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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Foundation members and supporters, this is my last message as Chairman of the RDVF. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Chairman the past 7 years. As I mentioned in our last Reveille edition, it is time to let new leadership continue to grow our Foundation. During my military career I always cherished the success of the team. It has been no different while leading the RDVF. What I will miss the most are those trustees and officers who worked with me to bring our Foundation along a successful path. I cannot thank them enough. What we achieved together is remarkable. While the Association merged with the Foundation in 2005, it took many years for the Foundation to gain its own identity as envisioned by those WWI and II Veterans that established it in 1971 and by those that manage it today. We now have a first-class charitable organization dedicated to commemorating the deeds, sacrifices and traditions of the 42nd Infantry Division and its soldiers through memorials, education and preservation of the Division's legacy. We have established new memorials, among them monuments at Fort Drum and Fort Dix for the 42nd Iraq war veterans and a Centennial timeline display at the Division Hq's in Troy commemorating the 100-year service of the 42nd. We have refurbished many WWI and II memorials; especially pleasing was the work done on the WWI monument in Garden City. We have established a first-class Scholarship program, that is primed to grow, that honors our veterans and their descendants. Most importantly during this time, we have grown our financial resources through smart investment policies and through the generosity of our 42nd Division family. The Foundation is very healthy and able to project itself well into the future! Susan and I will remain active in the Foundation as long as we can because the 42nd was and is so much a part of our lives.

Rainbow, Never Forget! Joe Taluto, RDVF Chairman



Photo One – 2018 Memorial Day Ceremonies at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, FR; from Bert Caloud, Superintendent

Photo Two – 29 April 2018 Rainbow Wreath presented by Ludwig Stoeckl at the Dachau Memorial Site; photo by Hubert Petermueller

Photo Three -April 12, 2018, the association "Weitbruch Libéré" and participant Damien Bauer who wrote,

"Here is the translation of what is written on the monument - "At this place at dawn of March 16, 1945, the tanks of the American army crossed the channel of the Moder for the decisive offensive releasing Haguenau of the seat of the German occupant."

Photo Four – Exposition Park, Los Angeles, California; wreath presented by LTC Gilbert Roldan, former CO, 578th Combat Engineer Bn., whose roots are E & F Companies, 2nd Bn, 117th Engineer Regt., 42nd Division AEF WWI. From Jim Davis, son of WWI veteran, 1st Sgt. Arthur C. "Top" Davis, Co. F, 2d Bn, 117th Engineer Regiment, California.

Photo Five – Memorial Day 2018 Oise-Aisne American Cemetery; four students who translated The Rouge Bouquet by SGT Joyce Kilmer into French, each student reading part aloud during the ceremony.



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Soldiers stand with the National Guard Chief Chaplain Brig. Gen. Kenneth Brandt after the commemoration of the Army's most famous chaplain, and a New York City icon, Father Francis P. Duffy at the Father Duffy statue at the northern end of Time Square, N.Y. on June 27, 2018. Father Duffy was a military chaplain for the New York National Guard's 69th Infantry Regiment in 1914 while serving as the pastor of Our Savior Parish in the Bronx. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Capt. Jean Marie Kratzer)
[ed. Father Duffy was a member of the 165th Regiment (69th New York) in the 42nd Division WWI]

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Printed in the May 1983 issue of REVEILLE

Rev. Robert F. Weiss, S.J., RDVMF Chaplain

WWII member of Company M, 222nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division

Lord God, each year we set aside a Memorial Day to make sure that those who have fought the battles of their country and have gone before us to meet their Maker will not be forgotten. To them we owe much of what we and our fellow countrymen enjoy in this great nation, much that we take for granted, much of what our ancestors dreamed that they could hand on to us. The men who we remember were our friends and comrades, they were courageous and noble, generous and strong, but men like us with fears and weaknesses.

As we remember them, we ask You to inspire and strengthen us to commit ourselves anew to You, our God, to our country, and to our loved ones. Help us to be true to the ideals and the legacy we have received that we may honor them in our own lives by our fidelity to those same ideals. **Amen.**

The 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division's history as a unit began with America's entry into World War I. Amidst the rush by America to mobilize, individual states competed with each other for the honor to be the first to send their National Guard units to fight in the trenches of Europe. To check the negative implications of this competition and to minimize the impact the mobilization could have upon any one state, the government decided to create a division composed of hand-picked National Guard units from 26 states and the District of Columbia. As a result of this unified effort, the 42nd Infantry Division was born in August and organized in September 1917 at Camp Mills on Long Island, New York. Colonel Douglas MacArthur, who had been instrumental in the forming of the Division, said shortly after its completion, "The 42nd Division stretches like a Rainbow from one end of America to the other."

<http://dmna.ny.gov/arng/42div/?id=history>



ROSEDALE WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL ARCH

Mount Marty
Park, Kansas
City KS
May, 2018

Story and Photos By Benjamin Pettus



Three former Commanders of the 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division were in Kansas City Missouri in May of 2018 to take in a Royals/Yankees baseball game and to meet with the Foundation’s financial advisors. While in Kansas City, MG Joe Taluto (Retired), MG Tom Kinley (Retired) and BG Paul Genereux (Retired) visited the Rosedale World War I Memorial Arch.

The Rosedale Arch was built to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the men from the local area during the Great War. Although the Arch sits high on a hillside and is visible from I-35 Highway, there are thousands of people that drive past it every day and know nothing of the history behind it or why it is there. The Arch was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 2nd, 1977.

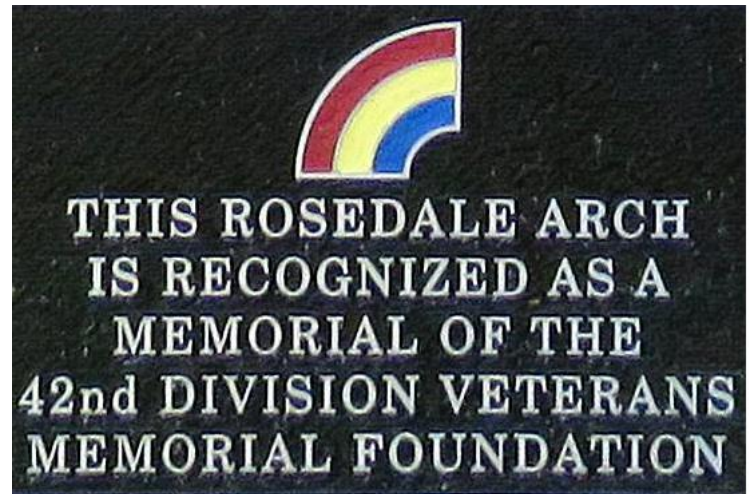
The United States entered World War I in April of 1917. As most people reading this newsletter know, in order to put a Division together quickly, the 42nd Infantry was made up of existing National Guard troops from all over the country. In Kansas it was decided to draw six Truck Companies for the 117th Ammunition Train from

the Kansas City area. On a Sunday in June of 1917, Lt. Col. Frank L. Travis assembled 375 men on the top of Mount Marty in the city of Rosedale (now Kansas City, KS) and had them sworn in.

The Rainbow Division arrived in France in late 1917. In June of 1918 they entered their first major battle and fought alongside the French Fourth Army, commanded by General Henri Gouraud – the “Lion of the Argonne.” After much fierce fighting in the Champagne Region and Chateau-Thierry area, the Division went on the offensive and was able to advance to Sedan, France, near the Belgian border, which is where they were in November 2018 when the Armistice went into effect. The Division, which sustained over 50% casualties during the fighting, came home in April of 1919.

On May 12, 1919, the city of Rosedale held a “Welcome Home” celebration for returning veterans. The streets were decorated with rainbow-colored bunting, and Hudson Road (below Mount Marty) was renamed Rainbow Boulevard in honor of the local men who served in the 42nd.

In June of 1921 a vote passed in the city of Rosedale to erect a permanent memorial arch and a committee was formed to carry out the project. The committee recommended the purchase of a tract of land on the crest of Mount Marty and a young architect named J. Leroy Marshall offered his services to help design the arch. Marshall had served in France during the war and actually had sketches of the Arc de Triomphe, the model on which the Rosedale Arch is based.



The groundbreaking ceremonies took place in July of 1923. General Henri Gouraud was coincidentally touring the country at the time and the date was arranged so that he could attend and be the “Guest of Honor” for the occasion. The ceremony was an all-day affair with a crowd of 6,000 assembled for the parade of dignitaries, followed by the 17th Infantry band, the American Legion color guard, and two hundred local WWI veterans. The event concluded on the crest of Mount Marty where after several speeches, General Gouraud turned ground for the arch with a gold spade.

The arch was dedicated on September 7, 1924. There is a carved inscription on both the north and south faces, which reads as follows:

**ERECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF ROSEDALE IN –
HONOR OF ITS CITIZENS WHO ANSWERED
– THEIR COUNTRY’S CALL AND SERVED
UNDER ARMS FOR THE TRIUMPH OF RIGHT
OVER MIGHT IN THE WORLD WAR –**

“PRESIDENT’S BUCKLE” To Join RDVF Heritage Collection

By Patrick J. Chaisson RDVF Historian



The Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation (RDVF) Heritage Center in Troy, NY, is gaining a new and interesting artifact, thanks to retiring RDVF Chairman Joe Taluto.



This item, the “President’s Buckle”, is an impressive silver piece that was designed and crafted by Robert A. Jecklin of Belen, New Mexico. Belen served with Battery B, 232nd Field Artillery, 42nd Infantry Division, during the Second World War.

Jecklin’s buckle is a moving tribute to the “Rainbowmen” with whom he served. It shows the number “3971” to honor the Division’s battle casualties in World War II, as well as three silver beads

representing the 42nd’s combat campaigns from 1944-45. The Rainbow insignia is also prominently displayed.



Mr. Jecklin donated his buckle in 1988 to the president of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association. While this organization later merged assets with other entities to form the RDVF, the President’s Buckle has always remained a treasured keepsake to those entrusted with its care.

Recently, retiring RDVF Chair Joe Taluto donated the President’s Buckle to the Foundation’s Heritage Center, located at the 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters building in Troy, NY.

“I felt it was proper to place this wonderful emblem where it could be admired,” Taluto said.

He also paid tribute to the veterans who, like Robert Jecklin, memorialized their service in the 42nd Division. “The Rainbow Division Veterans Association existed for over ninety years,” Taluto remarked. “Many traditions were observed and started along the way. The wearing of the President’s Buckle was one of those traditions.”

Now, soldiers, veterans, friends, and family members can become part of a new tradition when they view and reflect on this memento of service – proudly on display at the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation Heritage Center.

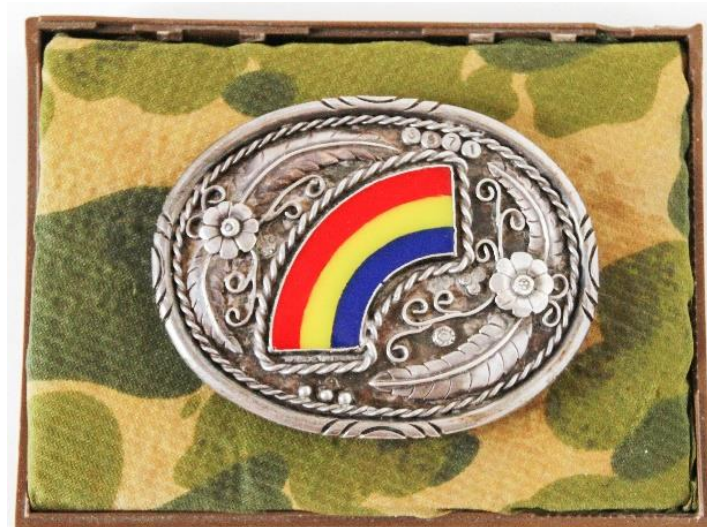


PHOTO ONE: The President's Buckle, made by 42nd Infantry Division veteran Robert A. Jecklin, was historically a "badge of office" worn by presidents of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, a forerunner of today's RDVF.

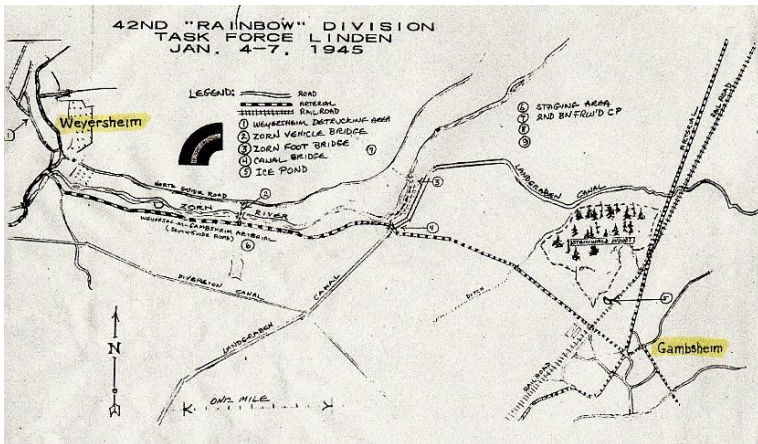
PHOTO TWO: The number "3971" on the President's Buckle symbolizes the Rainbow Division's battle casualties sustained in the Second World War.

PHOTO THREE: Each of the three silver beads shown here represents one of the 42nd Infantry Division's World War II combat campaigns (Ardennes-Alsace, Rhineland and Central Europe).

PHOTO FOUR: Now set in its new case, the President's Buckle has gone on display at the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation Heritage Center, 137 Glenmore Road, Troy, New York

MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II

232 - 2ND BATTALION ACTION – WEYERSHEIM to GAMBSHEIM January 5-6, 1945



Meanwhile, on 5 January TF "A", front line troops at Weyersheim, under the command of Lt. Col. ZELLER, consisted of Second Battalion Headquarters Company and Company E, 232d Infantry, and Company B, 222d Infantry under the command of Lt. Col. ELLIS, and the Second Battalion, 242d Infantry under the command of Maj. REYNOLDS, and five medium tanks (attached).

The attack on Gamsbsheim astride the Weyersheim-Gamsbsheim road, jumped off at 1545. Company B, 232d Infantry, advanced against sporadic resistance and through intermittent artillery, small arms and mortar fire. When the entire company was pinned down by accurate fire from the flank, the 60 mm mortars succeeded in knocking out two enemy machine guns. With the fall of darkness, the attached tanks had disappeared going towards Gamsbsheim. Company E, 222d Infantry could barely be seen about 2000 yards to the rear, and patrols failed to regain contact with the 242d Infantry on the left. TF "A" then withdrew to the canal-Zorn River line for reorganization, which, because of the darkness, was slow but effective.

The Second Battalion Commander returned to the CP at Weyersheim to renew contact. There Lt. Col. COLEMAN, who had assumed command, was ordered to TF Linden Headquarters and Lt. Col. ZELLER reassumed command. The attack was then ordered renewed by the Regimental Commander that night, the objective being to reach the railroad at the edge of Gamsbsheim at 0800 on 6 January. While re-crossing the bridge over the canal in double file columns, the troops were not subjected to fire, other than a machine gun, which was soon cleaned out.

Under the command of Lt. Col. ZELLER, the attack jumped off from the bridge at 0230. There was fire from the woods as soon as movement started. The enemy had dug in and had cover overhead and good emplacements.

While the 242d Infantry elements on the left were charging the woods, shooting from the hip, the 232d Infantry troops started slipping to the south to keep away from the woods. The advance was maintained with little occasion for firing. At this time on the south, Company E, 222d Infantry was in the lead with Company E, 232d Infantry following. The column of companies arrived at the railroad at the edge of Gamsbsheim at 0900. Protective fire of the enemy came down on the Weyersheim side of the tracks. When Company E, 222d Infantry was held up there, Company E, 232d Infantry came up. The troops entered the town and cleared the main part of Gamsbsheim by a systematic searching of houses. From 0900 to 1130, in house to house fighting, the troops encountered machine gun opposition. Then an enemy counter-attack consisting of five tanks, supported by infantry, was sighted coming from the woods at the riverside. A semicircular defense in front of the east edge of Gamsbsheim was established, but could not withstand the assault because of lack of bazooka ammunition and rifle grenades.

EXCERPT from "Action in the Strasbourg Area with Emphasis on the Role of the 232nd 2nd Battalion January 1945", accounts collected in 1989-90 by Valentine Spiegel, F-232, 1st Platoon

01/06/45, Est: 0230. Harold F. Ford, Jr.



Unit: 232-E

Long before dawn, a night attack towards Gamsbsheim was ordered and some men crossed the bridge over the Landgraben Canal to spearhead the attack.

The company watched the flashes from fifty yards away as they were all killed by grenades and MG fire just after they passed over the bridge. After a short wait, we tried again and found that the German ambush had been removed. This, our second attack, started at 0230, January 6.

Progress was slow in the dark, but as a gray dawn broke, the pace picked up. As we advanced into a frozen misty fog, the tracers started again to ripple through the ranks of our riflemen. Visibility was under 500 yards.



Sgt. Jacobe returned to check on his mortar squads, and as we lay in the field talking, I saw tracers streaming from the base of a tree, perhaps 400 yards to my right front. "Jake," I shouted over the noise, "I see a machine gun over there!" pointing. "Well shoot at it, stupid," Jake answered and then turned to go back up with our own

machine guns. I turned to John Farley and hollered, "John, just aim directly at that tree and try 400 yards."

The instant the telltale mortar tube went up, the machine gunner swung toward it, his natural enemy. The German had made a serious error in emplacing under a tree on the flat field. The tree gave me a point of reference to adjust fire and it exposed him to the risk of a tree burst. He compounded his first mistake by firing too high, thus giving us a precious few extra seconds.



Farley laid the gun and Thiesen dropped in a shell, while the machine gun fired three or four feet over our heads. Dud! The shell did not fire but



stayed in the tube. Ignoring the procedure for safely handling a misfire, Farley upended the whole gun, and I caught the shell as it fell out, being careful not to touch the nose detonator. Behind the shell came the tail fin of another bomb which had broken off the day before and stayed in the tube in such a way that the firing pin could not pierce the base of the shell we had just dropped in. A manufacturing defect was causing us some inconvenience.

None of this was lost on our dueling opponent, who lowered his fire just as Farley reset the gun. As he peered through the sight, with his head only fifteen inches above the ground, tracers cracked within a foot of his helmet. A remarkable degree of self-control and discipline was needed for him to stay with his delicate task. He had to keep the cross hair of the sight on the fiery target while simultaneously manipulating two thumbscrews which leveled a north-south and an east-west bubble.

The rest of us in the squad, having nothing to do while Farley aimed, tried in abject terror to worm into the frozen ground. As he made the final adjustment with bullets cracking all around his head, he exclaimed,

"The son of a bitch is trying to kill me!" The acute irony of these words was not lost on us, which prompted strangled laughter laced with panic. All of this activity took less than a minute. When John again called "Fire," Thiesen dropped another shell down the tube and during its few seconds of flight, which seemed to last for hours, the machine gun continued to shoot at us. Had he lowered the gun one click, we would all have been shot to pieces. But he did not, and our shell hit in his tree. Tree burst! A mortar squad's hole-in-one. The machine gun stopped firing. The tree burst unleashed a crescendo of emotions – relief that the bullets were not flying around us and might kill us before we drew another breath, exhilaration at such lucky accurate shooting, and a suppressed but troubling knowledge that we had killed or wounded our dueling opponents. We pulled ourselves together and started after the rifle platoons who had disappeared ahead into light undergrowth and mist.

Official Narrative - The NARRATIVE portion of this history was extracted from the monthly Reports of Operations, Headquarters, 232d Inf. Regt. that are on file at the United States National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), College Park, MD and cover the time period 25 November 1944 through 27 May 1945.

Map – from the collection of Tom and Mayland Crosson, for Company G, 242nd Infantry Regiment

Photo One – SGT Harold F. Ford

Photo Two – S/SGT Bernard J. Jacobe

Photo Three (left) PFC John H. Farley

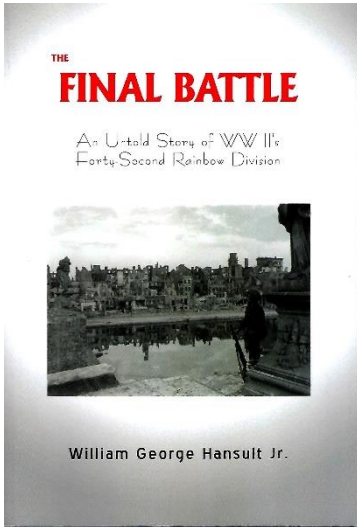
Photo Four (right) PVT Charles O. Thiesen

All photos are from the pictorial and review book for the 232nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division, Camp Gruber, OK 1944.

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RECOMMENDED READING HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY WORLD WAR II

The Final Battle An Untold Story of WWII's Forty-Second Rainbow Division *By William George Hansult Jr.*



***All men keep secrets
from their children.***
*Some men even keep secrets
from their wives. My father
did both.*

*By the dawn of 1945, the
War was at its zenith. Nazi
Germany was like a dying
star burning its brightest just
before going extinct.
Germans were on their own
soil and those protecting "the
Fatherland" were the true
believers – the fanatics –
who would, and did, fight to
the last man standing.*

The battles fought were mostly in cities, house to house and sometimes hand to hand. Many of these battles were fought by untested teenage American boys. All the time, Hitler was using his futuristic "wonder weapons" on this European front, while committing mass murder in concentration camps.

My father was one of these American boys. At eighteen years old, he joined the Army in 1944, and fresh out of boot camp, he became one of those "replacements." Those men who replaced fallen comrades; and the ones battle hardened veterans didn't want to get to know.

But my father's experience was a little different than most, because he learned that he was fighting some of his own blood relatives who were either in the Nazi party, the army, or Hitler Youth.

Although untested, he and his comrades were thrown into one of the longest battles an American Army Division fought during the war. For thirty days they fought and marched. Those they fought were hardened SS and Hitler Youth. It was the formula for vicious, personal fighting and for unthinkable atrocities committed by both sides.

My father fought with distinction, all the while earning the respect of the veterans he served with. Then, when he thought the fighting was over, his unit was the first in for the liberation of one of Hitler's most famous concentration camps, Dachau.

***led. PFC William G. Hansult was a member of
Company E, 2nd Battalion, 232nd Infantry Regiment,
42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division; for further
personal descriptions from the author, please visit
<https://www.thefinalbattle.net/>]***

**We welcome all news of 42nd "Rainbow"
gatherings, experiences and reunions,
from the largest to the smallest !**

Your Editor

Memorial Day Ceremony, Dunwoody, GA Brook Run Park Veterans Memorial 28 May 2018 photos credited to Paul E. Ward

Rainbow Division veteran Hilbert Margol, who, with his twin brother, Howard, served in WWII in Battery B, 392nd Field Artillery, 42nd "Rainbow" Division standing with City of Dunwoody Mayor, Denis Shortal, a retired Marine Brigadier General.



KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD MEMORIAL

From Cathie Bingham Jarvis 30 May 2018

My son Craig and I have just returned from the Memorial Day ceremony in Frankfort, Kentucky. Uncle Emmett was one of the 14 soldiers added to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial.



My son Craig was interviewed by the Frankfort newspaper, and it lists all the soldiers that were inducted. Uncle Emmett is mentioned with his ties to the 42nd "Rainbow" Division. I thought maybe it would be interesting to put this in the newsletter, if you feel it may be of some interest. I am sending you the link of the news story. If you scroll down, you will see a little story about Emmett and our family. <https://www.state-journal.com/2018/05/28/14-names-added-to-kentucky-national-guard-memorial/>



**Guardsmen
look on as a
wreath is placed
beside the
Kentucky
National Guard
Memorial.**

Photo credit Alfred Miller/Alfred.miller@state-journal.com

WWII RAINBOW MEMORIAL LIST

Deaths Reported Since April 2018

BAUER, Donald J.	A/232 Infantry
BOERING, Brooke W.	unit unreported
BROWN, Harold I.	H3B/242 Infantry
DEWYKE, Keith	K/222 Infantry
DUFRENE, Acklin J.	unit unreported
ELIA, James V.	K/232 Infantry
FORD, Roger	HQ Btry, 402 nd Field Artillery Bn
GILMAN, Bruce A.	F/242 Infantry
GRAHAM, William E.	unit unreported
HARRIS, Ewell B.	42 nd MP Platoon; D/232 Infantry
HASELOFF, Alfred	242 Infantry
HASTY, Richard E.	I/232 Infantry
MIKLOVIC, Edward J.	D/232 Infantry
PELLETIER, Willis Edward	A/222 Infantry
PLUMMER, James S.	H/222 Infantry
SPENCER, Malcolm B.	B/232 Infantry

*Comrades true, born anew, peace to you!
Your souls shall be where the heroes are
And your memory shine like the morning-star.
Brave and dear,
Shield us here.
Farewell!"*

From *The Rouge Bouquet* by SGT Joyce Kilmer
165th Regiment (69th NY) WWI 42nd "Rainbow" Division

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