



Constantine D. Papademetrin was born in Glancia, Greece in 1890. He immigrated to the United States and was living in Park City, Utah, when he entered the military. He was inducted into the Army on May 27, 1918, and when he finished his training he was assigned to the 166th Infantry Regiment , 42nd Infantry Division.

He participated in four major Operations: the fourth battle of Champagne-Marne, the battle of Saint Mihiel, and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

He survived these battles and died of pulmonary tuberculosis on February 14, 1919.

His body was returned to the United States and he was buried in an unmarked grave in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1953, his grave was marked with the military headstone shown above.

The 42nd Infantry Division known as the “Rainbow Division”. The nick name was chosen when Colonel Douglas MacArthur was discussing the National Guards from 26 states that would be in it. He commented that “The 42nd Division stretches like a Rainbow from one end of America to the other”. The original patch was a half circle and was later reduced to a quarter arch. The colors are red, gold and blue since they are seen in a rainbow.

The components of the Distinctive Unit Insignia of the 166th Infantry Regiment are as follows: The shield is white with the blue border suggesting the older and the later Infantry colors. The rainbow is the device of the 42nd Division in World War I and the black Maltese cross recalls the service of the Regiment in Puerto Rico in the Spanish-American War.

