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NIGHTMARE IN ALSACE

by Bill Warde

(The following is excerpted from Bill Warde's "My Military Service." Bill, upon reaching 18, was accepted into the Army Specialized Training Program. Within a few months, the program was abolished and Bill ended up in Camp Blanding for basic training. After 16 weeks, he was sent to Camp Gruber as the 42nd prepared for overseas deployment. Bill was assigned to the 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Co. A, 232nd Infantry Regiment. Bill dedicates his manuscript in the following words: "This is dedicated to those valiant comrades of task force who were killed, captured and murdered during actions of the First Battalion, January 3-18, 1945. It is especially meant for those of us who survived as our units were without communication, support by artillery, armor, anti-tank weapons or air support as we were systematically obliterated by a superior enemy richly supplied with all weapons.")

Note: Bill pulls no punches and tells it like it was - a tragic miscalculation by our superiors who never realized the power and extent of the enemy until almost too late at the expense of some of the best and the brightest. We pick up his narrative on Dec. 19, 1944.)

The next morning, December 19, 1944, dawned cold, clear and snow covered. We were transported on Duks north to the town of Kilstett, where we marched east to Gamsheim near the Rhine River. In drab uniforms, we ran combat patrols over the white snow covered countryside to a Maginot line observation pillbox on the Rhine River. Soon, this pillbox, defended by our First Squad, was attacked by a German probing patrol. As we traded throwing grenades. This was the start of the last German offensive in the west. Artillery was called to plaster the wooded area between us and the Rhine. As I recall, this was the last direct artillery support we received until our own artillery joined us three months later. That night we were relieved. This later developed into the "Gamsheim Bridgehead."

In the war of movement, we marched back to Kilstett. Duks motored us to a tavern in Drusenheim. The 232nd Regimental Front was now 33 miles in length with no supporting forces. It was totally vulnerable to being chewed up by an experienced armored column. Indeed, the Germans soon struck with a concentrated force of 20 tanks, self-propelled guns, 120 mm mortars, and 75 mm and 88 mm artillery. It is still surprising to me that they didn't completely wipe us out.

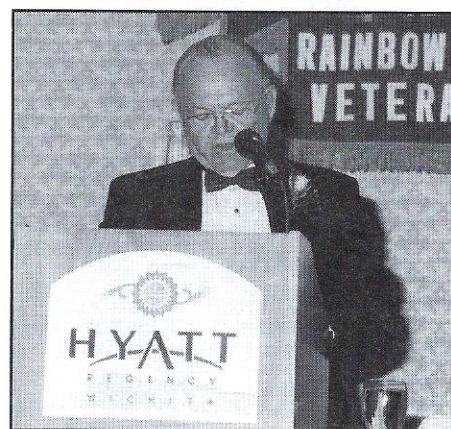
Drusenheim:

On January 5th, the Germans launched a frontal Infantry assault against Company A. My squad was sent

out to make contact with other members of our platoon who had been in an observation pillbox. We met them halfway out of a system of shallow trenches. One of them insisted on returning to retrieve his Airborne badge he had left in the pillbox. When I showed him a large group of Germans attacking, he reconsidered and joined us in a path back to our main line of defense in Drusenheim on the bank of the Moder River. We stopped the German Infantry short of the river as groups of them were mowed down by our rifle and machine gun fire. As soon as the German Infantry was stopped, we were plastered by observed enemy mortar and artillery fire. Here we lost Lt. Mohler due to artillery fragments. It turned out to be a "million dollar" wound which cost us a potentially great leader. My squad was sent to protect the southern sector of town, only after we arrived there, we were told that Lt. Mohler had been hit. To a Combat Infantryman, those words had a special meaning! We were under constant artillery fire. We dug foxholes into the frozen snow covered ground. Here, we observed a counterattack from the south by the 314th Infantry of the 79th Division. They had tank support that we had not enjoyed. Their attempt failed as five tanks were destroyed by enemy fire as soon as they reached the west side of the Moder.

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President's Message



Our President at Wichita

There's definitely a plus side to being President of our wonderful RDVA. It affords an opportunity to visit with "Rainbowers" like Hugo and Oriana Grimm and our National Secretary and President-Elect Herbert Butt. I enjoyed six days with these folks and some forty-plus members of the St. Louis and Mo-Kan chapters. Hugo and Oriana showed me the beauties of the Missouri countryside, rode Amtrak to Independence, MO with me, and joined me in touring the Harry Truman library with Herb Butt and Arnieta Schwab. Great cooks, those midwesterners - I came home 8 pounds heavier despite spending 46 hours on a Greyhound bus because of the World Trade Center tragedy.

Herm Bergreth has done a wonderful job in arranging the Tulsa reunion. Unfortunately, his health is forcing him to turn over much of the July on-site supervision of the reunion to Don Segel, and Herm says that prudence dictates that a replacement for him should be found. Herm gallantly promises to help his replacement in every way his health will allow. By the time you read this, I expect to have this important position filled.

My travels have not yet been completed. Scheduled ahead are the Northwest Chapter meeting in Long Beach, WA, October 25-27, and a May 2 meeting with the New Jersey and Washington, D.C. chapters. Other groups who would like to have me attend a meeting should get the time and place to me as soon as possible. When you read this, I will also have met with the 45 to 50 persons attending the Birmingham, AL Veterans Day Celebration. Any and all of you are strongly urged to attend the early February Mid-Year Reunion in San Diego. PNP Don Segel and wife Pearl, tireless workers

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A Prayer for the Nation

Lord, we come to You on bended knee,
heads bowed and our hearts filled to
overflowing with grief for those who have
been injured or killed in this National
crisis.

We ask you, Lord, to give courage and
strength to those who so bravely went to
their aid. We ask, Lord, that You give
them the endurance needed to help them
in this difficult task.

Give us strength to get through each
difficult day that faces each of us and our
country. Protect and guide our military in
their duties. Guide President Bush, mem-
bers of Congress, and all in authority: we
ask that with your Infinite Wisdom you
guide them to right decisions.

And lastly, Lord, we ask that You allow
us all to now come together as a Nation,
to stand tall and united so that we might
help each other in our hour of need.

Amen.

Norman P. Forde

Chaplain (COL) USA ret.

RDVA Chaplain

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phone (914) 992-0512. E-Mail fowler-
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Corrections

In the September Issue the list of aux-
iliary officers spelled the reunion chair-
woman's name as Linda Owens. Actually
it should be Linda Owen without the S.
Also her husband's name is spelled
Earnest Owen (he prefers Earnie). Sorry
for the error.

Archivist's Column

Millennium Chapter President
Suellen McDaniel has parceled out the
Rainbow P.O.W. stories available for re-
transcription and reformatting into a
publishable tone. The next step will be to
edit the stories and coincidentally seek
additional stories from ex-P.O.W.'s who
have yet to record their experiences.

Underway is action on the Foundation
grants made at Wichita in July. R.D.V.A.'s
four basic repositories have now on order
WW I veteran Paul Jarrett's video pictori-
al. It will be duplicated on high quality
tape for longevity.

The Omar Bradley Foundation has
been commissioned and they are busily
compiling a computerized inventory of
the Rainbow Collection at the U.S. Army
Military History Institute. Completion
date is anticipated by the end of the year.

The past ten days have been spent pro-
cessing the chapter collection of the Mil-
itary Police platoon. With the passing of
both newsletter editor of "poop for the
Group", Bob Snodell and Secretary-Trea-
surer Walter Duhacek, policeman
Charles Clark felt it was time to have
their records accessioned.

The records are comprehensive, illus-
trating great care and dedication,
Newsletters, *Reveilles*, correspondence
and many files of information. One out-
standing element transmitted from the
P.P.s' is near 500 photographs. Not too
many are identified so it has been neces-
sary for your archivist to identify them in
bulk as to date location and source. At
least they are of Rainbow!

This enables me to make the request
for PHOTOGRAPHS! This month we
make a special request for those
envelopes of infrequently observed pic-
tures that are in a show box or drawer
that deal with Rainbow. Identify them if
you can, Pack them up, and along with
that other pile of things you've been
meaning to forward to the Archives and
send them along.

Keep well and happy.

In Rainbow,

Bill Keithan

Rainbow at World Trade Center



Rainbow Division Veterans

MEMORIAL FILE — JULY 2000 - JULY 2001

WORLD WAR I

Proske, Frank Sr.
168th Inf.
Trautman, Louis
Co. B, 166th Inf.

WORLD WAR II

Arduser, Joseph O., Jr.
Unknown
Atkinson, Charles
A/T Co., 242nd Inf.
Barker, M. Dale
Co. I, 232nd Inf.
Berkey, Francis C.
Co. G, 222nd Inf.
Bicking, Nicholas
Med. Det. Sp. Trps.
Blundell, Earl H.
Co. G, 222nd Inf.
Bonath, Richard L.
Co. C, 142nd Engrs.
Branchford, Milton W.
Hqs. Co., 242nd Inf.
Bridges, Clarence F.
Svc. Bty., 392nd F.A.
Burns, Robert J.
Unknown
Cassin, Byron B.
42nd Recon.
Chimera, Joseph L.
Co. A, 242nd Inf.
Christopher, Alva J.
Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 232nd
Inf.
Clark, Edward W.
Co. D, 232nd Inf.
Cole, Raymond A.
Co. C, 222nd Inf.
Collins, George W.
Co. K, 242nd Inf.
Cook, John A.
H2B, 232nd Inf.
Copeland, Richard L.
142nd Engrs.
Cote, Raymond
Co. C, 222nd Inf.
Crawford, Jack
Svc. Co., 222nd Inf.
Croix, Leamon
Co. L, 242nd Inf.
Custer, Charles
132nd Signal Co.
Dalebout, Harold A.
Co. M, 242nd Inf.
Dalton, Thomas, Sr.
Co. F, 232nd Inf.
Davis, Ashton
Co. I, 242nd Inf.
Davis, Redmond C.
Co. A, 232nd Inf.
Davies, James R.
42nd Recon.
Dougherty, Wilmot
Can. Co., 222nd Inf.

Drew, Edward
Co. G, 222nd Inf.
Duncan, Dean D.
Hqs. 2nd Bn., 242nd Inf.
Easterling, Dees, W.
Co. D, 232nd Inf.
Faust, Webster
A/T Co., 222nd Inf.
Ferguson, John H.
Hqs. Bty., 542nd F.A.
Fletcher, Arthur E.
H2B, 232nd Inf.
Franti, William J.
Co. M, 242nd Inf.
Gill, Roland F.
42nd Recon.
Golo, Alfred J.
Div. Hqs.
Givan, Lyle L.
Hqs., 142nd Engrs.
Glasscock, Harold O.
Bty. A, 542nd F.A.
Glennon, Walter P.
H2B, 242nd Inf.
Goorabian, Harry
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Green, Herman A.
Bty. B, 392nd F.A.
Gustafson, Russell C.
A/T Co., 222nd Inf.
Hale, Quinton
H3B, 242nd Inf.
Hamby, Rufus C.
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Hardned, Shirley R.
Hqs. Co., 232nd Inf.
Harrison, James D.
Bty. C, 402nd F.A.
Harry, Jesse R.
Co. I, 222nd Inf.
Hajovsky, Henry J.
742nd Ordnance

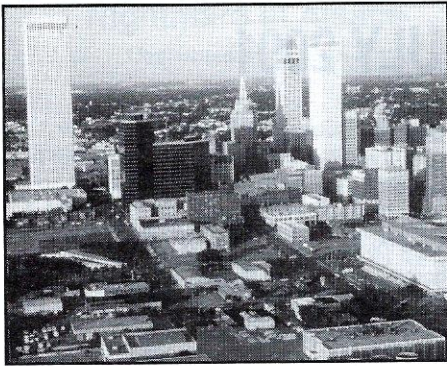
Hedrick, Burnell W.
Co. E, 222nd Inf.
Hepler, Wayne R.
Co. A, 242nd Inf.
Heston, Newton
232nd Inf.
Heuer, Wayne H.
Co. G, 232nd Inf.
Hinebaugh, Myron E.
Co. B, 242nd Inf.
Hylka, Joseph R.
Co. D, 232nd Inf.
Jaffe, Harry
H3B, 222nd Inf.
Jenkins, Calvin C.
Co. K, 232nd Inf.
Jett, Alvin O.
Co. D, 232nd Inf.
Jones, Earl R. (Dr.)
Co. B, 232nd Inf.
Klinedinst, Robert
Co. M, 242nd Inf.
Kolter, Gilbert P.
Reg. Hqs., 242nd Inf.
Kwake, Milton T.
Co. C, 222nd Inf.
Laska, Edward
742nd Ordnance
Lewis, Victor E.
Bty. A, 402 F.A.
Liles, Beryl
132nd Signal Co.
Linton, Arnold E.
Co. D, 232nd Inf.
Long, Glen Hugo
Co. G, 343rd Inf.
Lord, Wildon L.
Co. C, 232nd Inf.
Lowe, Arthur E.
222nd Inf.
Luna, S. Rex
H2B, 232nd Inf.

Lyson, Clarence L.
Co. L, 232nd Inf.
McCarthy, Arthur S.
Co. I, 242nd Inf.
Metzbower, Howard E.
Co. C, 242nd Inf.
Mitchell, Thomas D.
Division Hqs.
Mize, Gerald E.
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Moss, Edward W.
Co. B, 232nd Inf.
Murphy, F. Clinton
Co. G, 242nd Inf.
Myers, Joe, Jr.
Co. D, 232nd Inf.
Nagel, Lawrence E.
H2B, 232nd Inf.
Nagy, Zoltan N.
Bty. B, 232nd F.A.
Negley, Charles F.
Co. E, 222nd Inf.
Nesladek, Joseph E.
Co. H, 242nd Inf.
Newell, Charles W.
Co. D, 242nd Inf.
O'Neill, John D.
Division Hqs.
Overroeder, Reynold H.
Co. B, 232nd Inf.
Pape, Walter H.
Co. G, 242nd Inf.
Pekrul, Alfred A.
H2B, 222nd Inf.
Plambeck, Herbert
Associate
Pogorel, Joseph V.
H1B, 232nd Inf.
Porter, Dick W.
H1B, 242nd Inf.
Rabel, Henry Ed.
Co. K, 242nd Inf.

Robbit, Charles A.
Unknown
Redmon, Thomas
Co. B, 222nd Inf.
Reith, William
132nd Signal Co.
Rubrecht, Guenter C.
Co. M, 222nd Inf.
Rusch, Alan J.
Co. E, 232nd Inf.
Schaefer, Earl F.
Co. M, 222nd Inf.
Schmitz, Warren R.
Co. G, 242nd Inf.
Schmude, Norman G.
Co. A, 232nd Inf.
Schulze, Albert H.
Division Band
Shanks, John F.
Co. I, 232nd Inf.
Shaw, Stephen H.
Division Hqs.
Sheldon, Frank W.
Co. A, 232nd Inf.
Smith, Vern M. (PNP)
Co. M, 222nd Inf.
Smithson, John
Co. F, 232nd Inf.
Sorenson, Thomas R.
Hqs. Bty., 392nd F.A.
Strehle, Malcom L.
Co. M, 222nd Inf.
Swindler, Carl W.
Co. C, 242nd Inf.
Teems, Paul L.
Co. M, 232nd Inf.
Torpey, William
Co. F, 242nd Inf.
Tullos, Jack
Co. A, 242nd Inf.
Van Tassel, Lloyd
Co. B, 122nd Medics
Vining, Donald G.
Co. G, 242nd Inf.
Vocca, Edward
Co. C, 242nd Inf.
Waggoner, Ronald L.
Hqs. Co., 222nd Inf.
Wakefield, Arthur
Co. B, 222nd Inf.
Walker, Thomas R.
Co. A, 232nd Inf.
Westrich, Wilbert W.
Bty. C, 392nd F.A.
Whetsel, Robert F.
Co. D, 222nd Inf.
Wirick, Lionel
Co. B, 232nd Inf.
Wojcinski, Richard
Can. Co., 232nd Inf.
Worthen, Willie C.
Co. I, 222nd Inf.
Zedler, Donald P.
Co. G, 222nd Inf.

PRAYER TO OUR DEPARTED COMRADES

*Eternal God, supreme commander of us all,
Lord of the far-flung battle line, to whom the
ranks of life report, we bow before you with
reverent hearts and in sublime faith, knowing
that you lead us in death as you have in life.
For again, you have ordered a veteran to
that realm in the west, beyond the twilight
and the evening star, where beauty and
valor and goodness dwell forever with the
unnumbered multitude.*



Tulsa skyline

National Reunion

Tulsa, OK • July 10-13, 2002

BACK TO TULSA IN 2002

For many of you who trained with the 42nd Rainbow Division at Camp Gruber outside of Muskogee, OK this will be a great nostalgia trip. Of all of the Rainbows that I have talked to in the past months, everyone of them are enthused about the Tulsa 2002 Reunion and so am I. For registration and hotel reservation forms contact Don Segel, 650 Jacon Way, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

First, we have a beautiful hotel, the Marriott Southern Hills Hotel, 1902 East 71st Street, Tulsa, OK 74136-5477. The phone numbers are (918) 493-7000 and fax (918) 532-0950. The dates of the Reunion are July 10-13, 2002 with the room reservations to be honored two days prior and two days after the Reunion. We will have a room rate of \$78. Tulsa has changed, but all for the better. It is a beautiful city to be enjoyed as a site for our Reunion. We will have all of the extras, such as free parking, free shuttle bus service to and from the Airport, beautiful Comp rooms for our officers, no charge Hospitality Rooms, nicely appointed and conveniently located meeting rooms, well placed space for the Bazaar and the Registration area and excellent facilities for the General Meeting, Memorial Service and Early Bird Party.

The hotel will also provide complimentary beverages of soda, punch and beer for the Early Bird Party and a 15% discount at the hotel restaurants.

We will have an excellent number of tours, but details have not been completed as of this writing. We will have a complete list and description of the tours in a future Rainbow Reveille. We expect them to include a Camp Gruber/Muskogee Luncheon Tour on Wednesday, a tour of the Frankoma Pottery, the Gilcrease Museum, the Philbrook Museum, a City Tour and a Dinner Theater Night on Thursday evening. We will make these available to you as soon as possible.

Herm Bergeth, Tulsa 2002 Reunion
Chairman

Mid-Year Reunion

San Diego, CA • February 7-10, 2002

The Mid-Year Reunion will be held February 7-10, 2002, in San Diego at the Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. Tel. (619) 298-0511 or (800) 676-6567. Rates per person: single (one person); double (two persons, one bed); double/double (two person, two beds) are all \$90 plus hotel tax. The rate for a suite is \$169/person plus hotel tax. Reservations must be received no later than January 6, 2002.

Reservations are \$40/person (refunded if canceled). Make check payable to RDVA and mail to: Donald L. Segel, PNP, 650 Jacon Way, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-2827; tel. (310) 454-7015.

Hotel Information

Luncheon/Banquet: Be sure you have the correct tickets - luncheon on Friday and banquet on Saturday.

Shuttle: The hotel provides a shuttle for trips up to five miles.

Shopping: Fashion Valley Mall; left from the mall and left on Fashion Valley Road.

Rail: There is a rail station at the mall with stations at Old Town, Downtown and Tijuana. At Tijuana, walk across the border and take a taxi if required.

Trolley: There is a trolley stop at the mall for the city tour with stops at several locations. The trolley also leaves from the front of the hotel (\$24).

Car rental: Enterprise office in the lobby.

Dining: 15% discount at the hotel. Going left from the hotel a short walk to Town and Country Hotel (deli and coffee shop); Trellises Garden Grill; Charlie's and Kelly's Steak House.

Right for half a mile is the Hanalei Hotel (D.J. Family Restaurant, Hunter Steak House). There is a Denny's and other coffee shops on Hotel Circle South across the freeway.

Airport shuttle: Cloud Nine Shuttle to and from the airport. (800) 974-8885. Special rate to the handlery is \$7.

Parking: Free.

From Los Angeles: Take 405 South (becomes 5) and East on 8.

Iowa Chapter News

The Iowa Chapter met Sept. 12th at the Eagles Club in Cedar Falls Iowa. For a noon meal and meeting. Thirteen from Iowa and two from Wisconsin attended.

The spring meeting will be held in April 2002. In the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area.

President Edwin Speich
1129 11th St.

Ottosen, IA 50570-8701

Honored Dead

(Never a member or not carried in memorial file)

Cannon Co./242nd Inf.

Amstutz, Dorwin J.
Calliott, Joseph E.
Clay, Brinton R.
Dale, Andrew
Hoyle, Wesley R.
Jumper, Frank T.
Kingseed, Paul F.
Lilliman, Ira H.
Manier, Alexius F.
Paschal, Arvis S.
Reinarts, Harley J.
Seaton, Elson J.
Smolinsky, Stanley J.
Snow, Morton P.
Ammons, Albert
Burleigh, Edward
Davis, Edward
Davis, James
Dobson, Orval D.
Gildensoph, Bernard W.
Hernandez, Joe W.
Huff, William C.
Hutton, Frank V.
Legg, Authur W.
Ralston, Charles F.
Warrick, Douglas R.
Waterman, John A.
Woodruff, John D.
Schneider, Jerome
Szymkowski, Norbert F.
Tarczynski, Casimir
Vomastek, Charles E., Jr.
Williams, Gosta B.
Zak, Stanley H.

Adolpson, George
Bennie, Henry
Hardung, Joe
Mrazek, Vernon
Ommen, Andy
Pastirak, Joseph
Raess, Roy
Schneible, Arthur
Young, Vernon
Deer, Frederick
Moser, Henry
Rains, Howard
Sansone, Salvatore
Sorkin, Abraham
Tomaszewski, Joseph
Utter, Allen
Boness, Reinhardt F/242
Roller, Willard S.
Stemple, Andrew

F/242
L/242

HQ. 1st BN. 242

Abbot, Harold
Baker, Eugene
Cassella, Angelo
Legros, Lebertadore
Massman, Larry
Neiber, Henry
Opgenorth, Charles H.
Outland, James
Palmer, Charles E.
Paine, John E.
Parnes, Joseph
Plumb, Richard
Piccone, Joseph J.
Robert, William
Salvo, Harry
Seldon, Raymond
Shutts, Dion

Fredericks, Orland F. K/242
Prazak, Raymond R. K/242
Baldwin, John Low (Chaplain Asst. 222nd)
Mellinger, George 132d Signal

Rainbow Sites

ALABAMA

- AL-1 Rainbow Archives, Department of Archives and History, 624 Washington Ave., Montgomery

ARKANSAS

- AR-1 MacArthur Park, 503 E. 9th St., Little Rock

CALIFORNIA

- CA-1 MacArthur Statue, MacArthur Park, Wilshire Blvd./Alvarado St., Los Angeles
CA-2 Rainbow Exhibit, State Capitol, Sacramento
CA-3 CMH Vito Bertoldo, Grave-San Bruno National Cemetery, San Bruno

GEORGIA

- GA-1 151st Machine Gun Bn. Colors, Macon Library, Second Floor, Macon

IOWA

- IA-1 Grave of Gen. Matthew Tinley
IA-2 Memorial to Col. E.R. Bennett (Marker or Plaque-No Grave)
IA-3 168th Infantry Co. H, Plaque, Oskaloosa
IA-4 Cpt. McHenry Park, 168th Inf. Co. B, Des Moines
IA-5 Donald McRae Park, Machine Gun Co. 168th, Des Moines
IA-6 Plaque for 168th Machine Gun Bn., Iowa State Historical Building, Des Moines
IA-7 Fleur Drive, Des Moines
IA-8 Burke Park, Des Moines
IA-9 168th Infantry Photo, State Capitol, Des Moines
IA-10 168th Inf. Co. G, Plaque, Wapello County Historical Museum, Ottumwa

MARYLAND

- MD-1 War Memorial Building, Lexington and Gay St., Baltimore

MASSACHUSETTS

- MA-1 Joyce Kilmer School, West Roxbury
MA-2 Joyce Kilmer American Legion Post #316, Boston

MICHIGAN

- MI-1 Rainbow Room, Veterans Memorial Building, Old Fort Wayne, Detroit
MI-2 Bernard Sasser Playground and Plaque, Moross Road-Harper area, Detroit
MI-3 Michigan Chapter Plaque, Old Fort Wayne, Detroit

MINNESOTA

- MN-1 Grave of Col. George E. Leach, Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Ave. South, Minneapolis
MN-2 Mendota Bridge, Dedicated to 151st FA, Highway #55 crossing the Minnesota River between Ft. Snelling and Mendota

- MN-3 Horse Watering Trough at the Peavey Fountain, Lake of Isles Blvd. and Kerwood Parkway, Dedicated to the 151st FA horses, Minneapolis

MISSOURI

- MO-1 Ceramic Vessels and Plaque, Rockhurst College, Kansas City

NEW JERSEY

- NJ-1 Wilber Wilkerson Monument, Avenue of Memories, Ft. Monmouth
NJ-2 Camp Kilmer (Point of Embarkation, Nov. 1944), New Brunswick
NJ-3 Joyce Kilmer Home and American Legion Post #25, 121 Northbrook Drive, Milltown
NJ-4 Fort Monmouth, another Rainbow Monument?

NEW YORK

- NY-1 Father Duffy's Grave, St. Raymond's Cemetery, Section 9, New York City
NY-2 Eternal Light, Broadway and 5th Ave. at 24th St., New York City

NORTH CAROLINA

- NC-1 Joyce Kilmer Forest and Plaque, Nantahala National Forest, 15 Miles Northeast of Robbinsville

OHIO

- OH-1 Forest Rose Cemetery, Co. L, 166th Inf., Lancaster
OH-2 State Highway #142, Rainbow Highway
OH-3 Veterans of Co. G, 166th Inf. Memorial, Greenfield
OH-4 Wright Patterson Air Force Museum, Nazi Flag to the 8th Air Force by Gen. Collins, Dayton
OH-5 Co. E, 166th Inf. Monument, Marysville Cemetery

OKLAHOMA

- OK-1 State Highway #51, Rainbow Memorial Highway
OK-2 Camp Gruber (July 1943-Nov. 1944)

PENNSYLVANIA

- PA-1 Joyce Kilmer Memorial Grove, South Park, Pittsburgh
PA-2 American Legion Rice-Ebner Post #588, Co. A, 149th MG Bn., Easton
PA-3 Reading Plaque, Forest Hills Memorial Park, Reading
PA-4 Co. A, 149th MG Bn., Easton (same location as PA-2)
PA-5 CMH Grove, Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge

SOUTH CAROLINA

- SC-1 Col. J. Monroe Johnson Plaque, 117th Eng., City Hall, Marion
SC-2 Gen. Charles P. Summerall Chapel, The Citadel, Charlestown
SC-3 Wampee Plantation, Foundation organized here, Nov. 5, 1971, Moncks Corner

VIRGINIA

- VA-1 Wilbur Brucker Hall, Fort Myers
VA-2 Grave of Wilbur Brucker, Arlington National Cemetery
VA-3 Grave of Leland Whitney, Arlington National Cemetery
VA-4 Rainbow Medal of Valor, Museum, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery
VA-5 Gen. Henry J. Reilly's Library, ROA Building, 1 Constitution Ave., Washington

WISCONSIN

- WI-1 Grave of Martin Treptow, Bloomer
WI-2 Rainbow Memorial Park, Oshkosh
WI-3 MacArthur Park, Milwaukee
WI-4 Martin Treptow American Legion Post, Bloomer, ?

AUSTRIA

- AU-1 Hotel Grande, Zell Am See, Salzburg (Rainbow University 1945-1946)

BELGIUM

- BE-1 Henri-Chapelle Cemetery, Liege (Henry J. Kile, 232nd)

FRANCE

- FR-1 42nd Division Avenue, Verdun
FR-2 Aisne-Marne Cemetery, Chateau Thierry
FR-3 Oise-Aisne Cemetery, Fere-en Tardenois
FR-4 St. Mihiel Cemetery, Thiaucourt
FR-5 Meuse Argonne Cemetery, Romagne
FR-6 Epinal Cemetery, Epinal
FR-7 Lorraine Cemetery, St. Arnold
FR-8 Rue Paul J. Jarrett, Neuville, Les Bardonnviller (North of Bacarrat)
FR-9 CMH Michael J. Donaldson, Pvt., Oct. 14, 1918, Meuse-Argonne
FR-10 CMH Sidney E. Manning, Pvt., July 28, 1918, Serpy
FR-11 CMH Thomas CD. Neibaur, Pvt. Oct. 26, 1918, Meuse-Argonne
FR-12 CMH Richard O'Neil, Sgt., July 30, 1918, Meurcy Farm
FR-13 151st FA Memorial, Suippes (6 1/2 Miles North)
FR-14 American Monument, Sommepey (North of Navarin Farms)
FR-15 Rhone American Cemetery, Draguidnan/Cannes (Albert J. Kiz, Hq. 42nd)

GERMANY

- GR-1 Kur (Casino) Bad Neuenahr (Formation of RDVA 1919)
GR-2 Regenbogenstrasse (Rainbow St.), Main Street of Dahn

LUXEMBOURG

- LX-1 Luxembourg American Cemetery (Harold S. Ridley, 222nd)

NETHERLANDS

- NE-1 Netherlands American Cemetery, Margraten/Maastricht (Bertill W. Hanson, 242nd)

Nightmare in Alsace

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We were then told to move to a house at a railroad crossing. Any movement on our part brought a barrage of enemy fire. I told the man nearest me that I was going to make a run for it rather than being picked off one at a time as we lay there in our olive drab uniforms in contrast to the snow white ground. With that, our entire squad made a mad dash for the cover of our assigned house. Not a single one of us was hit. The house gave us some protection from the bitter cold weather. We guarded the railroad crossing, and ran patrols to the heart of Drusenheim, and north along the railroad tracks.

The siege of Drusenheim lasted 11 days for Able company against enemy attacks. We accounted for at least 10 times the casualties on the enemy as those inflicted on us. Afterwards, we were relieved by a Battalion of the 314th Infantry (which was later wiped out on January 18th). Thus we left our first real battle with added confidence in ourselves and each other. We also had a better idea of what actual combat was all about.

Sessenheim:

We moved north to Soufflenheim.

After helping in counterattacks to aid other 232nd units, we returned to Soufflenheim. On January 17th, the 3rd Platoon was sent in a counterattacking force in order to free B Company and our 2nd Platoon, which had been surrounded the night before. We were supported by Co. A, 781st Tank Bn. and two tank destroyers from the 827th TD Bn. We went in shooting, led by our Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Brice Custer. This resulted in many enemy dead and the capture of 40 prisoners. One dead soldier appeared to be sitting in an open doorway, asleep, with a Panzerfaust cradled in his arms. Another was killed behind an iron grille on a stone wall with a Panzerfaust aimed in our direction.

As we reached the southeastern edge of Sessenheim, a couple of white clad German soldiers came out of the front of a house with a white flag. Col. Custer asked if there were any more in the house. The reply was that there were no others. About that time several more came out. Col. Custer decked the liar with one punch. It probably broke the Colonel's fist and certainly broke the German's jaw. A few of us were sent to take the captured prisoners to the rear and conduct a house to house search on our way back. I noticed what looked like a radio antenna sticking out of a window. I went inside and saw a field radio con-

nected to the antenna. I approached the cellar door, preparing to throw a hand grenade. With that, I was almost knocked over by the opening of the cellar door as German soldiers poured out, shouting "Kamerad!" The radio had been connected to a German field radio. Where were our radios?

As we returned to our group, they were preparing to continue the attack through Dengelsheim to Dalhunden. About that time we could hear the distinct clanking of a German armor column approaching on the Strassbourg-Dengelsheim Road. Our tanks pulled into a depression below the level of the roadway. As the German column approached, our tanks threw everything they had at it. I did not observe them scoring a single kill. I heard something snapping through the tree branches. There in front of me dropped an armor piercing shell spinning in the road directly in front of me. The German tank column continued on into Dengelsheim. Our original plan of attack was abandoned. Our Infantry Squads were dispersed into a number of houses on the edge of town. My squad was assigned the last house on the southeast side of the road.

To be continued

Scholarship Awards

The committee awarded three Duhacsek Scholarships. They are:

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| 1. Amy Jordan | 1680 Jordan Lane | Lewisburg, TN 37091 |
| 2. James McBarron | 23915 Wallitner Road | Arlington, WA 98223 |
| 3. Lisa Beth Singer | 5652 Olde Post Road | Sylvania, OH 43560 |

The Rainbow Scholarships are as follows:

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| 1. Ashley Marie Anderson | 4456 Islandview | Fenton, MI 48430 |
| 2. Ashley Cook | 4800 Carousel Drive | Charlotte, NC 28212 |
| 3. Chase Eatherly | 2279 Sleepy Hollow Lane | Germantown, TN 38138 |
| 4. Mary FitzPatrick | Anthony Wayne Road | Morristown, NJ 07960 |
| 5. Sean W. Fortier | 4829 147th Place, SE | Everett, WA 98208 |
| 6. Robyn Frye | 1206 N. Ashbrooke Dr. | West Chester, PA 19380 |
| 7. Katherine Herman | 8378 Farichild Avenue | St. Paul, MN 55112 |
| 8. Jeffrey Hunsburger | 13 Llakefield | Stroudsburg, PA 18360 |
| 9. Sean Igoe | 65 Defeo Lane | Somers Point, NJ 08244 |
| 10. Lukas Johnson | 3923 Wilmatt Hill | Minnetonka, MN 55305 |
| 11. Andrew Knott | 646 Raton Pass | Miamisburg, OH 45342 |
| 12. Phillip LaScola | 505 Williams Avenue | E. Liverpool, OH 43920 |
| 13. Adam Lewis | 9287 E. Breckenridge | St. Louis, MO 63114 |
| 14. Melisa Nold | 1420 Ashland Drive | Statham, GA 30666 |
| 15. Jeffrey Oglesbee | 132 Parkside Drive | Swanton, OH 43558 |
| 16. Lindsay Pate | 5026 Allison Avenue | Charlotte, NC 28226 |
| 17. Riley Rettenmier | 4119 105th Place, SE | Everett, WA 98208 |
| 18. Jennifer Ross | 2461 NE 200th Street | Miami, FL 33180 |
| 19. Dan Russell | Route 5, Bos 2615 | Nacogdoches, TX 75964 |
| 20. Luke Russell | Route 5, Bos 2615 | Nacogdoches, TX 75964 |
| 21. Jaclyn Schaefer | 1733 Stony Hill Road | Hinckley, OH 44233 |
| 22. Daniel Scheinman | 4044 NE Couch Street | Portland, OR 97232 |
| 23. Justin Spalding | 4536 Old Pond Drive | Plano, TX 75024 |
| 24. Katie Swartzoff | 7792 Wildberry Court | Portage, MI 49024 |
| 25. Erin Tallent | 2101 Castlebridge Road | Midlothian, VA 23113 |
| 26. David Twomey | 14 Rosewood Terrace | Dartmouth, MA 02747 |
| 27. Suzanne Mellisa Wood | 2672 Manitoba Court NE | Grand Rapids, MI 49525 |
| 28. Karen Woodward | 174 Vernon Street | Manchester, CT 06040 |
| 29. Wesley Young | 3717 Venice | Fort Worth, TX 76180 |
| 30. Lourdes A. Snapp | 618 W. 11th Street | Newton, KS 67114 |

President's Message

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that they are, promise that it will be a fun-filled, comfortably relaxing time for all. Also, the Transition Committee will be completing its recommendations for melding our association into the Rainbow Foundation.

Again? Yes, again! We and the free people of this world are threatened **again** by madmen who would direct our thinking into a set mold, tell us how to worship, tell us how to govern, tell us how to live our lives. We have faced this before and won. We will face it again - at a cost of lives lost and many more lives disrupted. Let every one of who has **"been there"** resolve to reach out and offer comfort, give encouragement and be psychologically and materially supportive of the military personnel and their families who will carry the burden of guarding our freedom - as did we and our families. **We Know! We Must Care! We Must Act!**

Ted Simonson

We Get Letters

Dear Ken,

Enclosed is a short article written to the *Deseret News* in Salt Lake City, Utah, approximately one month ago. It involves Ferrel Bybee who is a WWII veteran of the Rainbow. Upon reading the column, I looked up Mr. Bybee and went to visit him. He lives in a rather nice extended care unit and his wife passed away a short time ago.

On the wall of his room was a map of the "Trail of the Rainbow", and we talked about his service in the 42nd Division. He has some memory problems and couldn't remember just what artillery unit in which he served. He stated he went overseas with the unit.

When I got to Wichita, Kansas, for the reunion this year, I went to the artillery hospitality room and talked with several men there. One individual, Jerry Maple of Neligh, Nebraska, who is the secretary of the unit, looked on his roster for Ferrel Bybee's name. We found he is a life member of the RDVA but there was no listing of his unit.

Perhaps you could publish this short incident involving Ferrel in a future *Reveille* and one of us might recall him or even determine in which unit he served. I then could re-visit him and perhaps bring him up to date on a lost period of his life. It is not really important, but I think it would be a nice thing.

I enjoyed the trip to Wichita but didn't enjoy the heat. The efforts of the committee headed by Harvey Snapp is greatly appreciated by me. One of my friends, Cliff Sommerfeld, was in charge of the extra tours. The memorial services headed by Ted Johnson were outstanding as usual and his reading of Joyce Kilmer was an emotional moment.

I won't be available for the next get together as I will be serving a one year service mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Yours in Rainbow,
Sam W. Kelly, B and H1B, 232 Inf.
545 South Valley View Dr., #56
St. George, UT 84770

A Belated "Thank You"

When combat ceased in Germany following World War II, Ferrel Bybee of the 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division was assigned occupation duties, the last of these in Salzburg, Austria, in July and August of 1945.

While attending church services in Salzburg, Brother Bybee met Paul G. Guildner, his wife, Ingeborg, and their baby, Wolfgang. Brother Guildner, who had lost one arm fighting for the German army on the Russian front, was awaiting discharge.

"When division headquarters needed

personnel for special work, (my battalion) usually volunteered my services," said Brother Bybee, now of Morningside (Utah) 5th Branch, St. George Utah Morningside Stake. "These work assignments were discharging German soldiers."

Soldiers from East Germany who had fought the Russians feared that upon discharge they would be sent to Siberia instead of East Germany. One day while discharging German soldiers, Brother Bybee saw a familiar face.

"It is difficult to understand how I was able to recognize Paul Guildner in the large fenced compound of unprocessed soldiers," said Brother Bybee. "I am sure now that I was led by the Spirit...I felt I must do something to help him."

Brother Bybee summoned the German soldier to the fence, where he took away his army records. Then he told an American officer that he recognized a soldier inside who needed to get home to his wife and baby. Brother Guildner was soon discharged and sent home.

Many years later in 1982, Brother Bybee and his wife, Willa, served as missionaries in the Bern Switzerland Temple. One Thursday, "to my great surprise, Brother Guildner called me by name. What a happy reunion," said Brother Bybee. "He had waited many years to thank me in person."

Brother Guildner has served as patriarch of the Munich Germany Stake for many years, and he and his wife have two sons, both of whom served as bishops.

Robert C. Freeman, BYU assistant professor of Church History and Doctrine.

Illinois Chapter News

September 28, 2001
Elmhurst, Illinois

Dear members and friends of Illinois Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans Association:

Again, a slightly early reminder that our next meeting will be at the American Legion Post #187, Butterfield and

Spring Roads, Elmhurst, Illinois, at 12:00 noon, November 2, 2001. As Helen and I will be with our son, Chris, in Boise, Idaho until October 30th, and there just wouldn't be enough time to get a notice to you after we return from there. That's my excuse, anyway!

I know you're all stunned, grieved, mad, and frustrated, as am I, over the malicious disasters that struck us on September 11, killing and wounding so many innocent people. I'm sure this country will come together in faith and action, and overcome the debilitating fear and confusion that terrorism seeks to establish. I pray we will emerge stronger and better than ever. May God Bless America!

Our August 24, 2001, meeting was attended by Louis Boehm, Minnie Druzic, Elmer and Mary Johnson, Leonard and Evelyn Olender, Lydia and John Keigley, Jean and Bill Gardner, Helen and Eric Cedergren, and Steve Klein.

John Keigley officiated in place of our ailing President, Elmer Marshall and Harriet, and Vice President, Bill Feithen and Dolores also absent due to illness. John began with a moment of silence for all our incapacitated members, and in memory of our departed members.

We were happy to see Mary and Elmer Johnson. This was the first meeting they attended since the loss of Mary's brother, John O'Neill, in December of last year. I hope you will both join us for many more of our meetings. Please pass this information on to Kay.

On page seven of the April issue of *Rainbow Reveille* there appears an article, "Alsatian Gentleman Remembers!" Steve, whose father was a 10-year-old boy living in Dalhunden in December of 1944, was trying to find out for his father, Roger, if any of the Rainbow soldiers his father remembers could be located. We couldn't do that for him, but we were honored that Steve came to our meeting and met with us. Hopefully his father will come to one of our future meetings.

See you at the meeting.

Eric Cedergren, Secretary/Treasurer, IL Chapter, RDVA (630) 279-9895

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Old-Fashioned Patriotism Is Not Dead

We who have had concern that our progeny were more interested in TV than in our history; that as we reached the twilight of our lives, we had concerns whether our society would be able to face another Pearl Harbor – but what we've seen since September assures us that the principles and the pride and the patriotism are alive and well. Perhaps then, we weren't just an organization that met to do anything in its power to implant the history and the meaning of what men and women have fought for all these years was not dead. Indeed, it was wonderfully alive. Whether what we've taught our children; what we've tried to do in the Association by letting younger people understand how we feel; whether our speaking about the hideous thing represented by fascism was put to bed, some way that same spirit we had has survived. Indeed, it might be even brighter. We can take some comfort in the fact that we have tried to maintain the purpose that our fathers and we fought for, and today we need not be ashamed of the new generation who have picked up on that theme dramatically. If we had even a miniscule part in fashioning the perpetuation of the patriotic response, then all the effort put into carrying on the cause has been more than worth it.

*Theodore Johnson, President
RDV Memorial Foundation*

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A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Ever since the monstrous attacks against our country on September 11, it is well nigh impossible to focus on many of the daily realities of life, though we may have escaped the physical violence, none of us have escaped the profound sense of horror and sadness at the terrible destruction and loss of innocent life wrought by these evil assaults.

At times such as these it becomes more important than ever to remember the sacrifices and hardships that the men of Rainbow contributed to keep our country as a citadel of freedom and democracy.

Even though we are beyond the age to participate in the upcoming struggle, we must support our nation in every way possible. God Bless America.

*William T. Kenny, Chairman
RDV Memorial Foundation*

TRANSITION/MERGER COMMITTEE REPORT

In July 2001 at the Wichita Reunion, the Transition/Merger Committee reaffirmed its recommendation that July 2003 be set as the date for merger of the RDVA and the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. The Rainbow Foundation has agreed to be responsible for supporting Reunions after July 2003 as well as the publication of the Rainbow Reveille. Foundation Trustee Bill Shurtleff will present a 10-year financial plan to the Board of Trustees at its San Diego, February 2002 meeting. It is recommended that after 2003, the Chairman of the Foundation or a designated substitute continue to represent Rainbow at the annual Birmingham Veterans Day Ceremonies. This year, a meeting of the Transition/Merger Committee is scheduled for 9 a.m., November 11 at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel. All Rainbow RDVA and Auxiliary Members are welcome to attend. The next meeting of the Committee will be at 9 a.m. February 8, 2002 at the Handlery Hotel, San Diego, CA.

The final recommendation of the Committee at its Wichita meeting was that the Foundation continue to support the Rainbow Web Site and Family Link Site.

Dee Eberhart, Committee Chairman

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