However, the bulk of the German forces rallied after a short period during which they tried to ascertain the precise nature of the threat against them, and then they fought with all the resources available to them. Enemy artillery fire began to fall in Reipertswiller and Lichtenberg at 7:30, and attacking infantry-men began to receive small arms and machine gun fire. Mortar fire was sporadic. Mine fields seemed to be everywhere, and were initially the greatest deterrent to forward movement. At

8:00 General Collins called the 242d Infantry to learn the 3d Battalion was 300 yards into the German lines with no organized opposition facing them. Already that unit had 2 casualties. By 9:35, L Company was in a mine field and in trouble. Nine men were lost and extra litter teams from the 2d Battalion were called up. All along the line Rainbow units continued to move forward, maintaining contact and holding their flanks up.

By now Rainbow soldiers were tired, but confident – some were even a little cocky. The sun had risen into the sky to lace the forest with dust-filled shafts of light. Winter clothing was being removed and tied to packs, socks were wet, and shoepacs had begun to chafe. Then the 1st Battalion of the 222d Infantry came up to Hill 402. It was immediately obvious the Germans did not plan to give it up without a fight – an assault would be necessary. Preparations were started at 9:32. The German 87th Infantry Regiment was well dug-in and ready for a fight. Major Walter J. Fellenz and his 1st Battalion were going to accommodate them.

The role assigned to the 232d Infantry didn't keep them out of the fight either. By 10:30 the regiment had 19 prisoners and B Company had suffered almost a platoon of casualties. A platoon from A Company was rushed to their aid and the battle for the ridges continued unabated.

Dazed and shaken German prisoners were beginning to arrive in increasing numbers by mid-morning. The unexpected volume and accuracy of the Rainbow artillery was a most convincing factor according to the interrogations. The timetable established by the German commanders for their delaying action was moving too fast. S.S. Lt. Col. Albert Ekkehard, the XIII S. S. Army Corps Chief of Staff, stated after the war that "In the sectors of all three divisions, critical situations developed, which led to deep penetrations and caused heavy losses – up to 40 percent." Ekkehard also confirmed the losses of terrain to the 242d Infantry that continued to mount as the day wore on – losses that time and again destroyed contact between the two German Army Corps.

The bomb safety line was moved forward by Division at 11:10, signalling to all units that the Rainbow was not going to be stopped. However, all was not going to be easy either. The 1st Battalion was still having trouble with Hill 402 in the 222d Infantry area, and B Company of the 232d Infantry wasn't out of trouble yet. In the meantime, the prisoners who had been captured earlier had been interrogated and began to give some idea of the enemy situation. Most claimed to have been surprised by the attack. Some had heard rumors of a withdrawal, but none had received any orders to that

effect. Practically all of them had been ordered to stand and fight. There was no question but what large forces were dug-in and ready to fight in front of the 222d Infantry's 1st Battalion and the 232d Infantry's B Company.

Consequently, initial efforts to take Hill 402 were stopped by the Germans, who even felt strong enough to counter attack. At 1:30 p.m. the tired and overheated troopers of the 1st Battalion commenced an assault of the German positions. The attack was used as cover for the movement of Lt. Col. Edward F. Niblock's 3d Battalion around the hill to the east. Rainbow Division Headquarters waited anxiously for news from the quarter – but the news was slow incoming. Communication with the 222d Infantry forward command post had been cut a half hour before the assault started.

It had now become quite obvious that Hill 402 was the key to the German defenses of the area, and that the enemy intended to hold it at all costs. This became even more apparent at 2:30 p.m. when the 242d Infantry reported they were moving easier than they had all day, and that they expected to capture Melch in a half hour. The decision to by-pass the hill and turn the defenders out of their position was timely.

In speaking of the 85th Infantry Regiment's performance, General Major Helmut Kleikamp, Commanding General of the 36th Volks Grenadier Division, said, "Fierce battles ensued for the possession of every foot of ground, and both sides fought with great bravery. Crisis piled upon crisis, every one a threat that the enemy might break through to the north."

Taking the high ground and avoiding the mined valleys with their deadly roadblocks wasn't the only Rainbow surprise for the enemy. Lt. Col. Robert G. Sherrard, the Rainbow G-3, advised Colonel Davis at VI Corps Headquarters that Rainbow units stared maneuvers to by-pass enemy strong points, around 2:50 p.m., and that plans were being made to continue the attack at night. These plans would further upset the German timetable, and allow them none of the rest which they so badly needed.

The 242d Infantry continued to exploit its opportunity. By 4:45, Rainbow troops controlled Petite Marteau and others were on the high ground above Baerenthal, still moving fast. A half hour later, infantry was able to place direct fire on the Baerenthal-Zinswiler road, and for all practical purposes that transportation artery was cut. On the other flank, the 3d Battalion of the 222d Infantry had entered the race to the north and moved to a point about 400 yards north-east of Hill 402. The German position was soon to become untenable.

(To Be Continued)

MEMORIES

EDITORS NOTE: Jim Pettus K/232d Inf. took a recent trip to Europe and had several interesting experiences. We recount one such experience-printed in a Furth area newspaper)

Fürther Landkreis Nachrichten Friday April 4, 1997

The mystery about burning the Cadolzburg will be attempted to be explained during the event.

A WITNESS OF THE TIME COMES

James R. Pettus will come to the ceremony of April 17 in Cadolzburg. As the American troops advanced on Nuremberg and Furth in the middle of April 1945 they captured among other places Cadolzburg and Pleikershof, the home of Julius Streicher. As German soldiers furiously resisted the advance the Castle came under intense shelling. The thousand year old structure caught fire and burned down.

Long has the question been raised by historians whether the Allies themselves were responsible for the burning or had the German defenders started the fire. How often does chance, including this time, play a part in past history to bring light from darkness. It now appears clear that the Americans were responsible for the fire.

The Cadolzburg researcher Albrecht Treuheit who has already made a name for himself with his extensive work on the German composer Georg Friedrich Pisendel and through numerous other leadership positions in studies of the Castle,

received a letter in September 1995 from a Mr. James R. Pettus who had been in Cadolzburg in a recent time with a friend Mr. Norman Usher and they stayed overnight at the Hotel Wasserhaus.

Usher also belonged to the unit which captured Cadolzburg on April 17, 1945. He was seriously wounded here. Both of the war veterans obtained the Study of Albrecht Treuheit on "The downfall of the High Royal Castle Cadolzburg" and Pettus undertook to contact the historical researcher. Meanwhile from this a good friendship has developed between them from their abundant correspondence.

The American made accessible much unknown war history on the advance of the 42nd USS 42nd "Rainbow Division" from Würzburg. Schweinfurt, James Pettus was a squad leader and Norman Usher a Staff Sgt. (actually he was a Tech Sgt. and the 2nd Platoon Sgt.) in Company K, of the Third Battalion, of the 232nd Infantry Regiment and then on through Dillenberg and to Cadolzburg. Near the present Sports field Usher was seriously wounded.

OVERSIGHTS ON THE SHELLING

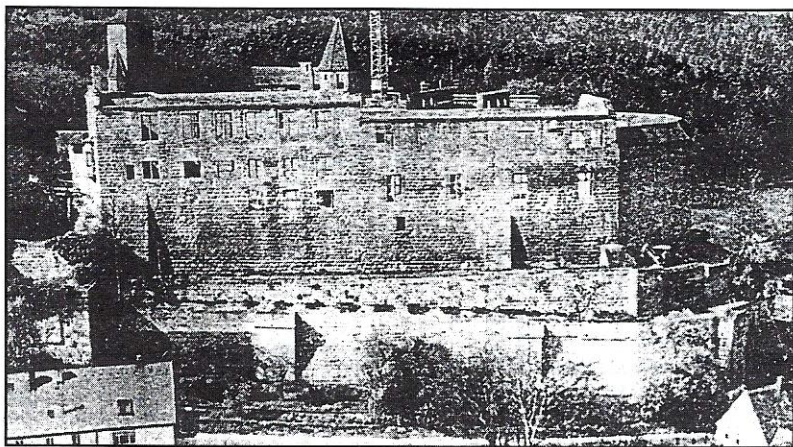
In Pettus' reports it is further stated: "From out of the forest we progressed on our way and came to the tower, (the Aussichturm). I ordered Privates Hennessey and Hines to climb the tower and see if there were any enemy hidden there. They climbed the internal spiral staircase up to the platform and looked over the place carefully.

There they were spotted by a Lt.

from a unit of the 12th Armored Division and because he thought they were German soldiers he commenced firing at the tower. Hines quickly came down the staircase and berated the Officer because of his mistaken firing." (Comment by J. R. Pettus on the above.) It was not Hines, but a Pfc. Begin who was standing at the base of the tower and ran down to the tank before Hennessey and Hines even got down the stairs. (This is a slight error in translation by Albrecht of my history.) These details are from Pettus' war memories written after the end of the war but still in 1945.

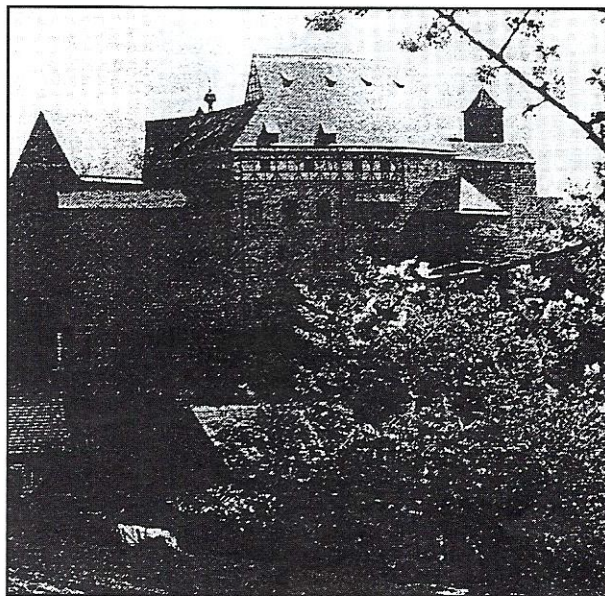
From further U.S. units reports, their men came to Cadolzburg from Gonnardsdorf and Rossendorf and saw in this night a picture as if painted by an artist. Because of the favored defensive position the Castle offered, and the guns there, it was deemed necessary to open fire on the Castle with tank rockets and shells. Then it stood with grandly dancing flames with a hurrying population working against the fire. The U.S. army then pushed on toward Nuremberg. Later the report said "The Castle which has stood for a thousand years has been destroyed now because of a foolish decision of some defenders to not give up their positions.

Now comes on April 17, 1997, exactly 52 years after the memorable fire, the presence of James Pettus, the veteran, with his (German) friend Albrecht Treuheit to the remembrance ceremony at which the State Minister Mr. Gunter Beckstein, who as a patrol will speak of the burning of the Castle. The Treuheit document



The once proud Castle today is the property of the State and is now looking like the original. The final use of it still is not determined.

Long years was the Castle, after the burning on April 17, 1945, in ruins with the walls barely above danger of collapse.



Living PNP's

Theodore A. Johnson	1964-1965
Charles F. Marshall	1971-1972
Herbert E. Klinedinst	1972-1973
Ivan Wallace, Jr.	1977-1978
Hugo E. Grimm	1978-1979
Vassil J. "Rube" Evanoff	1982-1983
John D. Carr	1984-1985
Col. Carlyle P. Woelfer	1985-1986
Frederick W. Goldsmith	1986-1987
Dee R. Eberhart	1987-1988
John M. Keyser	1988-1989
Dolian Harris	1989-1990
Don Segel	1990-1991
Rev. Robt. F. Weiss	1991-1992
Jack R. Hildreth	1992-1993
Romeo Fagiolo	1993-1994
John McGovern	1994-1995
Vern Smith	1995-1996
John Whisler	1996-1997

Rainbow Items For Sale

Rainbow Labels, 50 in a Roll, \$3.00. WW2 History book (condensed copy 8-1/2 x 5-1/2) \$6.00. Window decals - copy of Rainbow patch - \$1.50 each - prices include postage. Gruber booklet \$6.00. Send check payable to RDVA. Mail to Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357-1200.

Winter Storm

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

42nd Rainbow History Book

Hugo Grimm tells us that, to date, orders for the WWII History book have been very gratifying. We ask that you continue to send in your orders.

Once again the original WWII History book (blue cover) has been reprinted exactly as it originally was. It is your last chance to pass on a copy to your children, grandchildren, or replace books that have been lost or destroyed. The cost is \$ 30.00 and includes postage and handling. Checks should be payable to RDVA and mailed to HUGO E. GRIMM, P.O. BOX 1200, LAKE SHERWOOD, MO. 63357-1200. Don't delay: do it today and send Your check on the way!

Thank You Knoxville Reunion Committee!

The following people served on the 42nd RDVA 1997 Reunion Planning Committee:

Main Committee: James L. Pointer, Cochairman; William E. Mayberry, Cochairman; Everett C. Royal; William Brazelton

Others assisting: Delores Kallaher; Mr. & Mrs. James Dorris; Donald McClean; Mary Cooper; Jack Reffling; Sally Mayberry; Cordelia Pointer

EFFIE KING



World War I widow and past Ohio Chapter Auxiliary President smilingly greets Rainbowers at Knoxville.

Thanks from the Reveille Committee

The Reveille Committee wishes to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 232nd Infantry for its generous gift of \$250.

Scholarship Committee (continued)

Second Year Scholars - \$300 - 1997-98

Justin Anderson; Jonathan Doncelt; Anne FitzPatrick; Brandy Gaither; Amanda Hamner; Elisa Holland; Claire Jecklin; Emily Johnson; Melissa Mannino; Eric Marton; Vincent Michna; Matthew Pike; Margaret Sheffer; Ann Staszewski; Matthew Wiebel; Susan Woelfer; Heather Ziesk

John Carr Award

The winner of the John Carr Life Membership Award was Aaron Helms of K Company, 424d Infantry.

John also raffled off several Rainbow invaluable articles and donated the proceeds to the Memorial Foundation. WWI Harry Hunter's Rainbow Ring was won by Ralph Chamberlain of the 122d Medical BN. and a specially autographed Bob Hope book was won by Bill Shertleff of Co. I, 242d Infantry.

Four Day Hotel Stay

Winner was Calvin Jerkins of K/232d Inf.

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President-Elect

We are pleased to announce that the President-Elect is Richard J. Tisch. Dick served with Battery A, 392d Field Artillery. He and his lovely wife, Roseanne, reside at 502 Fairmont Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928; Telephone 201-635-2559.

1999 National Reunion

The 1999 National Reunion will be held in Charlotte, NC.

Queen of Battles Award

These membership plaques, sponsored by the 242d Infantry were awarded as follows:

The Mayland Crosson Award for most improved was Co. H / 242d Inf.

The Johnny Frassel Award for the line unit with the most members attending the reunion was won by C Battery of the 392d Field Artillery.

LOST

PNP Fred Goldsmith lost an invaluable Rainbow Patch (given to him by PNP Phil Trout) at Knoxville. He was told that a Rainbower picked it up at the desk. Please contact Fred at 4739 E. Wilshire Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85008; Telephone 602-840-2329.

We Get Letters

Dear Hugo:

I want to thank you for all the work you put into the Rainbow Reveille that I receive. I find a lot of interesting articles that bring back some nice, some unpleasant memories.

The article entitled "My Ordeal" in the June issue continued from the April issue interested me greatly as I was a POW at Stalag IV-B. Somehow I misplaced my April issue and would like to have it so that I might reread it from the beginning.

Thank you very much,

Charles W. Behm

Co. H. 242d Infantry

Editor's Note: Happy to oblige. Why not send us your story? I'm sure our members would like to read it. Make sure all copy is sent to the Editor, Ken Carpenter. It saves time and postage.

John F. Manning, 1240 Hanna Cr., Vesoto, Texas 75115, Telephone 972-224-6787, would appreciate fellow Rainbowers who live in the Dallas vicinity giving him a call. He fought with Task Force Linden.

Carl Settles, 124 Culotta Drive, Hampton, Virginia 23666, Telephone 757-766-0977 wanting to know what outfit these two soldiers were assigned to:

Phillips, Stanley, SN 33859561, killed 3/17/45

Riether, Joseph E., SN 42187121; he thinks he came from Trenton, NJ

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

The Cannon Company of the 232nd Inf. Regiment had their annual meeting on Jun 2nd, 34d and 4th in Bloomington, Minn. It is the ninth time in ten years that the men of Cannon Company have gathered together. On occasion it has been at the same time and same place as the National Reunion, but at other times it has been at the wishes of the ones that

Elected Executive Committeemen Chapter Presidents

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WA	Pacific Northwest	Stanley Tellvik
WI	Wisconsin State	Alen Rusch
KS	Chanute	(Four members only)

generally make all the reunions and at a place closer to their homes.

In attendance at the 1997 reunion were Joe Kimmert, his daughter Annie, Henry Stuehmeyer and wife Elsie, Ed Kaiser and wife Sina, Maynard Krupa and wife Lorene, both handled most of the arrangements, living in that area. Don and Jan Evenson, Bob Hyde and wife Fran, Mike Zieger, Harold Beatty, and Jim Goin.

Cannon Co. just received the name of one of our lost Cannoneers, Francis Hanson from Airville, Pa. He has now joined the Chapter and we hope will be joining us in further get togethers.

All agreed that the 1998 reunion should be in San Francisco at a time and place to be announced.

Of course, we all won the war over and over again and again and recalled many wonderful, and many frightening times together. It is great to get together once a year and renew old friendships.

Bob Hyde
Newsletter Editor

CORRECTION

In the June issue of the Reveille there was an item concerning the recommendation of the book "Journey to Dachau" by Charles H. George. Information about obtaining the book was inadvertently left out. The book is published by Vantage Press. Send \$17.95 plus \$2.50 S&H to: Vantage Press, 516 West 34th St., New York, NY 10001.

Elected Committeemen at Large

Leon Praytor	Charles Ferranti
Keith Wright	Bill Shurleff
Thomas Heaton	Robert Martinson
John McCormack	Joseph Heelan
Cornelius Benyak	Bill Clayton
Phil Oberkizer	Don Samolinski
Vincent Klos	Jay Price

Bill Magrillio

Elected Unit Executive Committeemen

122d Medical BN	Marty Pawlak
132 Signal Co.	William J. Fortin Jr.
142d Combat Engrs.	Wilbur Miller
Med. Det. Spec. Trps.	Forest Jones
MP Platoon	Jerry Hunsberger
Division Band	Bernard Witry
222d Infantry	Clarence Griffith John Walter William Flatt
Co. M-Yanke	Tillman Wheat
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2nd Bn. 232d Infantry	William Keithan Jr.
3rd Bn. 232d Infantry	James Pettus Jr.
Hqs. Co. 232d Infantry	
232d Cannon Co.	Robert Hyde
242d Infantry	Norm Thompson Ted Simonson Dee Eberhart Tom O'Neil
Co. H-242d Infantry	Paul Ross
Artillery	Joseph Smith Dick Tisch

Hero of the Year Howard Parker A/232d Inf.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Congratulations! It is with great pleasure that I wish to inform you that you have been awarded the honor of being named a **HERO OF THE YEAR** in the 1997 Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival A Tribute to Heroes program.

This is an official Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival event and is being sponsored by Cedar Memorial. A luncheon will take place on Jun 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Collins Plaza. You will, of course, be their guest as you receive your award and \$100 United Savings Bond. You will be receiving an invitation with a reservation form if you wish to purchase additional seats.

You will be joining four other winners at a special table together with this year's 9th grade essay winner. AS well as attending the luncheon, you will all be asked to act as the Grand Marshals at the KCRG Freedom Festival Parade, on June 28.

Your name will also be announced at the Kernels game on June 14 in honor of Flag Day as one of the five heroes chosen to represent the city for 1997.

Once again, congratulations for a well-deserved honor!

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Kudej
Heroes Luncheon Chair



Foundation Activities at Knoxville

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Jon Janosik reported that the net worth of the Foundation, in all funds, is \$332,920.

Sam Dann Book

Chairman Ted Johnson reported that the Sam Dann book on the liberation of Dachau is scheduled to be published shortly after the first of next year.

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee nominated Ted Johnson as Foundation Chairman, John McGovern as President and Loretta Schneider as Vice-President for two year terms. They were subsequently elected.

Jack Hildreth was nominated as trustee to replace Arlie Woods, who asked that he not be renominated. Jack's nomination was approved by the Trustees and he was elected at the Association meeting. Dick Tisch and Delores Kallaher became trustees as a result of their becoming president-elect of the Association and 1st vice-president of the Auxiliary.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Bill Keithan, Chairman of the ad hoc C&BL revision committee, issued a list of proposed changes just prior to the reunion. Committee members will comment on these proposed changes and submit their own suggestions prior to the mid-year meeting in Charlotte.

WWI 80th Anniversary

A large celebration is planned at Navarin Farms on July 19, 1998, to commemorate the 80th year anniversary of the end of WWI. There is considerable interest in having a sizable Rainbow group there for the celebration. Lise Pommiois has volunteered to check and see what part Rainbow might have in the proceedings.

500 Club

On June 26th, Melvin Singer of "G" Co., 222nd Inf. died after a long battle with cancer. The February '97 mid-year was his first reunion. His son, Dan Singer, M.D., became a 500 Club member in his father's memory. In addition to his check, he sent a letter to John Walker, also "G" Co., which included this passage, "I sincerely hope that others will realize that time is indeed running out, and they will make a stronger effort to attend at least one reunion, as I know how much it meant to my father to be with all of you at Tampa."

Dan and his family also asked in Melvin's obituary that the Memorial Foundation scholarship program be considered for memorial donations.

Other 500 Club pledgers and payments 5/1/97 to 7/31/97:

Scholarship Endowment Fund

\$650 - 232nd Aux. \$500 ea. - George Whitmire, Joseph Smith, Daniel Singer, M.D., Myrtle Evanoff, Pacific NW Chapter, Alice Bunting, FA Aux., Ted Simonson, George Jackson. \$400 ea. - Margo Carr*, John Carr*, Ted Johnson*. \$100 ea. - Marion Schenck, Dee Eberhart, Stanley Hasterlo, Richard Tisch, Ivan Wallace, Bill Shurtleff, Harvey Snapp, John Keyser, Loretta Schneider.

(* = pledge complete)

Foundation Endowment Fund

\$500 ea. - William Kenney, "Rube" Evanoff, Mayland Crosson, \$100 - Robert Clemens.

Other Donations payments 5/1/97 to 7/31/97:

Scholarship Endowment Fund

FA Chapter - \$300. 242nd Aux. - \$200. Memorials: Al Rochel, Muskogee/ Tulsa Chap - \$25. Deceased MP's '96-'97; MP Chap - \$50. Wm. "Red Martens, Melvin Singer Phil Trout: McGovern - \$150.

Scholarship Operating Fund

Marty Pawlak - \$100, Pacific NW Aux. - \$100, 242nd Chapter - \$350, Mildred Fagiolo - \$100, George & Lois Smith - \$44, Harry Hunter "Ring Raffle" - \$500. Memorials: Melvin Singer: Rose Caccavale - \$20, Ellen Caccavale - \$20, Helen Young - \$10, James Hunyadi, M.D. - \$50, Toledo Radiological Assoc. - \$100.

John Nicoli, Cleo Cummins: Dee Eberhart - \$100, Lucille Herman: 232nd Aux. - \$10. "Rocky" Rochel: Alvin Cahoon - \$100. Phil Trout: MP Aux. - \$25.

Foundation Endowment Fund

222nd Aux. \$250. "Rube" Evanoff - \$25. Lloyd Oczkewicz - \$20. C. C. Elder - \$50. Memorials: Warren Campbell: Chartley Morley - \$50. Martin Davis: Otto H. Yankee Chap. - \$1,000. Phil Trout: J. Wm. Keithan, Jr. - \$25. Raymond Stauffer, Cecil Poarch, William Leake, Jess Ferrel: 2nd Bn., 232nd - \$100.

Foundation Operating Fund

Joseph Dorsey - \$100. 222nd Aux. \$250. 242 Chap. - \$300. Morris Eisenstein - \$100. Raffle of Mayland Crosson's "Bob Hope" book - \$410. Memorials: Phil Trout: New Jersey Chap. - \$50, Jacob Kizirian - \$100. John Powers, Lawrence Salvaggio, Phil Trout, Perrin Bradberry: Mayland Crosson - \$100.

(Heavy Print = Deceased)

Scholarship Grants

Using the formula described in the June '97 Reveille, there were 31 first year scholarships available (which, including the two \$1,000 Walter & Virginia Duhacsek scholarships) and 31 were awarded. Fortunately, there were 31 applications for first year scholarships. There were also 17 applications for second year scholarships approved.

(HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR RAINBOW HISTORY BOOK?)

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