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Orlando Mid-Year Well Attended

Approximately 154 Rainbowers attended this year's Mid-Year Executive Meeting held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Orlando, Florida on February 6-7-8, 2003. PNP Hugo, PNAP Orianna Grimm and the St. Louis Chapter hosted the affair in a marvelous manner from beginning to end. Of particular note was the terrific hospitality room where much socializing took place while Rainbowers munched at a plethora of goodies. All this could not have taken place without such stalwarts as Richard and Esther Pierce, Bill and Birdie Roder, and PNP Ivan and PNAP Myrtle Wallace. They deserve great credit.

The most important occurrence was the Transition (Merger) Committee meeting to iron out details of the Association

merger into the new Rainbow Memorial Foundation. Many took advantage of the free time to visit nearby attractions such as Epcot and Disney World. An excellent lunch was provided on Friday and the banquet took place on Saturday night. We were entertained by local musician/composer and pianist David Ludwig and his vocalist sister Pam Armitage.

Emcee for the banquet was handled masterfully by PNP Ivan Wallace. Dignitaries at the head table were President Herb Butt and Armetta Schwab, Auxiliary President Dee and Lou Kramer, PNP Bill and PNAP Mary Kenny, and Father and PNP Bob Weiss.

This excellent affair concluded amidst goodbye hugs and kisses with expectations for a great national in St. Louis.

The Merger

Yes, Virginia, there will be Rainbow reunions after the merger takes place.

Many have expressed concern that the St. Louis reunion will be the last reunion as we know them. This will not be true as long as there are Rainbowers or their descendants who wish to gather to memorialize the effort that Rainbow soldiers made in two world wars and to enjoy visiting with former comrades and new friends.

The merger will enable us to keep the structure needed for the organization and to publish the newsletter, while keeping

the scholarship program and maintaining memorials that were important parts of the Foundation.

The one organization resulting from the merger will reduce the number of meetings at the reunions. I look forward in anticipation to attend tours at the reunions, or sleep in, or just to visit all day.

The St. Louis reunion will "set the stage" for future reunions and the new format should result in a program that, when approved, is pleasing to nearly everyone.

John McGovern

Archivist's Report

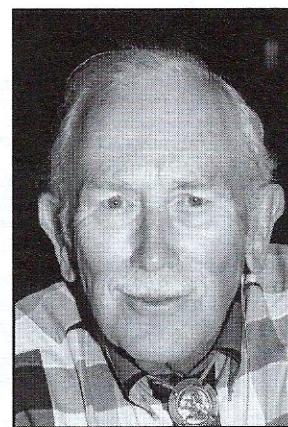
Covered in the Archives' Mid-Year meeting report was the availability of a recent find by the Memorials Officer Charles Fowler of a few Rainbow casket flags. The flag is 12" x 20" and are available for use by Rainbow survivors at the funeral services of Rainbow veterans on promise of return. Contact the Archivist by telephone for immediate dispatch.

Concentration of the R.D.V.A. Association's material takes place at the University of Nebraska. In recent days a number of col-

lections received have included a large number of Unit Newsletters and this part of the Rainbow Collection has been enhanced. Nonetheless the collections are still lacking completion. Any such unit newsletters that might still be in personal collections are eagerly sought.

The Auxiliary officers have for many years, even back to the formation in 1919, began collecting Auxiliary history and compiling it into history books. A complete series of these books is not yet available. In

President's Message



Hello, all you Rainbow people. You should have been with us at the Mid-Year Reunion at Orlando, chaired by Hugo Grimm. All 150 (approximately) of us had a remarkably good time. Of course, we expected the weather to cooperate, but - We flew down a day early to take in some of the Florida sunshine. Had a very nice group of 10 that went to Epcot on Thursday and weatherwise, that was the best day we were there - in the 70's, ideal shirt-sleeve weather. For the rest of our Florida time it was cool and damp. Just as well - we had inside business to take care of!

We left Orlando on Monday 30 minutes late and arrived in Atlanta 10 minutes after our connecting flight was to take off. Delta held the flight for us KC-bound passengers. We had landed at Gate 33 and were to take off at Gate 5 - now that's just a bit too far for us senior citizens to "hurry."

We were there for Rainbow work, so we did. The Merger Committee was busy trying to finish. As Chairman Dee remarked, we worked from dawn to dusk. We almost made it. It still appears you won't see too much of a change. Maybe on the stationery, on the Reveille masthead, membership cards, etc. Also there will be some changes among the officers. The Secretary will still be charged with getting the dues in and sending them to Jon, who will still watch how the money is spent. Of course, he still has to account for it.

Preparations are well underway for the Final Association Reunion in St. Louis. Pete Pettus has the horrendous job, but he is handling it well. After all, this will be the first year working with a Reunion Company with high hopes it will make the Reunions easier for some. Don't kid yourself, putting on a Reunion is one tough cookie anytime and trying to get the attention to details from others so they come out like we have become accustomed is going to be difficult. Pete will find the way!

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Chaplain's Message

Lord God of Hosts, we pray today for our nation. Give wisdom and guidance to our President and all who exercise authority in the destiny of our nation. Bless especially the men and women of our Armed Services in their duties and in their deployments, sometimes to be in harm's way. Give them confident hearts as they do their part in the war on terrorism and the pursuit of peace in the world. Never, Lord, let us abandon the character of righteousness in all that we do. Amen.

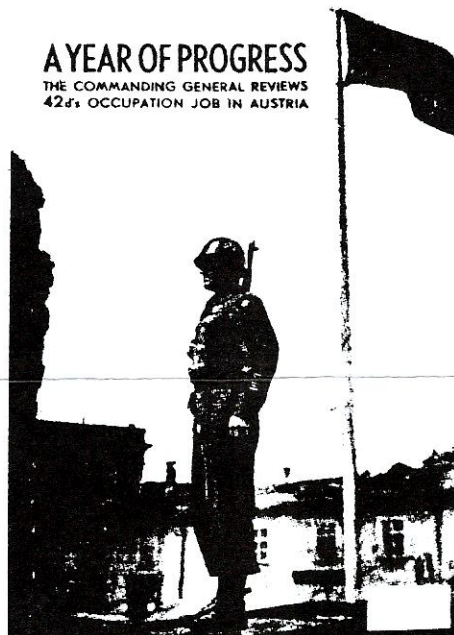
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A Year of Progress**A YEAR OF PROGRESS**

THE COMMANDING GENERAL REVIEWS
42d's OCCUPATION JOB IN AUSTRIA



"A Year of Progress" is a reprint, with all photos and maps, of the original report by Maj. Gen. Harry Collins on the completion of the first full year of occupation duty in Austria following World War II.

This fascinating book takes you to the various places in Austria where Rainbow men were living and working, and tells of the solutions to many of the problems they faced.

Some of these problems the occupying forces met and dealt with included Austrian self-government, displaced persons from many nations, prisoners of war, internal and border security, civil and military government courts, food for the Austrians and for displaced persons, public health and welfare, fuel for civilians and military, commerce, industry, transportation, education, agriculture, religion and fine arts.

It is the complete story, and one which the Rainbow Division can be justly proud of. To obtain your copy, send four dollars (\$4.00) to Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357. Additional copies are the same price.

Rainbow Shoulder Patch Available

Hugo Grimm has a number of cloth Rainbow patches for sale at a cost of \$5.00 per patch. Send a check to Hugo Grimm, P.O. Box 1200, Lake Sherwood, MO 63357-1200.

Note: These patches were put on the wall of the Hospitality Room with the notice that they were for sale. A number of these patches were taken without payment. Of course, Hugo has to foot the bill for these patches. If you were under the impression that they were free and took them by mistake, please send Hugo a check for each patch. Also, a Divisional History book disappeared. It is valued at \$25.00 and Hugo would appreciate a check for that amount.

Honored Dead Correction

It is our custom to report the deaths of former Rainbowners regardless of whether they ever belonged to the Association. This column is designated as "Honored Dead" and is printed once a year. In the November 2002 Reveille, the following names were ascribed to K Co./242nd Infantry. They should have been designated as Cannon Co./242nd Infantry:

Amstutz, Dorwin; Calliot, Joseph E.; Clay, Brinton R.; Hoyle, Wesley; Jumper, Frank T.; Kingseed, Paul F.; Lilliman, Ira H.; Manter, Alexius; Paschal, Arvis S.; Reinarts, Harley; Seaton, Elson J.; Smolinsky, Stanley J.; Snow, Morton P.; Szymkowski, Norbert F.; Tarczynski, Casimir.

(We apologize and regret the error.)

Transition Committee

The Transition Committee continues to meet at Rainbow Reunions in order to facilitate the continuation of Rainbow Chapters, Reunions, Reveille publication, scholarships, comradeship, and all other Rainbow good works far into the future.

At the February 2003 Orlando Transition meeting, there were a number of findings, conclusions and recommendations. Among these were:

a) July 19, 2003, at 9:00 p.m. at the closing banquet should be the time of transfer of RDVA responsibilities.

b) The new Foundation, comprised of all dues paying RDVA and Auxiliary members, is projected to have an asset base close to \$500,000 at the time of merger; however, approximately 90% of the assets will be in "Restricted Funds."

c) Legal and Accountant reviews will be undertaken prior to merger.

d) The next meeting of the Transition Committee will be at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at the St. Louis Airport Marriott Hotel. All are welcome to attend.

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National Reunion-St. Louis July 15-20, 2003

The National Reunion will be held at the St. Louis Airport Marriott Hotel on July 15-20, 2003. Room rates are \$85.00/person/night plus tax. Rate honored 3 days before and after reunion. Call 314-291-7210 for information. There is free shuttle service from and to the airport. Use all forms provided in the January Reveille. Call Hugo Grimm if you have placed your copy.

The tour of St. Louis on Friday has been reduced to a half-day morning tour due to the Association lunch on that day. The reunion program will appear in the June issue.

Ohio Association Reunion 2003

The Ohio Rainbow Reunion for 2003 is set for May 30-31, 2003. The location is Best Western Inn, Lancaster, Ohio. The same place that it has been for the past several years. Reservations may be made by calling (740) 653-3040. Specify Rainbow when making reservations. Come join us for another good reunion.

East Coast Reunion May 14-15-16, 2003 Ocean City, New Jersey

The Northeast Chapter will co-host the East Coast Chapter Reunion at the Port-O-Call Hotel in Ocean City. All Rainbowers and friends are welcome. For further information contact PNP Harold Melinek at (908) 604-9181 or Don Dart at (585) 343-4147.

Mark Your Calendar!

Veterans Day Celebration
Birmingham, Alabama
November 9-10-11, 2003

Information: Aleen Walker
205-647-6815

How Many of You Have Met Your Replacement?

The MO-KAN Chapter has been in existence since the beginning. In the membership year of 1985, Eugene F. Wopata found out about the RAINBOW Veterans Association and joined the MO-KAN Chapter. He can be excused for lateness in joining because he was taken prisoner of war just three days in combat

with Co. "G," 242nd Infantry.

Gene has been a good member since then. About a year ago James Radford showed up. Turns out he was also from Co. "G" 242nd. We have monthly meetings at noon for food and fiction. Several times Gene and Jim started recalling the ones in the company while Gene was a member and who was there when Jim showed up. They found out that there was a good number of men from the Company that they both remembered. But strangely enough, Jim was most aware that the ones he had been closest to, were guys that Gene remembered soldiering with.

Finally it was agreed that when replacements for "G" Company were received, Jim was one that was assigned to Gene's platoon, as well as his squad. Now they are both alive and well and now in the same Chapter. How many can say that?

Curious Turn of Events

Our Commanding Officer for the 242nd Medical Detachment overseas during WWII was one Major William Leebrun.

I was the "Sick & Wounded" clerk for the 242nd Inf. Reg. and was billeted near the Headquarters wherever we were during the action in the Alsace-Lorraine Sector.

One day I was called to the headquarters of Major Leebrun and was informed that I had given a Purple Heart citation to a Lieutenant that was wounded, I thought, by action at the front. I found out that the lieutenant had shot himself in the hand so that he could be evacuated to the rear and get away from the war and possibly be sent home. I never knew what happened to the lieutenant.

Major Leebrun disliked this particular Lieutenant and busted me down from Tec 3 to Pfc. for the "mistake" I made in the paperwork. I had no knowledge of how the lieutenant was wounded at the time I wrote him up for the Purple Heart.

One night soon after my being busted down to Pfc., the Major took a driver and a jeep and set off on his own for wherever or whatever reason. No one ever knew, however, he got captured and that was the last we saw of him for the rest of the war.

Art Lee, researcher for the 242nd Inf. Regiment and allied attachments, has researched and found that in a "Narrative" of the report for the month of April 1945, Headquarters, 122nd Medical Battalion, Special Troops, 42nd Infantry Division, dated 31 May 1945, the following was mentioned concerning Major Leebrun:

"At 1045 the morning of 18 April 1945, Pfc. Peter J. Dennis, 31 115 088, of Company "C" 122nd Medical Battalion, an ambulance driver captured by the enemy during the drive on Wurtzburg 5 April 1945, reported to the Battalion Command Post and was immediately admitted to the Clearing Station and evacuated for treat-

ment of a severe case of trenchfoot, with an additional diagnosis of gastritis. His story of capture, imprisonment and escape was as follows:

"On the 3rd of April 1945, he left Collecting Company "C" in an ambulance with Pfc. Edward Plitt and four litter bearers of the 242nd Infantry Regiment. Within the 242nd Regimental area they were ambushed by a German patrol and all hands were taken as prisoners of war. After riding five days in a train full of prisoners of war, Dennis jumped from the train on the 8th of April, approximately 10 miles from Bamberg, Germany.

He was hiding in a haystack when the 45th Division advanced into the Bamberg [sic] area. When he identified himself to the 45th Division personnel, he found no one who could spare the time to pick him up as a straggler and return him to his organization. He kept walking and hitchhiking [sic] until he reached the second unit of the 11th Field Hospital, operating in support of this unit. Here he received his first full meal since his capture and was given transportation to his parent organization."

"Dennis reported that among the other passengers on the PW train from which he escaped, was Major William L. [sic] Leebrun, MC, 242nd Infantry Regimental Surgeon. He also said that he received nothing but bread and water to eat while in German custody. He stated that he was certain that three former Rainbow Rangers, also Prisoners of War, had been cold-bloodedly shot and killed by their captors.

"To the best of his knowledge, Pfc. Plitt and the other four men captured at the same time as himself, did not make their escape."

Submitted by Elmer E. Watson, Tec 3, 242nd Med. Det. 42nd Rainbow Div. (1943-1946)

Transition Committee

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The Foundation Constitution & Bylaws (C&BL) Committee has made a number of recommendations for changes to accommodate the needs of the Foundation members after merger. The Foundation C&BL with recommended changes will be mailed to all Foundation members prior to the St. Louis Reunion, for review prior to asking for approval in St. Louis.

As previously noted, all efforts are being made to accomplish this transition in the least disruptive fashion, in order to insure that Rainbow values, vision, patriotism and comradeship continue indefinitely.

Dee Eberhart, Transition Committee Chairman

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Archivist's Report

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recent days a consecutive series of Auxiliary history books, from 1989 through 2001 have been accessioned into the archives at the University of Nebraska.

A number of copies of the original book started by the California Chapter was placed in all four major repositories. The delicate and extensive copy work was financed by the National Auxiliary with a generous gift.

Just at column copy submittal time, a pleasant event occurred. After repeated requests for assistance in securing additional copies of the video, "The Trail of the Rainbow" produced by Sam Dann and had become unavailable, the original master tape was received from Brookside Associates. The next task is to find a Seattle supplier for the tape's duplication. The next issue of the column will provide details on its availability to interested individuals.

Underway is a major effort to place on the computer programs the photographs in the Rainbow collection so that a hard copy of them can be located in the two major locations for viewing. More is to come as volunteers will be sought to process the collection. Again - more later.

P.O.W.

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I spoke no Russian and very little German, but did manage to rouse an older German couple in one of the houses, identified myself and my problem, and obtained a surplus ragged pair of pants, which originally must have been about a size 48, and a piece of rope. I thanked them and headed back toward our little camp in the woods. On the return trip I stopped at several houses to beg for some food, but with one exception got no answers to my knocking. I had walked up to a second or third story living quarters on a rickety outside stairway and knocked on the door. I must have been observed during the climb, and a little old lady opened the door a crack. I identified myself as an American POW and asked "Haben sie kein essen, bitte?" As luck would have it, she spoke English and explained that she and her sister were spinsters but had been educated in England. She gave me a small jar of fruit preserves with the strict instructions to return the jar.

Further along toward our camp with my "new" clothes and "laden" with a 4 oz. jar of jam, I came upon a dead Russian soldier dressed in Cossack type clothes, complete with high-necked shirt, baggy trousers and riding boots, lying in the stream on his back with his head, arms and shoulders submerged in the clear flowing water. I stood there for some time, once again like watching a strange movie being projected in slow motion, fascinated by his long then, black Mongoloid-type mustache and upper torso slowly oscillating in the current.

By general agreement, we six continued our trek. The progress was slow and the direction uncertain as foraging for food was our main interest. One day, after we had established residence on one of the upper floors of an abandoned residence in a small village, one of the Hispanics and I went in search of food. While wandering around some back yards in a country-type area, we encountered a small cage occupied by two rabbits. What a find! My comrade retrieved at first one rabbit, then the other, and immobilized them by stomping on their skulls. Back in our room we butchered the catch, boiled the pieces in water (no seasoning or herbs) and proceeded to share the best feast we had since the previous Christmas – a period of five months. I cannot recall a single name of the four Hispanics that Hardin and myself were traveling with, but I distinctly remember the scene. What impressed me most was that we took six turns reaching into the pot for a piece of boiled hare and although we were very weak and very hungry none of us tried to grab more than a fair share.

One of the chaps relished the small kidneys of the rabbit and even insisted that I take a bite of his selection.

In this same house, on a stairway landing, stood a sack of flour. We made a paste by stirring some flour in water and then smearing it on a stick to roast it over the fire. It was not particularly tasty, but was something to eat. After several bites, we realized there were small pieces of glass in the mixture, apparently an explosive had shattered some windows in the area. We tried to locate the larger pieces by chewing gingerly, but had to abandon the activity for fear of doing our oral membranes some harm. Our systems were unaccompanied to much food and I developed stomach gas in large quantities. I recall being on a sofa, physically exhausted and unable to lie down for more than a few minutes before I had to sit upright to belch. For several hours I do not believe that a baby with a severe case of colic could be more uncomfortable.

Again on the road, we encountered the remains of a German military unit which had obviously been in battle with the advancing Russians. Vehicles were overturned, some also burned, a few bodies were strewn about, shell holes in the ground, etc. This could have been part of the same column of fleeing Germans the six of us encountered a few nights previously. A short distance away, we were stopped by a contingent of Russians and directed to a barbed wire enclosure filled with DP's. We were in American uniforms, tattered as they were, and had our American flag facsimiles attached to our jackets, but were still treated as Russian prisoners for most of the day. Finally a soldier came to the makeshift stalag and told us that we could leave. The DP's undoubtedly were destined for labor camps in Russia. Lady Luck was once again riding on our shoulders.

Not long after, perhaps the next day, the four Hispanics decided to try locating some American troops at a faster pace. They seemed to be in much better physical shape than Hardin and I and the youngest member of the group was very anxious to move on. Hardin and I were now alone in the Russian occupied zone of Eastern Germany without food, equipment, maps, stamina, sensibilities, knowledge of the area or what the next plan of action should be.

For several days our wandering were somewhat aimless, but we believed the best chance we had of finding some American troops would be north and west, toward what we supposed Leipzig or Chemnitz (later Karl-Marx-Stadt) to be. At one time, walking along a rather wide river, we confiscated a two-man racing shell hoping to improve our rate of travel. A two-man shell has a seat fore and aft with a single oar on opposite sides of the craft. Neither of us had

any knowledge of the sport of shell racing and after an hour or so of aimless paddling and much arguing we abandoned the venture. Fortunately we did not overturn, as our physical condition was so deteriorated that we would have surely drowned in the swift running river.

Another time we approached a farm building which appeared to house animals on the ground floor, and in the Old World country style, some sort of living quarters on the upper level. In winter the body heat of the cows, sheep, goats and other animals would help ward off some of the extremes of temperature. Of course there was a price to pay, requiring olfactory adjustments. We called out several times, but got no response, then ventured up a vertical ladder to the 2nd floor. There we found a rather comfortable apartment arrangement which appeared to have been recently occupied. In the bedroom we discovered some wool blankets and two German officer backpacks with cowhide flaps on the back panel, including the cow hair. Hardin and I confiscated the backpacks and one blanket each and a knife with a curved blade about 8" long, usually used for skinning animals. I kept the blanket for many years, until it became threadbare, but still have the backpack.

Another incident remains in my mind. We saw several female Displaced Persons in and around a large barn. We approached, exchanged greetings and talked a little. An older woman had died and was laid out as a corpse in a coffin, but was laid only on some straw in the main aisle of the barn. She had matted hair, wore a tattered dress and her arms, legs and face were nothing but skin and bones, much like the pictures one sees of the Holocaust victims. Nearby was a feed store type balance scale. I stepped on the scales and weighed myself in at 45 kilograms, or approximately 98 pounds.

One day Hardin and I were walking along a lonely stretch of roadway and a military truck driven by a half-drunken Russian stopped and offered us a ride. We mentioned Leipzig and he seemed to indicate that was where he was headed. We stopped in a rather large city (do not remember the name), we were glad to bid him "gosbedonia" or whatever the term for goodbye might have been.

The standard method of greeting the Russians and any DP's we attempted to talk with was to say something indicating "hello" and then to identify your country. With the DP's the "hello" and the country identification was used, but the next verbiage, based probably on our sorry appearance, was "How many years were you in prison camps?" – usually in German, but sometimes in one of the Slavic dialects.

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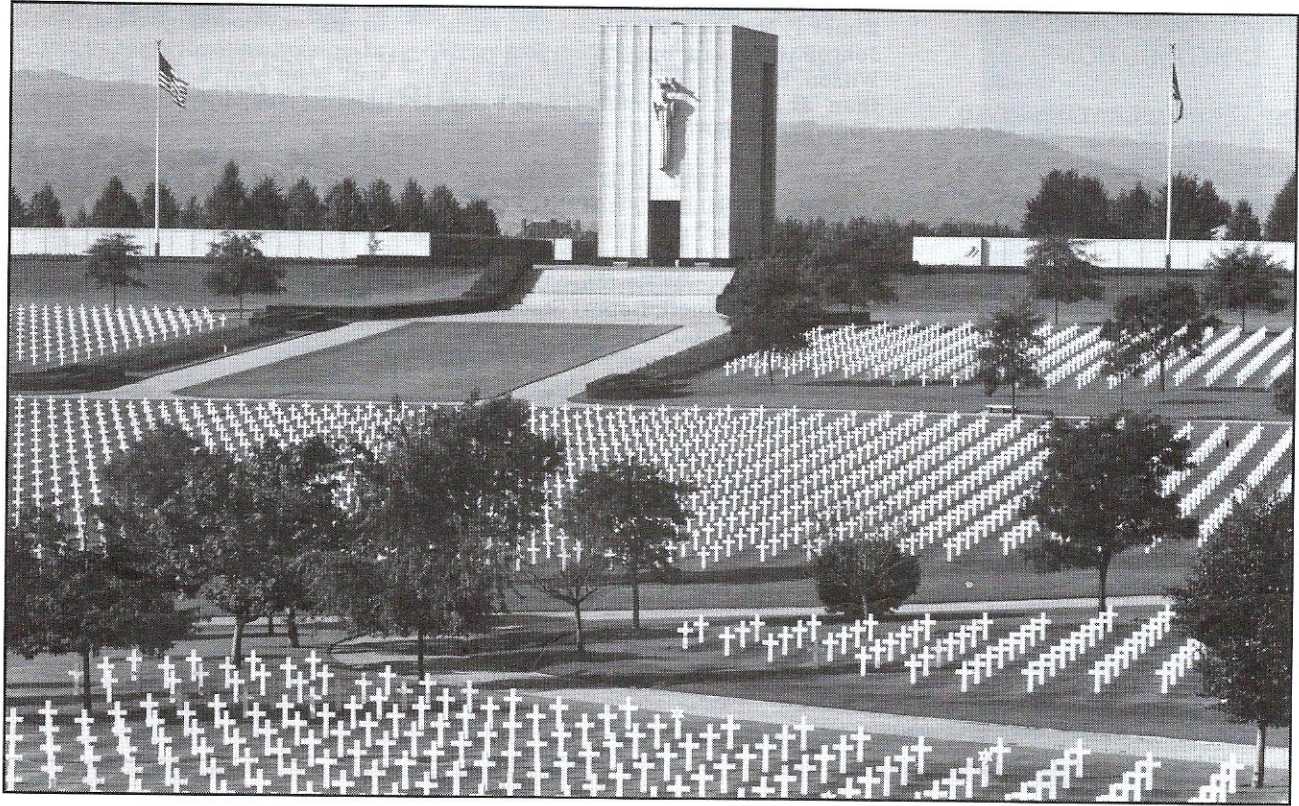
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