



## The Armory

Two weeks before the end of the Civil War, on March 26, 1865, the 32nd Separate Company of the National Guard of New York was formed. The Hoosick Falls Armory was built in 1888 and the 32nd Company, which contained 65 men, became the active unit of the Armory in 1889. When the Spanish American War broke out in 1898, the unit volunteered to take part. On June 4, 1898, they arrived in Tampa, Florida with 109 men. Due to lack of transport the unit was not sent to Cuba, and the war ended before they could be deployed.

The unit stayed active in the Armory, and before World War I, it was joined with a Troy unit and was attached to the 27th Division. The unit was in the war from March 25, 1917 to April 1, 1919, and operated with the British in Belgium. Thirty-one men from the division died in World War I.

The unit at the Armory changed and decreased in number after World War I. Before World War II the unit became Headquarters Detachment, First Battalion of the 105th Infantry. The unit of 27 men were federalized and left for Fort McClellan, Alabama on October 23, 1940. Five men were discharged because of physical problems, eleven men participated in the Battle of Saipan, the others transferring and were active in other units. Three were killed in the Battle of Saipan and four were wounded.

The Armory is located in Hoosick Falls at 80 Church St. and in 1995, was listed as a National Historic Preservation Site. It is now a community center.