

THE RAINBOW REVEILLE

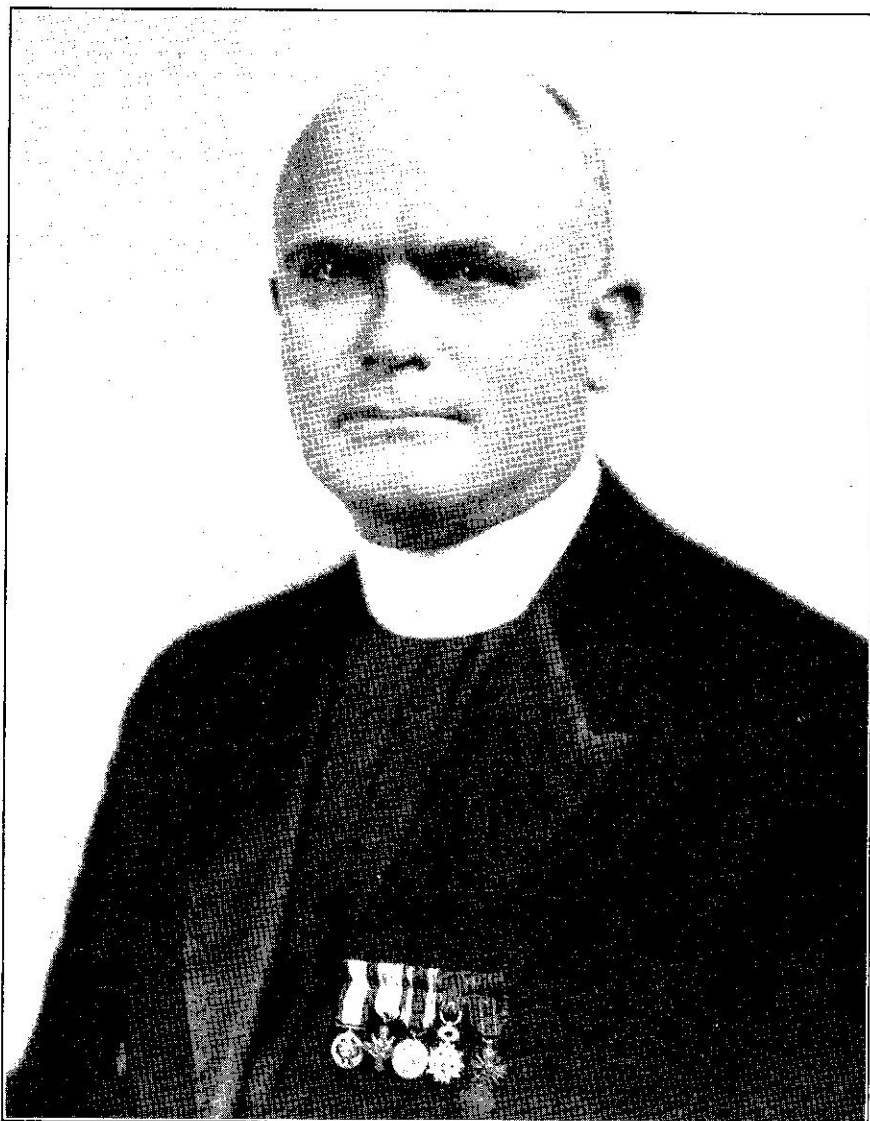


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FATHER FRANCIS P. DUFFY

Best loved figure in the Rainbow Division

Father Duffy



THE 165th Infantry of the Rainbow Division carried on the distinguished traditions of the old 69th New York, and regardless of changes in personnel, from Colonels in the regular Army to Indian Soldiers of the Plains, still remained determinedly distinct as a very human New York City organization.

Father Duffy was, and still is, thank heaven, the heart and soul of the Regiment, and I might add, the funny-bone as well. During the whole of that great spring and summer of 1918 he was not only at my right hand for effective advice and ever present help in time of stress and strain, but more often he was at the front; not only as a priest, but handling all of the intangible things which go to make up the fighting morale of a regiment.

In Champagne and on the Ourcq he was everywhere, night and day, bringing comfort and cheer. Not one of us will ever forget his conducting services as we marched off of the battlefield of the Ourcq, when he arranged an effective altar on a broken-down German regimental wagon in the open field near the Croix Rouge Farm. With the Regiment massed around him, he stirred them so by his fighting address that they marched off to Chateau Thierry in such proud array that both the Division Commander and the French Army Commander, who reviewed them while en route, praised the Regiment, saying that the Regiment looked as though it were marching into a fight instead of away from one.

Father Duffy knew every man in the Regiment by his first name, and not only during the war, but since, he has kept us all in touch. Personally he looked after every man who needed help in the hospital since the war. He has kept alive that pride which we all have in belonging to the finest Regiment in the Army.

Once again I say he is the heart and soul of the Regiment—and the funny-bone still.

FRANK R. McCOY,
Brigadier General, U. S. A.

Rainbow Heroes Decorated with D. S. C.

The Distinguished Service Cross, emblem of valor and heroism on the field of battle, under the United States flag, was awarded Col. Dallas Smith and Capt. F. L. Wyatt, of Birmingham, at an impressive military ceremony at Maxwell Field recently.

Maj. Walter Weaver, commandant of Maxwell Field, read the War Department citations concerning the history of the distinguished service these two heroes of the old fighting 167th Alabama rendered on the battlefields of France and following this, pinned the coveted insignia of heroism on the breasts of the recipients. A number of officers who served with Col. Smith and Capt. Wyatt in the Alabama regiment looked on with pride as their old buddies received the award that enrolls them in the ranks of men who have rose to great heights in the service of their country.

Following the presentation of the crosses, six Maxwell Field planes took to the air and after short maneuvers in battle formation, dipped gracefully over the heads of the two honored men, the military salute of the aviation corps.

At night Maj. Everett Jackson entertained at dinner in honor of his wartime buddies and a delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

The following were the official War Department citations read by Maj. Weaver before the presentation of the crosses:

"Dallas B. Smith, formerly Lieutenant-Colonel, then Major, 167th Infantry, 42nd Division, A.E.F. For extraordinary heroism in action at La Croix Rouge Farm, near Neuvarde, France, July 28, 1919. After his battalion had been engaged against the enemy for about two hours and had suffered heavy casualties, in order to accomplish his mission, Maj. Smith, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, placed himself at the head of his battalion and led it in charge against the enemy through heavy hostile machine gun and artillery fire. During the charge, Maj. Smith was severely wounded but continued to lead his battalion until his objective was reached. His undaunted courage greatly inspired the men of his company, raising their morale to a high degree."

"Frederick L. Wyatt, captain, Infantry Reserve, then captain 167th Infantry, 42nd Division, A.E.F. For extraordinary heroism in action at the Oureq River, near Sergy, France, July 28, 1918. Capt Wyatt led his company across the Oureq River, under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire,

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Col. Dallas B. Smith and Capt. F. L. Wyatt (167th Alabama Infantry) receiving their D. S. C.

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We, the members of the Rainbow (42nd) Division, in order to perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which has been the greatest single factor in the success of the Division, and in order to continue unbroken that spirit of fraternal friendship which has always manifested itself throughout our activities, and to perpetuate the sacred memory of our valiant dead, do establish the Rainbow Division Veterans.

Dear Comrades of the Rainbow:

You and I attended the Rainbow Reunion in Columbus in July and I am quite sure that you enjoyed the meetings with the old-timers and with the old war-time memories aroused by the tales which never grow old, no matter how many times repeated.

I was particularly impressed with the great enthusiasm displayed by the boys whom I met and by the large attendance at the meetings in the Memorial Hall at which you will agree the boys seemed to be thinking "Rainbow" and glad to hear of the work going on in the Rainbow Veterans Association, not only in the group known as the administration, but in the organization as a whole, for you will remember there were a number of individuals who arose from the floor to add bits, which indicates efforts being made

to better the lot of Rainbowers generally, and to build up the greatest organization of ex-service men from the men of the *Greatest Division in the A. E. F.*

From the fact that you were enthused and interested enough to come to the last Reunion gives me courage to ask you to do a little work, not for me, but for the Rainbow Veterans.

At the end of the War the Rainbow Division had a veteran roster of approximately 40,000 men. At the last Reunion the paid membership in the Rainbow Division Veterans was 1652. Contrast these two figures and I believe you will feel as a great many of us do, that it is a shame on the Division and a matter of serious concern. This eleventh year, the beginning of the second decade of peace, certainly challenges us to accept this as personal laxity on our part and it further should move all of us to get out and work among the veterans to get them to sign up with the nearest Chapter.

This year the National Treasury is issuing a membership identification card to all paid-up members. This card is inscribed with facsimile of the Rainbow and should be of interest to every member of the Division.

If you will do this great work, you will be filling the greatest tradition of our glorious Division, and in the years to come our unity will be of great comfort and assistance to all the members of the Veterans Organization.

Please let me hear from you, and I hope you will agree to assist in this work of filling the Veterans Rainbow Roster.

Yours in the greatest fraternity,

STEVENSON MASSON,

National Secretary.

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Given Permanent Rank

Major General Charles P. Summerall has been elevated to the rank of General when President Coolidge approved the bill which provides that the Army Chief of Staff shall have that rank and title. He thereby is placed on a level with the Chief of Naval Operations, who has the rank of Admiral, and becomes the sixth army officer to hold the rank in the United States Army.

The others to have the rank of General have been George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant, William T. Sherman, Phil H. Sheridan and John J. Pershing. During the World War Tasker H. Bliss and Peyton C. March also had the temporary rank of Generals.

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Rainbow Heroes Decorated

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and upon reaching the opposite side of the river attacked the enemy and although severely wounded he continued to lead his company to the enemy's position. Before reaching his objective Capt. Wyatt personally organized and led a squad of his company forward and captured a machine gun nest which was holding up the advance. Capt. Wyatt's devotion to duty was a great inspiration to his men as he remained in command until his objective was reached, when due to his severe wounds he fell unconscious and was forced to be evacuated."

Original Rainbow Roster

Matty Kane of the New York Chapter has a copy of a book which was published while we were at Camp Mills. It contains a complete list of every man's name and address who was in the Rainbow Division at that time. A complete roster of each unit according to Companies.

We imagine that there must be a number of lads who would like to own a copy of this book, but it is out of circulation at present. Quite a few of the New York boys have already signified their desire to own one of these books and if we can get about 250 such requests the book will be reprinted.

Communicate with LEO MULLIN, 68 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Absolute knowledge I have none
But my aunt's washerwoman's son
Heard a policeman on his beat
Say to a laborer on the street
That he had a letter just last week
Hand written in the finest Greek
From a Chinese cook in Timbuctoo
Who said that his son in Cuba knew
Of a colored gent in a Texas town
Who got it right from a circus clown
That a man in the Klondike got the news
From a gang of smooth American Jews
About some fellow in Borneo
Who knew a man who claimed to know
A hermit who lived beside a lake
Who's mother-in-law will undertake
To prove to a cousin's sister's niece
That she has a son who knows about
How many Rainbowers will be in Baltimore

Standing of the Chapters

OHIO	159	VIRGINIA	55
IOWA	117	WASH., D. C.	47
ALABAMA	117	CALIFORNIA	38
INDIANA	71	TEXAS	30
MARYLAND	64	PENNSYLVANIA	2
OKLAHOMA			1



Take another look at the "Standing of the Chapters" and see if you are quite satisfied with the showing of your own chapter.

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How about that Ladies Auxiliary to your chapter. Got it started yet?

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By the way, is your chapter correspondent doing his duty by sending in interesting news to the *Reveille*?

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Say, Buddy, where's your National Rainbow membership card? If you've paid your dues you're entitled to one, so get in touch with your chapter treasurer right away.

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Don't put it off—tell the boss now—he'll have to worry along without you next July 13-14-15. We're expecting to meet you in Baltimore.

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Just as soon as your chapter ratifies the Constitution and By-Laws, as printed in the February issue of the *Reveille*, formal notice should be sent to National Secretary Stevenson Masson, 305 Stewart Building, Baltimore, Md. This is important!

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I wonder how many Rainbowers beside myself have often wished we had a Rainbow song—an official one, written by a Rainbower and formally adopted as our National Rainbow Song. I don't mean a heavy nor sad song, one that is laborious to sing, but a happy, catchy air that would instantly bring a smile to the face and just compel everyone to join in singing. You've heard songs that simply made you pat time with your feet, haven't you? Well, that's the kind of song I think the Rainbow Division should have for its own.

There would be many occasions when it would be called into use. For instance, at our annual Reunions, State chapter meetings, Rainbow assemblies, etc.

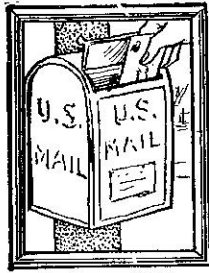
How about it, fellows? This can't be done overnight, of course, but you gifted ones get busy now and see what you can turn out.

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Letters to the Editor



Editor *Rainbow Reveille*.



A recent letter from National Secretary Masson reminded me that you might be interested in knowing just what is going on in regard to the 1930 trip to France, so that you could include it in the next issue of the *Reveille*.

The story you carried on pages 3 and 4 of the October issue contains the chief items of interest, including a proposed itinerary together with cost for various kinds of boat travel. This information, together with blue prints showing the route through the various battle sectors, more details on just what the travel agency will do for us, etc., are in the hands of each of the committee members. Each member is at this time going carefully over all the information available with the view to submitting suggestions on any phase of the trip which he sees fit.

As chairman of this committee, I would be more than glad to hear from any Rainbow man, either as to change in itinerary given in the October issue, kind of boat passage we should use, or any other details which come to mind.

The feature of this trip that makes it seem like such an awfully good proposition, is the extremely low cost for which it can be made. Even adding to the figures for the two more reasonable kinds of boat transportation sufficiently to allow for extra expenditures, the trip could be made for a comparatively small amount of money, as most people think of European trips.

If everyone of us who has any chance at all of going would start to save right now, a specified amount of money each month, it would probably enable many more of us to go than would otherwise be the case. The trip is some months away, and it doesn't take much arithmetic to figure what a small sum set aside each month would make this wonderful trip possible. I know of a good many of the men here in Chicago who are already doing this, and I can't urge it too strongly as the one sure means to this much desired end.

HOWARD G. SMITH, Chairman.

Rainbowers Call On President At White House

On Tuesday, March 5, a delegation of Rainbowers called on President Hoover at the White House and formally invited him to attend our 11th Annual Reunion in Baltimore next July.

President Scrows, spokesman for the party, presented the invitation in his most gracious Southern manner and no doubt the President was very pleasantly impressed. He was quite aware of the merits of the Rainbow Division, having followed its record during the War.

President Hoover, while he greatly appreciated the invitation, did not commit himself at this early date, but said that if at all possible he would be glad to be with us at our Reunion.

These Rainbowers composed the party that called at the White House: President Scrows; Colonel MacMillen; General Jenkins, Inspector General of the Rainbow Division; General Reilly; Vice-President Manning Marcus; Elmer Neagel; Major Potts, 117th Military Police; Captain J. Woodall Greene, 117th Trench Mortar Battery; Secretary Stevenson Masson, and Treasurer Jack Clarke.

After leaving the White House the party called and paid their respects to General Summerall, Chief of Staff, and later General Reilly entertained at lunch at the Army and Navy Club.

It was a sort of Rainbow Day in Washington and it's a pity the rest of us could not have tuned in on the story-swapping that must have taken place among these Rainbowers. Manning Marcus entertained the party at supper at his home in Chevy Chase.

*Isn't it funny that princes and kings
And clowns who caper in saw-dust rings
And simple folks like you and me
Are builders for eternity?*

*To each is given a bag of tools
A shapeless mass and a set of rules
And each must make ere life is done
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.*

In Memoriam

JOHN VOORHIS, Co. K, 169th Infantry.
JEREMIAH O'CONNOR, Co. K, 169th Inf.
JERRY MULCAHY, Co. K, 169th Infantry.
DAVE RODERICK, 168th Machine Gun
JOHN MCCALL, Co. H, 168th Infantry.
GEO. GRANT, Co. D, 168th Infantry.
LEROY CLARK, Co. C, 166th Infantry.
LT. HAROLD K. CRABBE, 151st F. A.
HARRY BULTON, 151st F. A.

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CHAPTER CHATTER

VIRGINIA

117th Military Police

W. B. Hitt, President of the Virginia Chapter, reports that they are still enlisting new members, the latest catch including a colonel, a lieutenant living in London, England, and an engineer from Colonel Johnson's outfit. He adds: "We don't care how 'rank' they are or where they come from."

Virginia is working hard to reach the 100 mark by Reunion time, and from all accounts they will be in Baltimore in force—and how!

March meeting will be held on the evening of March 22 in Roanoke.

CALIFORNIA

117th Engineers

Patriotic Hall, on the evening of February 14th was the scene of one of the best attended most brilliant and most enjoyable meetings ever held by the Los Angeles Chapter.

Our New President, Joe DeSoto, was already famous for putting on a program for the boys, especially after the way in which he chartered the entire Sea Breeze Club on Santa Monica Beach for our Christmas entertainment and dance, but this time he went himself one better.

First, there was a big banquet, which was attended by about 100 of the boys, many of whom hadn't been seen in the old mess line for years. Then Joe took 'em all up stairs and gave 'em the third degree. He made heroes out of the whole outfit. Joe had the French War Veterans there, and through their courtesy any Rainbower who could present his army discharge showing service in the Meuse-Argonne got decorated then and there with the famous Verdun Medal. Not since the Rainbow Division won the war has the outfit shown such *esprit de corps*, and Joe DeSoto will go down in history as one of the best Presidents the California gang ever had.

Then, after another vain effort to open our treasury, the meeting adjourned. There are still several thousand dollars in our treasury, but Art Brett, the big safe and lock man, locked it up years ago and swallowed the key, and nobody has been able to open the said treasury since. Even jacks or better won't open it. Art says it is a trust fund. Will you please send us a trust buster, and then we will pay our National dues.

The California Chapter extends its most cordial wishes to the Maryland Chapter, the District of Columbia, and the Virginia Chapter for their splendid success in the next Rainbow Reunion at Baltimore.

NEW YORK

165th Infantry

The New York Chapter and many Rainbowers from other chapters extend their heartfelt sympathy to Jack Joyce and his family in the recent death of his mother.

On Friday, May 3, the Chapter will celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of its discharge by holding the annual entertainment and ball, at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

Last month's meeting was well attended and interesting. Fergie Mullins presided gracefully and efficiently. He'll do.

Three guests from the D.A.V. were present. The State Commander of that organization, Mr. Calvert, addressed the meeting. He was followed by Mr. Willard Price, the National Commander. Morris Shapiro, contact man for the D.A.V. at the local office of the Veterans Bureau, accompanied them.

Father Eugene Kennedy, recently elected Chaplain of the Chapter, was able to be with us—for which we were duly grateful.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Fergie presented Harry McLean with a wrist watch a gift from his friends in the Chapter. Harry accepted with thanks. Then Fergie presented him with the Chairmanship of the Ball Committee. Things were coming to Harry.

The Auxiliary meets on the same night that the Chapter meets, and at the Armory. The female relatives and friends of the Rainbow in New York are cordially invited to these meetings and enlist in the Auxiliary.

MINNESOTA

151st Field Artillery

The Minneapolis Chapter held their reunion-banquet at the Raddison Hotel on February 23. The following officers were elected: Frank McCormick, president; Fletcher K. Ware, first vice-president; John A. McDonald, secretary; Joe Connolly, treasurer, and Jerome Jackman, historian. James A. Wright, retiring president, was appointed honorary president.

A barrage of entertainment features was laid down at the banquet. Some of the big guns who spoke, and some of the heavy bursts of vaudeville shrapnel roused the 350 veterans into continual uproar, but the line held until little Joe Justad, Jr., 6-year old son of the retiring secretary, took them all by a frontal fire of bugle calls and "We're In the Army Now."

Several "Big Bertha's," who roared out welcomes to the division were Colonel Geo. E. Leach, J. E. Wright, Frank McCormick, Jake Ware, and Dr. John E. Soper.

ILLINOIS

149th Field Artillery

The evening of February 20th was a large one. The boys congregated at the Germania Club to partake of a well arranged dinner, and to enjoy the Get-Together-Party in celebration of their departure for the front just eleven years ago. A big crowd was present and a bigger time was had.

Every Illinois Rainbower is now looking forward to the great event—our "Coming Out" party and dance, May 10th, at the Bal-Tabarin, Hotel Sherman.

We are collecting dues for the year 1928-29 and Headquarters may look for a substantial check next month from the Illinois Chapter.

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

165th Field Hospital Company

Everything is progressing in great shape, preparatory to our attending the Baltimore Reunion, en masse or otherwise, and at present it looks as though we will have practically a 100% attendance. There are still many details that the committee is working out and an interesting report will be rendered at our March meeting.

We will serve the usual bite to eat, the Temperance Punch and black coffee.

The Ladies Auxiliary is progressing nicely and have held a couple of snappy meetings. At the present time an appeal for members is being made and these ladies would like to get a list of prospective members so that they may be contacted before the next meeting. Forward any names to Mrs. Raymond J. Doyle, 229 Channing Place, N.E., and it will be greatly appreciated.

INDIANA

150th Field Artillery

Indiana is glad to see that you have not thought lightly of the "Rainbow Eulogy." This ritual is very fitting, and has much meaning, coming from the heart of one of our own comrades as he sees and feels about the last tribute to our Rainbow buddies. Naturally, we are very proud that the author, Charles L. Corneille, is an Indiana Rainbower.

Two cities have been considered for the Indiana State convention this year, Vincennes and Terre Haute. The post adjutant of the V. F. W. a Rainbow comrade, writes that their organization voted us an invitation to hold our convention in conjunction with theirs on June 14 and 15. Comments on this subject would be appreciated by either Pres. Elmer Sherwood or Sec. Ormiston.

Some Pay Dues When Due
Some When Overdue
Some Never Do
How Do You Do?



A Union Pacific woman is said to have asked her husband to copy the radio receipt one morning. The husband did his best, but got two stations at once. One was broadcasting the morning exercise, and the other, the receipt. This is what he got:

Hands on hip, place one cup of flour on shoulders, raise knees, and depress toes and wash thoroughly in one cup of milk. In four counts raise the lower leg and mash two hard-boiled eggs, in a sieve. Repeat six times. Inhale one teaspoon of baking powder and one cup of flour, breathe naturally, and exhale and sift. Attention! Jump to squatting position and beat white of egg backward and forward overhead and in four counts make a stiff dough that will stretch at the waist. Lie flat on the floor and roll into a marble the size of a walnut. Hop to a standstill in boiling water, but do not boil afterwards. In ten minutes remove from fire and dry with a towel. Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels, and serve with fish soup.

*I woke to look upon a face
Silent, white, and cold;
Oh, friend, the agony I felt
Can never half be told.*

*We'd lived together but a year,
Too soon, it seemed, to see
Those gentle hands outstretched and still
That toiled so hard for me.*

*My waking thoughts had been of one
Who now to sleep had dropped,
'Twas hard to realize, oh, friend,
My Ingersoll had stopped.*

If everybody brought their misfortunes together in one place, most of us would be glad to take ours home again, rather than take our share out of the common stock.

My tYpust si on her vacatoin
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