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Chairman's Message

Charleston – the dance I could never get right. However, Charleston, the city of hearts delight for multitudes of visitors seeking the essence of the “Old South,” is just a little over two months away for all of us attending this year's Mid-Year Reunion – and we're doing it right! As chairman, I had the choice of venue, and with a lot of prodding from our ladies, selected Charleston for its endless supply of charm and beauty.

We (Pete Pettus and I, together with other advisers) have arranged a schedule that will maximize the time reunion attendees can spend enjoying and exploring Charleston and the surrounding countryside. We have minimized the work schedule so that everyone can sign up for the tour of Charleston scheduled for Friday morning. Then, we have cleared the decks so that after 10 a.m. Saturday morning everyone is free to roam until church services begin at 4 p.m. (Protestant) and 5 p.m. (Catholic). The non-church-goers among us will be free until 6:30 p.m. when the pre-banquet reception is scheduled.

Where shall one roam? Fear not that you will be stumped. The Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau is providing us information about the many attractions of the area – all of which will be placed in our Hospitality Suite for everyone's information. Your problem won't be, “What is there to do?” Your problem will be deciding which of many wonderful choices you will select.

We will also, once again, have a super Hospitality Suite that will be open as many hours as possible. Pete and Rose Pettus have taken on the task of organizing everything, and Mayland Crosson has volunteered to help them. Under their care, food and drink will be

plentiful, and the hours of operation generous. Mayland has never closed a hospitality room anyone still wanting to hang out there. The opportunities for camaraderie, repeated tales, exaggerated exploits, and friendly enjoyment of one another's happiness at being together are all waiting for us in February. All we have to do is get there.

For those of you who use a computer, just open your browser and enter <http://www.magnoliaplantation.com/>. It's the website of Magnolia Plantation

and Gardens. If the weather permits, I plan to spend all day Saturday there, and I would love to have a whole slew of friends there with me. Come on, now. Get off the couch. Mail in your hotel reservations; pay your registration fee; purchase Friday's tour tickets; and get ready for a grand time! The time to enjoy life is now! Later may be too late!

God bless the USA and our Rainbow fellowship.

See you in Charleston!
Ted Simonson, Chairman

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Thursday, February 10

Registration

Hospitality Suite Open

Friday, February 11

Registration

Tour of Charleston (pre-paid sign-ups)

Hospitality Suite Open

Luncheon (all registered attendees)

Memorials Committee Meeting

Hospitality Suite Open

Trustees Meeting (open to all attendees)

Saturday, February 12

Auxiliary Meeting

Hospitality Suite Open

Protestant Church Service

Catholic Church Service

Reception (Cash Bar)

Banquet (all registered attendees)

9:30 p.m. – ??? p.m. (a.m.?) Hospitality Suite Open

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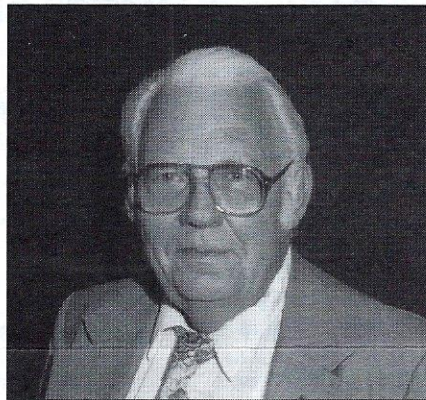
Chaplain's Message

Almighty God, we commend to your
care and keeping the men and women of
our Armed Forces now deployed to Iraq.
Especially do we remember those
assigned to the 42nd Infantry Division,
Mechanized, the Rainbow Division.

Defend them day by day with your
heavenly grace; strengthen them and give
them courage to face the perils which
beset them; grant them a sense of our
abiding presence wherever they may be.
And grant that when their tour in Iraq is
completed they may return safely to their
families and loved ones.

In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Norman P. Forde, RDVA Chaplain

Over the Rainbow

After enjoying a nice, long dry spell, it
becomes necessary to to notify all you
PNP's that the spell has been broken.
JOHN (Jack) M. KEYSER passed away in
his sleep on Thursday morning, October
14, 2004.

Jack was drafted, took infantry basic
and was transferred to ASTP at Fargo,
ND. Like so many of us, he was sent to the
infantry, 42nd (Rainbow) Division at
Camp Gruber. He went overseas with
Task Force Linden. He received a battle-
field commission and later conducted the
Division Band. Jack remained in services
for a total of 26 years and retired as a Lt.
Colonel.

Jack, as he was known to most of us,
enjoyed life and working in the Associa-
tion before he was diagnosed with
Alzheimer's. After retirement he was
very active in his community with public
and military committees.

The funeral for John M. Keyser was
held on Monday, October 18th at Presby-
terian Church, 1003 State, Bowling Green,
KY 42101. Jack is survived by his wife,
Nancy, three sons, six grandchildren and
one great-grandchild. Memorials may be
sent to Alzheimer's or the church in Bow-
ling Green.

We, now the Foundation, have lost a
staunch and loyal worker. I feel I have lost
a friend. We will be seeing you, Jack.

Respectfully,

Herbert A. Butt, Secretary

In Memoriam

Dear Rainbow Friends:

David Dann wrote to me that his
father, Sam Dann, had "passed away on
October 26 (2004) at a hospice in Florida."
As you know, Sam was the editor of
"Dachau 29 April 1945, the Rainbow Lib-
eration Memoirs" and he had collaborat-
ed with his son David in the production of
"Trail of the Rainbow," a TV document-
ary in which some of you were inter-
viewed. I have no further details; howev-
er, from memory, I believe that Sam had
written for radio, television, movies and
magazines. He had authored books and
also taught creative writing at New York
University. A few years ago, he had
moved to Florida from his home in West-
port, CT. Sam's widow's name is Lucille.
In addition to David, there is another son,
Josh, who attended one of our mid-year
reunions, perhaps in San Diego, CA; and
a daughter, Victoria.

David Dann's address is:

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Best Regards,

Dee

Memorial Officer Address

Charles Fowler will be in Florida
until the first of May.

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Doctor Finds Surprise Bullet

Ralph Heine figured his knee was
shot. At age 86, he thought his balky joint
was just a sign of old age.

Turns out he was carrying a souvenir
from World War II for nearly six decades:
A bullet to the knee.

During a recent medical exam of a
problematic hip and knee, X-rays
revealed a bullet that had eluded detec-
tion since Heine was shot by Nazi troops
in early 1945.

Heine was serving with the 42nd Rain-
bow Division in the Alsace region of
France.

He recalled his story during a week-
end event in the eastern Missouri town of
Leadington to honor prisoners of war and
those missing in action.

"I got shot in the shoulder, and when I
went down they shot me again in the leg.
I thought that bullet only grazed me," he
said. "I didn't think it went in."

Memorial File Correction

The November Reveille Memorial
File contained a misspelling of Edwin A.
Schlapbach. We deeply regret the error.



PNP and former DC Chapter leader Romeo Fagiolo presenting the plaque of appreciation to Chaplain Norman Forde and his wife Shirley.

Champagne Brunch for Chaplain Norman Forde

On Sunday, October 24, 2004, 30 members of the former 42nd Division Rainbow DC Chapter, their wives and guests, gathered at Club Meade, Fort George G. Meade for a Champagne Brunch to honor and give tribute to Chaplain Norman Forde, who has been active in the DC Chapter and the RDVMF. Chaplain Forde and his charming wife, Shirley, are relocating in retirement to the Williamsburg, Virginia area. The brunch, arranged by Rome Fagiolo, was assisted by Larry Kendrick, who designed the commemorative plaque of appreciation presented to Chaplain Forde.

Chaplain Forde has given a long and dedicated service to the former DC

Chapter and to the Rainbow veterans organization. His presence in the DC area will be sorely missed. The Brunch program continued with the introduction of Past Auxiliary President Grace Walker who made brief comments in wishing Chaplain Forde and Shirley all the best in their new place of residence near other family members and John Walker reminding all he had available newly printed copies of the 42nd Infantry Rainbow history first published in 1946. Bill Kracov gave a memory-jogging presentation about "the way it was" - the Victory Gardens, gas rationing, and Rosie the Riveter - on the home front during WWII. Bill displayed the poster board with photographs of the era he uses in making presentations to local area grade school students; Chaplain Forde also joined in with a reminiscence or two. Larry Rosen talked about a recent reply to a letter sent a fellow Rainbower in 1997; it seems the individual had just recently "gotten around" to replying. Kenneth Schonowski reported the good news that Reveille Editor Ken Carpenter, a former member of the DC Chapter now residing in Florida, had recovered from an illness and was at home, again busy with the Reveille.

Also assisting with the Champagne Brunch was Jim Clemons as photo journalist who also made brief remarks about the WWII Memorial Day Parade. He again thanked all who helped make the RDVMF participation in that parade the huge success that it was. Brunch activities and Rainbow fellowship began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jerry Taylor and ended in good spirits and farewells with the benediction by Chaplain Forde.

We Get Letters

Dear Mr. Grimm,

I am writing to ask you to put an article in the 42nd Reveille. I am the only daughter of 1st Lt. Kenneth E. Lecrone. He served with the 42nd Rainbow Division, 242nd Infantry Regiment, S-4, 2nd Battalion. He was killed in action on April 23, 1945 near Trendle, Germany. He and his jeep driver had been out to the front lines. As they were returning, he was killed by a sniper. The war over on May 8th. On May 9th, my mother received word that my father was killed. I was born just about two hours later. I have enclosed a picture that was taken of my father when he was at Camp Gruber.

I am trying to find some veterans who knew my father and served with him while he was with the Rainbow Division. I would love to hear from any veteran who remembers and served with my father. I belong to the American World War II Orphans Network. They encourage us to find out as much as we can about our fathers. So I have been doing that. I do feel very lucky because I grew up knowing my father's family. However, I do feel I missed out on not knowing him. So therefore, I am trying to find out all I can about him. So any information you have for me, would mean so very much.

Sincerely,

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RAINBOW SOLDIERS REMEMBER 9-11

Photo by SSG Raymond Drumsta, 42nd ID



42nd Infantry Division, Assistant Division Commander for Support, BG Thomas Sullivan and Command Sergeant Major Richard Feamside, display the 9-11 Remembrance Flag during the Rainbow's 9-11 commemoration at Ft. Drum, NY.

On September 11th, Soldiers from the 42nd Infantry Division's Rainbow Task Force commemorated the 2001 terrorist attacks with a ceremony at Ft. Drum.

The new motto of the Rainbow Division - 'Never Forget' was highlighted with the unveiling of the latest version of the 9-11 memorial flag.

"The 9-11 Remembrance Flag was designed to honor and remember the thousands of heroes lost on September 11, 2001, who knowingly or not, gave up their lives for our freedom", said Gwendolyn Loiacono, who designed the flag. When such an historical event takes place, it is our duty as American citizens to ensure that our future generations keep these memories alive", added Loiacono.

About the Flag

The red background of the flag symbolizes the lost lives and bloodshed of our fellow Americans...past, present and future.

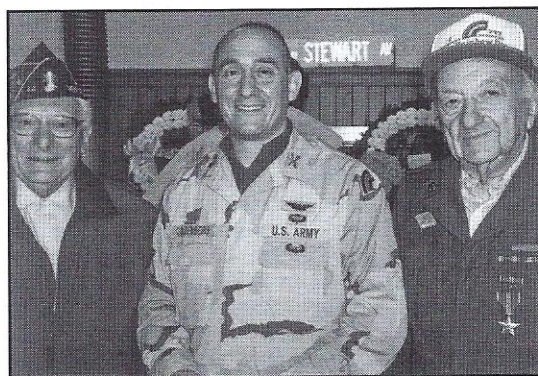
The pentagon and two rectangles represent three of the most recognized structures ever built on US soil. The twin towers may be out of our sight, but never out of our minds.

The stars symbolize the airplanes that were needlessly sacrificed on 9-11-01. The star outside the pentagon represents the plane that was diverted by the brave passengers, saving hundreds or thousands of lives.

The circle around the pentagon represents the unity that occurred after the tragedy. Instead of fear and helplessness, Americans united together to comfort grieving hearts and restore shattered dreams.

The "Never Forget" slogan was made especially for the 42nd Infantry Division.

Rainbow Monument Rededication Report



Maj. Richard Goldenberg, PAO Officer of the current 42nd Rainbow Division, shared memories with Jack Baker of the WWII Rainbow Division.

The event in Garden City went very well. We lucked out with the weather. (The very next day, it poured all day!) We had about 300 people, who started coming into the firehouse (former RR station) about 9 a.m. – even though we said we'd start at 9:30. The engines were taken out of the firehouse and we put tables all around, stocking them with literature, photos, and memorabilia (including a gas mask, helmet, mess kit, letters, medals and ribbons). We had a VCR and showed a tape of "The Fighting 69th" with Jimmy Cagney; we also played a collection of WWI patriotic and pop songs that I obtained from a terrific NJ dealer in historical audio who has a web site. Lots of people came wearing symbols of their service in WWII and Vietnam. We had "re-enactors" who dressed up as WWI doughboys and put on a display of life in the battlefield. A New York State senator and state assemblywoman attended and made some remarks, as did the mayor of Garden City. Others who spoke included Jim Jones, who read from his dad's diary; the grandson of poet Joey Kilmer, who read some poetry; a middle school girl who read her winning poem (which was dedicated to her principal, music teacher and uncle – all Rainbow Division vets), and Jim Zobel, archivist with the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, who drove up from Norfolk, VA. Keynote speech was given by Maj. Gen. Tom Garrett, in full dress uniform, who looked and sounded great. WNBC-TV and a local cable news station covered the event; the cable spot lasted about 3 min.; I didn't see anything on WNBC.

Wreaths were placed at the monument by the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation (Jack Baker); the Northeast Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation (Vincent Dwyer); Columbia University; the Great War Society; and (a surprise) the noted writer Nelson DeMille, a nationally known best-selling author who lives in Garden City and is a Vietnam vet. (Unfortunately, DeMille himself didn't attend.)

A local deli brought over seven baskets of pastries and fruit and a huge urn of coffee – enough for a hundred or so people, which was about the number we had at the firehouse before walking across the railroad tracks to the little park with the monument.

POURING RAIN, FREEZING SNOW

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Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, Scoot Around rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call their toll-free number at (888) 441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees. The hotel is located six miles east of downtown. It is near the junction of I-465 and I-70 East, Exit 89 on Shadeland Avenue.

Vendors, schedules, and prices are subject to change.

Eastern Region Chapter

At our reunion just held in October,

we had the largest attendance ever - 90 Rainbowers, spouses and friends. The next reunion is planned for May 11-13, 2005 at the beautiful Port-O-Call Hotel in Ocean City, N.J. All Rainbowers and families are welcome. For more information please call Harold Melinek, PNP at (908) 604-9181.

Veterans Day, Birmingham 2004

by Charles Fowler

The crowd was not quite as large as last year, but everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. On Tuesday evening, we had 27 at the Atrium Restaurant at the hotel. Wednesday morning started with our usual buffet breakfast at Shoney's. Then off to the Alabama Theater, where our congenial host Cecile Whitmire, owner of the theater and organist, entertained us for three quarters of an hour with a variety of selections on the Wurlitzer organ and a question and answer session. From there we went to the statue of Vulcan, high above Birmingham, and those who were brave enough (due to the high winds) to venture to the top of the statue, got to look out in all directions over the beautiful city. The next stop was the VA Hospital and the National Memorial to Mortimer Jordan, who was a company commander from the 167th Infantry killed in France, and to the men of the 167th. Then on to the 21st Street Viaduct or Bridge where we held our annual wreath laying ceremonies. We were piped up to the Memorial on the bridge by Bagpiper Kathleen Ryan, followed by the color guard from the 167th Theater Support Command, under the leadership of Master Sgt. Ed Nesmith, with our Rainbow members marching behind. Ernie Owen started with the Invocation, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" led by Tom Owen, and Linda Owen sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." A brief talk by Ted Simonson, Chairman of the RDVMF, followed by Esther Pierce, Auxiliary President, and a presentation by Charles Fowler on "What Is a Veteran?" The bagpiper then played "Amazing Grace," and Ted and Esther conducted the wreath laying ceremony, followed by "Taps" played by Staff Sgt. Wise and closing with the Benediction by Ernie Owen.

We made one more stop on the way back to the hotel, at the Peanut Factory, where most bought bags of hot roasted peanuts, but for some unknown reason, no one bought any boiled green peanuts. I wonder why? Back at the hospitality room, most enjoyed lunch that had been set out by Dodo Kallaher, and then relaxed before getting ready for the Peace Banquet that evening, where we had a total of 35. During the introduction of the head table and honored guests, Clarence Griffith, Tom Owen, Bill Shurtliff and Charles Fowler were announced for 10 consecutive years of attendance.

Thursday morning, Veterans Day, started with rain and the hospitality room opened early for those who wanted coffee, juice, muffins or doughnuts; before departing for the Memorial service at 9:00, then the Peace Luncheon at 11:00. When we left the Luncheon and got on the bus for the parade, the rain stopped and did not start again until we were back at the hotel, after the parade. The crowd was not as big as usual, but there was no lack of enthusiasm, including a lot of folks who said "thank you" as we passed by. We were also honored by being interviewed by Birmingham's Channel 13, about halfway through the parade. It was one of those that was shown immediately on TV as it was shot. We are getting recognized.

Those attending were Clarence Griffith, Dolores Kallaher and her sister Larene, Pete and Rose Pettus, Dee and Barbara Eberhart, Jim and Evelyn Schaefer, Doris Hildreth, Patti Hughes, Ted Simonson, Bill Shurtliff, Tom Owen, Paul and Darlene Jones, Esther and Richard Pierce, Leon Praytor, Betty Falter, Richard Praytor, Linda Fifash, Jackie Praytor, Judy Brasher, Shannon Brasher, Charlotte Ray, Charles Fowler, John Wallace and his son John, Wilber and Ruby Miller, Arturo Trevino and his son Arturo Jr. and grandson, and Ernie and Linda Owen.

The hospitality room just keeps getting bigger. Again Aleen Walker got her donations of cookies and potato chips that just never run out. John Wallace again did his excellent job of shopping for all the other goodies that make a great hospitality room, and Dodo did the shopping for breakfast on Veterans Day.

We want to express our sincere thanks to Aleen Walker and John Wallace for getting everything set up before we got there. To Dodo Kallaher and her assistant Charles Fowler for their job of running the hospitality room and to all who attended for being there. YOU make Birmingham what it is, a FUN time without any meetings.

Compensation for Former POW's

There are a number of presumptive illnesses (22) for which former POW's may receive compensation. Wren Bowyer is a volunteer (non-paid) National Service Officer who sent this message: "If you do not have 100% disability, you need to contact me because almost all ex-POW's are now rated at that level, which pays in excess of \$25,000 a year, tax-free. Widows whose husbands were receiving 100% compensation will receive about \$900 per month." If your husband was receiving less compensation or none at all, you may be eligible for compensation if he died of an illness relating to his POW experience. Contact the nearest VA hospital or contact Wren Bowyer at 4532 Cordoba Way, Oceanside, CA 92056. His phone is (760) 758-6811.

William Kingsbury

Continued from November Issue

At 2 p.m. the following day we were notified by our patrol that the Germans were falling back, and we were given orders to advance until the enemy showed strong resistance.

Going in, we lost men by shell fire, and all hands felt that there was going to be a "hot time" ahead. General Brown led us in person for a mile or so, and then returned to headquarters. We continued until dark, and then hunted out old Jerry foxholes to hide in. Anything is comfortable when the whizzbangs are whizzing by every minute or so.

The advance began again by daylight. We walked over open country through a rather heavy scattered artillery fire. We forded the river "Ourcq" at 9:30 a.m. and started to climb Hill 212 near "Serges." The second and fourth platoons of our Company went over the top of the hill first in advanced formation, with the first and third platoons a few yards behind. I was a member of the first platoon.

The Germans started a heavy artillery barrage and machine gun cross fire. We dug in on the top of the hill. The ground was very wet and muddy. I had lost my shovel, so I used the lid of my mess kit and made as much dirt fly as I could have done with a shovel at any other time. The enemy fire was so hot that we were forced to retreat, and dropped back about 100 yards to the shelter of a ditch that ran beside a road.

The road was cut into a side hill, and the ditch made a very good trench, the earth thrown up on the side made a good breast-work, or parapet.

Jerry counter-attacked at 1 p.m., and we made it good and hot for him. Our ammunition was low and we were given orders to shoot only when we saw one of the enemy. Our artillery had been out-distanced and we had to rely on our rifles, and survivors of a machine company, to meet the attack. The counter-attack lasted about 30 minutes, we held the ditch, and forced the Germans to retreat to their positions.

One man was killed and five men wounded in battle.

On the night of the 30th, we were delivered by the 4th Division, and dropped back to the reserve lines, about 4 miles. I fell in a wagon rut going back and had to have help to make the last half mile. We dug in near the heavy artillery to rest.

A battery of 6-inch naval rifles were in action across the road from us, about 50 yards away. We would just get to sleep when they would let go with a volley. All of the Big Bens made have nothing on the 6-inch rifle as an alarm clock.

An ammunition dump left behind by Jerry furnished us with kindling to keep

up fires, with wet wood, in the daytime. We were in the woods and the Germans couldn't see the smoke through the drizzling rain, but we had to do without fire at night.

German planes came over and dropped a few bombs, and their artillery kept up a scattered fire. A battalion of engineers near us lost several men by bombs.

We were ordered back to the front lines the night of August 4 to relieve the 4th Division. They had tried to take the hill and lost heavily. We took up our old positions and stayed for the night.

At 3 p.m. the following day our patrol reported that Jerry was preparing to retreat, so we were ordered to attack at once and help him along. I could not keep the pace so I had to keep going the best I could. I reported to another company commander and was attached to his company until I could locate my own. We stopped to dig in after dark and I managed to locate my own platoon and report to the commander.

We were again relieved by the 4th Division at midnight and started back. Ralph Holcomb of Fresno, California stayed with me and helped me along. It took us 9 hours to walk 8 miles. Holcomb found a shelter half and a blanket, so we made a bed on the wet ground and went to sleep. We woke up to the sound of "Come and get it!" at noon, and had a warm meal.

I was ordered back to the hospital two days later. I rode out on the fender of a GMC ambulance. There wasn't room inside.

After a few days the company was ordered back to a rest camp. There were 31 survivors of the 285 men who went into action on the Ourcq riverfront near Chateau-Therry.

The Rest Camp at Damblain

After we got back to the company and had a few nights' sleep and a meal, I reported for sick call, but the medical officer had a grouch on and just looked at my ankle and had a man put a little adhesive tape around it. I reported again the next day and he ordered me back to the hospital. I rode out on the fender of a GMC ambulance as there was no room inside.

When I got back to the hospital, which was in a large tent, the medical officer had the attendant put my ankle in a wire cast, and bind it tight. At first I couldn't walk on it, but I managed to hobble to my bed, which was a canvas cot. About 10 days later the hospital was about to move, so I was assigned to a K Company unit for the trip back to my G Company unit.

We marched about 3 miles through the devastated area, along the Marne River, to the railroad. We then traveled to Damblain, about 60 miles from Chaumont. I reported back to G Company.

We were quartered in good barracks, in a good town.

A few more survivors had reported for duty, so the whole company actually made up one platoon. We did a little drilling for exercise, and I managed to hobble along in formation.

The company received two detachments of replacement, totaling about 175 men. All of the veterans of our company were given a 48-hour pass. I went to "Dijon" with three of my buddies. Dijon was a city of about 300,000 people. We found a good cafe and a hotel where we slept in a feather bed. To be free for a few hours was quite a treat.

When we got back, I was transferred to a scout, or intelligence section. It was a unit that strung wires for field telephones, and did outpost duty, mostly at night.

The second battalion left Damblain the evening of September 5. Two nights of marching brought us to another town, known as St. Pole.

We stayed in a field for three days, living in pup tents. The entire battalion went through a slam battle in advance formation on the second afternoon.

Luther Riley of Ozark, Alabama was accidentally killed within a few feet of me on the same evening.

We swung packs the evening of the 9th, and marched toward the front by way of "Toul."

The Battle of St. Mihiel

We marched to the front, through "Schiesperay," and turned to the right, stopping about 2 miles from town. We knew that we were going to be part of another big offensive, but did not know what was ahead of us.

The barrage started at 1 a.m. and continued until daylight. We dropped our heavy packs, and carried our combat packs, and then marched over the top with the second wave. Our line of advance was to the right of "Mount Sec" and we continued to advance slowly, until sundown. Our losses were light.

The next morning we passed through the first wave and took the lead, advancing slowly and with great care. We gained our objective at noon, and started to dig trenches. The attacking forces had captured 15,000 prisoners, and many guns and loads of ammunitions.

I was selected for night duty on the listening post. Our post was on the edge of no-man's land, screened by brush. We could look into "Haumont," the German stronghold, in daylight. The men on duty by daylight started to dig a cave, which we finished at night. It gave good protection from shell fire and rain. It was raining every day as usual.

After establishing positions and digging trenches, the divisions on our right and left flanks withdrew, making it nec-

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essary to spread out, to cover the line held by them. Our headquarters were in a large chateau, or mansion. On one of the nights, the Germans let loose with a heavy barrage, and reduced the building to a pile of rubble. The building was rather close to our position, so all that we could do was watch it go down.

Part of the battalion made a daylight raid on Haumont, losing heavily. One of my buddies, Arthur Swenson, a South Dakota boy of our section, captured five Germans, with a pistol that he did not know how to shoot. He told his story to me after the raid. When he finished he handed the pistol to me with the remark, "Say, Bill! How the hell do you fire one of these things?"

The 83rd Brigade relieved us, and we dropped back into the reserve position. The next night, we marched back through the captured territory for 12 hours before camping for the night.

The Argonne Meuse Sector

The next night we were met again by the "Franco Viet Chinese" and the white trucks, and took another all-night ride.

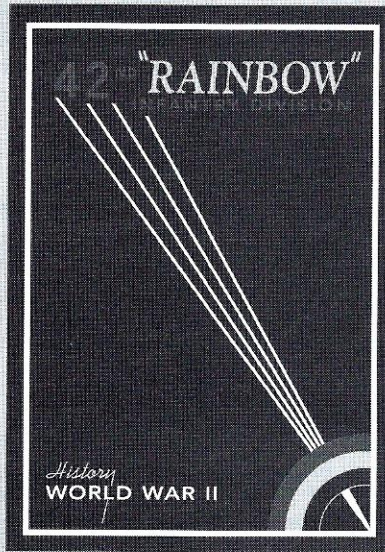
We arrived the next morning in a little town, about 60 miles from "Verdun." The battalion pitched camp a few miles from town. We stayed there several days. We swung packs one morning, started out again in the direction of Verdun, and marched all day. We pitched camp at night, and started out again the next morning, marching all day, keeping to the west of Verdun. We passed through what had been the front lines for a long time, and through recently captured territory. We met several large batches of prisoners coming out.

By looking about us, we realized just what the first wave of infantry that had made the hop-over had suffered in breaking the German lines. We marched through captured territory for several hours. Two detachments of German prisoners, about 500 in each, were being escorted back of the lines, by military police.

A halt to further orders was made about 10 miles from the front lines. The next day I saw two observation balloons shot down. I had seen many such battles on other fronts, so they were nothing new. I have seen German planes in the air, like flocks of big birds.

After two days we started toward the front again. We marched along the lines, keeping to the left for six hours. We stopped on a hillside protected from enemy fire and observation, and stayed there all of the next day. The next night we relieved the First Division in the front lines.

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The reason I am writing is the 42nd and its recent deployment to Iraq. Being the 42nd trained at nearby Fort Drum here in northern New York, the unit was officially sent off at the base in a special ceremony which included the governor of New York, George Pataki, and all the Adjutant Generals in the Northeast.

For the ceremony, Gerald and Marge were seated next to Maj. Gen. Lloyd Austin III, Commander of the famed 10th Mountain Division located here at Fort Drum. After the great ceremony, I was able to arrange a photo for Gerald and Marge with the governor of New York, George Pataki.

Since the Eatons and possibly Russ Lynch, who lives next to the base and was with the 232nd I believe, they were the only WWII Rainbow vets there to send off the Division to its first combat since WWII (I think this is accurate).

Since they would never do it, I was wondering if the picture of the governor and the Eatons along with a story on their attendance at this great event could be published in the Reveille at some point. Thank you for your timely response. I greatly appreciate your help.

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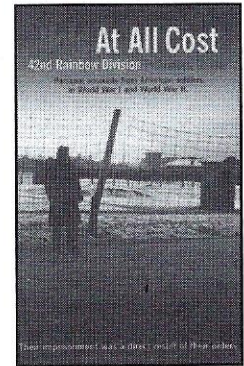
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