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80th Anniversary of the Battle of Champagne Navarin Farm, France – July 19, 1998



Rainbowers at Anavarin Farms, left to right, President Dick Tisch, PNP Ted Johnson and Liason Officer Norm Thompson.

A Group of approximately 85 people, Rainbow Veterans, their families and friends gathered together at Frankfurt on July 14, 1998 to start on a never to be forgotten return to France, the site of many traumatic memories of 53 years ago.

The principle reason we all came to France was to participate in a ceremony celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Champagne where the 42nd Rainbow Division was a major factor in stopping the last German offensive in the first World War.

The ceremony was spectacular, led by General Xavier Gouraud, direct descendent of Henri Gouraud the honorary President of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, and Lt. General D. Benton, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, US European Command. After many speeches in both French and English the wreath laying ceremony took place P.N.P.s Theodore A. Johnson and William T. Kenny joined President Richard J. Tisch in laying a beautiful Rainbow wreath at the magnificent memorial at Navarin Farm.

The French are undoubtedly the finest at running this type of a ceremony. Many speeches, bands, both American and French playing their National Anthems and their respective Taps proceeded by a rifle salvo. This was followed by a Mass celebrated by the Bishop of Chalons, Mgr. Bardonne and an inspection of the Monument containing the graves of General Henri Gouraud and his Chief of Staff General Gaston Pretelat as well as many of the heroes of that famous battle. In the monument is a beautiful Rainbow plaque dedicated in 1993 by then Foundation President Ivan Wallace and PNP's Ted

Johnson and Dee Eberhart.

Following these events we went to an Army base where the French hosted a delicious luncheon followed by a number of speeches and the exchange of gifts. We presented to General Gouraud and General Dickey, the head of the American Battle Monuments Commission, beautiful etched glass plaques. They in turn presented to me a magnificent medallion commemorating the day.

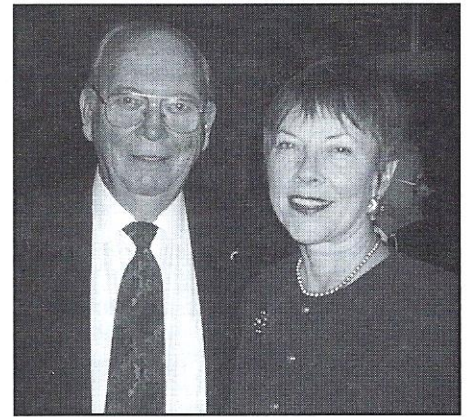
In the afternoon another ceremony was held at Blanc Mont. This gave them a terrific advantage because they could observe the entire battlefield from this position. The French had been unable to dislodge the Germans after many attempts. It was with the help of the 42nd Rainbow and the 2nd Indian Head Divisions that they finally prevailed, this was of particular interest to me because my wife's father was one of the men who was involved in this heroic action. He was a Marine and his brigade was part of the 2nd division. He was subsequently wounded and gassed, but he came through it just fine. I believe my being a veteran of the 42nd division helped cement a lasting friendship. The ceremonies were similar to those of the morning, but thankfully, shorter. It had been a long but glorious day.

Our next and last stop was Paris, what a great way to end a most memorable trip. We as a group assembled under the Arc de Triomphe at 6:30 p.m. to participate in the rekindling of the flame honoring all those gallant unknown French soldiers who have died defending their country. It was truly awe inspiring.

Just a few words about our secondary reason for going back to France. We started our

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President's Message



President Dick and wife Lovely Roseanne

The mandate voted during the final business meeting in Duluth pertaining to the inclusion of the 42nd Infantry Division Mechanized (Army National Guard) in the RDVA, was enthusiastically received at their Troy, New York headquarters. During an August committee meeting with their Chief of Staff and his staff, the Constitution and By-Laws were reviewed to establish a clear understanding of the structure of the RDVA. They have the option to establish state or unit chapters, or join existing chapters if they so desire. They can pay dues to the national organization and be a member-at-large.

They were also given our Memorial Foundation brochures that explain the ultimate goals, memorials, and legacy that the RDVA plans to perpetuate through the Memorial Foundation.

The national and mid-year reunions were also discussed and the possibility of their hosting a reunion with all the trimmings in Albany is very plausible. They would like to have the reunion in the year 2001 in Albany and plan to present their proposal in Charlotte. I believe it would be a great reunion for many reasons. I hope to discuss this with our Liaison Officer, Chairman of Time and Place, Vice-Presidents and the Executive Committee during the mid-year in Mesa.

I have spoken with Jack Keyser, PNP, who was considering hosting in Kentucky that year, but he is very much in favor of having the Guard do it if we can work out the details.

It will take several weeks for the information regarding the Guard's status with our RDVA to be circulated through their chain of command to all eight states. However, I am pleased to report that there will be a 42nd Division Headquarters Chapter in Troy, N.Y. By November, they expect to have about 40 members.

This is an exciting and inspirational time for the good of Rainbow! I appeal to those of you who have some reservations about this development to have a positive attitude. Close ranks as you did at Haguenau, Gamsheim, Hatten, Wingen, etc., and take this opportunity to embrace those who today wear with pride the Rainbow patch. Let's relax and enjoy our declining years knowing that Rainbow among all who are becoming involved – progeny, and others – will be in good hands. God bless you and Rainbow!//

In Rainbow,
Dick Tisch

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80th Anniversary

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trip to Strasbourg just as we had in December 1944. We then proceeded to Kilstett Gamsheim, Kaltenhouse, Haguenau, Rittershoffen, Hatten, Betschdorf, Wingen, Offtendorf Niederbronn; the home town of our invaluable director and tour guide Lise M. Pommiois; Sessenheim, Reipertswiller; and many other villages that were small in size but gigantic in our memories of those horrible days in January 1945. Many of those courageous Veterans told their remarkable stories as we journeyed through what is now such a tranquil countryside, but we all remembered those days of hell some 53 years ago. As a final point, I must mention the American cemeteries in France. All Americans can be very proud of the way these hallowed grounds are kept and preserved.

William T. Kenny
"G" Company, 242nd Regiment
42nd Rainbow Division

Veteran's Day 1998

*O eternal God, through whose mighty power
our fathers won their liberties of old: We thank
thee for all those in Rainbow and in all the ser-
vices, in all wars, who have laid down their lives
to defend the freedom of all peoples. Grant that
we, and all the people of this land, may be ready
to follow their examples of courage and loyalty,
and may have the grace to maintain our liberties
in righteousness and peace. Amen.*

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

**Dachau-29th April, 1945
Rainbow Liberation Memoirs**

Edited by Sam Dann

The book "29th, April, 1945" will be avail-
able in September, 1998. You may order now to
procure this notable addition to every
Rainbowers library. You may order from Texas
Tech University Press, Box 41037, Lubbock, TX
79409-1037 USA - Phone (800)-832-4042 - Fax
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of the book is \$29.95 plus \$4.00 for the first title,
\$.75 each additional title. Texas residents
please add 7.875% sales tax.

42nd Rainbow History Book

This may be the last call on the original
reprint of the RAINBOW WWII HISTORY BOOK
(BLUE COVER.) If you have been thinking about
it, NOW IS THE TIME. Cost is \$30.00 which
includes postage and handling. MAKE CHECK
TO R.D.V.A. and mail to HUGO E. GRIMM, P.O.
BOX 1200, LAKE SHERWOOD, MO 63357

Maryland World War II Memorial

The state of Maryland has just dedicated a
beautiful Memorial dedicated to Maryland
WWII killed in action. It overlooks the Severn
River, near Annapolis, and has pillars of black
marble with the veteran's name etched in, simi-
lar to the Vietnam Wall. Your edictor along
with "Rainbow Joe" Neilson has visited it and
came up with the following Maryland
Rainbowers K.I.A. whose names are on the wall.
We would appreciate hearing from anyone know-
ing of any other Maryland Rainbowers K.I.A.:

Eugene E. Davis - E Co/242nd Inf.
George F. Dimaggio - G Co/232nd Inf.
John A. Giordano - C Co/222nd Inf.
Clarence E. Kingery - D Co/242nd Inf.
William E. Rapp - G Co/232nd Inf.
Cleggett Snyder - E Co/242 Inf.
Robert B. Stevens - K Co/232nd Inf.

Archivist Column

For a number of years, after being elect-
ed to the Archivist's responsibility, each
R.D.V.A. Chapter was encouraged to
appoint an Archivist-Historian. That being
done, a Newsletter was initiated for those
appointees. It was sent to the A-H's and
Association officers. After five years the
effort, so totally supported by these individ-
uals was so successful that the major histor-
ical events of the Division and it's
Association are well and carefully pre-
served in our two major Archives and two
Museums that have been officially designat-
ed by the Association that the newsletter
was discontinued.

There are yet some archival activities
that are of interest and should be shared
with the membership. Hopefully this infor-
mation and news can be distributed through
the medium of the 'REVEILLE' through
periodic columns.

Enroute to Seattle from Duluth, stops
were made at the Wisconsin Veterans
Museum and our Archive at the University
of Nebraska. The Madison Museum is of a bit
smaller size yet is deliciously organized and
manages to display in their limited space a
tremendous amount of materials. A well
worth while location to visit.

At the University of Nebraska, Lincoln,
there are no displays, yet the amount of man-
uscript material in storage about the Division
and it's Association is quite considerable. It
fully represents the Division's history.

Meetings with Museum and Archive offi-
cials are always revealing. New collection
procedures and concepts are always devel-
oped. For many years quite a body of pho-
tographs have accumulated. Most are identi-
fied except by the donor. Identity, owner-
ship, publication rights, copyright are all
opportunities for resolution. In conversa-
tions with the repositories, conclusions have
been worked out to enable these pho-
tographs to be accessioned.

With the tremendous assistance of PNP
Vern Smith and "G" Co.s 232nd Inf., Ray
Essig, we've identified over 50 U.S. locations
over and above the 8 primary and secondary
repositories where Rainbow materials are
housed. A "Finding Guide", listing the loca-
tions and detailing the collections therein
has been published. Shortly the 'Guide' will
be on Rainbow's internet home page.

In Kansas City, home of the Liberty
Memorial Museum - a secondary location
for the Rainbow because of its narrow col-
lection policies - they only accession World
War I materials, the voters recently passed a
sales tax increase to rehabilitate this deteri-
orating Museum. It will generate many mil-
lions of dollars to fix up the facility. Liberty
is an important link in the Rainbow histori-
cal story.

As always, you are urged to send your col-
lectables to the Archivist for placement in
one of our repositories.

In Rainbow,
Bill Keithan, Archivist

1999 National Reunion

Charlotte, NC - July 7-10, 1999

The 1999 National Reunion will be held in Charlotte, N.C. on July 7-10, 1999. The primary Hotel will be the Adam's Mark, 555 south McDowell, Charlotte, N.C. 28204. Tel (704) 372-4100 or 1-800-444-ADAM for any Adam's Mark. Fax (704) 344-8419. Rates are \$85.00/per person/per night for single or double -- \$95.00/person/per night/triple and \$105.00 quadruple. There is a 12% occupancy tax. Make your reservation directly with the Hotel -- be sure to mention you are with the Rainbow. Remember to make your reservation to depart on Sunday morning and not the Saturday Banquet night. Room rates are good for two days prior to and two days after the Reunion.

Registration is \$40.00/per person and should be sent to Charles Paine, Chairman, 3 Pinyon Lane, Pinehurst, N.C. 28374-9492. Tel. 1-910-215-0357. Make check payable to: RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION. Scheduled Tours are: Sunday, July 4, 1999: Overnight trip to Asheville, N.C. Return July 5 -- \$250.00/per person; Tuesday July 6, 1999 -- Historic Homes Tour w/lunch -- \$47.00/per person; Tuesday, July 6, 1999 - Discovery Place Tour \$28.00/per person; For Wednesday July 7, 1999 the following: Biltmore House Day Tour -- \$76.00/per person; Spence Shops State Historic Site and the N.C. Transportation Museum w/lunch; "A Day with the Queen" Tour w/lunch-\$34.00/per person (9:30 a.m.) and another at 2:00 p.m. (\$25.00). Antique/Boutique Tour--\$23.00/per person; On Thursday July 8 -- Blue Moon Dinner Cruise -- \$48.00/person. On Friday July 9, 1999-- A Day with the Queen -- \$23.00/per person and Reed Gold Mine -- \$33.00/per person. On Sunday July 11, 1999 -- Shop 'Til YOU DROP--\$35.00/per person, and an overnight trip to Charleston, S.C. to return Monday July 12th. You must deal directly with Charlotte Arrangements -- 130-D N. McDowell Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28204. - (704) 332-8445.

RV Hook-ups: There is parking at Adam's Mark but no hook-ups. There are two campgrounds about a half hour away, they are; Carrowinds Campground (704) 588-2600 and McDowell park campground, (County) (704) 588-5204.

There is no shuttle from the airport - arrangements for a round trip can be made at the ground transportation area.

If you need registration or reservation forms contact Charlie.

Mid-year Reunion

Mesa, Arizona February 11-13, 1999

The Mid-year Reunion will be held in Mesa, Arizona, February 11-13, 1999 at Dobson Ranch Inn & Resort, 1666 S. Dobson Road, Mesa, Arizona 85202. Tel. (800) 528-1356. The room rates are \$90.00 per night single or double occupancy. (State and local taxes are 9.55%.) The rates will apply February 10-15, 1999. All rates include a full

breakfast buffet each morning. When making reservations, please identify yourself as being part of the 42nd RAINBOW DIVISION REUNION #G 4526 in order to receive special rates. Give your name, address, telephone number and credit card number in order to guarantee late arrival. The hotel doesn't send confirmations, so please ask for your reservation number. Cut off date to receive rate is January 10, 1999.

The Dobson Ranch Inn is located at the intersection of I-60 and Dobson Road. The SuperShuttle is available to and from the airport for \$11.00 per person. They can be found outside baggage claim and depart every 5-10 minutes. A taxi is approximately \$17.00.

The registration is \$40.00 per person. The early bird party is on February 11; a luncheon on Friday February 12 and a banquet Saturday February 13.

Make checks payable to Mid-year 1999 Reunion and mail to Gil Koehler 1269 E. Manhattan Dr. Tempe, Arizona 85282. Tel. (602) 838-2816. Early registration is greatly appreciated.

There will be a night out Wed. February 10, 1999 to see and hear the largest Wurlitzer organ in the world. Dutch treat for food. Bus cost \$8.00 per person. Need \$8.00 per person by January 10, 1999 to schedule buses. Bus will pick us up at hotel at 3:30 p.m. sharp. Please make check out to Mid-year 1999 Reunion and mail to Gil Koehler same address as registrations.

Mid-Year Air Line Arrangements

An agreement has been reached between Southwest Airlines and 42nd Rainbow Division veterans flying into Phoenix and back, between Feb. 7-18, 1999, for the Mid-Year Reunion. Identifier code E5219. Reservations must be made through Southwest Airlines Group and Meeting Desk at 1-800-433-5368 Mon.-Fri.-8:00am-5:00pm and Sat.-8:30am-5:30pm. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE by no later than 5 days prior to first day of travel. Tickets may also be purchased through authorized travel agencies. Travel agents should follow the same above procedure as to phone number and identifier code. A 10% discount is offered on Southwest's already low fares.

1999 Ohio Reunion

The Ohio annual reunion will be held on May 27-28-29, 1999 at the Best Western Motel, 1858 N. Memorial Drive, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Phone (614) 653-3040.

Letter to Mary C. Kenny

Dear Mary,

A week now has passed since I joined all of you in France, and my thoughts are still very much in France. Simply being a witness to others commemorating and recalling past events may seem remote indeed, but the truth is that the two days in which I could be present have had a profound effect upon me. I have been privileged to learn about such a part of life and of death. Following is my response to your request to relate my own humble story of how I have become an associate member of the RDVA and ended up in Europe. I hope it's not terribly lengthy.

I suppose my story must begin with some family background. I am a grandson of Birney B. Cook, 42nd

Rainbow Division, 166th Infantry, Company A, American Expeditionary Force of WW I. He was present for the major campaigns of 1918 in and around the Champagne area.

Both of my mother's parents had great influence upon me, as our home consisted of my grandparents, my mother, my siblings and myself. I was a teenager when we lost my grandparents.

My grandfather was a very quiet man. I often now wonder if that was partly due to his war experiences. My mother once told me that he believed that hell was or could somehow be here on earth. I never heard him relate a war story. Those that I know have come either through my mother or my aunt. What I have learned from my aunt in recent years is that he had long wanted to return to Europe to see once again where he had fought. My grandmother did not want to join, so the journey never happened.

As for my interest in his war years, it began more as a growing interest in the man who had put a roof over my head for all my life, but a man that I never knew on an intimate basis. As I aged into my thirties, I sought more knowledge of the past as my regrets grew for the relationship that I never pursued when younger. Informal questioning and searching into the years of my grandparents inevitably led to the year 1918 in France, which certainly had tremendous impact upon their lives. What followed was my discovery of World War I literature, war documentaries, and my favorite poet, Wilfred Owen. I have been to a number of the war museums in Britain, and I believe that I have maybe begun to touch the surface of understanding. Though comprehension of war and wartime is surely quite limited to those that lake the experience, I have come to feel that we somehow have a duty to hold a special place of reverence in our hearts and souls for those that lived the wars and for those that died atop and within them.

As I recall, I was sitting at the computer one evening thinking of the documentary that I had recently seen, The Great War and the Shaping of the 20th Century, and I thought to attempt an internet search for my grandfather's outfit in the war, The Rainbow Division. To my surprise I hit a hit on the Rainbow Division Veterans Association and found that I was eligible to join as an associate member, thanks to my grandfather. A few phone calls were required, and I made my way into membership. I attended my first meeting this summer of the Ohio RDVA and found a very warm welcome by a very engaging, friendly, and intensely interesting group of people.

I had already received notice of the tour to Europe through the "Reveille." Part of the tour was to commemorate the turning of WW I in the Champagne region of France in July of 1918. My grandfather had done his part here at that time, and I remembered how he had always wanted to return. Now I reasoned that this was my chance to partially pay him back for his years of care, if only symbolically. It would be a way for me to pay tribute to him and those that fought and died beside him, while at the same time, sitting in for him as he and The Rainbow were being honored.

The tour is now over, and I did do as described. I will not relate here what all those few days have meant to me for it would be quite lengthy. Suffice it to say that the experience has been one of the richest of my life.

I would like to relate one piece of great irony here. I went into the tour thinking that I was paying part of my debt to my grandfather, but I now find that I am all the more indebted to him. Not only do I see more clearly what he and the others have given to us all through their service and sacrifices, but from beyond the grave, he has now provided me with new and wonderful friends as well as a greater understanding of life and death. It seems best to speak of life and death together, like words and music. We can grasp neither very well without placing into the context of the other. They pave the way for one another. I am filled with gratitude that peace, profound as it is, was found and held at great cost on that road of life and death where The Rainbow Division has marched again and again and again.

In the name of Birney Cook,

Michael D. Porteus

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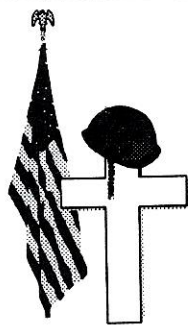
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Lucas, Ralph
Co. M, 242nd Inf.
Lynch, James J.
Co. B, 222nd Inf.
Lyons, William E., Jr.
H1B, 242nd Inf.
Machotka, Slavomia
Co. B, 232nd Inf.
Malone, William
H1B, 242nd Inf.
Martens, William
Co. B, 232nd Inf.

McCartney, Joe F.
Unknown
McClelland, Norman
H2B, 242nd Inf.
McCray, Richard B.
Hqs. Co., 242nd Inf.
Meirs, Ardell H.
Co. C, 232nd Inf.
Mirante, Antonio G.
Hqs. Bty., 232nd F.A.
Mitchell, Robert E.
Bty. B, 232nd F.A.
Nevins, James F.
Co. M, 232nd Inf.
Norby, Joseph
742nd Ord. Co.
Oddo, Frank J.
Co. B, 222nd Inf.
Ollman, Lawrence
Co. A, 142nd Engrs.
Pietrasz, Henry J.
Co. K, 222nd Inf.
Poarch, Cecil A.
Co. F, 232nd Inf.
Pyle, Donald L.
Co. E, 232nd Inf.
Rains, Stanley
Co. K, 232nd Inf.
Refling, Jack G.
Co. K, 232nd Inf.
Richter, William E.
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Rog, John A.F.
Co. I, 232nd Inf. (Medic)
Rolloff, Victor A.
H2B, 242nd Inf.
Romans, John H., Sr.
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Ryan, Daniel R.
232nd Inf.
Rzepka, Edward S.
Bty. C, 392nd F.A.
Santulli, Michael A.
Co. F, 232nd Inf.
Schmidt, Raymond
Co. K, 222nd Inf.
Schonning, Donald A.
Division Artillery
Schweitzer, Paul J.
A/T Co., 242nd Inf.
Singer, Melvin
Co. G, 222nd Inf.
Small, Harry C.
Co. E, 242nd Inf.
Stauffer, Raymond
Co. H, 232nd Inf.

Staszewski, Chester
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Steffens, Merritt
Unknown
Stemple, Andrew
Co. L, 242nd Inf.
Stidham, Donald E.
Co. A, 232nd Inf.
Stigal, Jack W.
Co. B, 232nd Inf.
Story, Emerson
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Taylor, George
Co. H, 222nd Inf.
Towler, Asa W.
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Trout, Philip (PNP)
42nd Recon.
Tubb, George
Co. D, 222nd Inf.
Vaccaro, Robert L.
Co. D, 232nd Inf.
Vanzant, Charles R.
Hqs. Bty., 232nd F.A.
Viands, Basil L.
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Voss, Franklin
Medics, 222nd Inf.
Ward, Donald L.
A/T Co., 242nd Inf.
Wathen, James L.
Co. C, 142nd Engrs.
Weinstein, Alvin A. (Dr.)
Medics, 222nd Inf.
Weltevreda, Peter
Hqs. Bty., 392nd F.A.
Wenning, Donald
42nd Div. Hqs.
Wesch, Daniel W., Jr.
Co. K, 222nd Inf.
Wester, Oather
Hqs. Co., 222nd Inf.
Westphal, Christian R.
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
White, Donald G.
Hqs. Co., 222nd Inf.
Whitley, Howard
Co. C, 242nd Inf.
Williams, Ellsworth
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Willis, James F.
H1B, 232nd Inf.
Wilson, Ray Henry
Co. F, 242nd Inf.
Wojcinski, Richard
Can. Co., 232nd Inf.
Wylie, James L.
H1B, 232nd Inf.
Yantis, Thomas C.
Co. D, 222nd Inf.
Yates, Arthur S.
Co. B, 242nd Inf.
Youmans, James R.
Co. C, 242nd Inf.
Young, Gerald
Co. K, 222nd Inf.
Zukunft, Albert F.
H1B, 232nd Inf.



"May Their Souls Rest in Peace"

We wish to extend our deepest
sympathy to the family members
of our departed Comrades.

Memorial File After July Reunion

Brown, Leroy E. Co. H, 242nd Inf.
 Cahill, John T. Co. E, 232nd Inf.
 Cikalo, George Co. H, 242nd Inf.
 Decatur, George Co. D, 232nd Inf.
 Fineran, Roland 132nd Signal Co.
 Hunter, Max 122nd Med. Bn.
 Kamen, Morton H1B, 232nd Inf.
 Kenyon, Lyle L. Bty. C, 392nd F.A.
 LoVoie, Paul Co. M, 232nd Inf.
 Purcelli, Rinaldo Bty. C, 392nd F.A.
 Rzepka, Edward Bty. C, 392nd F.A.
 Synder, James G. Co. D, 232nd Inf.
 Sporer, Frank H2B, 232nd Inf.
 Talley, Reginald 132nd Signal Co.

Honored Dead

(Not previously carried or never a member)

242nd Inf.
Hqs. 1st Bn.
 Bender, John B.
 Bertalan, Charles M.
 Devet, Arthur L.
 Faltinson, Marvin F.
 Heide, Herman L. (Msgr)
 Jorgenson, John A.
 Koleno, Jerry L.
 Magee, Henry C. (Chaplain)
 Minichino, Samuel R.
 Montet, Carroll
 Morefield, William C.
 Olson, William B.
 Robinson, Duncan R.
 Ryburn, Doyle A.
 Stiles, Wayne A.
 Willet, Peter
 Wochnick, Claude
Service Co.
 Cooler, Claude H.
 Finigan, John B.
 Riner, Ralph
 Sprague, George S.
Cannon Co.
 Dean, Glenn R.
Med. Det./1st Bn.
 Amsterdam, Julius
 Johnson, Henry
Co. A
 Rodriguez, Theodore
Co. B
 Rouse, David C. (Korea)
Co. C
 Wherley, Richard D.
Hqs. 2nd Bn.
 Phillips, Harlan B.
Med. Det. 2nd Bn.
 Rentschler, John M.
Co. F
 Filley Ralph M.
Co. H
 Aberg, William G.
 Allen, William E.
 Bak, Walter E.
 Conway, James A.L.
 Devine, Jack E.
 Ferguson, Donald C.
 Hayden, Allie B.
 Huffman, James R.
 Smith, Frank
 Weiss, Gerald
 Whalen, James
 Young, Harold E.
Co. I
 Cummins, Cleo
 Williams, Robert S.
 Williams, Woodrow H.
Co. K
 Perkins, John H.
Co. L
 Penkert, Otto
A/T Co.
 Scribner, Otha T.
 White, Carley C.
 Wickens, Franklin R.

Hqs Co.

Pratt, Robert T., Sr.
42nd C.I.C.
 Beaudette, Francis B.
 Coyne, Coleman G.
 Donnell, Newman R.
 Fox, Edward J.
 Grootman, Paul G.
 Kaplanoff, Carl G.
 Stein, Walter
 Williams, Stanley Jr.
222nd Inf.
 Bolt, John C., Jr., - A/T Co.
 Domanski, Chester - Hqs.
 Jackson, Earl W. - Co. E
 Murphy, Joseph H. - Med. Det.
122nd Med. Bn.
 Mussemblatt, Max - Co. A
 O'Brien, Joseph A. - Co. A
392nd F.A.
 Demilta, Benjamin - Bty. C
232nd Inf.
 Farrar, George B.
 Giboney, Thomas B. - D Co.
142nd Engrs.
 Harber, William B.

At Long Last Dick Engler's Book To Be Published

Our own Dick Engler (F/222nd Inf.) passed away without fulfilling his dream - publication of his book "The Final Crisis". The book deals with Task Force Linden and "Operation Nordwind". The task of publishing was passed on to me to carry the torch. After many trips to the Archives, we had a great stroke of luck - celebrated author and military historian, Keith E. Bonn agreed to edit the manuscript. He quickly became a dedicated proponent to get the book published. His Aegis Consulting firm has taken the risk of paying for the editing, composition, graphics, mailing and advertising costs. Nine of us (five from the 232nd, two from the 222nd, and two from the 242nd) have taken the risk of investing in the printing of the book.

The book is not something you would get from a Vanity press where you pay to have it published. It is 340 pages long, has 22 maps, and reads like a novel, despite its meticulous research and historical accuracy. It will make an excellent companion piece for Sam Dann's book - "Dachau - The 29th of April."

We expect the book to be available in February 1999 and anticipate it to sell for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling. You are asked to drop us a postcard indicating your non-binding intention to purchase one or more copies when the book is available. This is a great chance to learn more and pass on to your children and grandchildren the true facts about this relatively unknown but glorious part of our Rainbow history. Write to Ken Carpenter, Editor, 7618 First St., Pasadena, MD 21122-3402. Telephone 410-437-5404.

The Last Straw

by Jack E. Westbrook, Anti-Tank Co., 222nd Inf.

The Hunsdpach line duty (January 4, 1945) was not without some compensation. For example, behind the 2nd Squad gun position and on the back slope of the Maginot Line was a home with a barn that had been used as quarters for a work force at some time in the past. This was ideal for quartering a platoon of men comfortably - which meant warmth and protection from the weather. The home had five rooms, four of which were commandeered leaving the kitchen for the owner, his wife and three children to live in. The platoon quickly settled in, making themselves at home. The old man (45 years old) was somewhat older than his wife. The children were all young - six, four and two, perhaps.

The lay of gun and outpost positions were such that troops could only be relieved in the dark of night, which meant long stretches in the foxholes and gun emplacement. On snowy days, men were relieved often in order to "share the misery" or comforts of the quarters - whichever way you want to view it. The buildings were about a quarter of a mile down the back slope from the front line positions, making for a long trip in the deep snow. It was difficult going up to the positions to go on duty but coming in to the warm quarters was fairly easy.

The house and outbuildings were of brick with tile roofs - very substantially built and quite comfortable where warmth was concerned. Any warmth was appreciated as the cold was bitter. The old-timer kept plenty of wood for the fires and furnished red wine and schnapps for the men. There was an abundance of apples in his cellar which were a treat after being on K-rations for so long. What encouraged the old man and his wife to be friendly was the sharing of food by the troops. The old-timer especially appreciated the tobacco and, in return, looked after everyone as his facilities would permit.

The woman took flour and sugar that the fellows were able to come up with to make the best apple strudel you could imagine - a real treat. She could also take the rations that were available on occasions and by adding seasoning and the few food items that were available to her, could stretch them into a scrumptious meal. It was a good arrangement which the men appreciated and settled into. The family ate better than they had for years.

The old-timer was stoic in accepting the situation in which he found himself. For example, during the shelling by German artillery (which was almost hourly), a short round hit his roof, knocking off many tiles. His response to this was to fix it - no grumbling or complaining. One day his prized possession, a milk cow, stepped on a mine and was killed. The old-timer butchered the cow, never changing his expression, accepting his fate as reality.

Then came the mortar round that exploded and hurt his two-year-old daughter badly as she played in the snow behind his house. The couple doctored the child as best they could with the help of our medic and first aid kits, and, accepted this, too, as their fate. It was difficult to read just how they may have felt as they showed no emotions whatsoever.

Then came the day when a dud artillery shell came through the roof of his still room, making an irreparable hole in his copper still settling basin. This seemed to be the last straw for the old man, for he sat down and openly wept without shame. It had all come to a head and he just could not cope with the situation any longer. He was never the same after that - something had been taken out of him. He just gave up.

There was a real message in this for all who observed and know the situation that is still probably vivid in their minds to this day.

Dast ist krieg.

Combat Diary of Luell Seeley Medical Detachment - 232nd Infantry

NOV. 14, 1944 ... Up before daylight after all night on the floor. Took our last look at Camp Gruber about 8 a.m. as we boarded the train at Braggs siding while the Band serenaded us; traveling via Kansas City, Chicago, Pittsburgh & Philadelphia we arrived at Camp Kilmer on:

NOV. 16 ... Debarked about 5 p.m. to hike to our assigned camp area. One 12 hour pass to New York on Tues. 22 Nov. and met the little woman at Penn. Station. After a flurry of examinations, personal, clothing, records, shots, etc. we had only to sweat it out.

NOV. 4 ... Left Camp Kilmer, being fortunate enough to have our Thanksgiving Dinner the day previous. In the evening by train to a ferry on the New Jersey coast which carried us to a dock at about 38th St. in Manhattan. Red Cross workers served us coffee and doughnuts as we stood in line waiting to go up the gangplank.

NOV. 25 ... Sailed at noon aboard the SS Alexander.

DEC. 8 ... Arrived in the harbor of Marseilles in the morning. Docking in the afternoon while the troops debarked on one side, the duffle bags and other luggage was lowered over the other side into waiting power barges. They were then loaded on trucks which took them to C.P. 2. We finally got to the camp area about 2 a.m.

DEC. 9 ... After a couple of hours catnap buried in the duffle bags, on a truck, because of the cold, Devall (a fellow medic) and I were aroused to do guard duty. A little after daybreak, we both took off to see if we could find our own outfit. After locating them, a mad scramble began to find one's own in the huge pile of duffle bags.

DEC. 19 ... On this very unpleasant rainy day we left C.P. 2, split up into 2 groups, one going with the vehicles, and the other on trains composed of 40&8 box-cars. I was with the latter group, left the Delta Base 8 p.m.

DEC. 21 ... Arrived at railhead north of Toul, France near Bendorf, late in the afternoon and stayed on the train until morning.

DEC. 22 ... Trucks took us to Morchingen where both groups were united, and billeted here overnight.

DEC. 23 ... Trucks, airy and cold, transported us toward Strasbourg, which we reached long after dark to the accompaniment of the thunder of artillery pieces. Here we billeted in a former military academy for the night.

DEC. 24 ... Ducks took us to Fort Ney at the northern outskirts of the city. Our first casualty here ... shot by own outpost.

DEC. 28 ... Moved back into Strasbourg, using our own vehicles ... overnight.

DEC. 29 ... Moved, in the afternoon, to LaWantzenau, first town north of Strasbourg. Billited on one house for 2 days, and then moved to another house. Made trips, for supplies, to Strasbourg and trips to Oberhoffen, and the Med. depot at Saarburb. Spent New Year's Eve in a little French tavern ... schnapps and red wine.

JAN. 5, 1945 ... Moved north to Kilstett, some 3 KM further up the Rhine, to meet the Germans who had established a bridgehead across the Rhine and were pushing through Gambshheim. Battle continued day and night - 5th, 6th, and 7th. A French Armored DIV. moved in to relieve us late the afternoon of the 7th, and we withdrew, that night to LaWantzenau. In the aid station, we handled some 90 wounded. Two medics were wounded, Most of L Co. was wiped out plus a m.g. section of M Co.

JAN. 8 ... Moved by truck to Camp Oberhoffen in the morning ... overnite here.

JAN. 9 ... Moved, by truck to Schirrhoffen late in the p.m. Aid Station was set up in this town while the fighting boys took up positions east, near Sessenheim, and north near Soufflenheim. Fierce engagements in the Battle for Sessenheim resulted in treatment of 45 more casualties, with 2 more medics wounded.

JAN. 19 ... Moved to Soufflenheim late in the evening. No casualties despite heavy shelling.

JAN. 20 ... The entire 7th Army fighting, in this section, was withdrawn, at night. I was asst. driver on our truck, in the motor convoy which, finally, wound up at Scherlenheim while the troops hiked back to Haguenau, where they were picked up by trucks.

JAN. 21 ... Assembly at Bossendorf for a brief rest and reorganization. We medics stayed in the Mayor's house. I traded him 7 pkgs. of cigarettes for his pipe, and got a basket of apples to boot.

JAN. 25 ... Moved up on line at Ohlungen. Lots of snow ... several mortar rounds ... casualties.

JAN. 26 ... Withdrew late afternoon a few km. to Grassendorf.

JAN. 27 ... Left before daylight, in convoy, with light hearts as we were going to a rear area, which proved to be Gremecey where our bn. was billeted some 20 miles northeast of Nancy. Here, we recieved new replacements, our own artillery joined us, along with the 122nd Med. Bn. Our band treated us to music, we saw a couple of shows, and had passes to Nancy. I was there on Jan. 31 and Feb. 9. We also had Red Cross girls treat us to coffee and donuts. Most of the heavy snowfall disappeared, and we ran field problems.

FEB. 17 ... By convoy to the front again to positions NE of Wimmenau, relieving the 45th Division. At first, we were located in Forsthaus Buxemburg. There was only one house and it was very prominent. We constructed dugouts in a wood area 1 km. west of Lichtenberg.

MAR. 10 ... We constructed a bigger dugout nearer Lichtenberg. Aggressive patrolling resulted in many casualties ... majority from schu mines.

MAR. 16 ... Division jumped off in attack as part of general 7th Army offensive. Aid Station moved up into a gully off the Reipertswiller-Rothback raod. Again, many casualties.

MAR. 17 ... Still on attack, troops going over the mountains; I went by motor convoy thru Reipertswiller (a very much shot up and desolate town), Barenthal, Philipsbourg and into Neunhoffen after dark when it had been cleared of Germans. While halted, in Philipsbourg, by a blown bridge, sudden mortar fire scattered us; I wound up in a convenient roadside ditch. After the shelling had stopped, I found that I had been lying on something which should only be found in a Latrine.

MAR. 18 ... Advanced in a NE. direction via Dambach thence through woodland trails crossing the German border at 6:05 p.m. at a point about 3 Km. NW of Obersteinbach, France an dSE of Ludwigswinkle by the afternoon; the first German town taken by the Division; many casualties in the afternoon as our troops tried to press on to the high ground north of town.

MAR. 20 ... Withdrew the Aid Station, in the afternoon, after sweating out heavy shelling, which later demolished the house our Aid Station had been in. Our new site was about 1 Km. into the woods around the town and we had a no casualty night despite heavy shelling.

MAR. 22 ... Mules were furnished us as well as the rest of the BN ... and we loaded part of our equipment on them. Began northward trek, following the troops, thru Ludwigswinkle and Saarbackenhammer, thence through the main fortifications of the Sigfried Line, reaching Dahn in the A.m.

MAR. 23 ... Still on the move we swung first SE and then turned NE to pass thru Schindhart and on across the Mts. to Darstein. Long lines of P.W.s and wreckage along the roads were a familiar sight. Everywhere one looked were horses on the loose that had been used by the Germans to draw their wagons. Only 4 casualties in this action. Darstin afforded us a bit of rest and we took full advantage of it.

MAR. 31... The Rhine River had been crossed and we were getting to be rear echelon troops so we left Darstein at noon, traveling S and SE to the edge of the Hardt Mts. and thence, generally, NE along the valley at the foothills to the northern outskirts of Worms on the Rhine. Crossed the Rhine on a Pontoon Bridge at Osthofen (5:20 p.m.). After driving all night, dawn found us crossing the main River at Worth 5:15 a.m.

(To Be Continued)

42nd Infantry Division (Mech) Organization

New York	Vermont	New Jersey
HHC 42nd ID (M)	HHC 86 BDE	HHC 50th BDE
Det 1 HHC 42nd ID (M)	1-172 AR BN	2-113 Mx BN
42nd ID (M) Band	2-172 AR BN	1-114 Mx BN
642 MI BN	186 PSB	2-102 AR BN
1-258 FA BN		
342 FSB	Rhode Island	HCC 42nd ID (M)
	173rd LRS Det	DISCOM
HHC 3rd BDE	C/5-117 CAV	50 MSB
1101 CAV	D/5-117 CAV	250 MSB
1-127 AR BN	E/5-117 CAV	
1-69 IN BN(M)		1-112 FA BN
	Massachusetts	3-112 FA BN
HHC AVN BDE	HHB 42nd ID(M)	250 SIG BN
1-142 ATK BN	DIVARTY	
F/142 AVIM	1-101 FA BN	5/117 CAV SQDN (-)
A/2-126 AVN (ASLT)	E/101 TGT ACQ	
	10-182-MxBN	Delaware
HHB EN BDE	101 EN BN	C/2-126 AVN (ASLT)
152 EN	181 EN BN	
	42 MP CO	Illinois
Connecticut	272 CHML CO	1-202 ADA
2-126 AVN (ASLT) (-)		

Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Delaware. Fielding of the Army's main battle tank, the M1 Abrams, reorganized the division as a mechanized infantry force.

Today's Rainbow is a force that prepares not only for combat in a foreign land, but for civil assistance disaster relief to meet the threats to the division's home communities. This year's accomplishments speak for the success of every Rainbow soldier in every state whose dedication and professionalism reflect the highest standards of Rainbow veterans who came before and every Rainbow soldier yet to wear the uniform. The invitation to include Rainbow Division soldiers in the ranks of the Rainbow Division Veteran's Association is an honor and compliment to the continuing excellence in training, maintenance and leadership that reflects every tenet of Army core values.

Training

Rainbow Division training for 1998 covered a broad spectrum. The division's Third Brigade from Buffalo, New York, participated in the first-ever Synthetic Theater of War Exercise (STOWEX) as part of a Force XXI training experiment at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Similarly, one of the division artillery battalions, the 1-258 Field Artillery based from New York City, also conducted Force XXI testing with Global Positioning System (GPS) and the Initial Fire Sport Automated System (IFSAS).

In the same spirit of Rainbow training leadership, various divisional units participated in Army exercises for the military of the twenty-first century. The 1-172nd and 2-172nd Tank Battalions from Vermont's 86th brigade deployed crews to Fort Knox and the 114th Infantry from New Jersey's 50th brigade traveled to Fort Dix to participate in the Army's Advanced Warfighting Experiment (AWE).

Support to the Army's total Force concept continues beyond the scope of National Guard training as the division deployed Rainbow soldiers to the peace-keeping mission in Bosnia. Soldiers from the Division Artillery's Target Acquisition Battery based in Massachusetts saw the return of the Rainbow shoulder patch to Europe in over fifty years.

Gunnery operations for all maneuver brigades remain a cornerstone for the division. Annual training for 1998 included crew qualifications and artillery live-fires for all Rainbow units.

Equipment

As the division mission developed during the cold war, infantry battalions modernized and mechanized to support their Active Army counterparts. From the M48 to the M60 to the recently fielded M1s, soldiers in the Rainbow Division have trained with every type of system in the Army's arsenal. The current organization of the division includes M1 Abrams main battle tanks, the M113 armored personnel carrier, the M109 self-propelled artillery, AH-1 Cobra attack helicopters, UH-60

assault helicopters, Avenger air defense systems with Stinger missiles, and a multitude of Humvee wheeled vehicles.

Leading

Leadership of a division spread across more than six regional states offers unique challenges. With maneuver brigades and separate battalions headquartered in Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and most recently, Illinois, coordinating unit training becomes an obstacle in itself. With state emergencies adding even more unique demands on units, the division capitalized on these command and control (C2) opportunities for the headquarters and staff to prepare for the Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) Warfighter exercise.

Last conducted in 1994, the division started staff planning and leader development more than 81 months prior to the 1998 rotation to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Integrating automation equipment and revising unit reporting procedures provided real advances in situational awareness and gave Rainbow soldiers new experiences with tactical intranets, web sites, e-mail reporting, and communications.

The call-up for state emergencies during the trainup for Warfighter gave the division staff real experience in coordinating large-scale troop deployments, civil military operations, and logistics. Operation "Rainbow Ice" relief for the devastating Northern New York and New England power outage in January and "Rainbow Wister" assistance for tornadoes in upstate New York saw thousands of 42nd Division soldiers activated to help local communities overcome natural disasters. The coordination required with civilian authorities sharpened commanders' skills and exercised staff planning under short timelines and in harsh conditions.

The successful command post exercise was a validation of the division's ability to command and control large-scale operations. The scale of the divisional mission for Warfighter exceeded that of any state emergency relief mission in the division's history. From operations to intelligence to logistics, Rainbow commanders and staff at all levels displayed an ability to coordinate and communicate across unite and state boundaries easily.

The disaster assistance to upstate New York and New England during the devastating ice storm of January and the tornado response to the upstate New York town of Stillwater in June provided Rainbow soldiers a true perspective on National Guard partnerships with local relief and government agencies. The impact of the Rainbow Division on the daily lives of thousands of residents of Rainbow states grows with every new training opportunity and every new partnership in Rainbow communities throughout the division.

Editor's Note: LTC Pete Kutschera, LTC Paul Fanning, CPT Stephen Mueller, HQN-YARNG, and SFC Jim Fillio, HQ 42nd ID (M) contributed to this story.

Returning to the Division's Roots

CPT Richard L. Goldenberg, PAO, 42nd ID (M)

From World Wars One and Two, the Cold War, and right through the Gulf War, the 42nd Infantry Division supported its federal mission in training and in combat. The Rainbow Division served with distinction and honor as part of the Army's forces in wartime. Following the Rainbow's return to national Guard service in 1947, the 42nd Infantry has adapted to meet the demands of citizen-soldiers. From cold war threats to regional conflicts to state disasters, Rainbow soldiers rose to the challenge and excelled at them all. In fact, in just the last three years the Rainbow Division headquarters and soldiers have been called upon more than nine times to respond to threats to local communities.

The division's role during the 1950s and 1960s reflect the Army's focus on cold war readiness. The Rainbow Division, headquartered in New York City, provided a follow-on force for NATO units to maintain the nation's preparedness to meet Soviet aggression in Europe. For Rainbow soldiers, the threat of returning to European battlefields once visited by Rainbow veterans of two world wars was a cornerstone for training.

The role of the Rainbow Division as a leader in National Guard response to state crises grew dramatically during this time. In March 1970 the division federalized during the national postal strike and provided relief to New Yorkers in the aftermath of Hurricane Agnes in 1972. Rainbow soldiers took over the New York prison system in 1979 during a corrections officer's strike. In December 1989, the Rainbow Division's headquarters moved from New York City to Troy, New York, where it remains today.

The 1990s saw dramatic changes for the division. Following the Gulf War in which hundreds of 42nd Division soldiers volunteered for overseas service, the Rainbow Division returned to its beginnings as a multi-state force in 1993 with the reconsolidation of National Guard units from Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut,



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Scholarship Committee

Applications for scholarships may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mrs. Dorothy Smith, 513 Mountain View Ave., Hurley, NY 12443-5621. The deadline for returning the completed application is May 1st. Test scores must accompany the application. Second semester grades may be submitted when they are available.

George Jackson, who has been a part of the scholarship program since it's beginning, has resigned from the Scholarship Committee. George's many contributions to the scholarship program are deeply appreciated and he will be sorely missed.

Our Dachau Book, Edited by Sam Dann

"Dachau, 29 April 1945, The Rainbow Liberation Memoirs", was published in August and has already been bought by many Rainbowers. The book may be purchased directly from Texas Tech, (Texas Tech University Press, Box 41037, Lubbock, TX 79409-1037, \$29.95 plus shipping), through your local bookstore, or from AMAZON.com on the internet. AMAZON also lists "Winter Storm", but reports a five week delay in shipment, although several copies were received in one week when ordered through a bookstore.

Many Rainbowers have received a "cover" advertising a second book on the Dachau liberation. This book was published privately by John Linden in response to criticism of his father in several books quoting a 45th Division Colonel.

While the Sam Dann book was supported and authorized as an official Rainbow publication, the Linden book was neither authorized nor supported by the Foundation or the Association. The Foundation felt that challenging the 45th Division view of who was there first and what transpired would best be covered with a book telling what we did, saw, and reacted to, without repeating or reacting to the earlier publications by members of the 45th Division.

W. G. (Pim) Reijntjes, Executive Committee Member of the International Dachau Committee, received a copy of "Dachau 29 April 1945" from Dee Eberhart, and responded as follows, in part, "It is a beautiful book and the contents is most interesting, a real historic document ... Senator Lieberman is right considering that Dachau has changed our lives, both prisoners and liberators.

I will certainly review this book in our Dachau-Nieuwsbrief, and I aim to use its cover for the first page.

Furthermore, I think this book might interest the press. I am sending copies of the backtext to some newspapers.

Thank you again for sending me this wonderful book."

Constitution & By-Laws

Chairman Dee Eberhart reports that a meeting room has been reserved from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, February 11th at the Dobson Inn & Resort for the Committee to revise the Memorial Foundation Constitution & By-Laws. Dee anticipates both morning and afternoon sessions will be required to complete their work prior to the Trustees meeting. (The Past National residents have a Dutch treat luncheon scheduled for 12 N to 1:30 p.m. on February 11th)

Contributions to the Memorial Foundation during July & August Scholarship Endowment Fund

"500 Club" - Herb & Nan Klinedinst, \$100, in memory of daughter; Ralph Rundquist, \$100.

Contact Beverly Koehler - 1269 Manhotten Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282 for information on the 500 Club.

Foundation Endowment - 2nd Bn., 232nd Inf., \$50, in memory of Frank Sporer & John T. Cahill; J. William Keithan, Jr., gift in memory of Ellie Davis; G. Ahrens, \$25.

Charles Fowler, a total of \$400, previously reported, was in memory of Joe Bridges, a member of his Battery, who died this year.

Also, Allan Ostar, \$500, previously reported, in memory of Capt. Jack Koller.

Scholarship Operating Fund - Rosemary McGovern, \$25, in memory of Ethel Bochat; 232nd Aux. \$10, in memory of Frank Sporer; & \$10, in memory of Paul LaVoie; Tom Owen, \$10, in memory of Paul LaVoie; Louis A. Schultz, \$30, for George Jackson Book.

Foundation Operating Fund - 142nd Engineer Chapter, \$100.

Total National Association Membership As of 8/15/96

Chapter	Life	Member	Total 1996	Total 1997	Member	Life
Huntsville	1	21	22	21	20	2
Phoenix	1	13	14		8	1
California	8	49	57	45	36	9
Colorado	1	6	7	7	6	1
Washington, DC	6	32	38	38	32	6
FL-Clearwater	7	13	20	14	7	7
Orlando		3	3			
Illinois	4	19	23	24	20	4
Indiana So. Bend	2	9	11	7	5	2
Iowa State	2	15	17	16	15	1
Kansas-Chanute		4	4	1		1
Northeast	1	27	28	37	36	1
MI-Detroit	2	40	42	22	20	2
Minnesota	4	19	23	4	*	4
MO-MO-KAN/	2	17	19	17	16	1
St. Louis	1	13	14	1		1
NJ-Audubon	5	24	29	29	24	5
Ohio State	1	22	23	13	11	2
OK-Muskogee, Tulsa		17	17	15	15	
Oklahoma City	4	11	16	17	13	4
Pacific Northwest	5	40	45	40	35	5
PA-Phila/Reading		13	(13)	1		1
SC-Charleston		6	6			
TX-Dallas	3	61	64	30	27	3
Wisconsin	13	22	35	13	*	13
222nd Infantry	36	296	332	133	95*	38
Co "M" Yanke	5	42	47	38	33	5
232nd Inf. Can Co	4	11	15	13	9	4
Hqs. Can		25	25	25	25	
1st Bn	10	118	128	110	100	10
2nd Bn	7	115	122	89	81	8
3rd Bn	23	100	123	106	84	22
242nd Infantry	67	344	411	67	*	67
Co "H"	1	32	33	29	28	1
Artillery	15	175	190	135	120	15
122nd Med Bn	7	12	19	11	5	6
132nd Sig Bn	3	34	37	22	19	3
142nd Comb. Engr.	10	19	29	26	16	10
Med.Det.Spec.Trps	1	11	12	11	10	1
MP Platoon	4	8	12	10	7	3
42nd Recon Troop	4	4	(8)	3		3
Division Band	2	30	32	21	19	2
National @ Large	3	76	79	92	87	5
TOTALS	275	1969	2444	1362	1084	278

* - Due to illness, death, etc. paperwork not completed.
Estimate membership approximately 2,000.



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