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VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES

Garden City, NY

On November 10th, 2017, New York Army National Guard Soldiers joined with Veterans from the 42nd Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation to present a memorial wreath at the World War I Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial to honor the service of past 42nd Infantry Division Soldiers for Veterans Day.

In attendance at the wreath service were (L-R) Bill Vorlicek, Colonel (Ret), Chairman of the Downstate Chapter, 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division Association and his two granddaughters, SSG Colin Stewart, Readiness NCO, A Co 1st Battalion, 69th Regiment NYRANG, Cyril Smith, Vietnam Veteran and the Garden City Resident, Bert Cunningham, Historian 69th Infantry Regiment, Bob Anderson, Colonel (Ret) Secretary Downstate Chapter, 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division Association, and Pat Alesia, Brigadier General (Ret) President, 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division Association.

The year, 2017 marks the centennial of the division's birth for service in WWI. The 42nd Infantry Division was created at Camp Mills in 1917 near present day Garden City. The memorial wreath is provided by the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation Memorials Committee.

Photo by Cpt Mark Getman/New York Guard State Defense Force



FORT DRUM, NY

New York Army National Guard soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division Main Command Post -- Operational Detachment (MCP-OD) laid a wreath at the 42nd Infantry Division Memorial at Fort Drum, NY on Veterans Day 2017 as they prepared for their deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE Happy New Year! 2017

was one of the most productive years ever for the RDVF. It was the Division's centennial year and as you have read in previous editions The Foundation conducted several ceremonies in honor of the birth of our Division and its WWI Veterans. We refurbished the beautiful WWI Monument in Garden City NY as well as establishing a new memorial centennial timeline display at the 42nd Division Hq's in Troy. There were many other accomplishments in 2017 that have propelled us into 2018. Our Finances are strong and our Foundation's programs continue to flourish thanks to our investment strategies and the generous donations made by many of our Rainbow family. As we move into the New Year, we reflect on those Rainbow Veterans who have passed knowing that their legacy remains alive and well through the RDVF. In summary, many of us are looking forward to the crowning event of our centennial season, the France historical tour and ceremony and to another productive year of growth and activity. God bless, **RAINBOW, NEVER FORGET!** **Joe Taluto, RDVF Chairman**



RDVF BOARD VOTES IN NEW TRUSTEES Over the past couple of years some of your RDVF Board of Trustee's have resigned. We thank Melanie Remple, Marlene Krein, Francis Hutnik and Earnie Owen for their service, as well as Pete Pettus who passed over the Rainbow in 2017. We have recognized these board members with the RDVF Long and Faithful Service Award. We greatly appreciate their time and devotion to the RDVF. This past September at the annual board meeting the board voted unanimously to add four new trustees. We are so pleased to announce the addition of: **COL John Andonie** – Current Chief of Staff of the New York Army National Guard and 42nd Veteran of the Iraq war. John served as one of the Division's Chief Operations officers in Iraq. He has also served as the 69th Infantry Battalion Commander and Division G3. John is a life member and has served on our scholarship committee since its establishment. **COL(R) Phil Pugliese** – Phil retired in 2017 from the New York Army National Guard with over 30 years of distinguished service. He served as the Division's Chief of Staff in his last assignment and is also a 42nd Div combat veteran having served as its chief logistics officer in Iraq. Phil is a life member of the RDVF. **Shirley Rieven, PhD** – Shirley is a first-generation descendant of a Rainbow combat veteran. Her father, PFC Leonard Tendick served in the 242 Inf Regt. Shirley was deeply affected by her father's wartime experience and honors him with her service to the RDVF. Dr. Rieven holds a BS in Applied Geophysics from Michigan Technical University and a PhD in Geophysics from MIT. She is a life member of the RDVF. **COL Pat Macklin** – Currently serves as the Commander of the 53d Digital Liaison Det in the New York Army National Guard and has had a distinguished military and civilian career. Pat is a retired NYC Police officer. Pat is a 42nd Division Iraq war veteran having served as a battle Captain in the Division Tactical Operations Center. He is a RDVF life member.

The members of the 10th Mountain Division Main Command Post –

Operational Detachment (MCP-OD) gather at Fort Drum NY on Veterans Day 2017 to recognize their comrades-in-arms of the 42nd Infantry Division. Those present include (l-r) 1LT Joshua Bennett, CPT Andrew Miller, SGM Gary Darnell, 1SG Frederick Trunzo, LTC Michael Bice, MAJ Brad Franks, MSG David Miller, MAJ Jon Dilmore, SGM Nathan Hawker, 1LT Victoria Lovett, and CPT Lawonda Billings
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by RDVA President Robert R. "Bob" Reno,
In WWI served in HQ 67th Artillery Brigade, 42nd Division
Printed in MARCH 1944 "The RAINBOW REVEILLE" VOL 23 NO. 7

No, it just doesn't seem possible that 26 years have slipped by since that memorable February 22d [1918] when the Rainbow went into the lines on the Luneville sector. At our National Executive Committee meeting in Chicago on February 22d, [1944] the following message was received from Major General Harry J. Collins:

"Just 26 years ago tonight you wrote Luneville on your battle flags and touched off the train of memories which have become your richest possession. These things are valuable to you, I know, beyond the power of men to reckon value. Yet with the generosity of brotherhood, you have freely made all these things ours – your memories, your honors, your very battle flags themselves.

"How much that has meant to us, I am sure you know. You have struck within us the spark of life.

"A military organization must be more than a stated number of men, armed and equipped and drilled according to Regulation. If it is to live, it must have something else - call it esprit de corps, or soul, or spirit, or inspiration - call it what you will, it is the one quality without which no military unit can live and have vitality.

"Because of what you did 26 years ago, The Rainbow Division has that today. By some feat of spiritual alchemy you have passed on to us what it was that made you great. You can see it in the eye of any Rainbow soldier today, you can sense it in his speech, you can feel it in the way he carries himself - he knows he's a soldier of the Rainbow and he's proud of it and determined so to conduct himself in combat that your bright record will be the brighter for your having lent it to him.

"At our activation ceremony last July, I asked you to have faith in us. Let me repeat that now. I do not want to make high promises or paint you a picture of greatness in the making. I am satisfied to leave to the future whatever the future holds.

"This much I can promise you: That we are training ourselves as well as experience and hearty willingness can give us training outside of actual battle itself; that we are eager to do our job whenever and wherever we are called upon to do it as well as God will let us; that we will never forget that we are soldiers of the Rainbow."

Some one of these days the Rainbow Division now in training will experience the same feelings you and I had in 1918. To every member of that Division we wish you good luck and God speed!

At The Top Of The Pyramid:

The 42nd "Rainbow" Division and Navarin Ossuary

By Patrick J. Chaisson, RDVF Historian

Rising from table-flat farmland in the Champagne region of France is a large pyramid-like structure known as the Navarin Ossuary. This memorial, which overlooks ground once held by soldiers of the 42nd "Rainbow" Division, has become a major remembrance site of The Great War.

The "Monument de Navarin" is perhaps the most haunting shrine ever erected to the memory of those who fought and died in World War One. Inside this chamber rest with honor the bones of 10,000 unknown French soldiers. Together with another larger ossuary at Douaumont (near Verdun), the Navarin site serves as a stark, solemn reminder of war's human price.



This building also serves as a vivid symbol of France's gratitude toward its American allies. Listed atop the monument are four U.S. divisions, including the 42nd "Rainbow" Division. All four units fought in the Champagne region, yet only one – the Rainbow – has its nickname carved into Navarin's pyramid.

The story of Navarin Ossuary and the Rainbow Division cannot be told without first recognizing Gen. Henri Gouraud of France. During the summer of 1918 this one-armed professional soldier commanded the French Fourth Army, then preparing to defend against Germany's "Peace Offensive". Gouraud was a brilliant tactician, but did not possess sufficient manpower to hold his assigned sector. Against the advice of reluctant U.S. General John J. Pershing,



Gouraud asked the 42nd Division to join his Fourth Army in the Champagne region. On 15 July 1918, Doughboys of the Rainbow Division took up a critical section of the French line. They fought well, absorbing a fierce

enemy assault on 17 July before counterattacking the next day. It resulted in a complete victory for the Franco-Americans.

All agreed that Gen. Gouraud's elastic defense-in-depth tactics, coupled with effective use of artillery, won the day. The Rainbow's contribution to this campaign, known as the Second Marne, did not go unrecognized either.

One of Gouraud's commanders wrote of the 42nd: "The conduct of American troops has been perfect and has been greatly admired by French officers and men. Calm and perfect bearing under artillery fire, endurance of fatigue and privations, tenacity in defense, eagerness in counterattack, willingness to engage in hand-to-hand fighting—such are the qualities reported to me by all the French officers I have seen."

Following the Armistice, veterans from all across France donated money to aid the war-ravaged Champagne district. These former servicemen also wished to remember their fallen comrades, many of whom rested in unmarked graves. The skeletons of countless other soldiers lay buried beneath French soil churned by years of conflict. General Gouraud offered to help organize a memorial to those war dead, to be placed at the epicenter of the Second Marne battles at Navarin Farm. Work on the monument began in 1923, and Gouraud helped dedicate it one year later.

During construction, workers found human remains scattered about the site. These were carefully collected and placed inside the pyramid. More bones were brought to Navarin Ossuary from temporary military cemeteries throughout the area. Designers also installed a chapel, the walls of which are covered with plates placed by families in memory of their dead soldiers.



Atop this structure are three statues. One is of Gen. Gouraud, while another characterizes the sculptor's brother who was killed in action nearby. The third figure, dressed in U.S. Army uniform and helmet, is said to

represent Lt. Quentin Roosevelt, former president Theodore Roosevelt's youngest son. He was shot down and killed on 15 July 1918 while flying for the Army Air Service.

After the First World War ended, Gen. Henri Gouraud never forgot his comrades in the 42nd Division. This affection was warmly returned by the men of the Rainbow – he was named Permanent Honorary President of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association, which eventually became today's Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation.

Gouraud died in 1946, not long after another generation of Rainbow Division soldiers again helped to liberate France from German tyranny. He was laid to rest along with ten thousand of his comrades at Navarin Ossuary, where visitors still come to learn about, reflect on, and mourn the terrible cost of World War One.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Photo One: The Navarin Ossuary, a large pyramid type structure, was built in 1923 to honor the dead of World War One.

Photo Two: Of the 106 Allied divisions that fought in the Champagne, four were American. The Rainbow is the only division listed by its nickname.

Photo Three: Three statues top the Navarin Monument: From left to right, they represent the sculptor's brother who was killed in 1915; Gen. Henri Gouraud; and U.S. Lt. Quentin Roosevelt, son of the former American President. All photos by Pat Chaisson

REFLECTIONS – Sunday July 19, 1998 80th Anniversary World War I Tour

By Mayland Crosson, whose husband, Tom, served in Company G, 2nd Battalion, 242nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division, World War II

"In Flanders Fields the poppies grow" – sometime in my childhood I first hear and learn this poem. Then, many years later when we start attending the 42nd "Rainbow" Division reunions, I hear it again

– luminous and eloquent at the Memorial Service during the Champagne Hour. A voice, deep and resonant, delivers the words with consummate care, the spacing is almost song-like. The voice is fluid, plumbing the beauty of the simple words, understanding the love and the feelings being shared.

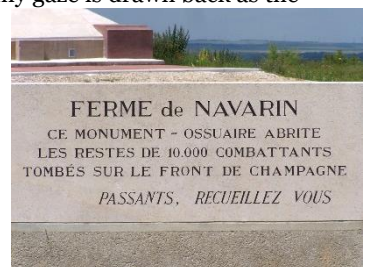
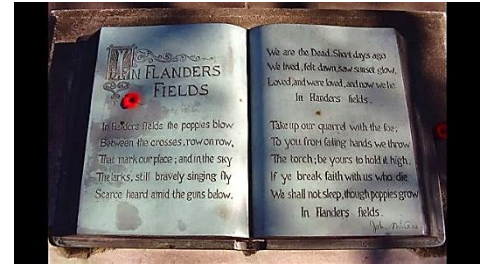
Now it is the summer of 1998 and a group of Rainbow men and families have traveled to France to tour the World War I battlefields of the original 42nd Division Rainbow Soldier. We have seen the battered land covered only with close-cut grasses, the small hamlet blasted into oblivion – left exactly as it was some 80 years ago when the shelling stopped. We are attending impressive ceremonies at the Navarin Farm Monument. There, and scattered throughout that part of France, the same red poppies grow wild along the roads and sometimes a field left fallow is filled with their rich color.

The ceremonies are all in French, the day is clear and the sun is hot. On the program is a mass – one hour as it progresses. The Quaker in me seeks silence. I slip out of my seat and away from the crowd to the edge of the monument grounds. I stroll slowly, enjoying the solitude of the golden fields and their poignant legacy. Gradually, I become aware that I'm sharing the view with a young French soldier some distance away. As I gaze past him, it is clear that he is dealing with some private sorrow. He wipes his eyes unobtrusively and I look away. But my gaze is drawn back as the same gesture is repeated over the next few minutes. Finally, he turns and walks slowly along the rim. There are wild poppies at my feet. On impulse, I reach down and pluck a long stem – his slow pace allows me to draw near. I touch his sleeve – his eyes turn toward mine and I silently offer my poppy. He understands and accepts it. I turn and walk away as he moves down toward the fields and the old troughs and rises of the land shelled so long ago.

Later, when we are all leaving, I catch a glimpse of him standing by a wall, his arms are folded and in his hand is the red poppy.

Mayland will be joining the RDVF WWI Centennial France Tour July 2018. **Photo One:** "In Flanders Fields" was composed by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, Canadian Army Medical Corps, at the battlefront on May 3, 1915 during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium. Died 28 January 1918 in France. This inscription of the complete poem in a bronze "book" is at the John McCrae memorial at his birthplace in Guelph, Ontario

Photo Two: Sign in front of the Navarin Farm Monument: English translation – "NAVARIN FARM This ossuary monument houses the remains of 10,000 fallen veterans of Champagne. Pass by and reflect."



FRANCE TRIP UPDATE – we have 7 openings for our France trip due to cancellations. We are reaching out to those who may consider joining us on what promises to be a fantastic trip. If you cannot join us, please pass this message to friends who you think may wish to take advantage of the WWI Historical tour. The trip takes place July 20th thru July 30th. Full details, including agenda, are located on our website at www.rainbowvets.org. Select the France trip tab on the left of the homepage to access all the information. REMEMBER, you do not have to be a member of the RDVF to go on the trip. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Chaisson at patchais@aol.com. Or call 518-641-2731



Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation World War One Centennial Battle History Trip to France

July 20 – 30, 2018



Join the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to France to celebrate the 42nd "Rainbow" Division's World War One Battle History!

This ten-day history excursion is open to friends, family and former members of the Rainbow Division.

PRICE: \$2700.00 Per Person Double Occupancy/\$3400.00 Single Occupancy*
(Discounts available for early registration)

*Price includes hotel, in country transportation, some meals, plus tour guide.
It does not include airfare

While in France, you will:

- Participate in the Official U.S. World War One Centennial Ceremony at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
- Enjoy the Rainbow Division Memorial (Croix Rouge Farm) ceremony and concert
- Take guided tours of important American battlefields at Champagne, Argonne and Chateau-Thierry
- Visit unique World War One museums, monuments and U.S. cemeteries
- But of course there's time for champagne tours and visiting the cathedral city of Reims, not to mention a free day in Paris, "The City of Light"



This trip is being organized through Fitness Travel France, Inc., a veteran-owned agency with years of experience providing European military history tours.

Our professional guide, Brig. (Ret) John Smale, will lead you on an unforgettable journey of discovery – see where the Rainbow Division made history during World War One.

You'll enjoy comfortable lodging in scenic, historic French cities, travel by modern motor coach (bus), and some meals included.

For more information on this amazing history tour, contact Fitness Travel France, Inc., at 1-888-539-5520, or by email: lit@fitnesstravelfrance.com

Details:

- Space is limited to the first 50 people who sign up.
- **Discount Price:** \$2500.00 Per Person (PP) (Double Occupancy) \$3200.00 (Single Occupancy) with 50% Deposit of \$1250.00 PP (D/O) \$1600.00 (S/O) by **October 1, 2017**.
- **Base Price:** \$2700.00 PP (D/O) or \$3400.00 (S/O) Deposit schedule:
 - ✓ Oct 1, 2017: \$1000.00 PP (d/o) or \$1400.00 (s/o)
 - ✓ Nov 1, 2017: \$1350.00 PP (d/o) or \$1700.00 (s/o)
 - ✓ Dec 1, 2017: \$1500.00 PP (d/o) or \$1900.00 (s/o)
- Balance of payment is due May 15, 2018.
- Once 50 travelers have paid their deposit, those who wish to participate will be placed on a waiting list. If someone else withdraws, those on the waiting list will be added to the trip manifest in the order in which their deposit was received.
- A Registration Form, Waiver/Release, and Terms & Conditions are attached. You must print, sign, and return the registration form and waiver/release along with payment to Fitness Travel France, Fitness Travel France, 2801 Centerville Road PMB 5873 Wilmington, DE 19808. Acceptable forms of payment include PayPal or personal check. You may include credit card information with registration, but this is not recommended.
- You will need to make your own air travel arrangements.
- All travelers must arrive in France before 11:00 AM (Paris time) on Saturday, July 21, 2018. (Most international flights from the U.S. leave the evening before).
- The motor coach departs promptly at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, July 21, 2018. All participants will need to assemble at the Ibis Hotel at Charles deGaulle International Airport in Paris (shuttle train available) before Noon on July 21st.
- The tour ends on Monday, July 30, 2018. You may schedule your flight home from Paris on that day.
- This is an active tour for active people. While many destinations are handicap-accessible, we expect to walk up to one mile every day and climb stairs. The July heat in France can affect those with some medical conditions – if uncertain about your ability to keep up, call Pat Chaisson at 518-641-2731.
- See the Terms and Conditions for other considerations such as travel insurance, passport requirements, and our cancellation policy. For other questions, contact Fitness Travel France, 2801 Centerville Road PMB 5873 Wilmington, DE 19808 or by phone: 1-888-539-5520. Email: lit@fitnesstravelfrance.com



PROPOSED ITINERARY RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS FOUNDATION 2018 FRANCE TRIP AS OF 28 JULY 2017

20 JUL 2018: DAY ONE – Depart CONUS, Spend overnight traveling to France.

21 JUL 2018: DAY TWO – Arrive France, meet at Rally Point (conference room in Ibis hotel at Charles De Gaulle Airport), board bus, drive to The Great War Museum in Meaux, visit museum then move to Verdun. Spend overnight in Verdun. (No meals provided today. Light snack at the meeting point. Museum entry paid.)

22 JUL 2018: DAY THREE – Visit Verdun sites (Verdun Memorial Museum, Fleury village, Fort Douaumont, Douaumont Ossuary). Spend overnight in Verdun. (Breakfast and lunch provided. Museum entries paid.)

23 JUL 2018: DAY FOUR – Drive to Somme, visit Somme American Monument and Ossuary of Navarin. Spend overnight in Verdun. (Breakfast and sack lunch provided.)

24 JUL 2018: DAY FIVE – Drive to Montfaucon American Memorial, then Romagne for lunch on your own and tour of '14-'18 museum. Move to Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Spend overnight in Verdun. (Breakfast provided.)

25 JUL 2018: DAY SIX – Drive to the St. Mihiel region. Visit Montsec American Monument and St. Mihiel American Cemetery. Drive to Reims. Spend overnight in Reims. (Breakfast and sack lunch provided.)

26 JUL 2018: DAY SEVEN – Drive to Rheims. Morning tour of Cathedral. Afternoon tour of Champagne caves. Spend overnight in Rheims. (Breakfast included. Cathedral tour and champagne tour included.)

27 JUL 2018: DAY EIGHT – Drive to Chateau Thierry. Visit Chateau Thierry American Monument and newly-opened visitor center. Tour American Protestant Church in town, then move to Aisne-Marne American Cemetery. Possible side-trip to Belleau Wood (site of major USMC battle). Spend overnight in Chateau Thierry. (Breakfast and group dinner included.)

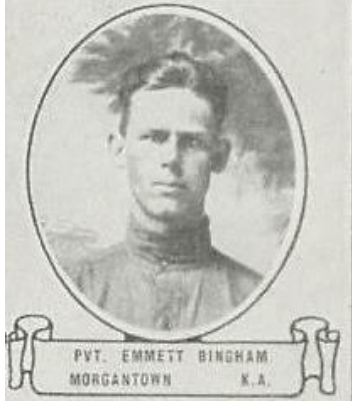
28 JUL 2018: DAY NINE – Move to Oise-Aisne American Cemetery for World War One ceremony. Afterwards, move to Fere-et-Tardenois for Croix Rouge Farm (42nd Division Memorial) and celebration. Move to Paris, spend overnight in Paris. (Breakfast provided.)

29 JUL 2018: DAY TEN – Day off in Paris for personal exploration, shopping, etc. Spend overnight in Paris. (Breakfast provided.)

30 JUL 2018: DAY ELEVEN – Depart. (Ground transportation to airport not included.)

Notes: Motor coach ground transportation included from 21 – 28 July. Historian accompanies the group from 21 – 28 July. Includes nine nights' accommodation in twin rooms (single supplement will apply), twelve meals as stated, museum entries as stated. Rental car will accompany from 21-28 July.

Remembering a Fallen WWI Rainbow Soldier



From Cathy Bingham Jarvis, whose great-uncle, PFC Emet Bingham, 22 years of age, of South Hill, Butler County, KY was killed in action in France on 28 July 1918 while serving with Company E, 165th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Brigade, 42nd "Rainbow" Division. Emet's story has been included on the Kentucky National Guard Memorial page –

<http://www.guardmemorial.com/html/bingham-emet.html>



He is buried in Plot B Row 1 Grave 6 of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery at Seringes-et-Nesles, FRANCE.

Cathy wrote to us in December 2017,

It had come to my attention that

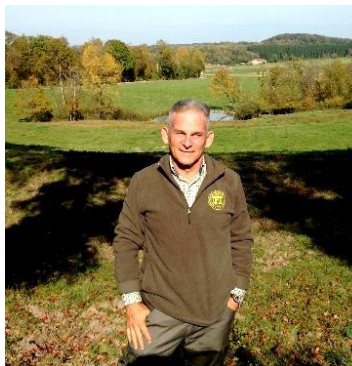
Uncle Emet never received any medals or certificates from WW 1, or being KIA. All summer I have been working on sending his information to the Army Review Board.

Heard from them, the response was not what I had hoped for. I also wrote the Kentucky National Guard, to see if they had any more information. They were kind to send me some information I did not know existed.

In the fall, I wrote to the Kentucky National Guard Memorial to see how one could get their family member on the memorial. I wanted to send you this link – Emet was approved to be included! I received an e-mail from one of the board members and it said that Uncle Emet will be included and they plan to add his name before Memorial Day 2018. There will be a ceremony in Frankfort, Kentucky on Memorial Day 2018, in which they will honor him and others who will be added to the memorial. My son, who is a former Marine and myself will go to Frankfort next Memorial Day for his induction.

Cathy will be joining the RDVF WWI Centennial Battle History Trip to France in July 2018.

UP IN THE ARGONNE



From Hubert « Bert » CALOUD Superintendent, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery American Battle Monuments Commission CD2, Seringes-et-Nesles France

Every man should be able to tell a good story ... here's mine! If there is a more knowledgeable battlefield guide in France besides Gilles Lugin for WWI American Battlefields I haven't met or heard of them.

His attention to detail is astounding and I suspect he has a metal detector in his nostrils as he doesn't miss much when it comes to ordnance, shrapnel, relics, etc.

I was equally blessed to have a Hawkeye (Jefferson City IA) converted into a Cheesehead (Durand WI) Darrek Orwing who edited the Francis Webster material on MG Company 168th Infantry, my Great-Uncle Bill's Company in the Rainbow into the book, "Somewhere Over There."

I could not have invented two better companions for the day.

We never saw a store, ate anything, drank anything (well, except for a couple belts to the lost) all day long but who cared ...

We spent most of the day on battlefield walks of Hill 288, Hill 242, Tuilerie Farm, Musarde Farm, Côte de Châtillon but also stopped or got around to other Meuse-Argonne sites in the area – The Lost Battalion, SGT York, a couple Big Red One Monuments, one to the Harlem Hellfighters, a 2nd Division AEF Boulder, Navarin Farm ... an outstanding day and learning experience. Imagine finding stacked 30:06 charger clips put there almost 99 years ago to the day, likely by some Doughboy from Des Moines, Cedar Rapids or Elberon, Iowa at morning 'Stand To' in anticipation of a counterattack on Hill 288 ... or a pick head dropped off a Hotchkiss Gun Cart ! (all photos from Bert Caloud)



Photo One is Musarde Farm and Côte de Châtillon from the edge of Bois de Romange the sector of 167th (Alabama) Infantry, the other Regiment in the 84th Brigade with 168th (Iowa) Infantry.

Photo Two is a military pick mattock with an "S" embossed on it - will have to see if it has other markings.



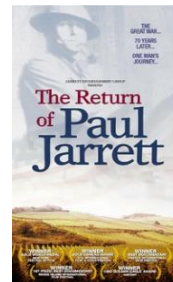
Photo Three: Remington Arms 1918 30:06 Ammo

Photo Four: Service Road running up Hill 288

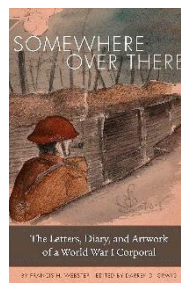


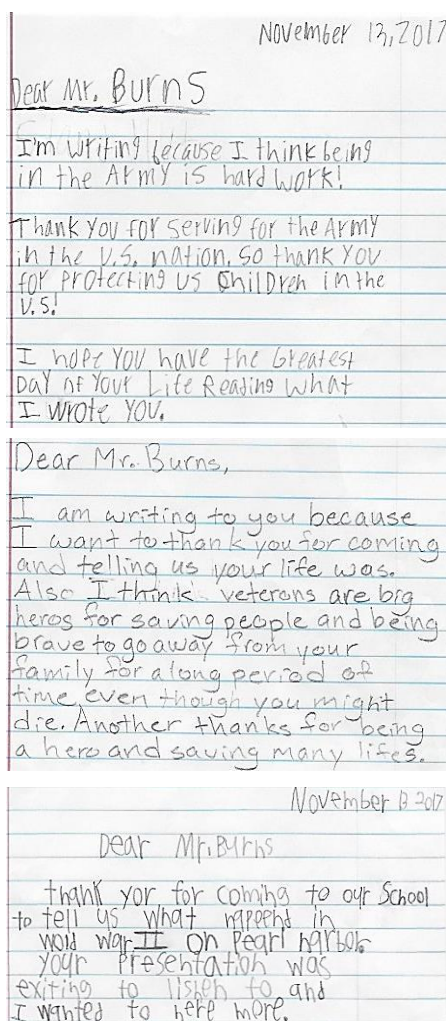
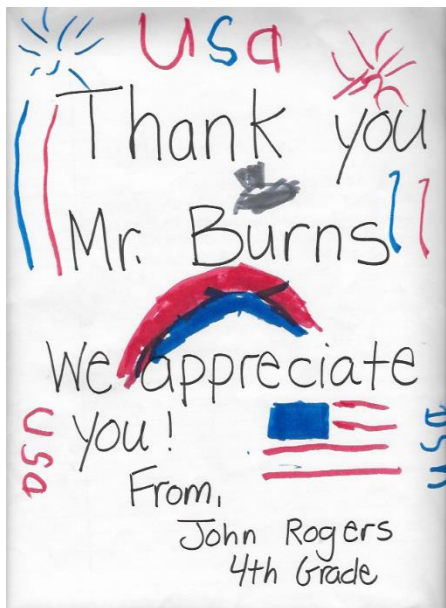
Recommended WWI History

The Return of Paul Jarrett, award-winning documentary film about a World War I Rainbow Division soldier's trip back to the battlefields of the Marne and Argonne Forest with his grandsons seventy years after the war. Written, directed and produced by Clark Jarrett (Jarrett Entertainment Group, 1998).



Somewhere Over There (2016) Decades before Americans became familiar with the term "embedded journalist," a young cartoonist named Francis Webster embodied that role when he served as a volunteer infantryman during World War I. Using his skills as an illustrator, he documented firsthand the harsh realities of combat life and regularly submitted visual dispatches of his experiences back to an Iowa newspaper. The first published collection of Webster's wartime chronicles, *Somewhere Over There* presents a unique view of World War I through a rare compilation of letters, diary entries, cartoons, sketches, and watercolors.





From Frank Burns,
WWII Rainbow
Division veteran,
President of the
Pacific NW
Association of the 42nd
Infantry "Rainbow"
Division –

"As most of you know,
I gave a WW2
Veterans Day talk to
my neighbor's son's
fourth grade class,
John Rogers
Elementary School in
Seattle, WA. When I
finished, I didn't think
they had paid
attention.

Then I got 40 hand-
written thank you
notes. Attached are
their questions and
my answers.
I guess they were
paying attention."

December 7th, 2017
Dear Class,

I can tell you were all
listening from your
comments and
questions.
They are great!
You all wished me a
great Veteran's Day.
Thank you, it was great.

Here are the questions
and my answers:

**1 – Which service were
you in?** I was a
volunteer in the Coast
Guard right after the
Pearl Harbor attack.
Then I was in the army
for 2 years.
2 – What did you eat?
During the war, the best
food went to the service.
But in the infantry a lot
of the time they couldn't
get it to us. So, we ate
canned food or bars that
were healthy but didn't
taste good.

- 3 – Why did the government make men fight?** We fought so the
United States would stay free. If we didn't fight, we would be part of
German &/or Japanese dictatorships.
- 4 – How loud was it?** Louder than you can imagine. War movies
don't do the noise part. If they did, everyone would leave.
- 5 – Did I have friends?** Yes. When you are in war, your life depends
on your team mates. They are your best friends -- ever.
- 6 – How long did the war last?** WW2 started in 1938, about three
years before the United States was in it. We got in after Pearl Harbor
on December 7, 1941. So, the war lasted about 7 years. We were in it
for almost 4 years.

7 – Was it scary to be so far from home? Being away from home was
a little scary. Being where the shooting was, was very scary.

8 – How did Japan and Germany get together? They were both
fighting us. Japan in the Pacific and Germany in Europe. They
didn't really get together. If they had both won, I think they would
have fought each other. They both thought they were THE super
race. **Frank Burns**

Rainbow Reflections of World War II

I Guess It Was My Fault!

Louis "Lou" Hubach, B/232, 42nd "Rainbow" Division

At the tender age of 17, an Army Representative came to my High
School. He was a kind of recruiter for the then Army Specialized
Training Reserve Program. It was a proposition to furnish a college
education for enlisting. It was listed as "Reserve" because it took in
17-year-old men. After qualifying tests, an offer for enlistment
followed, and I accepted. Times were slim and a free education was
attractive, even in 1944. I was to graduate from H.S. in January '44,
so it was attractive. Having been accepted, I received orders to go to
W. Lafayette, Indiana and Purdue University.

We were told that the program was to furnish civil engineers to
help rebuild Europe after the war's damages.

All went well; I didn't have great eyesight but memorizing the eye
chart worked well and I passed the physical. Then things went well –
I reported to the PMS&T (Professor of Military Science and Tactics)
and started classes. About three months later I was in Trig class and
felt sick. I reported to the Student Health Center and about three
hours later I lost my appendix.

Well, wouldn't you know it but about another three months later
we were on the firing range with M1's. After all the targets, it turned
out that my eyesight was in good working order and I was co-
champion of my 800-member training Battalion along with a much
older PFC who wanted to be a paratrooper but needed Infantry
training as a requirement. The Major who was Battalion C.O. called
me into his office and gave me my prize as champ – a carton of Old
Gold cigarettes – and I didn't smoke!! That same vision problem
kept me from OCS and I later found that PFC's lasted longer in
combat than Second LT's. Maybe I wasn't wrong after all. They say
the war was won by the Sergeants – and I was one of those.

I have since noted that being 20 when discharged I was too young
to vote, too young to drink and trained to kill people, with means
furnished!

An excerpt from "**GLORY ROAD**"

The WWII Memoirs of Fred Curry D/222nd Infantry
Chapter title, "A Rolling Stone Is Moss-less"

This was right after the day or two at Strasbourg (FR), lobbing
mortar shells over the river at nondescript targets and getting
Heaven-sent hot baths and clean socks. I think we headed South, but
I wouldn't guarantee it, because I was always mixed up on directions,
disoriented, you might say.

We piled into a commandeered residence down the line and
grabbed a little shut-eye, and found ourselves scattered out
(deployed?) over a considerable expanse of terrain. I was ushered
out by my gold bar buddy onto a bald prairie and my superior said,
"dig your foxhole here." I hadn't the foggiest as to what we were
doing, what the general plan was, or which direction I was to guard
against, if indeed guarding was the task at hand; and I didn't know
which direction we were facing – West, it seemed to me, but of
course the enemy was supposed to be to the East – and I thought I
knew better than to ask. All I said was, how wide and how deep, and
he said, two feet and six feet and I fell to. He left. The first stroke of
my pick at the frozen sod resulted in a recoil that almost obliterated
my eye and left a dent in the ground about a centimeter each way. As
you know, a centimeter is about four tenths of an inch. Undaunted, I
resolved to exercise more determination, and went at that potential
foxhole tooth and toenail. An hour or so later, my worthy boss found
me lethargically worrying the turf. I had me a hole nigh onto six
inches deep.

"Lieutenant, they'll just have to shoot me. No way can I dig this
foxhole." "Tell you what," he said. "Get in that house over yonder
and hang out there till somebody comes with further orders."

There were a couple of women in the farmhouse, and though I had no command of German or French, they seemed to accept my presence with amity and forbearing. I lingered there the rest of the day and since nothing happened and nobody came, I apprised them, by gestures, that I was ready to sack out. Whereupon they showed me to a bed upstairs, after first giving me some warm milk, mixed with water and other unknown ingredients.

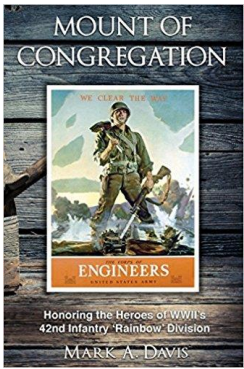
And you know what? A few minutes after I'd gone to bed, I heard one of them come padding quietly up the stairs. Swish, swish, swish. The door of my room eased open. In the gloominess of the place, I was apprehensive yet inquisitive.

The female form negotiated the door. She approached my bed. She lifted the covers at the nether end of the mattress. I couldn't figure what gives. She slid something between my feet. It was hard, but padded. And it was warm. She forthrightly and inaudibly whisked out the door, leaving me slightly bewildered. I readily ascertained that the object was a rock, a rock which had been heated and wrapped with cloth, a rock to keep my feet warm through the frigid night.

How about that? Insinuating myself into the home of strangers in a strange land, I am rendered not only hospitality but concern for my comfort. Luckily, I knew enough German to say "donkey shang" when I left the next morning.

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RECOMMENDED WWII HISTORY

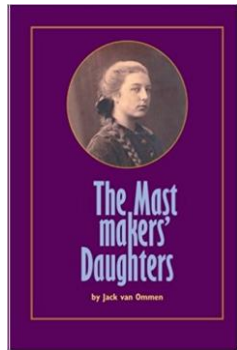


November 2017 by Mark A. Davis
Courier Publishing is pleased to announce the release of the military memoir, "Mount of Congregation: Honoring the Heroes of WWII's 42nd Infantry 'Rainbow' Division," by Mark A. Davis of Columbia, S.C.
About the book:

It is the spring of 1944. Blace Davis has no thought of fighting in the war. After all, he is a man with dependents — a wife and six children, with a seventh on the way. But then everything changes.

"Mount of Congregation" is a true story of bravery in the midst of one of the most audacious military operations in American

history: the U.S. Army 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division's final assault into the heart of Nazi Germany. Author Mark A. Davis describes battle scenes with concussive clarity while faithfully retelling his grandfather's account of trying to survive the throes of war. Meticulously researched, yet imbued with the singular tenderness a boy feels for his grandfather, "Mount of Congregation" is an engrossing story of love, family and survival. It is also a transgenerational testament to belief in a Creator who has a plan for every person's life — including an American infantryman.



January 2013 by Jack Van Ommen
(available at Amazon.com)

The Mastmakers' Daughters are cousins. They have the same name: Rennie de Vries. Our main character grows up above her father's mastmaker shop in a small seaport on the Zuiderzee. Her three-year younger cousin grows up in Germany where her father started a mastmaker business. Rennie joins Hitler's Nazi party. "Our" Rennie ends up in the 2nd World War Resistance. The young mother is arrested by the Germans. The story follows her through Dutch prisons and

concentration camps Vught and Ravensbrück until the interception by the American 7th Army on her Death March out of Dachau. The author managed to reconstruct one of the first complete accounts of the 200 Dutch women of the "AGFA-Kommando". These courageous women stood united to survive the horror. They prayed, sang, cried and laughed together. Rennie remembers their secret religious exercises with Corrie and Betsie ten Boom. Van Ommen discovered a number of misconceptions and some shocking facts about the heroes and villains in the Resistance. The book also follows the Nazi Rennie after she flees Holland when the Third Reich begins to collapse. Rennie's husband kept a diary from the time of his arrest until

Rennie's safe return. He received one of the first issues of the "Diary of Anne Frank" from Otto Frank. The first part is based on Rennie's memoirs. It is a very personal account of her experiences in a small seaport, when the fishing and commercial fleet moved by sail and muscle, before running water and electricity. Rennie embraces the emancipation and is one of the founding members of the Dutch equivalent of our YWCA. Most of all, this is Rennie's affirmation of her gratitude to be a child of God.



TASK FORCE LIBERTY LUNCHEON

42nd Iraq veterans meet for lunch Nov 17th. 2017

42nd Iraq veterans have begun meeting for lunch around Veterans Day each year. CW2 Al Thiem organizes the event at a restaurant close to the Division Hq's in Troy NY.

Those who attended the most recent gathering were

Front Kneeling: SSG Kenneth Geib; **2nd Row L-R** CW2 Albert Thiem; LTC (Ret) Mike Kelly; CW4 Timothy Schultz; CW3 Kelly Fancher; LTC (Ret) Eric Durr **Back Row L-R** LTC Dage McNitt; LTC Robert Epp; MAJ (Ret) Patrick Chaisson; Col (Ret) Rick Smith (our ALO); SFC Paul Mulligan

THE NEXT GENERATION

The Pacific Northwest Association of the 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division, an affiliate of the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation, Inc. met in October 2017 in Seattle WA.

Two WWII Rainbow Division veterans and six Rainbow family members attended. The main agenda was the transition to "the next generation". Guests attending were Dee Simon, Seattle Holocaust Center, and Dale Kaku of the local 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The local 442nd RCT had already made this transition and offered excellent advice. All made recommendations on this process and the beginning of management by the "next Rainbow" generations was unanimously carried.

This new focus will encourage family stories tied back to the veteran in a way that brings history into the new technology available now.

On October 13, 2017, author and sailor, Jack Van Ommen visited Frank Burns at his Seattle home. He took this photo of Frank and wrote: "I had the pleasure of meeting Frank Burns at his home in Seattle, last Monday. Most of you have met Frank in Holland and or at the Dachau museum. Frank is 94 and one of the last of the surviving members of the 42nd Rainbow Division, liberators of the Dachau concentration camp. He is still very active in the historic aspect, particularly in organizing the next generation to keep the lights burning."



Jack van Ommen, Dutch-American, is the son of Rennie de Vries- van Ommen. He was eight when the war ended; when he was nineteen, he immigrated to the United States. In 2005 he left California on a solo sailing voyage on his 30-foot sloop "Fleetwood". He has crossed every ocean, visited fifty countries and six continents, so far. His articles appear regularly in U.S. and Dutch papers and magazines. You can follow his adventure at www.cometosea.us



WWII RAINBOW MEMORIAL LIST Deaths Reported Since October 2017

BENTI , Martin	I/222 Infantry
BURKETT , Frank P.	D/232 Infantry
CARNER , Donald	C/232 Infantry
HAWKINS , Olin	F/222 Infantry
KRAKOV , William	M/222 Infantry
MCKELVEY , Paul L.	unit unreported
MCNICOL , James V.	H1B/222 Infantry
PEPIN , Maurice	HQ/402 Field Artillery
SCHAEFER , James C.	I/232 Infantry
SCHUMER , Rudolph R.	I/222 Infantry
SHATLEY , Walter F.	F/242 Infantry
SPIEGEL , Valentine	F/232 Infantry
WOOD , James H.	F/242 Infantry

NATIONAL AUXILIARY OF RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS
Murel Owen, wife of Arnold Owen, M/242 Infantry

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