

GEN. A. E. ANDERSON OF INFANTRY DIES

**Commander of Camp Howze's
86th Division Was Veteran
of First World War**

PRODUCT OF THE OLD 69TH

**Fought With 'Fighting Irish' in
France—Served as the Head
of Queens Contracting Firm**

GAINESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 24 (AP)—Major Gen. Alexander E. Anderson, commander of Camp Howze's Eighty-sixth Infantry Division, died today of a heart attack. He was 53 years old. The camp's public relations office announced the death. General Anderson became commander of the unit when it was activated Dec. 15.

Recently Was Overseas

General Anderson, a military man for nearly thirty-three years, was an officer of the 165th Infantry (Fighting Irish Sixty-ninth) Regiment in France in the first World War and was decorated for bravery in that conflict, served as a New York National Guard leader in the period between that war and this one and had recently returned from overseas in this conflict. Promoted to major general on Dec. 12, last, he had, the previous month, been appointed commander of the new Eighty-sixth Infantry Division at Camp Howze, Texas.

General Anderson was president of the Daniel James Rice Company, 41-50 Thirty-eighth Street, Long Island City, Queens, a heating and ventilating contracting firm with which he had been associated for more than twenty-five years. His home was 61 Greenway Terrace, Forest Hills, Queens.

Besides having been a leading contractor in Queens, he was a leader in Democratic politics in that borough. From 1939 to a few months ago he was chairman of the Queens County Democratic Committee. He had to relinquish his chairmanship because of his military duties.

Daughter's Wedding Postponed

Last November the engagement of the general's daughter, Miss Aileen Anderson, was announced to Captain Howard L. Felchlin, United States Army. The wedding would have taken place next Monday in the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Forest Hills. Now it has been indefinitely postponed.

Born in New York on Nov. 23, 1889, General Anderson was the son of the late Thomas Anderson and the late Mrs. Sarah White Anderson. He attended Epiphany School, Manhattan, and De La Salle Institute, Manhattan.

General Anderson enlisted as a private in the old Sixty-ninth Regiment of the New York National Guard in 1910. He was promoted to first lieutenant in 1912, captain in 1916, major in 1918, lieutenant colonel in 1919 and colonel, commanding the regiment, in 1934. He fought courageously in many engagements in France in 1918 and was with the army of occupation in Germany after the war.

In 1934-38 he commanded the Sixty-ninth Infantry, which was called the 165th from the time of the first world conflict. In 1938 he was promoted to brigadier general in the National Guard, and was placed in command of the Ninety-third Brigade of the Twenty-seventh Division. He entered Federal service when we entered the present war and for a time served overseas. Then he was put in command of a division and this month he became a major general.

General Anderson was an ardent advocate of Irish independence. In the years immediately after the first World War he was a leader in movements to promote the Irish cause and was engaged in several controversies connected with the Irish question.

Headed Rainbow Group

He formerly was president of the New York Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans Association. The late Rev. Francis P. Duffy, wartime chaplain of the old Sixty-ninth, once said that General Anderson was the regiment's most distinguished product.

He was a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the American-Irish Historical Society.

His decorations included the United States Distinguished Service Cross, the United States Distinguished Service Medal, the Victory Medal with six clasps, the Army of Occupation Medal, the French Legion of Honor medal, the French Croix de Guerre with Star and Palm and the New York State National Guard long service medal.

Besides his daughter, Miss Aileen Anderson, he leaves a widow, Mrs. Mary B. McGoldrick Anderson; two other daughters, Mrs. William Chambers, wife of Second Lieutenant Chambers of Anniston, Ala., and Miss Joan Anderson of Forest Hills, and two sons, Second Lieutenant Daniel J. Anderson, U. S. A., and Sergeant Alexander E. Anderson Jr., U. S. A.