



**HEADQUARTERS 42D DIVISION  
American Expeditionary Forces  
GERMANY, 2 April 1919  
GENERAL ORDER No. 21-A**

*As the Rainbow Division has reached the closing days of its military service, the Commanding General desires to recite in orders the salient features of the service of the 165<sup>th</sup> Infantry.*

After a hard, intensive period of training in FRANCE, the 165<sup>th</sup> Infantry, as a unit of the 42d Division, helped to hold the LUNEVILLE Sector and later the BACCARAT Sector.

Its next scene of operation was in the vicinity of CHALONS, where it was utilized to stop the great German offensive of July 15<sup>th</sup>. There, with two battalions in the front line and the remainder of the Regiment on the second position, it performed its duties in a manner which called forth the praise and admiration of the French veterans, and as a part of the magnificent army of General Gouraud broke the German attack, thus helping to make possible the great Allied offensive which finally brought the war to its close.

As soon as it was definitely known that the enemy's attack had been completely stopped the Regiment was withdrawn, immediately moved to the west and thrown into the CHATEAU-THIERRY operation. There, in conjunction with the other units of the Division, it forged forward fifteen kilometers, overcoming the difficult strong point of MEURCY FARM in its advance.

Upon relief by fresh troops on its position along the VESLE, it was moved into the BOURMONT Area, but almost immediately was directed to proceed from this area by night marches to take up position for attack in the ST. MIHIEL Operation. There it progressed rapidly, overcoming all resistance and reaching its objective many hours before the time limit prescribed.

The next operation was the attack in the ARGONNE. Here the 165<sup>th</sup> Infantry was subjected to heavy frontal and flank fire, but held its position and delivered several vicious attacks against the strong points of ST. GEORGES and LANDRES-et-ST. GEORGES.

After assisting by fire action units of a fresh division, which came through the 42d Division for the attack of November 1<sup>st</sup>, the 165<sup>th</sup> Infantry was withdrawn and moved up on the left flank of the entire American Army. Again it pressed forward, and on November 8<sup>th</sup> the day before the relief of the Division in the front line, one of the regimental patrols had penetrated WADELINCOURT, a suburb of SEDAN, and thus reached nearer to that historic city than any other unit of the Allied troops.

Immediately after withdrawal from the ARGONNE Operation, the Regiment started on the march towards the RHINE, following on the heels of the retreating Germans as a unit of the American Army of Occupation.

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE APRIL 2016

RDVF Family, hope you are all doing well. A few weeks ago the Board of Trustees voted to void the term Chapter from the bylaws. As you know, when the National Association was active it was appropriate to have Chapters since the organization was fraternal in nature. This changed, however, when the Association dissolved and transferred its resources to the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation, a non-for profit charity (see the website and select About RDVF tab and read the history on how the Foundation was established). As a charity it is inappropriate to have chapters since the purpose of each is not mutually supporting. What the board voted to do is establish Affiliations in lieu of Chapters. Affiliated organizations are those that support the RDVF Charitable causes through donations or services. In return the RDVF will advertise the Affiliated organization on its website and allow them to represent the Foundation at certain official functions or ceremonies. What this amounts to for our existing Chapters is a name change only. Instead of calling themselves a Chapter they can refer to themselves as an Association or other fraternal term. You will see this all posted on the website in the near future.



On another note those wishing to sponsor a qualified student for the 2016 Scholarship Program should start putting their applications together. Instructions are on the website.

Finally we are going to have our 2016 Annual Board Meeting and Awards Banquet in the Albany, NY area 9-11 September. There will be a Reunion Cocktail Party Friday evening Sep 9<sup>th</sup> at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division Hq's All Ranks Club in the Glenmore Rd Armory! Details on the entire weekend will be posted soon on the website. Plan on seeing you there. **RAINBOW, NEVER FORGET! Joe Taluto, RDVF Chairman**

*The 165<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry, the offspring of the old 69<sup>th</sup> New York, carries still the colors of the latter, and the staff is ringed with silver bands from end to end, recording the battles of the Regiment in previous campaigns. It can now add with honest pride in noble achievement its many victories of the present war.*

By command of Major General Flagler:

WM. N. HUGHES, JR.  
Colonel, General Staff,  
Chief of Staff

**GARDEN CITY, NY** – On a rainy November 10, 2015 New York Army National Guard Major Ian Seagriff and Staff Sergeant Justin Wolcott presented a memorial wreath on behalf of the New York Army National Guard's 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division at the World War I Veterans Memorial located on Long Island, (Nassau County) to honor the service of past 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Soldiers for Veterans' Day. Photo/caption by CPT Mark Gettman NY Guard

Bob Anderson, Secretary, Downstate Chapter, 42d Infantry Rainbow Division Association added, "Photo left to right, William Vorlicek, Col., Ret., Major Ian Seagriff, SSG Justin Wolcott, Robert Anderson, Col., Ret. On a rainy day with no other attendees present, Major Seagriff and SSG Wolcott, both members of the 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, represented the active Division and Bill Vorlicek and Bob Anderson represented the 42d Infantry Rainbow Division Association and the RDVF."



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## CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

RDVA Chaplain Raymond H. Willemssen, F/222 Infantry, 42<sup>nd</sup> "Rainbow" Division

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**Almighty God,** You have provided us a good land for our heritage. We pray that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our Nation with honest industry and sound learning. Save us from violence, discord, pride, arrogance and every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people, the many brought here out of oppression and lost hope. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those who, in Your name, we entrust with the authority of government, that there may be justice with peace at home; and that, through obedience to Your law, we may encourage all nations to grant civil liberties to their people. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness and, in the days of trouble, trust You to be our help. Praise be to You, our God and Redeemer. **Amen**



**New York Army National Guard Soldiers from 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment** once again led the country's largest **St. Patrick's Day parade** in New York March 17. After leading the parade the unit took a special subway train back to its Lexington Avenue armory, where a



change of command ceremony was conducted, and soldiers were recognized for their long and faithful service to the "Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>"

(U.S. Army photos/caption are by Sgt. Alexander Rector)

These photos and others taken on 17 March 2016 can be viewed here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nyng/25845270146/in/album-72157665879505962/>

## 29 APRIL 1945 - REMEMBERING DACHAU THROUGH THE RAINBOW

This month, the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp by elements of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry "Rainbow" Division, we look back through 42<sup>nd</sup> Division official reports to follow the last steps of their trail to Dachau and Munich.



*Photo - from US Holocaust Memorial Museum*

*View of the Dachau Concentration Camp after liberation 29 April 1945*



**This text is from the document, "Headquarters 42D Infantry Division/Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3:**

**OPERATIONS OF 42D INFANTRY DIVISION**

**1 APRIL 1945 -- 30 APRIL 1945**

**VI CAPTURE OF MUNICH**

On 27 April, the 20<sup>th</sup> Armored Division was directed by XV Corps to assemble north of DONAUWORTH, and be prepared to cross the DANUBE River on order, pass through the 42d and 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisions, and continue the attack to the south toward MUNICH. The 42d Infantry Division was directed to follow the armor closely with one RCT motorized using organic transportation.

The 222d Inf continued the attack to the south early 28 April. The 2d Bn received strong resistance in the vicinity of (Y408992) in the form of a defended road block. This resistance was broken after stiff fighting, and the 2d Bn pushed on for 1 mile. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn encountered light resistance on the right in the Division zone and pushed 1 mile south of the Corps Bridgehead and consolidated the position. The 232d Infantry began moving to an assembly area at 0001B. The regiment closed in the area at 1030B with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn located at (T4104), 2d Bn (T3803) and the 3d Bn (T3706). The 242d Infantry moved to the south and closed in an assembly area at 1030B, with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn at (T3801), 2d Bn (T3400) and 3d Bn (T3400).

The 27<sup>th</sup> Tk Bn was relieved of attachment to the 42d Infantry Division and reverted to control of the 20<sup>th</sup> Armored Division on 28 April. The 42d Infantry Division cleared passages for the 20<sup>th</sup> Armored Division early 28 April. The armor passed through the Division, and continued the attack to the south toward MUNICH. The 42d Infantry Division CP moved to UNTER BARR (T375043).

On 29 April, the 42d Infantry Division was directed to continue the advance, along with the 3d and 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisions, and capture MUNICH. The Rainbow was given a zone to include the center of the city, while the 45<sup>th</sup> Division zone included the north outskirts, and the 3d Division zone included the south outskirts. The 20<sup>th</sup> Armored Division was directed to continue the attack to the railroad running north and south on the western outskirts of the city.

Since all major roads in the Division zone were being used by armor, the 42d Infantry Division had to use secondary roads in the rapid advance on MUNICH.

At 0500B, 29 April, combat team attachments were in effect. RCT 222 conducted reconnaissance of the roads in the left half of the Division zone, and at 0635B, the 2d Bn, motorized, began movement to the south toward MUNICH. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn followed the 2d Bn and the 3d Bn moved through the regimental zone and cleaned up by-passed enemy resistance. Movement progressed very rapidly and the 2d Bn reached DACHAU (Y7469) at 1300B. After enemy resistance was broken the 2d Bn entered DACHAU and captured the famous concentration camp which contained approximately 32,000 political prisoners. The inhuman sights that were seen there cannot be adequately described. Thousands of dead bodies were found, in boxcars, the

incinerators for burning the bodies were still operating, and thousands of inmates were walking around on skeleton legs. Co E, 2d Bn, 222d Inf, forced a crossing of the AMPER River, moved ahead for 5 miles, and sent out patrols which entered the outskirts of MUNICH. RCT 242 also moved to the south on secondary roads. The 3d Bn, motorized, began movement to the south toward MUNICH at 0530B. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn followed the 3d Bn. Movement was very rapid, and the 3d Bn reached the AMPER River at 1600B. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn closed in an area along the AMPER River and one (1) company was sent across the river in the vicinity (Y685655) to secure a bridge site. The 2d Bn cleared the 242d Infantry zone of by-passed enemy resistance. The regiment moved over 30 miles during the day. RCT 232 attacked at 1300B, following CCA, 20<sup>th</sup> Armored Division. Movement was very rapid and the RCT closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of (Y7368) at 2400B, and was designated as XV Corps Reserve. The 27<sup>th</sup> Tk Bn was attached to the 42d Infantry Division. The Division CP displaced to ROSSBACH (Y5775).

**Once Munich was reached, entry into the city met almost no resistance. Thousands of Allied PWs and slave laborers cheered troops and German soldiers were ready to quit. Here, tank destroyers loaded with infantry roar into the city while prisoners march out. Photo/caption from 42<sup>nd</sup> Division WWII Combat History (1946) written by Lt. Hugh C. Daly**



Blown bridges as well as a large amount of armor on the roads held up the advance of the Division. The 1109<sup>th</sup> Engr (Y685655) early 30 April. The 20<sup>th</sup> Armored Division was directed by XV Corps to halt in place, clear the roads, and allow the 42d Infantry Division to pass.

The 222d Infantry attacked at 1100B, 30 April, with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn on the right, 2d Bn on the left, and the 3d Bn in Reserve. The advance progressed rapidly, and in a short time troops were in the center of MUNICH. The 2d Bn was first to reach the ISAR River and all bridges in the Regimental zone were captured intact. Small units were sent across the River to the eastern side of MUNICH to secure the bridges. The 242d Infantry attacked at 1200B with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn on the right, 3d Bn on the left, and the 2d Bn in Reserve. The attack moved very rapidly and elements entered MUNICH in a short time. The attack continued and the 2d Bn moved down to the autobahn and crossed the ISAR River in the center of MUNICH. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2d Bns reached the ISAR River and all bridges were captured intact.

*The 232d Infantry remained in XV Corps Reserve and moved to an assembly area vicinity (Y753620).  
The Division CP moved to OBER MENZING (Y7659).*

## LONG JOURNEY HOME

By Kathleen Hoskinson Hemard,  
daughter of a WWII Rainbow Division veteran

**ROBERT HOSKINSON, Company G, 232nd Infantry, 42nd Rainbow Division.** Captured Jan 6, 1945 in Offendorf, France; arrived at Stalag XIII-C in Hammelburg on January 24; on March 31st, the POWs were evacuated and joined the “German Death March” to southern Germany; he and the others arrived at Stalag VII-A in Moosburg around April 26th. On April 29th, the 14th Armored liberated the stalag. “At first, the new state of affairs at Stalag VII-A brought little change. In the early afternoon of the day of our liberation an American artillery unit set up a field nearby and for several hours we could hear ear-splitting muzzle explosions of heavy, dolly-mounted, mobile 155mm ‘Long Tom’ artillery pieces firing on distant targets. Meanwhile, liberated kriegies were pouring through the fences of the camp and roaming the Bavarian countryside around Moosburg ‘liberating’ stocks of food, spirits, and souvenirs.” (Excerpt from MOOSBURG Online, STALAG VII-A: Oral History by Frank D. Murphy “The Liberation of Moosburg”)



I grew up seeing a beautiful Stein on top of our refrigerator. When I got older and taller, I was able to pick it up and look at it more closely. I told my dad how much I loved the Stein and asked him where it came from. He told me he acquired it in Germany and that he always regretted doing that.

When my father passed away in 2007, my sisters sent me all of my dad's military

items and the Stein. I put the Stein on a shelf where I could see it every day.

With the military papers I received, I researched my dad's military history. I remember reading a post on a WWII forum from a daughter of a Rainbow veteran asking about a battle in Offendorf. I found out my dad was also captured in Offendorf, sent to Stalag XIII-C in Hammelburg, then marched to Stalag VII-A in Moosburg. After reading “Hold at All Cost/42nd Rainbow Division Prisoners of War”, I realized the post I read months earlier was from Robin, Wayne Heuer's daughter.

On the back of one of my dad's papers was a short narrative he wrote on the Offendorf battle. When I wrote about the battle in the “A Village Called Offendorf” article for the August 2012 *Rainbow Trail*, the history newsletter for the families and descendants of Rainbow Division veterans, I remembered Robin's post and I included every name my dad mentioned. I hoped that one of the names mentioned might help her and anyone else learn where their loved one was during that battle.

In “Hold at All Cost”, it was moving to read that a French man who returned to his residence after the war found Earl Rivers' possessions, including a letter from his sister. The French man sent the sister a letter and arranged to return the valuable items to her. I've read of similar stories of personal belongings or even just dog tags being found and efforts made to return those items to the family.

I enjoy watching the TV show “Pawn Stars” but it bothers me to see family members pawn a military item or diary instead of sharing the information or sending it to a museum. While looking at the Stein and thinking of its history, I didn't want it to be sold or thrown away. I also thought about my dad saying it bothered him that he took it.

I decided to try to return the Stein to the rightful owner. I told my sisters of the plan to return the Stein and they fully supported me. With all of the marching from Offendorf to



Hammelburg then to Moosburg, it seemed likely that Dad would have gotten the undamaged Stein when he was liberated in Moosburg. Fortunately, there was a name engraved on the pewter lid.

After about an hour of trying to find a 1945 Moosburg directory, I figured it would be impossible to find the original owner or a descendant of the Stein. I decided to send an e-mail to the Moosburg museum, saying my dad found it, probably in Moosburg, and that the Stein belonged to a “C” or “F” Krönner and asked if they would like to have it for their museum.

Before getting a response from the museum, I was wondering where else I could send it. So I was happy to learn the museum would be glad to accept it. I was then torn. What if it could be proven that the Stein belonged to a descendant since I had already donated it to the museum?

I got an e-mail from Wilhelm Ellböck, archivist for the museum. He wrote that there was a Franz Krönner who was the mayor of Moosburg from 1842 to 1847 and owned a café there. Most of his male descendants were called Franz, including one of his best friends. He was excited to receive the Stein and looked forward to showing it to his friend. He went on to say “What a great surprise!”

While waiting for the Stein to arrive, I sent Mr. Ellböck a German document my dad got while at Stalag XIII-C. He translated the document for me and wrote that “every piece of information helps us as well, in order to preserve the memory of all people. Here at the Archives of the city of Moosburg we try to gather as much information as possible on the subject of Stalag VII-A. We try to pass this information on to everyone who wants to know. I'm in touch with people of all ages from all over the world.”



Mr. Ellböck e-mailed a 34-page PDF report "The City & The Camp - Stalag VII-A" that contains interesting information. He also sent me 2 German articles. One article, entitled "Alles was Moosburg Ist", which included pictures from inside the museum. The 2<sup>nd</sup> article was "Hüter der Historie" that focuses on Mr. Ellböck. The title of the article translates: Guardian of History.<sup>1</sup>

When the Stein finally arrived at the Moosburg Heimatmuseum, Franz Schreyer, the descendant, went to the



museum to look at it. When he saw it, he smiled and said it was clearly one from his family and was probably in the café the family used to own. Mr. Ellböck e-mailed these **photos of the café and Weinstüberl**, where the Stein was probably located.

Mr. Bernhard Kerscher, the director of the museum, said the Stein was a wonderful example of old Steins. It was a great relief to read that Mr. Schreyer decided to donate the Stein to the museum so the public can see it from now on. The Stein is displayed at the museum from now on.

Thankfully, Mr. Ellböck had a picture taken so I could share in the event. I feel so

blessed that my e-mail was forwarded to him. He is truly a guardian of history.

**Wilhelm Ellböck (holding a picture of Franz Krönner), Mr. Kerscher, and Mr. Schreyer, donating the Stein to the museum**



When I started this journey, I had little hope of returning the Stein to its rightful owner. I was ecstatic to see the Stein was finally home after 70 years. I was surprised at how happy and

relieved I was. My sisters were equally surprised at how happy they were. We all could envision my father looking down on us and smiling.

I had inherited two small items my dad had: a WWII German Army uniform Oberschütz patch and a silver **German Mutterkreuz**. I wondered if he might have gotten these items in Moosburg.



Since I had no emotional attachment to these items, I put them inside the Stein. Mr. Ellböck said the silver cross was given to mothers with 6 or 7 children. The Gold was given to mothers with 8 or more children. Bronze was given to mothers with 4 or 5 children. He said that these items will make a great addition to their museum.

I've learned there are a lot of unanswered questions out there still over my journey. I looked up a POW's name listed in my dad's Duty Roster and found it on the POW Listing 275<sup>th</sup> Infantry on the 70<sup>th</sup> ID Association website. In scrolling through the list, I saw this listing: "HUMBLE, Howard, PFC, Died – Case Under Investigation." His son said that his father disappeared after his camp was liberated by the Soviets. The United States and Russian governments continue to investigate PFC Humble's case, while his family continues to hope he will be located and brought home where he belongs.

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, there are more than 73,000 Americans unaccounted for from WWII. A WWII forum reported that approximately 6,000 – 7,000 American POWs went from Nazi prison camps to the Gulags, including some of the Rainbowmen.

If you have any document or diary, please share them with a suitable divisional organization. There may be a name or place mentioned that will help someone track down where their loved one was, is, or could be. Maybe you can help bring someone home. If you have any item that was acquired, try to return it to the rightful owner or a reputable museum. It is a very rewarding experience for you and the person or community receiving it.

<sup>1</sup>I can e-mail any of these items to anyone interested in receiving them: [hemard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hemard@sbcglobal.net)  
Mr. Ellböck e-mailed some useful links:

E-Mail: [wilhelm.ellboeck@moosburg.de](mailto:wilhelm.ellboeck@moosburg.de)

<http://www.moosburg.de>

Liberation of Moosburg:

<http://www.moosburg.org/info/stalag/14theng.html>

Moosburg Online main home page for Stalag VII-A:

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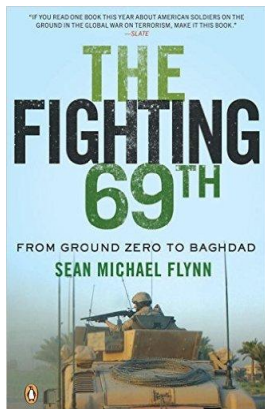
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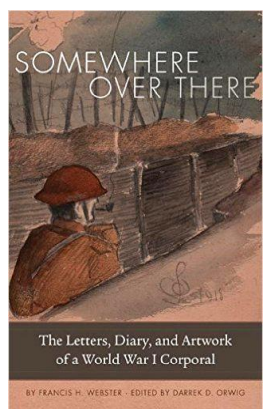
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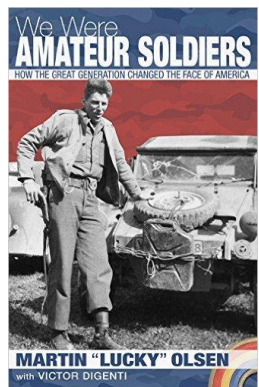
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to order the book to judge by yourself.

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From RDVF Historian, Patrick Chaisson: What happens when a low-priority outfit of the "strategic reserve" is suddenly thrust into the forefront of America's Global War on Terror? This is the story LTC Sean Michael Flynn tells in **"The Fighting 69th: One Remarkable National Guard Unit's Journey from Ground Zero to Baghdad"**. The author, currently the Battalion Commander of 1-69 Infantry, served with that unit when the towers fell on September 11th, 2001, and recounts how this famous combat unit struggled to ready itself for harrowing combat duty in Iraq from 2003-2004. Then a part of the

From WWI Centennial Commissioner and President, Board of Directors, Croix Rouge Farm Memorial Foundation, Monique B. Seefried: This book, **"Somewhere Over There/The Letters, Diary, and Artwork of a World War I Corporal"**, has just been published on Google Play. It is wonderful. Webster was an embedded artist correspondent in Des Moines. He died during the fight to capture the Côte de Châtillon. He was in the 168th (3rd Iowa) in the Rainbow Division. His work is priceless and deserves to be known. Some of his cartoons are hilarious. You may want

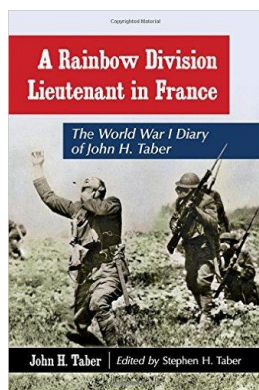
FROM WWII Veteran Martin Olsen, I/222, author

**"We Were Amateur Soldiers/How The Greatest Generation Changed the Face of America"**

<http://jacksonville.com/community/shorelines/2016-03-05/story/wwii-vets-book-honors-entire-greatest-generation>

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**"A Rainbow Division Lieutenant In France/The World War I Diary of John H. Taber" (168th Regiment – 3rd Iowa)**

Stephen H. Taber

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## Leading the Way in Education

By Patrick J. Chaisson, RDVF Historian

On July 12 2012, the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation (RDVF) formalized an academic partnership with Excelsior College of Albany, NY. This agreement means RDVF members, veterans and supporters are now eligible to receive reduced tuition and fees for any of Excelsior's undergraduate degree programs. It is a valuable benefit, and one very much in keeping with the Foundation's commitment to education.

The 42nd Division veterans who returned home from World War One vowed they would never allow such a terrible conflict to ever reoccur. These men firmly believed that well-educated leaders were necessary to combat the ignorance which brought on that horrible war. Knowledge, then, has always been a priority for the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation and its precursor organizations.

At first, scholarship efforts centered on helping individual 42nd Division veterans receive a college education. Over time the program's emphasis has evolved in terms of eligibility and scope, but its focus remains "creating an enduring commitment to world-wide understanding, permanent peace, and respect for the rights of individuals in all nations."

Today, the RDVF Scholarship Program offers awards to eligible applicants totaling some \$20,000 per year. Interested students can learn more by visiting

<http://www.rainbowvets.org/rdvf-scholarships>.

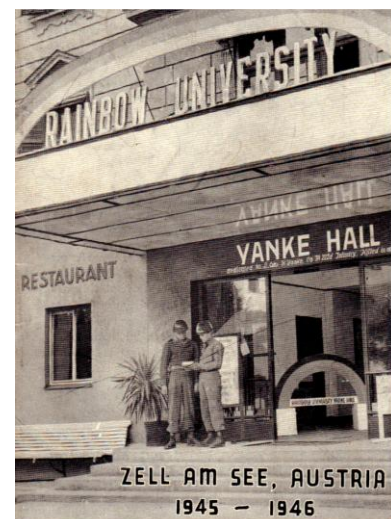
While many young people have benefited from these scholarship opportunities, the world remains a troubled place. From 1941-1945 a new generation of "Rainbowmen" fought tyranny just as their fathers did in the First World War. The Liberators of Dachau all witnessed ignorance at its most evil – knowledge, they saw, was the answer to Hitler's "final solution".

During Occupation Duty in postwar Austria, 42nd Infantry Division Commanding General Harry J. Collins formed "Rainbow University" in the resort town of Zell am See. Some 2,792 soldiers enrolled in 25 courses of study there, with 600 men earning degrees in such disciplines as biology, electronics and literature.



For its part, the 222nd Infantry Regiment Glee Club conducted a music school housed at the Vienna Concert House. Other Rainbowmen studied with Europe's finest classical musicians in Salzburg. A select few students even traveled to such

schools as the Sorbonne in Paris, England's Oxford University and other educational institutions during their time in service with the 42nd Infantry Division.





Many Rainbow veterans took advantage of Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the G.I. Bill. Some 2.2 million former servicemembers took advantage of educational benefits, home loans and unemployment insurance through this program during the ten years following World War II. Many historians credit the G.I. Bill with fueling America's economic growth for decades.

For 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division veterans called to combat duty after September 11, 2001, the "Post-9/11 G.I. Bill" is a popular benefits package. Even those who never saw wartime service may be eligible for a variety of state, local and private scholastic opportunities such as the New York National Guard's Recruitment Incentive & Retention Program (<http://dmna.ny.gov/education/?id=rirp>). Though policies and procedures may change, there remain numerous educational options open for veterans, their families and descendants.

The Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation has long devoted itself toward the cause of furthering knowledge among those who protect and serve our nation. Since the 1920s, scholarship awards (many given in the name of distinguished RDVF members) and academic partnerships have helped many students earn

the educational credentials necessary for success in their chosen careers. It may be the Rainbow's most enduring legacy.

For more information on the RDVF/Excelsior College partnership, visit <http://www.rainbowvets.org/excelsior-college-partnership>

**Photo 1:** Rainbow University (Yanke Hall) Grandhotel Zell am See, Austria 1945 (cover from 1945 Rainbow Division booklet)

**Photo 2:** 222<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Glee Club, Vienna Concert House 1945/46 (Photo courtesy USAEUR)

**Photo 3:** Ms. Rachel Andonie, a 2014 RDVF scholarship recipient, is flanked by RDVF President Joe Taluto (left) and RDVF Scholarship Committee Chair Mike Kelly (photo RDVF)

## REMEMBER RAINBOW –

**A Letter to the Editor from Lt. Col, Ret. Donald Schaetzel, C/222, 42<sup>nd</sup> Division**  
**First printed in the September 1991 REVEILLE**



"Last month on a raft trip down the Colorado River, through the Grand Canyon, our group included five gentlemen from Köln, Germany. After talking to them for a while, someone asked if I had ever been to Germany. My answer was that I had been with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division. One of the men, KURT HARBODT, spoke up and said, "You mean the Rainbow Division? I have been looking for someone from the Rainbow for over 40 years, and you are the first one I have found. I owe an awful lot to the Rainbow Division, even maybe my life."

Kurt went on to tell me the story and why his devotion and gratitude to the Rainbow still remains strong. Kurt was fifteen years old and was held in a French prisoner of war camp. He said: "The French didn't want me so they sent me to an

American POW camp. The Americans said, "You shouldn't be in a POW camp. We are sending you home to Kitzbühl. When I got to Kitzbühl, my father and mother were no longer there, and I couldn't find them. One day an American officer asked me if I was hungry. As I hadn't had any food for several days, I hopefully answered that I was. To this day I have never tasted any food that good. After hearing my problem, they (I don't remember their names, for which I am sorry) said they would take care of me, but I would have to be willing to work. For American food I would do anything they asked. For the next two months, I worked in the Officer's Mess and lived with the G.I.'s. The one I remember the best was in the Division band. He was a drummer first row left, and he played drums in the band at the "Alles Kaputt" club. We mess boys called him Abraham. I sure would like to see him again. After two months they located my parents. When members of the band took me to the station to go to my parents, I had a hard time deciding whether to stay with the men I admired and who had taken me in as if I were their son, or should I go back to my parents where I really knew I should go. That first step onto the train was a hard, hard one to take."

Kurt is an extremely fine man. He is an executive of two large companies in Europe. Many times each day on our raft trip he would look at me with a big smile and say "Rainbow." It was obvious that the men at Division HQ had a great impact on his life. One day he asked, "Where is General Collins now? When I replied, he said, "I'll have to go to Salzburg and visit his grave."

The oddity of it all is that our meeting took place at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

*Donald E. Schaetzel Co. C 222<sup>nd</sup> Inf.*



Kurt Harbodt

***Donald Eugene Schaetzel, Lt. Col. Ret., passed Over The Rainbow at the age of 93 on January 28, 2016. Services will be held at 200 pm on June 30th at Fort Snelling National Cemetery where he will be interred with his wife.***

**The grave of General and Mrs. Collins is in the cemetery of the Abbey of St. Peter, Salzburg, Austria (photo right). Photos – Donald Schaetzel in Occupation Austria (sent by his son, William); Kurt Harbodt (from 1991 Reveille)**



## RAINBOW REUNIONS Spring 2016

*(still stretching across our great country like a RAINBOW!)*

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For further information please contact Reunion Coordinator, Harold Melinek (848) 459-9570

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For further information, please contact Frank Burns, President, Pac/NW Chapter RDVF  
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**WWII RAINBOW MEMORIAL LIST FOR  
DEATHS REPORTED SINCE JANUARY 2016**

BARTHEL, Laurence Joseph,	K/242 Infantry
BROPHY, Walter	E/222 Infantry
BURNETT, Lloyd J.	E/232 Infantry
CASEY, Eugene F.	C/242 Infantry
CONLEY, Carl C.	unit not reported
DE LEON, Joe A.	B/242 Infantry
DIXON, Robert C.	M/222 Infantry
DOBERDRUK, Alfred P.	A/232 Infantry
EDMUNDS, Marvin E.	H3B/232 Infantry
EVERMANN, Henry J. "Bud"	C/222 Infantry
FAIRCHILD, John T.	H3B/232; C/242 Infantry
HORTON, Robert E.	G/232 Infantry
LAPP, Robert W.	L/232 Infantry
MCKINNEY, Eugene Jr.	Svc Btry/392 Artillery
MUTCHLER, Calvin K.	Btry A/542 Artillery
NEEL, Burchard Jr.	HQ/222 Infantry
PRITCHETT, William G. "Dub"	I&A/242 Infantry
SCHAETZEL, Donald E.	C/222 Infantry
STEPHENSON, Waverly C.	H/232 Infantry
STRUMBLY, Ernest M.	142 Eng. Combat Bn
SULLIVAN, Arthur J.	HQ Btry/542 Artillery
SVIHLA, Charles L.	I/222 Infantry
TEDESCO, Frank R.	unit not reported

**NATIONAL RAINBOW AUXILIARY DEATHS**



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**Marguerite C. Snapp**, wife of Harvey Snapp, HQ/242  
**Dorothy Jean Burns**, wife of Frank Burns, I/242

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**NOTICE OF RDVF CHAPTER NAME CHANGE**

In keeping with the recent RDVF Board of Trustees' decision to replace *Chapters* with *Affiliations*, henceforth, the RDVF Millennium Chapter (for families and descendants of Rainbow Division Veterans) will be known as

*The Millennium Legacy Association  
 of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry "Rainbow" Division*

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