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All services have been resumed at the L. D. B. church, including the regular Sunday services and the meetings of the Mutual Improvements Association and other church activities. The public, as usual, is cordially invited to the services at the L. D. B. church.

WAR CHEST MEETING

Tomorrow evening the election of a director for the La Grande district of the Union County War Chest will be held at the Y. M. C. A. It is extremely important that this matter be attended to as the election is long past due, but had to be postponed on account of the influenza ban. Several matters of importance are to come up, but the meeting will be short, a half hour session being the approximate time that will be needed. All those who subscribed to the War Chest are eligible to a vote, and it is their duty to take an interest in the disposition of the affairs of the association for the balance of the period that it is to function.

FAVOR ELUME AS FREE PORT

LONDON, Feb. 1.—It will be found, says the Paris correspondent of the Evening Standard, that Italy is willing to withdraw her claim on the port of Elume as part of Italian nationalities. Italy will agree, the dispatch adds, to Elume being made a free port, as the port of Hamburg was a free city before 1870.

and fifty square kilometers of French territory and you have captured great supplies of enemy munitions and material. Whatever may come in the future, the men of this division will have the proud consciousness that they have thus far fought wherever the American flag has flown most gloriously in this war. In the determining battle before Chateau, in the bloody drive from Chateau Thierry to the Vesle, in the blotting out of the St. Mihiel salient and in the advance to Sedan you have played a splendid and a leading part.

I know that you will give the same unflinching support to whatever may succeed me as your commander, and that you will continue to bear forward without faltering the colors of the Rainbow division. I leave you with deep and affectionate regard, and I thank you again for your loyalty to me and your services to your country. You have struck a vital blow in the greatest war in history. You have proved to the world in no mean measure that our country can defend its own.

CHARLES T. MENOHR,
Major General, U. S. Army.

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PRAISE FOR THE FORTY-SECOND

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The following communications received from France are official documents issued by the commanding officer to the soldiers and these two epistles tell more of the valor displayed, of the remarkable work done, of the courage and bravery of our boys than anything that has ever been written on the war.

The Observer feels very fortunate in being able to print the documents as written by the commander.

Headquarters 42nd division, American Expeditionary Forces, France, August 13th, 1918. To the officers and men of the 42nd division: A year has elapsed since the formation of your organization. It is, therefore, fitting to consider what you have accomplished as a combat division and what you should prepare to accomplish in the future.

Your first elements entered the trenches in Lorraine on February 21. You served on that front for 110 days. You were the first American division to hold a divisional sector and when you left the sector June 21, you had served continuously as a division in the trenches for a longer time than any other American division. Although you entered the sector without experience in actual warfare, you conducted yourselves as to win the respect and affection of the French veterans with whom you fought.

Under gas and bombardment, in raids, in patrols, in the heat of hand-to-hand combat and in the long dull hours of trench routine so trying to a soldier's spirit, you bore yourselves in a manner worthy of the traditions of our country.

You were withdrawn from Lorraine and moved immediately to the Champagne front, where during the critical days from July 14th to July 18th, you had the honor of being the only American division to fight in General Gouraud's army which so gloriously obeyed his order, "We will stand or die," and by its iron defense crushed the German assault and made possible the offensive of July 18th the west of Rheims.

From Champagne you were called to take part in exploiting the success north of the Meuse. Fresh from the battlefield before Chateau you were thrown against the picked troops of Germany. For eight consecutive days you attacked skillfully prepared positions.

You captured great stores of arms and munitions. You forced the crossing of the Oureq. You took Hill 212, Sergy, Meurey Farme, and Serringes by assault. You drove the enemy, including an imperial guard division, before you for a depth of fifteen kilometers. When your infantry was relieved, it was in full pursuit of the retreating Germans and your artillery continued to progress and support another American division in the advance to the Vesle.

For your service of Lorraine, your division was formally commended in general orders by the French army corps under which you served. For your services in Champagne, your assembled officers received the personal thanks and commendation officially from General Gouraud himself. For your services on the Oureq, your division was officially complimented in a letter from the commanding general, First army corps, of July 28th, 1918.

To your success, all ranks and all services have contributed, and I desire to express to every man in the command my appreciation of his devoted and courageous effort.

However, our position places a burden of responsibility upon us which we must strive to bear steadily forward without faltering. To our comrades who have fallen we owe this sacred obligation of maintaining the reputation which they died to establish. The influence of our performance on our allies and on our enemies cannot be over-estimated, for we were one of the first divisions sent from our country to France to show the world that Americans can fight.

Hard battles and campaigns lie before us. Only by ceaseless vigilance and tireless preparation can we fit ourselves for them. I urge you, therefore, to approach the future with confidence, but above all, with firm determination that so far as it is in your power you will spare no effort whether in training or in combat to maintain the record of our division and the honor of our country.

CHARLES MENOHR,
Major General, U. S. Army.

Headquarters 42nd division, American Expeditionary Forces, France, November 11, 1918. To the officers and men of the 42nd division: On the 11th of August I addressed to you a letter summarizing the record of your achievements in Lorraine, before Chateau and of the Oureq. On the occasion of my leaving the division I wish to recall to you your services since that time and to express to you my appreciation of the unflinching spirit of courage and cheerfulness with which you have met and overcome the tasks which have confronted you.

After leaving the region of Chateau Thierry you had scarcely been assembled in your new area when you were ordered to advance by hard night marches to participate in the attack of the St. Mihiel salient. In this first great operation of the American army you were instructed to attack in the center of the French army corps and to deliver the main blow in the direction of the heights overlooking the Madine river. In the battle that followed you took every objective in accordance with the plan of the army commander. You advanced fourteen kilometers in two or three days. You pushed forward advanced elements five kilometers beyond your original starting point. You took more than one thousand prisoners from nine enemy divisions and forty two square kilometers of territory. You seized large supplies of food, clothing, ammunition, guns and engineering material.

When though you were by ceaseless campaigning since February, you then moved to the Verdun region to participate in the great blow which your country's armies have struck west of the Meuse. Yet took Hill 298, La Tullerie Farme and the Cote de Chateau and broke squarely across the powerful Knobbels Stellung, clearing the way for the advance beyond St. Georges and Landreville. St. Georges, Marbais and fighting day and night you thrust through the advancing lines of the forward troops of the First Army. You drove the enemy across the Meuse. You captured the heights dominating the river before Sedan and reached in the enemy lines the farthest point attained by any American troops.

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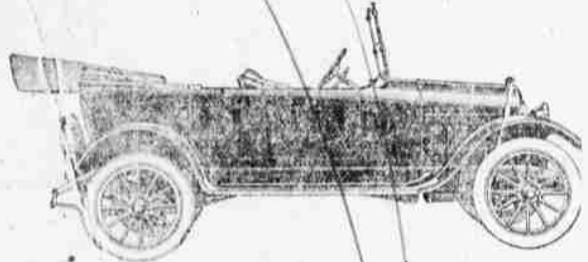


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