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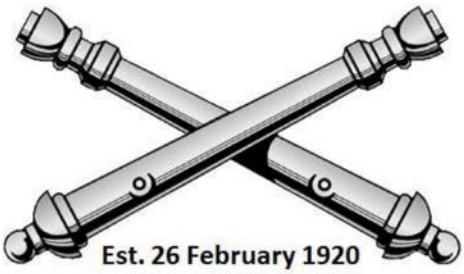


PREFACE

I decided to capture as much of the 158th Field Artillery's history as possible, so for this reason I have compiled volumes entitled "Official Journals" which are composed of registries of data that are derived from newspapers, periodicals, journals, orders, rosters, and official correspondence. I have published these in a set of 5 volumes entitled: Volume No. 9 "Official Journal" 1920-1945, Volume No. 10 "Official Journal" 1946-1970, Volume No. 11 "Official Journal" 1971-1995, Volume No. 12 "Official Journal" 1996-2020, and Volume No. 17 "Official Journal" 2021-2030 (This journal is updated as data is collected and is updated quarterly and published on https://158thfieldartillery.godaddysites.com/).

After a few revised editions of these respective Volumes 9 thru 12, a data source was discovered lost in the researchers notes. This data was compiled and published an titled "Special Edition". This will not be published as a stand alone volume, however this data will be chronically inserted into Volumes 9 thru 12, thus revising the edition dates of these respective volumes.

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Registry of the 158th Field Artillery

Sep 22, 1922: Published in "The Albuquerque Morning Journal" entitled: BATTERY "A" FOOTBALL TEAM CHALLENGES FOUR BIG STATES. The football team of Battery "A" 158th Field Artillery, has sent the Journal the following notice of challenge to any football team in four states: "The Battery "A" football team of the 158th Field Artillery, of Roswell, N.M., challenges any football teams in the states of New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and Oklahoma. Battery "A" team held the strong Calumus club of El Paso to a 7 to 6 score last year. Address all communications to Battery "A:, Roswell, N.M., stating open dates and terms. " Battery "A", P. C. Smashey, Team Manager.

Apr 23, 1923: Published in "The Enid Daily Eagle" entitled: TO INSPECT NEW BATTERY. Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Graves, of Enid, has been ordered to Kingfisher tonight where he will inspect a newly formed battery of artillery. The battery which is a unit of a new artillery battalion is known as Battery "F" and is assigned to the 158th field artillery. Graves and Captain W. A. Ray, instructor, have been ordered to report at Oklahoma City Thursday for a conference with Baird H. Markham, adjutant general, and other army officers.

May 09, 1923: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: COMPLETION OF 45TH DIVISION OF GUARD NEAR. Each Day This Week Is To See One New Unit Ready For Recognition. With one new unit of the forty-fifth division of Oklahoma national guard to be mustered into federal service, for each weekday of this week, federal recognition to be obtained, and equipment shipped to them from the armory at the

state house, the personnel of the adjutant general's department is working to complete the unit this week, according to Major Earl Patterson, property and disbursing officer. Following is the schedule on which Charles W. Daley, major inspector of the guard, and Lieut. A. J. Patterson, federal instructor, will work: The Third battalion headquarters detachment and combat trains of the 158th field artillery, recruited at McAlester by Capt. H. H. Donahue, was mustered at McAlester Monday night. Another Battery Ready. Tuesday the headquarters battery of the 158th field artillery was sworn into federal service. The service battery, which includes the band section of the 158th field artillery, will be mustered Wednesday at Hugo under command of Capt. X. R. Campbell. Thursday is allotted for the mustering of the Oklahoma City detachments of the Forty-fifth division medical company, under command of Col. Floyd J. Bolend. These include the ambulance company, supply section and laboratory section. Lieut. Harold L. Turner, who was awarded a congressional medal for exceptional service in the world war, will have his military police company ready for federal inspection at Seminole Friday. The ammunition train of the Eightieth field artillery, under command of Capt. Charles L. Wilson, will be mustered at Bristow Saturday. All But Five Units In. Alva J. Niles of Tulsa, general commanding the artillery brigade, will be present at the federal inspection of all artillery units, was the announcement from the adjutant general's department Monday. The close of the present week will record the organization of all except five units of the Forty-fifth division, and these will be organized before July 1, said B. H. Markham, major general, Tuesday. As soon as a new unit is mustered and passed by the federal inspector, complete equipment is issued upon requisition from the armory at the state house. All equipment issued is identical with that in use by the regular service, as is all regulation pertaining to the organization and training of the federalized guard. Advance Guard to Fort Sill. An advance detachment of the guard consisting of three officers and fifty men of the quartermaster corps, will arrive in Fort Sill on July 2, with Maj. C. H. Johnson in charge. On the morning of July 4, all units of the Oklahoma national guard will entrain for their fifteen days' annual training period at Fort Sill. July 14 has been designated as Governor's day for the troops in training, this is to be a gala field day, with representatives from each unit doing their stunts in wrestling, running,

shooting, riding, boxing, and exhibition drilling. A rifle competition will be held at Fort Sill June 10 to 19, inclusive, for which funds allotted will permit the attendance of ten officers and sixty-seven enlisted men. These men must be members of the national guard, and members of a unit armed with the rifle, or in case of pistol competition, men who are armed with a pistol in their organization. Officers and men must have completed the prescribed course in target practice, during the current target year, to be eligible. Unit commanders of the 180th field artillery held a meeting at the state house Monday at which plans were made for the July encampment at Fort Sill. A similar meeting will be held by the officers of the 179th infantry, Friday.

Aug 18, 1923: Published in "The El Paso Times" entitled: REVEILLE AT CAMP HINKLE WILL SOUND TODAY FOR NEW MEXICO=ARIZONA GUARDS. Visiting State Troops to Be at Bliss for Next Two Weeks. By Robert E. Lepley. Again the former citizens' military training barracks at Fort Bliss are ringing with the songs which were so popular during the days of 1917 and 1918. Camp Hinkle, named in honor of Gov. James F. Hinkle of New Mexico, has been formally opened. About 500 young men from New Mexico and Arizona, who are attending the camp, are singing the war songs and going through the marches and drills which the men of the more stirring days of war used to know. Actual training at Camp Hinkle will start this morning at 5:30 o'clock, when first call is sounded, and will continue each day until retreat at 5:30 o'clock. On orders issued yesterday by Maj. Gen. Robert L. Howze, commanding officer of the First cavalry division, the schedule for training of the national guard units will be made out daily. Therefore, the training work and instructions will be set for only 24-hour periods, instead of for the entire encampment, which ends on August 31, according to Col. A. P. Commiskey, chief of staff to Major General Howze. Col. Thompson in Command. Col. Fitz Warren Thompson, commanding officer of the 111th cavalry national guard of Roswell, has assumed formal command of Camp Hinkle, and has established his headquarters with Capt. Lester A. Sprinkle, as camp adjutant, assisted by Lieut. Carl A. Bishop and Lieut. Harry G. Loveland, both of Santa Fe. Maj. John W. Skipwith, adjutant general of the New Mexico national guard, has also established headquarters at

the camp and will supervise practically all of the training and instruction work of the troops. Although the officers of the organization are considerably hampered for quarters, Colonel Thompson stated late yesterday that he expected different arrangements would be made today to give the officers more comfortable quarters. At present the commanding officers of the various troops of the 111th cavalry are quartered in regimental headquarters building. As many as four officers have been placed in one of the small rooms, and in one room there are seven officers. This is due, according to various staff officers of the guard, to the insufficient room caused by 100 more men attending the camp than were expected. Praise for Eighty-second. Battery "A" of the 158th Field artillery of Roswell; Battery "D" of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Battery E of Mesa, Ariz., are quartered in the barracks of the Eighty-second field artillery, and the officers of this organization have been quartered with the officers of the Fort Bliss battalion. All officers of the artillery units of the guard are high in their praise of the courtesy being shown them by the officers of the Eighty-second.

Aug 20, 1923: Published in "The El Paso Times" entitled: OFFICERS AND MEN OF SOUTHWEST GUARD UNITS UNDERGO INTENSIVE TRAINING AT BLISS ENCAMPMENT. By Robert E. Lepley. What is strong and weak in the members of the New Mexico and Arizona National Guard in training at Camp Hinkle, Fort Bliss, will be brought out this week, when a rigid schedule of training will be carried out for both the cavalry and artillery sections of the guard, according to Col. Fitz Warren Thompson, commanding officer of the One Hundred and Eleventh cavalry. Training schools of instruction for both the cavalry and artillery will be conducted throughout the two weeks of the camp. When the student enters training in the school of artillery about the first thing he learns to do is to shoot. Nearly every day for the next two weeks the three batteries of the One Hundred and Fifty-eighth field artillery from Mesa and Flagstaff, Ariz., and Roswell, N. M., will be taught the art of getting big shots and targets within the minimum time. Repair of Guns: To be able to shoot with a gun which is in good condition is one thing, but to repair a broken gun is another. Out in the field guns wear out, break down or otherwise get out of order. The artillery students, who must also be mechanics as well as soldiers,

will be instructed in the mechanism of the guns by Maj. W. H. Blecker of the Eighty-second field artillery. Colonel Thompson stated yesterday that, starting this morning, a rigid schedule of mounted cavalry drill would be carried out by the various troops. More attention will be given to mounted drill than to dismounted, he said. Knowing how to ride is one of the practical things that a member of the cavalry must learn. This step will be taken this morning when each man of the organization will be assigned a mount which he must keep in first class condition until the close of the camp. There being but one way to ride in the cavalry, that way will be taught by Capt. John A. Hettinger of the Seventh cavalry, senior cavalry instructor at Camp Hinkle. Instruction in Saluting: Captain Hettinger and Lieut. Harvey E. Bodine, Jr., will hold a special instruction period on saluting this morning in connection with the regular dismounted drill. Mounted drill for this week will be conducted by platoons under command of the junior officers of the troops. No gait will be faster than a slow trot, according to an order issued yesterday by Colonel Thompson. Colonel Thompson stated that that the officers should be careful to see that each man is in his proper place and stays there. Line officers have been instructed to saddle their own horses and also supervise the saddling of the troopers' horses. Headquarters detachment of the 111th Cavalry under command of Lieut. William E. Poe, Lieut. Memory H. Cain and Lieut. Waldo C. Butler, will hold combined mounted drill today with troop C, under command of Capt. Charles G. Sage, Lieut. R. W. Wheatley and Lieut. Niles J. Strumquist. Training School Daily: From 1:15 to 4:15 o'clock each afternoon Captain Hettinger will hold officers' training school in cavalry drill and arm signals. Members of the officers school will include the following: Capt. Charles G. Sage, Capt. Robert I. Thornton, Capt. Roland A. Laird, Capt. Guy Wood, Capt. John F. Harn, Capt. Curry, Los Lunqueros, Capt. Raymond Curry, Capt. A. E. Lusk, First Lieutenants B. W. Wheatley, Carlos Dunn, Harry D. Yontz, Robert E. Hamblin, William T. Albert, Carl A. Bishop, William E. Poe, Memory H. Cain, Nelson B. Fields, E. R. Airheart, Grant H. Mann; Second Lieutenants Niles J. Strumquist, Jose D. Sena, Jr., David M. Anthony, Bernard A. Laufet, Harry G. Loveland, Waldo C. Butler, Homer D. Compton and William E. Timmons. Realizing the necessity for more room for quartering the officers of the 111th Cavalry, Colonel Thompson has ordered officers' tents placed directly

opposite regimental headquarters for the use of the junior officers of the organization. The tents were erected Saturday afternoon, but due to the storm Saturday night the officers did not use their new quarters. To International Shoot: Captain Sage, commanding officer of troop C of the Eleventh cavalry is devoting practically all his spare time to rifle practice. At the close of the camp Captain Sage and Lieutenant Poe expect to leave for the international rifle shoot to be held at Camp Perry the first part of September. Captain Laird, commanding officer of troop F of the 111th cavalry of Silver City; Captain Thornton, in command of troop E of Santa Fe and Captain Curry, in command of troop A of Estancia, are devoting practically all spare time to equitation instruction. Captain Wood, commanding officer of troop G of Clayton, N. M., is said by the members of his organization to be an expert drill master and at the close of the camp expects to be able to show an exceptionally well drilled troop of cavalrymen. Captain Joseph E. Pomeroy, in command of Battery "E" of the 158th field artillery of Mesa, Ariz.; Capt. H. B. Eubank, in command of Battery "D" of Flagstaff, and Capt. Harry F. Schram, in command of Battery "A" of Roswell, assisted by their junior officers, are making an excellent showing on the artillery drill ground, according to various staff officers of the 82nd field artillery. Capt. H. T. Saunders, commanding officer of the cadets at the Roswell Military Institute, who is an experienced polo player, is making arrangements to organize a polo team among the national guard officers to compete with other Fort Bliss organizations during the encampment.

May 09, 1924: Published in "The Arizona Republican" entitled: ARTILLERY WILL BE IN ACTION AT MESA SATURDAY. Mesa, May 8. An opportunity for Mesa people and residents of the Salt River valley to observe the French 75 field pieces of the Mesa Artillery unit in action will be afforded Saturday when 430 rounds of shrapnel are to be fired on the target range east of this city by Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery. The firing will be done under the supervision of Captain Reeves, regular army officer, Major M. J. Dougherty of Mesa and other reserve officers of the U. S. Army. Firing on this occasion is the biggest one day bit of practice ever undertaken by Battery "E" and members of the organization are looking forward eagerly to the event. While all of the firing is to be done on Saturday, the Battery members will

leave Friday for the target range and will pitch camp there for the night, carrying out a regular 24 hour schedule of camp duty. All members of the battery are urged by the commanding officer to report for duty Friday afternoon. He states that credit for two drills will be given for attendance at this event. The target range is located on the desert five miles northeast of Mesa. Those planning to go are directed to take the pavement north from the Mesa Mill, follow it to the end and continue one mile east to the desert. INSTRUCTOR DUTY: Sergeant J. C. Macklin, regular army non-commissioned officer attached to Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, left Thursday night for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he is ordered to report for National Guard instruction duty for four days, commencing May 12. He is also ordered to report to Santa Fe, N. M., for similar duty, later in the month.

Aug 22, 1924: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: CHOCTAW GUARDS GET PROFICIENCY AWARD. Hugo, Aug. 21. (Special). The cup for general military proficiency at the National Guard camp at Fort Sill was to Hugo by Service Battery 158th Field Artillery. The 158th Field Artillery band, also stationed here, was judged second in the final review.

Jan 22, 1925: Published in "The Kingfisher Times" entitled: NEWS OF HDQ. BATTERY. The pay roll has been completed and sent to the office of the Instructor and the boys should receive the "long green" by the 1st of February. The following report was recently received in regard to an inspection made by Lt. Crehan, Instructor 158th Field Artillery: "The horses and stables are in the best condition of any noticed on the recent instruction trips. These stables should be a model for horse drawn units in Oklahoma." Stable Sergeant John L. Crotzer was visited recently by his brother, who is in the Interior Department, and is stationed at Concho. A National Guard Basket Ball Team was organized Tuesday of last week. The Batteries have a wealth of material and should put out a championship team. Those reporting for practice are Crotzer, who played with the Haskell indians for nine years and has played against such teams as Yale, Harvard, Princeton, K. C. A. C.; Rodrick, old K. H. S. and Kingfisher College star; Rupe, K. H. S.; McCartney, K. H.

S.; Grimes, K. H. S.; "Bushy", Watonga High School; Rankin, K. H. S.; Burns, all county high school center '23, Dover High School.

Mar 05, 1925: Published in “Kingfisher Weekly Free Press” entitled: NEW BATTERY GYM. The two batteries of the Oklahoma National Guard are soliciting funds to put in a gymnasium in their armory building on Main street. Already about $250.00 has been subscribed and part of the equipment ordered. They will install a wrestling mat, striking bag and boxing gloves, springboard, horizontal bar and other equipment as fast as funds are available. The two batteries is one of the biggest assets that Kingfisher has. How much better it will be for our boys to have this athletic and military training than to grow up in idleness. One of the artillery units here is Battery “F”, 158th Field Artillery, commanded by Capt. M. D. Woodworth, with Lieuts. Gordon C. Rupe and Mark Wagner as line officers. The other battery is the detachment and combat train of the second battalion, 158th field artillery, commanded by Capt. C. R. Steele, with Lieuts. Jerry L. Yergler and Lester S. Slack.

Aug 11, 1925: Published in “The San Antonio Evening News” entitled: ARMY ORDERS. First Lieut. John P. Crehan, field artillery (D. O. L.), instructor, Oklahoma national guard, Oklahoma City, has been ordered to the following stations, to give instruction to, and make a physical inventory of federal property in the hands of, the units of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma national guard: Weatherford, Kingfisher, Sulphur, Hugo. Capt. Ansel G. Wineman, field artillery (D. O. L.), instructor, Colorado National Guard, Denver, has been ordered to Pueblo to give instruction to and make physical inventory of federal property in the hands of the units of the 158th Field Artillery thereat.

Sep 18, 1925: Published in “The San Antonio Evening News” entitled: ARMY ORDERS. First Lieut. John P. Crehan, field artillery (D. O. L.), instructor, Oklahoma national guard, Oklahoma City, accompanied by Staff Sgt. Charles E. Tompkins, Oklahoma national guard, Oklahoma City, will proceed to the following stations to give instructions and make physical inventory of federal property in the hands of

units of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma national guard, thereat: Weatherford, Kingfisher, Sulphur, Hugo.

Oct 06, 1925: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: WAMSLEY COMMANDS 158th FIELD ARTILLERY. Anadarko, Oct. 5.: G. C. Wamsley has been appointed colonel of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard. Mr. Wamsley has been lieutenant colonel of this regiment for the past two years. The appointment came as a surprise to him. It was brought about by Col. W. S. Keyes of the 160th F. A. being promoted to brigadier general of the 70th F. A. brigade, Col. Chas. A. Holden of the 158th F. A. was transferred to the 160th and Mr. Wamsley promoted to his place. He was called to Oklahoma City Wednesday of last week and took the examination.

Apr 24, 1926: Published in “The San Antonio Evening News” entitled: ARMY ORDERS. Col. Groves C. Wamsley, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, has been detailed a member of the board of officers appointed to meet at Oklahoma City, Okla., relieving Col. L. H. Harrell, 158th Field Artillery, O. N. G.

Dec 23, 1926: Published in “The Santa Fe New Mexican” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD OF NEW MEXICO WILL TRAIN IN JULY AT VEGAS, FT. BLISS. San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 23 (AP). Arizona and Oklahoma national guard units will train in August and the New Mexico national guard will train in July, under a schedule announced at eighth corps area headquarters here today. Colorado guardsmen will train at Golden, June 2 to 16, with the air corps units training at Lowery Field. Two New Mexico national guard organizations, the 111th cavalry, and Battery “A”, 158th field artillery, will train at Fort Bliss, July 3 to 17, and the 120th engineers will hold their camp at Las Vegas at the same time. Arizona guardsmen of the 158th infantry will train at Ft. Bliss and Battery “E” of the 158th field artillery will train at Ft. Bliss and Battery “E” 158th field artillery at Fort Huachuca, August 14 to 28.

Dec 24, 1926: Published in "The Albuquerque Journal" entitled: NEW MEXICO GUARD CAMP DATES ARE SET. San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 23. (AP). Arizona and

Oklahoma National Guard units will train, in August and the New Mexico National Guard will train in July under a schedule announced at Eight Corps Area Headquarters here. Colorado guardsmen will train at Golden, June 3 to 18, with the air corps units training at Lowery Field. The New Mexico National Guard organizations, the 111th Cavalry and Battery "A" 158th Field Artillery, will train at Fort Bliss July 5 to 17 and the 120th Engineers will hold their camp at Las Vegas at the same time. Arizona guardsmen of the 158th Infantry will train at Fort Bliss and Battery "E" of the 158th Field Artillery at Fort Huachuca August 14 to 28.

Dec 29, 1926: Published in “The Enid Daily Eagle” entitled: BARRETT RETAINS POSITION IN GUARD. Chas. F. Barrett of Oklahoma City, adjutant-general of the Oklahoma National guard, will continue in that capacity during the Henry S. Johnston regime, the governor-elect announced last night at a banquet at Perry celebrating the organization of Battery “C” of the 158th field artillery regiment. The battery recently was transferred to Perry from a Colorado town. Colonel W. A. Graves, commander of the 189th field artillery regiment, and Captain W. A. Ray, regular army instructor, both of Enid, attended the banquet. Governor-elect Johnston presided as toastmaster.

May 26, 1927: Published in “The Clinton Chronicle” entitled: ORGANIZE GUARD UNIT IN CLINTON. Headquarters Troop of 158 Oklahoma Field Artillery will be organized, Colonel Wamsley here. Commanding Officer of outfit here to assist in getting the organization work started. Clinton at last is to have another National Guard unit. A unit has been allotted to this city and will be organized here immediately. The outfit which will be organized in Clinton is the headquarters battery of the 158th Field Artillery, the crack organization of the Oklahoma National Guard unit. Col. Walmsley of Anadarko commanding the regiment, arrived in Clinton Thursday to assist in the preliminary steps for the organization. It is planned to get the unit enlisted and ready to be mustered in immediately. The organization consist of 32 men and 3 officers when at full strength. However, only 25 men are necessary to fill the battery so that it can be mustered into service. The unit will be supplied with 16 horses, signal equipment and the usual equipment of

an artillery organization. Besides providing peace time training for young men and being available in time of emergency, organization of a national guard outfit here will mean the distribution of about $12,000 yearly in the battery payroll, armory rent, feed and necessary supplies.

Aug 09, 1928: Published in “The Kingfisher Weekly Free Press” entitled: GUARD UNITS TO CAMP TWO WEEKS ENCAMPMENT TO BE HELD AT FORT SILL. Local Batteries Will Entrain Saturday Morning At 1:45 On Special Train. "Say, 'leggo my arm!" This and similar remarks, can be heard on every hand as one strolls down Main street, and the cause of it all is due to the approaching summer encampment of the Oklahoma National Guard. All members of the local units of the guard have been "shot" in the arm by Dr. C. M. Hodgson, local physician. The shots are not from the muzzles of six shooters or rifles, although one soldier was heard to remark that the "shot" felt like a French "75." Army regulations require that all members of the Guard, who are not immune, be inoculated for typhoid and smallpox. The typhoid inoculation requires three weeks, one "shot" having been given each Monday night for the past three weeks. Each summer every member of the two local batteries who have not already received it, are given, free of charge, inoculation for typhoid and are also vaccinated for smallpox. Due to failure to receive the smallpox vaccine in time this year, vaccination against that disease will not be given this summer before camp, as local officers were afraid some of the men might suffer from sore arms at camp. Most of the local soldiers, with the exception of recruits, have received the smallpox vaccination, however. Battery "F" and 2nd Battalion Headquarters Battery, are all "set" for the annual summer encampment to be held at Fort Sill, August 11 to 25, inclusive. The local batteries in command of Captain Gordon C. Rupe and Captain Clarence R. Steele, will entrain at 1:45 o'clock Saturday morning. Two passenger coaches, two stock cars, two baggage cars and four flat cars will be used by the two local units in transporting the men, horses and equipment of the two batteries to Fort Sill. A special train, composed of the Enid National Guard units and the Kingfisher units, is required. Extensive recruiting campaigns by both local units have added several new recruits and a considerable number of "old" soldiers to the batteries here. Headquarters

Battery is up to full strength, with a few additional men being carried on the rolls, Captain Steele announcing that several men who were desirous of joining being forced to await the expiration of enlistments and discharges of men within the ranks. Headquarters Battery is permitted to carry but 25 men, but through the request of Captain Steele, Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett has authorized the taking of thirty men to camp this year by the local battery. New recruits and re-enlistments in Headquarters Battery include the following: Russell Burns, who signed his sixth enlistment in the local Guard. Robert C. Bane, radio corporal, fifth enlistment. John L. Crotzer, stable sergeant, another "old" soldier. Gerald C. Bishop, instrument corporal, second enlistment. Ted Howe, Dover, formerly a member of an Ordnance company at Claremore, Oklahoma Military Academy. Erwin H. Wendt, recruit. Wendt who lives 9 miles northwest of Kingfisher is an amateur radio operator licensed by the United States government. He will act as radio operator for Headquarters Battery. Jake Mendenhall, Bryan Miller and Robert L. Wilson are new recruits that signed up during the past month. Battery “F” still lacks a few men of being up to full strength, according to Captain Gordon C. Rupe, commanding officer, and an endeavor will be made to secure a few additional soldiers before camp. Some improvements have been made by both the local batteries since the Federal inspection last spring, and that time both batteries were given a rating of "very satisfactory," the highest rating to be obtained. Battery “F” and Headquarters Battery are members of the 158th regiment of Field Artillery, which is a horse-drawn, light field artillery organization. The regiment holds several honors and boasts of being the "crack" regiment of the Oklahoma National Guard. Local officers state that additional honors will be won by the regiment in competition at Fort Sill during the coming encampment. Headquarters of the 158th regiment is at Anadarko, Okla., with Colonel Grover C. Wamsley in command. With the local Batteries entraining Saturday morning, caretakers of the two local units have been busy the past three weeks getting the equipment ready to go, with the result that everything is all "set," as one of them expressed it this morning. The local soldiers will arrive at Fort Sill at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Breakfast will be served the men on the train. Mess Sergeant John W. Knox of Headquarters Battery will be in charge of the mess this year, both batteries messing together. Knox is an

experienced cook and mess sergeant, having served in those capacities with the Edmond guard before coming to Kingfisher, and the local boys are assured of some good "eats" while at camp. Immediately after arriving at Fort Sill, the local units will unload and pitch camp. The Kingfisher guard will be two of the first outfits to arrive in camp. By evening of the first day, camp officials state that the National Guard camp will present the appearance of a well organized and regulated tent city. It is estimated that a total of 5,000 enlisted men, 450 officers and fifty reserve officers will be in attendance at the camp. New quarters have been provided for the National Guard this year, enabling the entire 5,000 men to be housed as a single unit. Last year they were divided. The Oklahoma National Guard camp is the second largest in the entire country. Athletics, swimming, military maneuvers and sham battles will make life interesting for the civilian soldiers while in camp. A generous allowance has been made for food. The mess includes 1,050 gallons of ice cream, assorted jams and preserves, cantaloupes, oranges, peaches, pears, 1,508 gallon cans of pineapples, salmon, watermelons and staple foods. However, beans, potatoes and beef will continue to head the menu. The record made by the 45th division, of which the Oklahoma National Guard troops are a part, at camp last year was remarkable in every way, and drew the attention of military heads from over the entire country. From the commanding General, Baird H. Markham, down to the rawest recruit, a spirit permeated the organization that brought results, never before witnessed in a National Guard organization; and a far superior record is being predicted by state officers for this year's camp. Morning at camp will be devoted to drill and training, either on the drill grounds or out on the field firing or working out problems. The afternoons will be devoted to schools for specialists and non-commissioned officers and to athletic activities by the enlisted men in camp. Chaplains will take care of the religious welfare of the men while at camp, with church scheduled for each Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m. Concerts for the men will be provided each evening while at camp. "All in all," a local officer stated, "the camp will do the local boys a world of good. They will come back to their homes in better health than they left. The summer encampment to most of them will be a "vacation with pay."

Aug 30, 1928: Published in “The Custer County Chronicle” entitled: LOCAL GUARD UNIT RETURNS FROM CAMP. Clinton's National Guard Battery Back in Clinton After Fifteen-Day Tour of Training. Within approximately two and one-half hours from their arrival in Clinton Saturday, on their return from their fifteen day training camp at Fort Sill, the local battery, part of the 158th Field Artillery in the Oklahoma National Guard, had detrained, unloaded animals and materials, checked in and stored all their field equipment, and were paid off for their tour of camp duty. The trainload of sun-burnt veterans of fifteen days under the burning sun at Fort Sill reached Clinton at about 5:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and by 7:30 that evening their last duty was completed and the battery was dismissed. All agree that it was a great camp. Particularly outstanding was the record of the 158th Field Artillery, which was adjudged the best regiment of the entire division in every respect. And the commander of the first battalion of that regiment, Major E. B. Reese, of Anadarko, had little else but praise for the Clinton battery. The local battery arrived at camp in the afternoon of August 11 and by evening had gotten things in order for their two-week stay. Training began in earnest Monday morning, with schools of instruction and field exercises both morning and afternoon, with a rigid inspection the following Saturday. A big division problem, involving all branches of the service, was held Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, in the course of which the Guardsmen spent the night in bivouac in the open. One particularly difficult feature of the problem was when the regiment moved into a new position at night, with no lights of any kind to assist them. "Casualties" were numerous during the two-day maneuvers. The 158th Field Artillery lost its colonel in action, and the lieutenant colonel was compelled to step into his shoes. A substitute battalion plans and training officer had to be found, when the regular incumbent in that office, Lieut. William Doughty, of Weatherford, reported shot in the back, also became a casualty. The artillery laid down a barrage with blank ammunition in front of the infantry lines, beginning at 5:00 o'clock in the morning and lasting an hour. A grand review was held on Friday after which steps were taken to break camp. The Clinton unit entrained for home at 8:15 o'clock Saturday morning.

Oct 18, 1928: Published in "The Yale Record" entitled: YALE UNIT OF OKLA. NATIONAL GUARD IS ACCEPTED. Twenty Nine Men Make Up Unit, led by Dr. R. N. Graham. Twenty nine members of the new unit of the Oklahoma National Guard was inspected by National and Federal Medical Attachment of the 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard. The headquarters of the Regiment are located at Anadarko, Okla. The function of the Yale Unit is the care of the sick and injured of the 158th Field Artillery during the summer training at Ft. Sill. The possibility of the unit has been long discussed. During the past year several boys have joined the National Guard in the medical attachment but this part has been under the regular unit at Oklahoma City. This fall Dr. R. N. Graham became very much interested in the establishment of a regular unit at Yale and went to work to carry it through. Twenty-nine boys were signed up for the Oklahoma National Guard and last Saturday night inspection was held. The inspection was made by Major Marshall of the Federal Department and Col. Flint of the State Department. The report was favorable and the Yale roll was accepted as the Medical attachment of the 158th Field Artillery. The Old K. of P. Hall was leased by the Federal Officer as the official Armory for the Oklahoma National Guard and will be known as such in the future. The Unit will meet each Tuesday night for drill and inspection in the work. The work will be carried on by Dr. R. N. Graham, First Lieutenant of the Unit. Dr. Graham will soon receive an advancement and give complete charge of the unit here. Each member of the Unit here is well equipped with all the equipment required by the soldier, including uniform, tent and other articles necessary. Dr. Graham is well pleased over the report made by the inspecting officers. Much credit and praise is due Dr. Graham for his tireless efforts and interest he has manifested in the work for it means much to Yale and those who have cast their lot in this line of service. The Roll is as follows: Subject: Personnel of Medical Department 158th F. A. immediately after Federal and State Inspection, October 13th. Personal Adjutant, Staff Sgt. Edgar Thompkins, 158th F. A., Anadarko, Oklahoma. Personnel of Medical Detachment 158th F. A. follows: Staff Sergeants: P—Victor M. Polvado; P—Dave B. Ferguson, Jr. Sergeants: P—Fred H. Clarke; P—Elzie C. Forsythe; P—Clyde S. Skeen, Jr. Corporals: P—Joe D. Ziemer. Privates 1st Cl.: P—Ward W. Billingsly; P—Lester Conway; P—Jackson P. Coulter; P—Glenwood M. Cramer; O—Colby H. Hodges; P—

Abner M. Paschall; P—Robert C. Swarts. Privates: O—Roy R. Appleby; P—Delbert C. Bartholomew; P—Randall J. Bartholomew; P—Frank P. Bowers; O—William J. Brott; P—Orby Clemmons; P—Marvin V. Clemmons; P—Robert R. Coulter; O—James M. Green; O—Thomas C. Grubbs; P—Frederick T. Hinson; P—Clarence E. McClary; O—Leon K. Hudson; P—James D. Johnston; P—Chester W. Kendall; P—Raymond H. Patton; P—Clifford Sullens; P—Henry A. Tlefr.

Aug 09, 1929: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: NATIONAL GUARDS ARRIVE SATURDAY. Eighteen Special Trains Will Bring Troops To Fort Sill. First of the special trains carrying Oklahoma national guard members will arrive at Fort Sill about daybreak Saturday morning. From ten on until 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, 5500 guards from all parts of Oklahoma will be moved into Fort Sill in 18 special trains over the Frisco and Rock Island railroads. The annual mobilization of the national guardsmen is the biggest event in the organization. Friday afternoon the high ranking officers of the guard had arrived at Fort Sill. These included Gen. W. S. Key of Oklahoma City, Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko and others. Adj. Gen. Charles F. Barrett arrived at Fort Sill earlier in the week. Gen. Baird H. Markham, in command of the national guard, will arrive late Friday. Review Next Tuesday: The annual divisional review before Maj. Gen. Lassiter, in command of the Eighth corps area, will be held on the parade grounds at Fort Sill, Tuesday morning. This review generally is held at the close of the camp. This year the guard will have to get in working order in two days in order to parade before General Lassiter. He is expected to arrive at Fort Sill by air Tuesday morning, leaving that afternoon. The review is not expected to interfere with the annual review which is held at the close of the camp with the governor, other prominent state officials and business and professional men from over the state being present. Owen Black and A. J. Rawlings are the only two officers of the guard from Lawton. Black is a lieutenant on the regimental staff of the 158th Field Artillery, while Rawlings is a lieutenant of the second battalion of the 158th Field Artillery.

Aug 13, 1929: Published in "The El Paso Evening Post" entitled: ARIZONA GUARD TO MAKE NIGHT MARCH. Battery "E" 158th Artillery will hike from range to Ft.

Bliss. A forced march from the Dona County rifle range to Ft. Bliss, 26 miles, will be made at night by Battery "E" 158th Field Artillery, Arizona National guard, which opened its training period at Ft. Bliss Tuesday. The march will follow two days of firing at the Dona Ana range. It will be a week from Thursday night. This week and the opening of next week will be taken up with observations and various artillery exercises in the Ft. Bliss area. Next Tuesday the unit will march to Dona Ana. Wednesday and Thursday will be firing days. After Thursday night's march, the men will spend Friday in preparing for their departure Saturday. The unit ordinarily trains at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., with its own ground and horses. This year permission was granted for training at Bliss if the unit gave up the use of its own equipment to compensate for the extra train fare. It is using the guns and horses of Battery "C" of the 82nd., and is quartered in the 82nd area. Capt. Franklin Pomeroy is the commander of the unit. Other officers are First Lt. Joe Tustison, Second Lt. Dell Rollins, and Second Lt. Geo. Brown. The officers and men are all from Mesa, Ariz.

Aug 24, 1929: Published in "The El Paso Times" entitled: ARIZONA GUARDSMEN BREAK CAMP AFTER MAKING RECORD. Returning from the Dona Ana rifle range early last night, officers and men of Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, Arizona National Guard, prepared to break camp at dawn Monday, going through their last maneuvers today and resting over Sunday. Excellent records were established by the militiamen on the range, according to Fort Bliss officers. This was accredited to superior equipment and better instruction than at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where the unit has trained heretofore. Equipment was furnished by the 82nd Field Artillery at Fort Bliss.

Aug 29, 1929: Published in "The Custer County Chronicle" entitled: CLINTON GUARD UNIT ENDS ITS TOUR AT CAMP. Local Battery Completes 15-Day Period Of Active Duty. A group of tired but happy guardsmen returned to Clinton on Saturday morning from their annual 15-day period of active training with the 45th Division at Fort Sill. Their special train arrived at the Frisco track below ... at six o'clock in the morning. By nightfall the battery's equipment had been returned to its storage at the ... position, the guns had been placed in the park and the guard had been

paid off and ... dismissed. The business men who visited the guardsmen ... report that the boys had elements that made them popular with the other units in camp. A few minor mishaps such as forcing their motorized units through territory that drivers as standard would say was impossible, provided intense interest that created the standard of an authoritative undertaking. The boys spent the instance of settling into camp, standard technical training during the first week of camp before preparing to blend into the division effort for annual maneuvers and reviews. The variant elements of instruction covered around advanced radio operations, field firing and advanced tool handling and it was during the final two days of field maneuver the battery uniquely distinguished itself. The regime developed maneuvers that had the local units compound layout structures in a face of limited equipment in low light, and experience to take inside positions of defensive combat during the peak of darkness. The battery had a context about before the maneuver started when a misinformation arose as they so frequently do among the regimental and division staffs, a late order came from division headquarters as the line of search requiring the regiment to vacate their position at 7 p.m. the next day, and the guardsmen prepared for a peaceful bivouac in blissful ignorance of what lay before them. At about ten o'clock at night when the generals began to inquire why the regiment was not in position, it was discovered the order should have read 7 p.m. today, and the regiment was already overdue at its position. The guardsmen broke camp in a hurry, rolled up about five miles of wire, and moved hurriedly in the darkness to a position 2 1-2 miles away. By one o'clock in the morning the batteries were in their position, and the communications terrain was clear. By 5 a.m., the guns started belching blank ammunition at an imaginary enemy advancing from Duncan and Lawton. After two days of strenuous fighting, the hostile troops were driven back into Texas, and the division returned to Fort Sill in triumph. Sgt. C. L. Hostetter, who was made athletic director for the 158th Field Artillery, coached a regimental baseball team that finished in third place in the division series. Skeeds, John Renn, McLaughlin, and John Bannister were members of the 158th baseball squad.

Mar 20, 1930: Published in “The Kingfisher Weekly Free Press” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTMENT DRIVE. By 1st Sgt Russell Burns. With Federal inspection scheduled for the 11th and 12th of April, the two local National Guard units are staging an enlistment campaign for recruits. Local officers of the two organizations state that several enlistments are necessary previous to inspection to insure a rating of "very satisfactory" with a possible chance of the city losing one of the units unless they are brought up to full strength. With the exception of a few local business men, Kingfisher citizens little realize the direct benefit the city of Kingfisher derives from the two organizations stationed here. Should the war department see fit to remove either of the two units, the city would lose an asset that many larger cities of the state have been clamoring to obtain for the past several years. One city in the state has offered to vote bonds for the construction of an armory and stables, to be furnished to the organization rent free, as an inducement to secure one of the two units stationed here. Local officers say that the business men of Kingfisher must give the Guard their support or there is a likelihood of one or both the units being removed. To stimulate interest in the enlistment campaign, the officers of the organizations have planned to give a series of entertainment including a dance at the Memorial Hall some time during the latter part of the month, athletic contests, including both wrestling and boxing, and if possible a carnival. Next week’s issue of the Free Press will contain full particulars of these events and all local citizens who have the welfare of the local organizations at heart are urged to support these enterprises. The first National Guard Battery was organized in Kingfisher in 1921 with Captain McCartney in command. Several years previous to that Kingfisher was the home station of State Militia, but the year 1921 saw the first National Guard unit placed here. The first unit, designated as First Battalion Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train of the 160th regiment of field artillery, was federally recognized November 16, 1921. Commissioned officers of the original battery in addition to Captain McCartney were First Lieutenant Edward C. Newer and Second Lieutenant Lee M. Grimes. Fifty-two enlisted men made up the personnel of the local organization. Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining this Battery, military heads being under the impression that Kingfisher was too small a city to support a

National Guard organization, but through the untiring efforts of McCartney, a horse-drawn battery was finally secured. Captain McCartney continued in command of the Battery until April 23, 1923. The battery had showed a continued growth until over eighty men were carried on the rolls, and it was decided to divide the battery into two units. Captain McCartney was promoted to the rank of Major and placed in command of the Second Battalion. The new Battery formed was designated Battery “F”, 158th regiment of field artillery, with Captain George I. Lacey, a former sergeant of the old unit being given the command. Headquarters Battery was redesignated as First Battalion Headquarters Battery of the 158th regiment, with Captain Clarence R. Steele, also a former sergeant, placed in command. Captain Steele continued in command of Headquarters Battery until December, 1929, when he was transferred to the command of Battery “F”, a vacancy in that organization occurring when Captain Gordon C. Rupe changed his residence to Cordell. Previous to the command of Captain Rupe, Captain Marion D. Woodworth was in charge, succeeding Captain Lacey. Captain Dwight U. Cochrane, employee of the local telephone company, is now in command of Headquarters Battery, having succeeded Captain William C. Cooley, who followed Captain Steele in command of Headquarters Battery. The large share of the young men of Kingfisher of military age have seen “service” at one time or other during the past nine years in one or the other of the local two units. The past record of the two units has been remarkable in every respect, both at the home station in training, and at Fort Sill each summer at the annual encampments. This statement is conceded by everyone who has watched the progress of the two organizations and particularly by regular army officers who have inspected the units from time to time. Each year the two batteries are federally inspected by a regular army officer, and the regularity with which each has achieved a rating of "very satisfactory," the highest obtainable, is a remarkable record, and has brought much commendable comment to the commanding officers from military circles of the state. In addition to receiving free all equipment and uniforms, members of the local Guard units receive pay for drills attended. Drill payments are made by the Federal government each three months, amounting to over $3,000 each quarter or approximately $13,000 per year. This money is practically all spent with the local business men.

Forage for the 37 artillery horses, maintained in Kingfisher by the two units, is purchased also by the United States government and is obtained locally when possible. The forage represents several additional thousands of dollars that is spent locally each year. Five caretakers are required by the government to maintain and care for the equipment and animals of the two batteries. These caretakers are employed steadily, and are men who make Kingfisher their home, raise their families here, and spend their money with local merchants. Salary payments of these caretakers represent approximately $8,000 per year. Two hundred dollars per month is allowed the two organizations for monthly rental and incidental expenses. This money is all spent locally for rent, office supplies and the like. Each summer the two local units go into training at Ft. Sill, Okla., for 15 days, where approximately 5,000 guardsmen are encamped. Battery "F" has maintained the reputation for the past several encampments of having the best firing battery in the 158th Field Artillery regiment, with Headquarters Battery receiving a similar rating among Headquarters batteries. In addition to receiving drill pay and equipment free of all charge, enlisted men and officers of the Kingfisher Guard units have the opportunity of receiving instruction and schooling in many lines of work and details that are applicable to private life. The officers of the two units are men of high character and ability and are able to instill a degree of morale among the enlisted personnel that is deservedly high.

Apr 10, 1930: Published in "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: ARRANGE PLANS FOR SALUTE ON PROGRAM. Local Battery To Take Part In Unveiling Ceremonies At Ponca City. Members of Battery "C", 158th field artillery are making arrangements to take part in the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the statue of the Pioneer woman at Ponca City April 22, when that organization will fire the salute. Captain Howard Cress plans to go to Ponca City Sunday where details of the part the local organization is to play in the program will be worked out. The entire battery is to go to Ponca City, and the equipment will be sent there by train. The program will begin with the firing of the salute by the local battery. The unveiling ceremony will be Oklahoma's most stirring outdoor event since statehood, and thousands from the central part of the state are expected to attend. Governor Holloway has

declared the day a holiday and all state offices will be closed. In addition to the Perry battery five other military units will be on hand for police and patrol purposes, everywhere within five miles of the sculpture.

Jun 19, 1930: Published in “The Enid Morning News” entitled: PERRY GUARD UNIT READY FOR CAMP. Special to The News. Perry, June 18. Approximately 100 members of Battery “C”, and band of the Oklahoma national guard unit, 158th field artillery, will leave in about two months for Ft. Sill to go into training for two weeks. Encampment is from August 16 to 30. Captain Howard Cress is commanding officer of the battery and Captain W. C. Marshall has charge of the band. Pistol training is one of the features of this year's meet. There will be about 5,000 guardsmen at the camp this year, it is said.

Jul 09, 1930: Published in “The Enid Morning News” entitled: MEDICAL OFFICERS BACK FROM SCHOOL. Major R. C. Baker and Capt. W. P. Neilson of the 189th Field Artillery and Capt. Roy C. Smith of the 158th Field Artillery, returned late yesterday from a two day school of instruction for medical officers of the Oklahoma National Guard held Monday and Tuesday at Oklahoma City. The work was in preparation for the annual summer camp, which will be held in August at Fort Sill. Following the instruction period an organization of medical officers was perfected, Major. Harry C. Cloudman of Oklahoma City being elected president and Major Baker of Enid, secretary.

Jul 10, 1930: Published in “The Enid Events” entitled: NO TITLE. Major R. C. Baker and Capt. W. P. Neilson, 189th Field Artillery and Captain Roy C. Smith, 158th Field Artillery, returned Tuesday from a two day medical school of instruction of the National Guard held in Oklahoma City Monday and Tuesday. Major Baker was elected secretary of the organization of medical officers.

Jul 26, 1930: Published in “The San Antonio Evening News” entitled: COL. COBURN TO OBSERVE GUARD FIELD WORKOUT. Col. Harold D. Coburn, Eighth Corps Area National Guard officer, will leave Fort Sam Houston Aug. 12 for the purpose of

observing the field training of National Guard units during their annual encampment at posts in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona and Texas. Col. Coburn will visit the following encampments: New Mexico National Guard, less 120th Engineers, at Las Vegas, N. M.; 45th Division, Oklahoma National Guards, Fort Sill, Okla.; Arizona National Guard, less Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, Flagstaff, Ariz., and Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, and Arizona National Guard, Fort Bliss, Tex.

Jul 27, 1930: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: NATIONAL GUARD WILL BE VISITED BY CORPS OFFICER. Fort Sam Houston, Texas, July 26, 1930. Colonel Harold D. Coburn, Infantry, (D.O.L.) National Guard Officer, Headquarters Eighth Corps Area, will leave Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on or about August 12, 1930, for the purpose of observing the field training of National Guard units during their annual encampment. Colonel Coburn will visit the encampments indicated below: Las Vegas, New Mexico, New Mexico National Guard, (less 120th Engineers); August 11, 25, 1930; Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 45th Division Oklahoma National Guard; August 16, 30, 1930; Flagstaff, Arizona, Arizona National Guard, (less Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery).

Aug 08, 1930: Published in "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: BATTERY WILL CONDUCT LAST DRILL MONDAY. Period To Be Final One Before Summer Camp At Fort Sill. Pay to be allowed. National Guardsmen To Be Given Warrants At Drill Period. Battery "C", 158th field artillery, will hold its final drill period before the summer encampment at Fort Sill, Monday night, according to Captain Howard Cress, commanding officer. The members of the national guard will be given pay checks for the past drill periods Monday night, Cress said, and none will be issued until that night. Plans have been made by the local unit the past few weeks for the summer camp to be held for two weeks at the annual training grounds at the Oklahoma fort. The Perry battery will entrain August 16 and will remain at camp until August 30. Officers Attend: About 100 members of both the battery and band will attend the camp, it was said. Considerable equipment will be taken by the local unit. Among the officers, in addition to those regularly connected with the

activities of the unit, to make the trip to Fort Sill, are Major D. F. Coldiron, in command of the medical section, 158th field artillery, and Lieut. W. Z. Blake, assistant quartermaster, 45th division, Oklahoma National Guard. Special benefit programs the past several weeks have enabled local guardsmen to establish a mess fund for the camp. This will make possible a cook for the Perry division, and a number of special privileges not given to units without a mess fund. Many To Camp: Approximately 5,000 guardsmen from all parts of the state will gather for the annual encampment held each summer at the Fort. The Perry battery and band will go by special train, with other units in this section to travel on the same train. Equipment of the artillery unit is also being shipped to Fort Sill. One of the special features of the summer camp, according to officers, is pistol training. In connection with the training a pistol contest will be conducted. As there are several ranking marksmen in the local outfit, the contest is expected to be of special interest to Perry guardsmen.

Aug 12, 1930: Published in "The Albuquerque Journal" entitled: STATE GUARDSMEN LAUNCH 15 DAY CAMP AT VEGAS. 600 enlisted men and officers of 11th Cavalry and Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, included. Las Vegas, Aug. 11 (AP). Six hundred enlisted men and officers of the 111th Cavalry and Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery opened their fifteen-day summer training camp at Camp Luna Monday. Col. Norman L. King, commander of the 11th Cavalry, is in charge of the camp, assisted by Major Charles G. Sage, E. Lusk, and Harwood P. Saunders. Squadron Commanders are: Troop "A", Albuquerque, Captain George Mchen; Troop "B", Santa Fe, Captain Brison Yountz; Troop "F", Silver City, Captain Stuart Sterling; Troop "I", Carlsbad, Captain W. R. Anderson; Troop "E", Deming, Captain Memory H. Cain; Troop "K", Taos, Captain Herbert Cheetham; Headquarters Troop,, Albuquerque, Captain Albert F. Marth; Machine Gun Troops, Colvis, Captain John C. Luikart; Battery "A", Captain H. C. Gary. The instructors are the officers and non-commissioned officers from the First Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss. Adjutant General W. G. Halthusen inspected the camp Monday morning.

Aug 14, 1930: Published in “The Kingfisher Weekly Free Press” entitled: NATIONAL GUARDS TO CAMP SUPPLY. In the small wee hours of the morning next Saturday, nine officers and approximately one hundred enlisted men of Battery “F” and 2nd Battalion Headquarters Battery, local organizations of the 158th Field Artillery regiment of the Oklahoma National Guard, will entrain for two weeks of intensive training at their annual summer encampment at Fort Sill. The 158th Field Artillery is commanded by Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, of Anadarko, with Captain Dwight U. Cochrane in command of the local Headquarters Battery and Captain Clarence R. Steele commanding Battery “F”. The Oklahoma National Guard, rated as near the top of all guard organizations within the United States by the War Department, will be in camp for fifteen days, returning to their home stations Saturday, August 30. An intensive training program has been announced for this year's encampment by officials in charge. More than $150,000 has been expended by the Federal government in preparation for the comfort and training of the troops. Everything is in readiness for them upon their arrival, it is announced. The camp this year has been named in honor of the late Dwight W. Aultman, General of the United States army and commandant of the Regular Army post at Fort Sill preceding his death, a few months ago. The Oklahoma National Guard, together with a few units from Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, compose the 45th Division, commanded by Major General Baird H. Markham, Ponca City, who will be in command of this year's camp. Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett, of times termed the "Father of the Oklahoma National Guard," will also be in attendance at camp. There will be no man in camp more beloved by the Guardsmen than General Barrett. He has been with the Guard since its organization in 1896. To him more than to any other man in the state does the Oklahoma National Guard owe a debt today, for he has led it through all of the vicissitudes and difficulties of thirty-three years of growth and has spent the best years of his life in working for its advancement. More than a square mile will be required to accommodate the men in camp. This space will be occupied by tents, mess-houses, headquarters buildings, warehouses, grounds for ordnance equipment, and picket lines for horses. Including salary payments, food for the men, forage for the horses, transportation and ammunition, it will cost the Federal government more than one-half million dollars for the two weeks training

of the Guardsmen. Each morning the men will be roused from their bunks by the whistle or rough bark of the First Sergeant before the light of dawn has appeared in the eastern sky. Fifteen minutes will be allowed the men in which to dress, after which they will fall in and police their battery street and feed and groom the organizations' animals. Breakfast will be served at 6 o'clock. At seven o'clock, the men will start the day's drilling, returning to camp at eleven o'clock. Again the animals will be groomed and watered. Dinner line forms at twelve, and practically the entire afternoon is free to be enjoyed by the men of the guard, with the exception of officers, non-commissioned officers and specialists, who must attend schools of instruction for approximately two hours each afternoon. Ceremonies and retreat come between five and six o'clock each evening with the evening meal being served at six o'clock. Free moving pictures and boxing and wrestling matches provide for the entertainment of the men after supper, with several men going nearby to Medicine Park. Wrestling and boxing prove a big drawing card for the guardsmen. Such widely-known stars as Baxter Calmes, Babe Hunt, Jimmie Bean, Dude McCook, and a host of others got their start in the athletic world at the National Guard encampments. Transportation officer for this station is Captain Steele of Battery “F”. The two Kingfisher units will compose a special Rock Island train, together with Enid units. The train is scheduled to leave Kingfisher at 2 o'clock a. m. next Saturday, arriving at Fort Sill at nine o'clock. The men will be served breakfast aboard the train. Mess will be in charge of Sergeant Harold W. (Banty) Smith, a world war veteran, who recently signed up with Headquarters Battery. Dinner will be served in camp. Both local units are in need of a few recruits to bring the organizations up to full strength for camp.

Aug 15, 1930: Published in “The Perry Daily Journal” entitled: 'ARMY' LEAVES TOMORROW AT EARLY HOUR. Members Will Report At Quarters Tonight To Check In Baggage. MESS FUND RAISED: Train Will Arrive There Saturday Afternoon About 3. All members of the national guard units here, both the artillery and the band have been ordered to report Friday night. The members of the artillery will report between the hours of 7 to 9 at the Santa Fe depot while the members of the band have been ordered to report at the band hall at 7:30, according to orders issued by

Captain Howard Cress and Captain W. C. Marshall of the two units. The men will check in their baggage at that time Friday night and will receive a breakfast ticket for their meal here Saturday morning before they depart for camp. Loading Completed: All of the material except the baggage and the horses had been loaded Friday noon. The baggage will be loaded as it is checked in Friday night and the horses will be loaded early Saturday morning. Weldon Smith, mess sergeant, left Perry early Friday to get things in readiness for the guardsmen when they arrive at the fort Saturday afternoon. He will have the evening meal prepared for the boys when they arrive there about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Leave Early Saturday: The special train is scheduled to arrive in Perry Saturday morning about 7 o'clock and leave here as soon after that as possible. The train will include outfits from Tonkawa, Blackwell and Chilocco. The train will go from here to Oklahoma City over the Santa Fe and from there it will be sent over the Frisco direct to Fort Sill. Farewell Dance Tonight: A farewell dance will be given in honor of the guards tonight at the Lake Laird pavilion. The dance is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock and music will be furnished by the Moonlight Serenaders. Prospects at the present time point to one of the best camps that has been attended by the guard outfit here, Captain Cress said. The men have staged two fights here in the last two weeks in an effort to raise a fund for extra food while in camp at Fort Sill. Mess Fund Raised: Approximately $150 has been added to the mess fund through the efforts of the local officers. Ever since the local men have been attending camp they have received one of the best ratings of any guard unit in the state, and especially has their kitchen and mess hall been complimented. The camp this year will be known as Camp Aultman, named in honor of General Aultman, who died there about a year ago. Mail to the boys should be addressed to Battery “C”, 158th light field artillery, Camp Aultman, Fort Sill, Okla.

Aug 16, 1930: Published in “The Perry Daily Journal” entitled: CROWD SEES LOCAL GUARDS LEAVE TODAY. Large number at Depot to bid farewell to "Army", Boys are cheerful! Train Scheduled To Arrive At Fort Sill This Afternoon. Approximately 200 people were present at the Santa Fe station early Saturday morning to bid farewell to members of the local national guard unit who left here at 7:45 Saturday morning

for their two weeks' encampment at Fort Sill. The scene at the station Saturday brought back to the memory of some of those there the time when boys were leaving for training preparatory to sailing for France during the early years the United States entered the World War. No Sob Scenes: However, there was little or no weeping, or great sorrow manifest at the station Saturday, as the boys will all be back again, and in only two weeks. Ninety-five boys, members of the 158th artillery band and of Battery "C" of the 158th light field artillery left Perry for the two weeks' camp. The artillery boys were in charge of Captain Howard Cress, commander of the local battery, and Lieutenants Brengle, Laird and Powers, while Captain W. C. Marshall had charge of the band members. Train Arrives Early: The special train arrived at Perry at 7 o'clock Saturday morning from Blackwell, being made up of the Blackwell, Tonkawa and Chillocco national guard outfits. From Perry they went on the Santa Fe tracks to Oklahoma City where they were to take the Frisco to Fort Sill, arriving there at 3:30 Saturday afternoon. The mess sergeant, Weldon Smith, and a special cook had left Perry Friday for the Fort and were to have a meal prepared for the boys when they arrived at the camp. Named Camp Aultman: Camp Aultman, is the name that has been given the camp this year, and any mail sent the boys should be addressed to Battery "C", 158th field artillery, Camp Aultman, Fort Sill, Okla. A number of local residents have made plans to visit the boys at the camp this summer, and an invitation has been given by Captain Cress and Captain Marshall to anyone from Perry to pay the guards a visit while in camp and to eat a meal with them. A farewell dance was given the guards at Lake Laird Friday night and plans are being made to give another dance for them when they return, August 30. Receive Free Tickets: The guardsmen checked in their baggage Friday night at the depot where they were given breakfast tickets, to be used at the various cafes at 6:30 Saturday morning. All members checking in their baggage Friday night also received a free ticket to the Annex theater good for Friday night.

Aug 21, 1930: Published in "The Cavern City Chronicle" entitled: DYNAMITE AND FIRING STIRS TROOP "B". Camp Max Luna, Aug 19. There's nothing spectacular about musketry, especially field firing; it's just hard work. The 1st and 2nd

Squadrons, 111th Cavalry, now in training at Camp Maximiliano Luna, Las Vegas, continue on the range in practicing those basic principles which make for good collective shooting, as distinguished from good individual marksmanship. Troops must know what and where the target is, what the range is, when to fire or when to cease firing and change targets. That involves careful training and much practice. Firing on Silhouette targets tucked here and there, and half hidden, is the culmination of this instruction. When the 1st and 2nd squadrons complete combat firing, the third squadron; now engaged in mounted drill; will go on the range. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, has experienced some trouble with its contract horses, but it is rapidly training them to the requirements of artillery mounts. Drivers are beginning to express confidence that their horses will go through drill without scattering guns and caissons all over the drill field. Gun crews are being instructed in preparation for firing on the range. Instructors; specialists in their various lines; have been detailed from the First Cavalry division at Fort Bliss, Texas. They are devoting all energy to impart the latest methods to citizens soldiers. According to the senior instructor, the militiamen are alert to learn from those who make war a life profession. Surprise is expressed that men can be found that can give time to military training; especially as it involves little pay and considerable work and rough living. But apparently the citizen soldiers are having a time of their lives; sweating and making a joke of it. The mounted organizations have plenty to do in caring for their mounts and equipment; to say nothing of trying to find time for a bath and a shave on the fly. The Cavalry also has his rifle, pistol, and his sabre to keep clean and shining. The morale of the mounted man is high; he has a pride inherited from the horseman who was respected as one who could ride and shoot. Enter Old Dynamite! What ho! Is this man's outfit an army or a rodeo? If you want to find out, and if deep down in your heart you cherish a sneakin' feeling for horseflesh-in-the-rough, then head right in for Camp Luna and look over a bunch of four-legged cyclones. Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery, now in camp with the 111th Cavalry, New Mexican National Guard, has taken on this bunch of rip-snorters for 15 days of concentrated wrestling. And speaking of wild horses, those selfsame critters are out to make current history at Camp Luna. The villain of the outfit is Dynamite; a heavy-built critter with a million dollar look.

But what a disposition! Just like any army mule; the meanest mule-critter that ever did his darndest to kite man-ranks out of the picket line and into the graveyard. Now ‘way up north in Canada they tell about the moose that tried to tackle a locomotive and boost it clear off the tracks. But down at Camp Luna it’s still problematic what Dynamite may do if he ever takes a notion to cut loose on a locomotive killin’ spree. And as long as the outfit’s still shy on locomotives, why Dynamite’e gettin’ to be a regular specialist on cannon. And how that nag does specialize! Cannon, men, picket lines, in fact anything designed to put the hog-tie on Dynamite’s free-thinkin’ way of following up this “Greater Freedom” they’re all yellin’ about out the wobblies are all ganged up together. Now if Battery “A” had known what a good show old Dynamite was going to put up, maybe they’d have invited all the cavalry outfits over to see the fun. They might even have asked the governor to turn out and lend his official sanction to the shindig. And if they’d soaked the boys a dollar a head to get in on it, they might have raised enough dough to . . . . but that’s all up in the sky; for hard cash is pretty scarce around an army outfit. Well, here’s how it happened. You see, Dynamite turns out to be a new-comer in the outfit. He must have wanted the low-down on army life and sneaked in under the ropes when a Wagon Mound wrangler rounded up a bunch of nags, about 20 all told. Well, it came Wednesday morning and Battery A's stable detail hit for the picket line to perform the currycomb act, there was Dynamite, smilin-like, standin' there just plumb gentle. Why say; he just took to that groomin' like a flea-bit hound takes to scratchin'. All you'd have to do was to hold the currycomb steady and he'd just sort of ooze himself all over it. And the way he'd muzzle around, you'd think he was lookin' for sugar. And there wasn't any fuss when they dropped the harness on him, either. And that was that. Some of the boys was sort of hedgin' along the line to see who was goin' to rate the gold-brick of climbin' aboard Dynamite's broad old hurricane deck for a nice easy way of viewin' the scenery from a rockin' chair. Yessir; dead snap! Then came the order "Prepare to mount." One lucky (?) boy breathes a subdued "hot dog!" to nobody in particular. "Mount!"; and hell popped loose the instant that lad hit. Leather Yes sir, old Dynamite was plumb at the bottom of it all. A rookie swears to high heaven that he heard that ornery critter sing out "come on, girls, let's get out of these here

corsets!" and the show was on. By that time they were all ganged up and goin'. But that heavy field gun behind 'em didn't seem to make a spark of difference. Ever see a first-rate dog fight? Well this was a dog fight with horses. All four of 'em. Pitch, roll, sunfish, swap ends! Why man, that wasn't even the start of it. You can see all that stuff in any rodeo. But you've got to come down to Luna to see 'em dance the snake dance around a field artillery rig! Men were hitting for everywhere, anywhere. All hopin' to gosh they'd stumble onto a cyclone cellar. Equipment was flyin' around so fast on the drill field that it looked like a squall comin.' Hell was sure poppin' for fair. And all because old Dynamite had declared a strike on corsets. About that time some of the boys got organized. Capt. Gray gives credit to the whole outfit, but it's certain that Sgt. Charles Williams, Sgt. J. A. Phinizy and Corp. J. L. Westover got into a sudden huddle and started right out to make a touchdown for the Army. And it looked like a flyin' tackle comin' from three ways at once, even though it's rumored around the camp that one of them bulldogged old Dynamite while the other two bounced him over the head with a handy-layin' anvil. After the smoke had cleared away, there was old Dynamite standing there like a soldier at attention. Apparently nothing more ailed him than a severe case of B. O. But it's hard to tell which was snortin' the most fire, Dynamite or the stable sergeant. Harness comprised the casualty list, and that was smeared all over the drill field. But has Dynamite kicked his way out of the Army? No sir; not by a long shot. Capt. Gray and his boys are game. The Captain swears that when he DOES convince Dynamite of the error of his ways, then by gosh he'll have a power plant on four legs which ought to pull Elephant Butte clean up the steep side of Hades. And that, Mister, is SOME HOSS! Well, Captain, here's hopin'. Battery “A” boys declare there'd be a whole mess kit full of cash to disband the unit and turn the whole outfit into a travelin' rodeo; perhaps with an opener in Cheyenne and from there to London, Paris, and on to Pago Pago, just lettin' old Dynamite snake 'em through to glory on his own sweet rep. But when they come to talk it over with GHQ they'll find out that the Army needs good horses, too. So if you want to see some out-and-out uproarious horse-breakin', just come on over to Camp Luna and watch those Battery A boys give 'em the count. But if you've a buckaroo with you to top 'em off,

just take this tip; don't let that innocent-lookin' old Dynamite fool you when he nuzzles around lookin' for sugar.

Aug 28, 1930: Published in “The Lawton News-Review” entitled: 3 GUARDSMEN INJURED WHEN SHELL EXPLODES. Three members of headquarters battery of the Second Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard were injured at 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening when a "dud" shell they were handling in their tent exploded. All of the men are from Kingfisher, Okla. The injured: Private Cleo Gant, 18, knee cap injured, which may result in slight stiffness of the knee. Private Oscar Hinson, 18, thumb severely injured. Corporal Carl Hewitt, 20, suffering from shock. Hewitt was blown from the tent by the force of the explosion, it was reported, but was not injured except from the force of the concussion and from shock. One other man in the tent at the time was not injured. All of the men were taken to the Fort Sill hospital. None of the injuries will prove serious, it was reported late Thursday night at 158th Field Artillery headquarters. The shell was a one pounder used in a trench mortar. Despite repeated warnings the men are reported to have picked up the shell last Sunday out on the range. Every precaution has been taken by National Guard officers to warn men of the danger and to prevent the "duds" being brought into camp. A thorough inspection of the camp was being made Thursday night to make sure that no other "duds" had been brought into the camp.

Aug 29, 1930: Published in “The Ada Evening News” entitled: GUARD IN GRAND REVIEW BEFORE GOV. HOLLOWAY. Climax of Annual Encampment Of Oklahoma's Military Establishment. Five thousand in Line: Breaking of Camp under way and soldiers ready to depart. Camp Aultman, Fort Sill, Aug. 29. (AP) The Stars and Stripes floated beside regimental colors today as 5,140 Oklahoma National guardsmen and special troops marched in annual review before their commander in chief, Governor W. J. Holloway. Commanded by Major General Baird Markham, division commander of the forty-fifth division, the guardsmen ended fifteen day period of intensive training by marching to the music of six regimental bands. Seated on the reviewing stand with the chief executive were Brigadier General W.

M. Cruikshank, in command of Fort Sill; Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett; Senator Elmer Thomas; Congressmen Jed Johnson and Wilburn Cartwright and Walter M. Harrison, managing editor of the Daily Oklahoman and Times and reserve officer. Immediately after the review the guardsmen began breaking camp. The grand review began promptly at 9 a. m. and required one hour and fifteen minutes to pass a given point. Between 8,000 and 10,000 spectators, the largest crowd ever assembled on the field, witnessed the parade of Oklahoma's soldiers. Governor Praises Guard: Officers in command of the various units assembled before the reviewing stand as the last soldier marched by. In a fifteen minute address, Governor Holloway praised the officers for their proficiency and the guardsmen for their work during the fifteen days of training. The Oklahoma National Guard, the governor said, now stands at the top of all National Guard divisions in point of proficiency. He has been advised by officers of the regular army, he said, that the encampment this year has been a successful one. Governor Holloway, after the address, presented trophies to winners of military competition events. Divisional headquarters staffs from Oklahoma, Colorado and Arizona joined in the review with headquarters companies, special troops, signal company, and troops of the nineteenth brigade under command of Brigadier General Charles E. McPherrin. Other units in the review were the 180th infantry under command of Col. E. L. Head; 179th infantry under command of Col. Charles H. Johnson; 170th field artillery brigade under command of General W. S. Key; 160th field artillery under command of Col. William Holden; 158th field artillery under command of Col. Grover Wamsley; 89th field artillery under command of Col. William Graves; 120th medical regiment under command of Col. Rex Bolend; division transport motorized under command of Maj. E. L. Wallis and division ordinance maintenance Co. under command of Lieut. Jay Perry. The special troops were under command of Maj. Harry Gilstrap. Brig. Gen. Markham said the camp was probably one of the most successful ever held. Breaking Camp: Tents and other equipment which have dotted Camp Aultman during the last 15 days were being torn down this morning as orders were issued after the final review to "break camp." Taps will sound for the first contingent at 8:45 p. m. tonight. The last group of guardsmen will be on their way to their homes at 1:30 a. m. tomorrow and Camp Aultman will pass into

history. Although Adjutant General Barrett had invited W. H. Murray, democratic candidate for governor and Senator Ira Hill, republican gubernatorially candidate to take a place on the reviewing stand, General Markham said he had seen neither at the camp up to noon. Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: 3 GUARDSMEN ARE HURT IN SHELL BLAST. Three in Hospital and One Suffering From Shock In Explosion Thursday. EXPERIMENT WITH "DUD" DISASTROUS. Shell Picked Up On Artillery Range Blows Men Out of Tent. Three men of the Oklahoma National Guard were in the hospital today, and one was suffering from shock, as the result of the explosion of a "dud" at 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening in a tent at the camp. All of the injured men were from Kingfisher, or small towns near there. The injured: Private Cleo O. Gant, 18. Private Oscar C. Henson, 18. Corporal Carl R. Hewitt, 29. Corporal Dan E. Bolan, who was the fourth man in the tent at the time of the explosion, was uninjured. The men belonged to Second Battalion Headquarters of the 158th Field Artillery. The guardsmen were handling a 37mm. "dud", which had been picked up on the artillery range, when it exploded. Private Gant was the most seriously injured. Part of his kneecap was reported blown away by the force of the explosion and it was feared the injury might result in the permanent stiffness of the knee. Private Oscar Henson had a thumb blown off. Corporal Hewitt was blown from the tent by the force of the explosion but other than shell shock he was uninjured. Taken to Hospital: All of the injured men were taken to the Fort Sill hospital, where they were resting comfortably today. The injuries are not expected to result seriously, hospital attendants reported. They will be kept in the Fort Sill hospital several days, however, before being sent to their homes. Immediate investigation of the explosion was ordered by Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, commander of the 158th Field Artillery. The official board investigating the accident is composed of Captain Clarence R. Steele, president; Captain Sidney P. Kretlow, and Captain Dwight U. Cochrane. The board had not completed its report Friday noon. Thorough Investigation: A minute inspection of the entire area was ordered following the explosion to see if any other "duds" had been brought into camp for souvenirs. Despite regulations and repeated warnings of officers, the men are reported to have picked up the small one-pounder on the range Sunday and brought it into camp. The utmost precaution is taken by officers every year to

inform the men of the danger and caution them against picking up the unexploded shells on the range. This is believed to be the first accident of its kind that has occurred in guard camps at Fort Sill since the war. Published in “The Tulsa Daily World” entitled: 4 HURT AS 'DUD' SHELL EXPLODES. Guardsman at Ft. Sill, Exhibiting Find, Fingers Blown Off. Fort Sill, Aug. 28 (A.P.) A "dud" shell playfully exhibited by Oscar Henson, Dover, exploded late today, injuring four national guardsmen, members of the second battalion, 158th field artillery. The fingers were blown from Henson's left hand; Cleo Grant, Kingfisher, sustained a serious knee injury; Carl Hewitt, Dover, was hurt in the back, and Dan Balan, Waynoka, was only slightly hurt. The injured were taken to the post hospital. Paul Walker, Oklahoma City, judge advocate-general, started an immediate investigation. He was told Henson brought out the shell, which he had picked up on an artillery range, and showing it to his companions, asked "how much am I offered?" He then tapped it with a hammer. The explosion occurred half a mile from where Governor Holloway and his staff were receiving officers of the annual encampment. Published in “The Enid Morning News” entitled: FINGERS BLOWN FROM HAND OF DOVER GUARD. “Dud” Explodes When Finder Taps Shell; Waynokan Hit. Immediate probe launched by chief. Accident Occurs Not Far From Governor’s Reception. Fort Sill, Aug. 28. (AP) A “dud” shell playfully exhibited by Oscar Henson, Dover, exploded late today, injuring four National Guardsmen, members of the second battalion, 158th field artillery. The fingers were blown from Henson’s left hand, Cleo Grant, Kingfisher, sustained a serious knee injury, Carl Hewitt, Dover, was hurt in the back and Dan Bolan, Waynoka, was only slightly hurt. Paul Walker, Oklahoma City, judge advocate-general, started an immediate investigation. He was told Henson brought out the shell, which he had picked up on the artillery range, and, showing it to his companions, asked, “how much am I offered?” He then tapped it with a hammer. Occurs Near Reception: The injured were taken to the post hospital. The explosion occurred only a short distance from where Governor Holloway and his staff were receiving officers of the annual encampment.

Oct 06, 1930: Published in “The Clinton Tribune” entitled: BETTER STORAGE FOR FIELD ARTILLERY AT FORT SILL. Better storage for field artillery will be available

with the building of two new warehouses that have been approved by the War Department to be used by the Oklahoma National Guard at Fort Sill. These warehouses will cost $18,130 and will be used jointly by the 158th Field Artillery, Col. Grover C. Wamsley, commanding; 16th Field Artillery, Col. Chas. A. Holden, commanding, and the 289th Field Artillery, Col. William A. Graves, commanding. These regiments go to Fort Sill annually for their field training.

Nov 16, 1930: Published in "The Arizona Military Review" entitled: GUARD EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR HOLDS INTEREST. One of the largest and most interesting of the exhibits shown at the state fair during the last week was the one presented by the Arizona National Guard. It was displayed by members of the organization and new attractions were added daily. Guides in attendance showed the visitors the exhibits and explained the use of each piece of equipment. Many people received an idea of what equipment and personnel are utilized in the operation of the Arizona National Guard. The display included nearly everything issued and used by the Arizona National Guard. It was a cross section of the equipment used by a modern armed force, showing in detail each implement of warfare as now used by the infantry. It was arranged to bring to the mind of the observer the fact that war today requires special training in advance of the requirements of the past, and that marching and counter-marching by no means represent the full training of a modern soldier. In addition to the infantry display, Battery "E" 158th Field Artillery, ANG., stationed at Mesa, had two 75 mm guns and other artillery equipment on display. Communication equipment and methods of communication in the field held an important place in the exhibit. Field telephones were in continuous operation and all means of signal communication were available. Of these instruments the various radio sets for use in the field attracted the most attention. Provision was made to send radio messages free of charge anywhere for anyone desiring the service. These messages were forwarded from the fair grounds to some member of the nation-wide amateur net and from the receiving station either telephoned or again forwarded to some closer station. Messages were forwarded during Monday and Tuesday to practically every state in the Union and to Egypt, Persia and Germany among other foreign destinations. Sergeant LaSalle, headquarters

company, 158th Infantry, had direct charge of the exhibit and is entitled to much credit for the manner in which he handled his difficult assignment.

Jul 30, 1931: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: GUARD OUTFIT AT WEATHERFORD TO ENTRAIN AUG. 15. Artillerymen to lay down barrage in Wichita's, Weatherford, July 30 (Special). Battery "D" of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard unit stationed here, will entrain with other western Oklahoma guardsmen Saturday, Aug. 15 for Fort Sill, Okla., to participate in the annual peacetime maneuvers there. The Weatherford unit is composed of about 64 men under the command of Captain Albert Ray Harris, including First Lieutenant Martin W. Steward, Second Lieutenants George Wesley Nikkel and Gordon F. Wonder, First Sergeant Carl W. Remund, seven sergeants of lower rank, eight corporals and the remainder privates. A maximum of military activity, the most of it in firing practice and war maneuvers on the rocky, brush-covered slopes of the Wichita mountains, will be crowded into the battery's 14 day "battle" at Fort Sill. Four days of the first week will be used in powdering the granite sides of the rugged Wichitas with a practice barrage from the unit's quartet of 75 millimeter guns. Hundreds of curious visitors are attracted to Fort Sill each summer to witness this firing practice of the Texas-Oklahoma division's light and heavy field artillery corps, of which the local battery is a unit, at the encampment. Practice will occur in the vicinity of Signal Mountain. The second week at Fort Sill will find the battery wrestling with a series of military problems. Two battalion problems and one regimental problem will be worked out by the artillery. Including in these will be a two day's sham campaign through the mountains in which the battery will use the precipitous gulches and weather-beaten crags in an effort to reach a difficult, designated point without being observed by scouts searching for them with powerful field glasses from the lofty summit of Signal mountain. An overnight bivouac, the high point of the two weeks encampment is included in this maneuver. The stay at Fort Sill will reach its climax Friday, Aug. 28, when the battery will parade in review with the other units of the division, comprising about 5,000 soldiers, before Gov. W. H. Murray and other state and national dignitaries, which may possibly include Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley.

Aug 31, 1931: Published in "The Albuquerque Journal" entitled: 23 OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN ARE AWARDED TEN YEAR SERVICE MEDALS BY GEN. WOOD. Santa Fe, N.M., Aug 30 (AP). Adjutant General Osborne C. Wood of the New Mexico National Guard today announced that twenty three officers and enlisted men of the Staff Corps and Department, the 111th Cavalry and Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery had been awarded the "Ten Year Service Medal" and that 15 officers and enlisted men in the name groups had been awarded the "100 Percent Drill Attendance Medals". The awards were made as follows": Ten Year Service Medals: State Staff Corps and Department: Major Hilario Delgado, Captain Owen L. Wood. Headquarters 111th Cavalry: Colonel Norman L. King, Lt. Col. Clyde E. Ely, Captain Harry M. Peck, Captain William A. Poe. Headquarters Troop: Captain Albert F. Martin, Sgt. Norman J. Timmem, Sgt. Lester L. Davis. Machine Gun Troop: Capt. John C. Lulkart, Headquarters First Squadron: Major H. P. Saunders, Jr. Headquarters 2nd Squadron: Major Charles G. Sage, 1st Lt. O. B. Witten. Headquarters 3rd Squadron: Major Aud E. Lusk. Troop E: Sgt. John F. Davis. Troop F: Sgt. Vernon C. Roberts. Troop I: Capt. William R. Anderson and Sgt. Roy M. Forehand. Battery "A" 158th Field Artillery: Capt. H. C. Gray and 1t Lt. Edward Purdy. Medical Detachment 111th Cavalry: Capt. Frank H. Barr and Capt. Justin F. Day. "100 Percent Drill Attendance Medal": Staff Corps and Department: Brigadier General Osborne C. Wood, Major Harry S. Bowman, Major Hilario Delgado; Major M. A. Otero, Jr., Capt. Juan A.A. Sedillo, Major H. G. Baca, Capt. Owen L. Wood, and 1st Lt. T.E. Perry. Headquarters 111th Cavalry: Colonel Norman L. King, Lt. Col. Clyde E. Ely, Capt. E. K. Neumann, Capt. Harry M. Peck, Capt. William A. Poe, 1st Lt. B.P. Wood. State Department: Corp. Frank Rivera. Headquarters Troop: 1st Lt. James H. Hazlewood, 2nd Lt. William B. Reardon, Sgt. Alfonso Melendez, 1st Sgt. Richard J. Buckley, Tech. Sgt. William C. Shuetz, Sgt. Lester L. Davis, Sgt. Orvie L. Green. Machine Gun Troop: Capt. John H. Lulkart, 1st Lt. Ray Harrison, 1st Lt. Henry M. Miller, 2nd Lt. Virgil O. McCollum, 1st Sgt. James M. Hamilton, Sgt. Carl R. Beck, Sgt. John H. Martin, Corp. Miles E. Lee, Corp. Neal F. McDade, Pvt. Homer R. Martin, Pvt. Benjamin H. Vaughn. Troop A: 1st Lt. Harold J. Vanderford, 2nd Lt. Earl E. Irish, Sgt. Jesse L. Finley, Corp. Harold Kimmel, Pvt. Allison Irish. Headquarters 1st Squadron: Major H. P. Saunders, Jr. Headquarters 2nd Squadron:

Major Charles G. Sage and 1st Lt. O. B. Witten. Troop F: 2nd Lt. Claud W. Stump, 1st Sgt. Louis E. Bell, Sgt. Howard C. Craig, Corp. Blas B. Leyha. Troop F: Capt. Stuart Stirling, 1st Lt. Herbert Mitchell, 2nd Lt. John W. Turner, Jr., 1st Sgt. James R. Thwalts, Sgt. George S. Baldwin, Sgt. Robert O. Mitchell and Sgt. Vernon C. Robert. Headquarters 3rd Squadron: Major Aud E. Lusk and Lt. J.J. MeCabe. Troop I: 1st Lt. William C. Brown and Sgt. Robert J. Compton. Troop K: Sgt. Gilbert C. Rivera. Battery "A" 158th Field Artillery: 1st. Homer D. Eaton, Sgt. Rex R. Laughlin, Sgt. J. P. Neely and Corp. William Glock. 111th Cavalry Band: W.O. Fred K. Ellis, Tech. Sgt. Gustave K. Pyetaki, Sgt. Louie J. Ellis, Sgt. George W. Hefling, Jr., Sgt. John M. Knudson, and Corp. Ubaldo Garcia. Medical Detachment: Major John D. Lamon, Jr., Capt. Frank H. Barr, Capt. Justin F. Day, Capt. T.I. Means, Tech. Sgt. Joseph T. Mozley, Sgt. Alfred M. Cooper, Pvt. Jose L. Rangel, Pvt. Pete Archibeck.

Sep 19, 1931: Published in “The Albuquerque Journal” entitled: THREE MEMBERS BATTERY “A”, IN ROSWELL HELD ON U.S. CHARGE. Captain Herbert Gray, John F. McBride and Glenn Connor Furnish $1,500 Bonds Each Conspiracy to break federal code. Indictment Returned by Recent Grand Jury in Santa Fe; Commanding Officer old in service. Roswell, N. M., Sept. 18.; Three members of Battery “A”, New Mexico National Guard, at Roswell, including the commanding officer, Captain Herbert Gray, were arrested here Friday under federal indictments charging them with conspiracy to violate a section of the federal code. The bond in each case was set at $1,500 and all three men made bond immediately. Those arrested beside Captain Gray were John F. McBride and Glen O'Connor, both members of the battery. The indictment was returned at the recent grand jury session in Santa Fe and followed investigations by operatives of the department of justice covering a period of several months. McBride is sergeant instructor in the battery. Captain Gray has been commanding officer of the battery for a number of years, and has been recognized by federal and state inspecting officers as an officer of unusual accomplishments. Details of Charges: The grand jury returned three indictments in all naming Captain Gray in all of them, Sergeant McBride in two and Private O'Connor in one. The charges are attempting to obtain money from the government by fraudulent means. In the first indictment, Gray is charged with "willfully,

unlawfully, knowingly and feloniously presenting and causing to be presented to Major Herman G. Baca, United States property and disbursing officer in Santa Fe, for his approval and payment a false, fictitious and fraudulent claim upon the federal government in the sum of $60." It is alleged that Gray on January 30, 1931 made out a New Mexico National Guard payroll voucher, Number 214, setting forth that one private George D. Zimmerman had been employed as animal caretaker for Battery “A” 158th Field Artillery for a period of 12 months and that Zimmerman was entitled to receive $60 for his services. The indictment further alleges that Gray "well knew" at the time the voucher was made out and presented that "the said George D. Zimmerman had not been employed as an animal caretaker and was not entitled to the $60 or any other amount." The second indictment mentions Gray, McBride, and O'Connor and charges the three with "unlawfully, willfully and knowingly," combining to conspire and agree to commit certain offenses against the U. S. government and to obtain the allowance and payment of certain false and fraudulent claims. It charges that between January 1, 1931 and March 5, 1931 Gray and McBride "would represent" on the monthly payroll that O'Connor was employed as caretaker at the barracks of the 158th Field Artillery at $100 a month, "knowing well that O'Connor would not be employed as caretaker." That it was also a plan of the agreement between the three that the payroll voucher would be presented by Gray to Major Baca for his approval and payment. Endorsed Check: The indictment contains the following overt acts: That on or about January 31, 1931 McBride prepared a voucher representing O'Connor as animal caretaker entitled to $100; that on or about the same date Gray presented the voucher, Number 209, to Major Baca for his approval and payment; and that on February 5, O'Connor signed and endorsed the government check made payable to him and signed by Major Baca. The last indictment mentioned the names of Gray and McBride and contained four counts. The first count alleged that Gray and McBride did "feloniously and willfully" cause to be made for payment and approval by Major Baca a false claim upon the United States government in the amount of $100 in the form of a payroll voucher made out to O'Connor as animal caretaker, and that at the time of making out the voucher the two men knew that O'Connor had not been employed in that capacity. In the second count, it is charged that on or about

February 28, Gray and McBride made out a voucher for Major Baca's approval which they "knew to be false" and which was made out to O'Connor as animal caretaker for the sum of $160. Arraignment Monday: The third count charges that the two men presented the voucher to Major Baca for his approval and payment and the fourth count alleges that they knew at the time all this was done that the voucher was fraudulent. The three men probably will be arraigned before United States District Judge Colin Neblett at the opening of the Roswell term of court Monday. Captain Gray has been commanding officer of the battery for a number of years and friends at Roswell said he had been recognized by federal army and New Mexico National Guard inspecting officers as an officer of "unusual" ability and accomplishment. Sergeant McBride was assigned to the post of sergeant instructor by the regular army and Private O'Connor is an enlisted man.

Nov 26, 1931: Published in “The Oklahoma News” entitled: $10,000 FIRE AT HUGO. Armory of 158th Field Artillery Is Damaged. By United Press; Hugo, Okla., Nov. 26. Fire that damaged the armory of the service battery of the 158th field artillery of the national guard resulted in a $10,000 loss, Capt. A. D. Hanry said today. The fire of undetermined origin broke out late yesterday.

Feb 15, 1932: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: MAJOR JORDAN VISITS GUARDS. Major Jordan, of Oklahoma City, regular army inspector for the 45th division, attended regular formation Saturday night of the First Battalion, Headquarters Battery, of the 158th Field Artillery located in Clinton. Captain George D. Hann is in charge of the unit. After formation inspection, Major Jordan addressed the group on the present situation in the Orient.

Mar 29, 1932: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: INSPECTION OF GUARDS BEGINS. General Hoffman on state tour. Oklahoma City, March 29 (U.P.). Inspection of various Oklahoma national guard units was started Monday by Major General Roy Hoffman, commander of the 45th division, and members of his staff. Major Hoffman and his staff were joined by Brigadier General W. S. Key at Chickasha Monday. The officers inspected Battery “B” of the 189th field artillery

there. From Chickasha they went to Anadarko to visit the 1st headquarters detachment of the 45th division trains, and Battery "B" of the 158th field artillery. Today they inspected Battery "F" of the 160th field artillery and the 160th band at Ada. Staff officers on the visits included Colonel Ray McLain, Colonel Ellis Stephenson, Major F. M. Wood, Captain Fred Hunter and Lieutenant B. B. Bass.

Apr 21, 1932: Published in "The Enid Morning News" entitled: GUARD UNITS AT PERRY INSPECTED. Special to The News, Perry, April 20. A satisfactory showing was made by Perry National guard units during the annual inspection held the latter part of the past week, according to reports received here. The units inspected were Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery and the artillery band. The inspection was made by Captain A. B. Hicklin, regular army officer, who left Tuesday for Yale to inspect the medical detachment stationed there. A large number of civilians attended the inspection here. Capt. Hicklin declared that Perry was outstanding in the amount of interest displayed in National guard affairs by its citizens. A definite report on results of the inspection and rating of the Perry units will be sent in the near future to Captain Howard Cress.

Jul 17, 1932: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: ARMY INSPECTION MONDAY EVENING. Fort Sill Major will be in charge. Detailed by special orders of headquarters of the eighth corps area, Major Orva E. Beezley, of the First field artillery, Fort Sill, will conduct regular inspection Monday night of the first battalion, headquarters battery, 158th field artillery, located in Clinton, according to announcement yesterday by Capt. George D. Hann. This is the second regular inspection of the local unit during the past year, Capt. Hann said. The inspection was previously set for Thursday night but was postponed until Monday night. The unit is in the best possible condition for formal inspection having been instructed during the past week on detail work by Capt. Alpha Brumage, of Anadarko, instructor for the 158th F. A., it was said. Officers of the local unit extend an invitation to the public to attend the inspection Monday night. Visitors will be asked to interfere in no way with the inspection but they may attend, Capt. Hann said.

Jul 18, 1932: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: BATTERY READY FOR INSPECTION. Major Beezley will be in charge. Everything is in readiness for the second regular annual inspection of the first battalion headquarters battery, 158th Field Artillery located in Clinton, to be held here tonight, according to Capt. George D. Hann. Detailed by special orders of the headquarters of the eighth corps area, Major Orva E. Beezley, of the first Field Artillery, Fort Sill, will conduct the inspection. The unit is in the best possible condition for the formal inspection having been instructed on detail work during the past week by Capt. Alpha Brumage, of Anadarko, instructor for the 158th Field Artillery it was said. Visitors are invited to witness the inspection but are asked to interfere in no way, Capt. Hann said.

Jul 19, 1932: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: HIGH RATING FOR BATTERY IS HOPED. Inspection Made By Major Breezley. Hope was strong today for a very satisfactory rating following the second regular annual inspection of the First Battalion Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery, O. N. G., held here last night. The inspection was in charge of Major Orva E. Beezley, of the First Field Artillery, Fort Sill, who was detailed under special orders of the headquarters of the eighth corps area. Capt. Alpha Brumage, Anadarko, instructor for the 158th Field Artillery who instructed the local unit on detail work during the past week, attended, in addition to Col. G. C. Wamsley and Major Edgar Ross, also of Anadarko. A thorough and detailed examination was given members of the local unit in all phases of the work, according to Lieut. Louis Nelson. Although a definite rating as a result of the inspection will not be received here for four or five days, local officers are of the opinion the battery will receive a satisfactory rating at least and perhaps a very satisfactory rating. Members of the battery were present 100 per cent and each performed his duty in a thorough manner. Each officer and enlisted man in the outfit was in full uniform and was "on his toes" during the inspection, Lieut. Nelson said.

Jul 21, 1932: Published in “The Clinton Times Tribune” entitled: GUARDSMEN GET RIGID INSPECTION BY ARMY MAJOR. Major Beezley of Fort Sill Sees Local Unit

Members at Their Best. Complimentary remarks as well as suggestions for changes were made by Maj. Orva E. Beezley, of the First field artillery of Fort Sill, as inspection officer in a review of the Clinton unit of the Oklahoma national guard Monday night. Major Beezley gave the equipment, the horses and the men of the First battalion headquarter battery, 158th field artillery, a close looking over at the pavilion on North Sixth street. Present at the time also were Col. G. C. Walmsley, Anadarko, of the 158th; Maj. Edgar Ross, Anadarko, of the battalion of which the Clinton unit is a part; and Capt. Alpha Brumage, Anadarko, instructor for the 158th. Captain Brumage had spent several days here and the boys of the local unit appeared at their best. Officers of the local unit are George D. Hann, captain; L. G. Nelson, first lieutenant; and Ernest Stocks, second lieutenant. The formal report will be made by Major Beezley in duplicate to the adjutant general and to Captain Hann.

Jul 22, 1932: Published in “The Roswell Daily Record” entitled: PRIZE OFFERED AT N. M. GUARD CAMP. Santa Fe, N. M., July 22 (AP) Each outfit attending the 111th Cavalry and Battery “A” national guard camp this summer will be prepared to exemplify some particular feature of its training for Governor's day inspection, Colonel Norman L. King said. Banners to be hung on armory walls will be given as trophies at the coming camp instead of loving cups. Awards will be made for best picket line, best troop area, best troop mess, best mess hall and kitchen, best disciplined organization, best turned out troop, best march discipline, combat rifle competition, best platoon in horsemanship, best machine rifle squad, and winner of mounted drill.

Aug 02, 1932: Published in ”The Clinton Daily News” entitled: GUARD UNIT HERE IS GIVEN RATING OF SATISFACTORY. Only criticism made is on facilities of Battery. Headquarters battery of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, located in Clinton, was given a "satisfactory" rating following a recent formal government inspection, it was announced today by Capt. George D. Hann, commander of the unit. Detailed by special orders of headquarters of the eighth corps area, Major Orva E. Beezley, of the First Field Artillery, Fort Sill, made the

regular formal inspection. Personnel Praised: He complimented the local outfit on the personnel equipment, detail work, and other points on which the unit was rated, Capt. Hann said. The only adverse criticism offered was that of the facilities, it was said. Members of the local outfit will be among approximately 5,000 Oklahomans from a hundred state communities who will leave Aug. 6 for the annual training period at Fort Sill. The group will be instructed in all branches of military science and practice, from handling heavy artillery to keeping the camp clean. Boxing and baseball tournaments and military competitions will provide athletic diversion for the men, under supervision of athletic officers. The first day will be given to detrainment, making camp inspection, and instruction in establishment of kitchens. Sunday of the first week small arms will be inspected. Range Firing Scheduled: Drill, continued inspections, and instruction will follow on the schedule. Monday morning, range firing is scheduled and Monday evening, Tuesday and Wednesday the 90th brigade will be out of camp working out battalion problems in the area of Hell's Hole. Brigade review is scheduled for Thursday afternoon of the second week. Friday, after the division review, the soldiers will prepare to entrain for home on the following day, Aug. 20.

Aug 22, 1932: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: GUARD UNIT WINS EFFICIENCY PRIZE. Brings Trophy Back From Ft. Sill: The coveted loving cup for being the most efficient battery in the regiment during the annual encampment of the Oklahoma National Guards at Fort Sill during the past two weeks, was brought home Saturday by the Headquarters Battery First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. The camp routine ran smoothly, according to one of the local officers, with the exception of a few mishaps. The rain during the second week disrupted a part of the program. Some of the horses were unmanageable at times. Lieutenant Tom Dale and Sergeant Clarence of Hann were thrown from their horses on two occasions. During the final review on Friday, the horse on which Sergeant C. L. Hostetter was riding took a sudden notion to lie down, thereby disorganizing the review in some particulars, it was said. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the camp was the flying of the 45th division Air Corps from Denver. The twelve planes of this division did considerable flying. General Roy Hoffman, retiring commanding general of the

Division, was presented with a gold-plated saber Thursday evening by the officers of the division. Gen. Hoffman's successor has not been named. Among the notables who witnessed the review Friday, a parade of approximately 5000 privates and officers were Gov. W. H. Murray, Mrs. E. A. Wallis, widow of the late Ernest Wallis after whom the camp was named, Senator Elmer Thomas, Congressman Jim McClintic and others.

Jan 15, 1933: Published in “The Enid Morning News” entitled: PERRY GUARDSMEN OBSERVE BIRTHDAY. Perry, Jan. 14. An anniversary celebration dinner will be given at the legion hall Monday night on the sixth anniversary of the formation of the Perry national guard unit, Battery “C” of the 158th field artillery. Captain Howard Cress is commander. The 158th artillery band, which was organized later, also will take part.

Feb 02, 1933: Published in “The Kingfisher Weekly Free Press” entitled: GUARD GENERAL WILL BE HERE. Battery “F” and Second Battalion Headquarters Battery and Combat Train of the 158th Field Artillery, Kingfisher's representatives in the Oklahoma National Guard, will be hosts to a number of distinguished guests next Tuesday night, when they will entertain the 70th Field Artillery Brigade Commander, Brigadier General William S. Key, his staff and others. General Key is making visits to the units in his command, and the conference for officers of the 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, has been allotted to Kingfisher. A stag dinner and conference has been arranged for the visiting officers, after which an informal inspection of the two batteries will be made. Tuesday is the regular drill night for Battery “F”, and Headquarters Battery has scheduled a special drill for the occasion. General Key will be accompanied by two staff officers, and others from the Second Battalion who will be here are: 2nd Bn. Staff: Major Otis M. Smith. Capt. Sidney J. Kretlow. Lieut. Aubrey J. Rawlings. Lieut. Wilbur S. Smith. Medical Dept. Detachment: Major Daniel F. Coldiron. Capt. Roy C. Smith. Capt. John T. Wilson. Capt. Robert N. Graham. 2nd Bn Hq. Battery: Capt. Dwight U. Cochrane. Lieut Glenn Gilmour. Lieut. Geen Gilmour. Battery "D": Capt. Albert R. Harris. Lieut. Martin W. Steward. Lieut George W. Nikkel. Lieut. Gordon F. Wonder. Battery "F":

Capt. Clarence R. Steele. Lieut. Van L. Ogden. Lieut. Thomas M. Andrews. Lieut. Harold J. Fulton. In addition, Major Parker of the regular army, chief Field Artillery instructor for the 45th Division, Col. Wamsley, regimental commander, Captain Woodworth, Regimental Adjutant, Captain Cooley, 1st Battalion Adjutant, and possibly a few others are expected to attend the inspection. Non-commissioned officers of the batteries will conduct drill during the banquet and conference, after which General Key will make his inspection of the organizations.

Mar 23, 1933: Published in “The Kingfisher Weekly Free Press” entitled: INSPECT GUARD APRIL 19 AND 20. Battery "F" and 2nd Battalion Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, are in an intensive training program in preparation for the annual armory inspection, next month. A memo was received this week announcing the exact dates for these federal inspections. For Headquarters Battery, it will be held on Wednesday night, April 19, and Battery "F" will be inspected Thursday night, April 20. Captain Alpha Brummage, regular army instructor for the unit has been designated as inspecting officer this year. Both Captains Steele and Cochrane are insisting on regular drill attendance, especially for the few drills remaining before the inspection, and have promised the caretakers that they will get a lot of help in cleaning materiel from any unauthorized absentees. "F" Battery has signed two more recruits this week. They are Jared White and James McNeal.

May 06, 1933: Published in “The Arizona Republic” entitled: MESA BATTERY TO MOTORIZE. Mesa Battery To Motorize. Mesa; Motor equipment will be put in use by Battery “E”, 158th Field Artillery, replacing horses according to an order received from Eighth Corp area headquarters, Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Motorization will prove an economy, it is believed, inasmuch as forage and stable costs have amounted to approximately $20,000 annually. It is estimated the new equipment will pay for itself within a three-year period. Shipment will be made May 15, the order stated. It is expected four trucks, an automobile, and motorcycle will be received. The 30 horses which have been in use in the past will be disposed of, part of them to be sold at auction and others shipped back to headquarters. Personnel

of Battery “E” is composed of four officers and 60 enlisted men. Artillery equipment here includes four French 75 field pieces.

May 17, 1933: Published in “The Ponca City News” entitled: FINAL BATTERY PARADE WITH HORSES IS HELD. Perry; A final parade of the Perry national guard unit, battery “C” of the 158th field artillery, as a horse-drawn unit, was held Tuesday. The local battery as a part of the 158th regiment is to be motorized in the next 30 days. Trucks will be sent here to replace the 30 head of horses which have been used by the battery here since organization. The guards will go to their annual encampment at Fort Sill this summer as a motorized unit, according to Captain Howard Cress, commanding officer.

Aug 03, 1933: Published in “The Kingfisher Weekly Free Press” entitled: GUARDS LEAVE FRIDAY NIGHT. Friday night between midnight and dawn, the two Kingfisher units of the Oklahoma National Guard, Battery “F,” and 2nd Battalion Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 158th Field Artillery, will depart for Fort Sill, where the annual 15-day encampment begins Saturday. The movement this year will be different from previous years in that there are eight motor vehicles to be transported overland, and approximately 60 percent of the two batteries will make the trip by this means. The remainder of the men and equipment will go in coaches which will be picked up by train No. 31 Saturday morning, for the first leg of the journey. Kingfisher will send seven officers and about 90 men to this year's encampment, which will be known as Camp Calvin Bryant, in honor of a Choctaw Indian from Bryan County, killed in action during the World War. The mail address of the guardsmen at this year’s camp will be: "Battery 'F'" (or 2nd Bn. Hq. Btry.) 158th F. A., Camp Calvin Bryant, Fort Sill, Okla. Batteries Sign Recruits: Both the local batteries have signed a number of recruits in the past week to replace those whose enlistments have expired or who have moved away. Headquarters Battery is now at full strength with 27 men, and at the time this was written Battery "F's" roster contained 61 names. It is probable that this will be the number taken to camp. Change in Commissioned Personnel: A special order was received early this week, whereby Captain C. R. Steele is promoted to the grade of Major, and

assigned to the Second Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. 1st Lieutenant Van L. Ogden is to succeed Major Steele in command of Battery "F," and 2nd Lieutenant Merrill Andrews will fill the post of executive officer, vacated by Lieut. Ogden. Lieuts. Ogden and Andrews will be given examinations this fall for promotion to the grades of captain and 1st lieutenant, respectively. Drill Schedules Reduced: Local National Guard officers have received advice from the Adjutant General's office that pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of War, the number of armory drills held, for which pay is received, will not exceed thirty-six, for the fiscal year 1934. Heretofore, forty-eight drills have constituted the year's training at the home station. The reduction is being made as an economy measure.

Aug 06, 1933: Published in “The Ponca City News” entitled: PERRY DETACHMENTS OF GUARD TO CAMP. Perry; Perry's two detachments of Oklahoma national guard, the 158th field artillery Battery “C”, and the 158th artillery band left Perry Friday evening and Saturday morning for Fort Sill. The battery is composed of 70 men, 66 enlisted men and four commissioned officers. Capt. Howard Cress is commander.

Aug 13, 1933: Published in “The Albuquerque Journal” entitled: GUARD LEAVES HERE FOR CAMP AT LAS VEGAS. Other Units Are Converging on Camp Luna By Train, Motor and Horseback. The 675 officers and men of the 111th Cavalry, New Mexico National Guard Saturday night were converging on Camp Maximiliano Luna near Las Vegas where the annual 15 day encampment of the regiment opens Sunday. Four Albuquerque units totaling 188 men were mobilized at the armory early Saturday night after they had completed loading their baggage and horses. Their train left the city at 12:05 a. m. Sunday after cars containing units from the southern part of the state had been attached. Units That Leave: The local units and commanders are: Headquarters Troop, Captain Albert F. Marth; Troop “A”, Captain Paul W. Howard; Band, Warrant Officer Fred K. Ellis; and Medical Detachment, Major J. D. Lamon. Battery “A”, of the 158th Field Artillery of Roswell which is attached to the regiment was giving its new motorized equipment a test by making the trip from Roswell to Las Vegas overland. Troop “K”, of Taos was en route to the encampment on horseback. Others Enroute: Other units of the regiment traveling

by train were: Troop “F”, Silver City, commanded by Captain Stuart Stirling; Troop “E”, Deming, commanded by Capt. Memory H. Cain; Machine Gun Troop, Clovis; Troop “B”, Santa Fe; and Troop “I”, Carlsbad. Colonel Clyde E. Ely of Santa Fe, regimental commander, will be in charge of the encampment. The course of training will include various technical schools, intensive practice of the rifle and machine gun ranges, and mounted combat maneuvers in the field. GEN. WINANS WILL VISIT CAMP 2 DAYS. Santa Fe, Aug. 12 (Special): General Edwin B. Winans, commander of the 8th corps area, will arrive at Camp Luna by plane Friday to spend two days at the annual encampment of the 111th cavalry and Battery “A”, 158th field artillery, Major F. R. Lafferty, senior instructor, announced.

Aug 29, 1934: Published in “The Oklahoma News” entitled: FAIR ENOUGH. By Westbrook Pegler; The Oklahoma News. Again They're Marching: Now They're Professional and Business Leaders Here but 16 Years Ago They Were Dodging Shells in France. Corporal Lewis R. Morris Had Hectic Time With 131st Machine Gun Battalion With E. Stephenson and Ray S. McLain as Superior Officers. By Grant M’Gee: On a certain night in October, 1918, Cpl. Lewis R. Morris was a busy man, by far more busy than County Attorney Lewis R. Morris ever has been during a criminal court term. It was raining, as veterans of the World War insist it can rain only in France, and in amounts of precipitation which even the drouths of Oklahoma cannot dry up in their recollections. At the time, about 2:25 a. m., Cpl. Morris was on the night patrol of the 131st machine gun battalion, 36th division, the most nearly completely Oklahoma outfit in the expeditionary forces, which was participating in the Champagne offensive. The Germans had begun shooting over gas shells, which Ellis Stephenson, battalion major, and Ray S. McLain, captain of company A of the battalion, agree averaged about 45 a minute. All Cpl. Morris had to do was to dodge shells from one fox-hole, or dugout, to another, giving the gas alarm, to be certain every soldier had his gas mask at hand. The night passed and, aside from minor gassing the comparatively light damage of which Stephenson and McLain credit to the rain's effect, there were no casualties. The war passed, and Stephenson and McLain, both affiliated with the American-First Trust Co., today recalled their part in the 131st's service on the front. Both had been in the national

guard before the war. When, in October of 1917, the war department began reorganizing the army in keeping with the military needs of the World War, Mr. Stephenson became major of the 131st machine gun battalion, Mr. McLain formed company A as captain, and James S. McGregor was made captain of company B. Few Casualties: Being on the offensive largely the battalion suffered few deaths in action, though several men died later from the effects of being gassed. "When a machine gun outfit is on the defensive then it suffers," Maj. Stephenson explained. "Then they are told to sit down and stay there. On the offensive we were used largely to plug up holes in the advance." The battalion, surviving the World War, has continued an active part in military affairs through the national guard. McLain now is chief of staff as colonel in the 45th division. Stephenson is a lieutenant colonel as operations officer. Lieut. Col. Roger Ross is in the quartermaster's division. Lieut. Col. Earl Patterson is disbursing officer. Capt. Joseph B. Garrison is commander of Company D, of the 179th infantry. Lieut. Marion D. Woodsworth is adjutant of the 158th field artillery. Merle Warren is first lieutenant in the 158th field artillery. W. I. Eads, who was a first sergeant with the battalion, is a deputy sheriff. Now a Grocer: Edgar D. Wilkerson, who was a first lieutenant during the war, owns a grocery store east of the city. So much for the 131st machine gun battalion, often called "Oklahoma's Own." The activities of Oklahoma's 90.- 527 enlisted and drafted men in the World War (there were 2682 officers, 72,070 men in the army; 6763 men in the navy and 642 in the marines) are sketched in highlight by Lieut. Col. Patterson, now with the adjutant general's office of Oklahoma. "Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, Oklahoma on June 19, 1916, received an order to mobilize the national guard, presumably for duty on the Mexican border," Col. Patterson says. "The major portion of the guard was mobilized and mustered into the federal service on July 4, 1916, and then sent to the Brownsville district for training. The guard at that time consisted of one regiment (1st Oklahoma) of infantry; one company of engineers, one field hospital company, one signal company and two troops of cavalry. Troops on Border: "The situation with Mexico seemed to subside, and it was not understood why the troops were retained on the border. Later it became a matter of current that the troops were being held and trained awaiting developments between Germany and the allies. News was scarce,

but training went on until late in February, 1917, and the guard was returned to Fort Sill and mustered out on March 2, 1917, and all organizations returned to their old status as national guardsmen. "But the members had scarcely discarded their uniforms and put on 'civies' when on March 31, seven days before war was declared, state troops were called into service and the units ordered mobilized at Fort Sill. "After being mustered into the service, equipped and vacancies filled with recruits, the units were sent to Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, where they became a part of the 36th division which was organized under authority of the war department, dated July 18, 1917. The division was composed of national guard troops of Oklahoma and Texas. Widely Scattered: "While the greater number of native sons of Oklahoma were found in the 36th and the 90th (National Army) divisions, Oklahomans were to be found in almost all divisions in the service. "Both the 36th and 90th divisions saw service in France. The first unit of the 90th division arrived in France on June 23, 1918, and the last on July 27, 1918. Upon arrival in France the division, less artillery, was sent to the department of Cote-d'Or, with headquarters at Aignay-le-Duc. The artillery brigade went to camp Hunt at Le Courneau. It did not participate in operations, but rejoined the division after the armistice on the march into Germany. "On Aug. 19, 1918, the division moved to the vicinity of Toul with headquarters established at Gondreville. The division had scarcely reached this place when it was ordered to relieve the 1st division in the line in the Villere-en-Haye sector, north of Toul. It completed the relief on Aug. 24, 1918. The division also participated in the St. Mihiel offensive Sept. 12 to 16, 1918. Stays in Line: "The division remained in line in the Puvenelle sector until Oct. 10, during which period it engaged in raids of major importance, and participated in demonstrations conducted against the enemy simultaneously with the initial attack in the Meuse-Argonne offensive Sept. 26, 1918. On Oct. 10 it was relieved by the 7th division and proceeded to the area west of Verdun in the reserve of the 1st army. "On Oct. 22 the division relieved the 5th division in the lines near Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. It remained in front line until the armistice was signed. "During the operations the division took 1876 prisoners and its casualties totaled 7277. "After the armistice the division was assigned to the army of occupation and began service Nov. 24. The first units of the division returned to the United States on May

28, 1919. The first units of the 36th division, composed of national guardsmen from Oklahoma and Texas, arrived in France on May 31, 1918, and the last on Aug. 12, Col. Patterson's records state. They Move Up: Division headquarters were established at Bar-sur-Aube on July 27. After 10 days of being a reserve in the French armies of the central sectors, the division was transferred to the Fourth French army. "On the night of Oct. 4 the division began moving from the Poncancy area to the vicinity of Suippes and Somme-Suippes," Col. Patterson states. "The 71st brigade, beginning to relieve the 2nd division on Oct. 6 between St. Etienne and Medeah Farm, established headquarters on Blanc Mont, its first attack being on the morning of Oct. 8. The casualties for this day were 66 officers and 1227 men. "The 72nd brigade moved from Poncancy to the front lines and on the night of Oct. 9 completed the relief of the infantry of the 2nd division, the 36th division taking command of the sector at 10 a. m. Oct. 10. In the afternoon the 141st infantry advanced its lines about 500 yards and between 5 and 6 p. m. the 72nd brigade relieved the 71st and launched an attack in the direction of Machault and Cauroy, making but a slight advance during the night. Enemy Retreats: "On the morning of Oct. 11 the enemy began to retreat, the 72nd brigade in pursuit. This kept up until the enemy was pushed back near the Aisne. The division was relieved on Oct. 28 and placed in support with headquarters at Conde-en-Barrois, where it remained until the armistice was signed. "The division saw combat service at St. Mihiel, Meuse Argonne." The records for this division show: Prisoners captured, 813; casualties, 24 officers killed, 469 men killed; died of wounds, 4 officers and 70 men; total casualties, 2301 officers and men." Photo Captions: Lewis R. Morris (upper left) had other worries than those of a county attorney when this picture was taken somewhere in France. At the time he was a corporal in company A, 131st machine gun battalion, "Oklahoma's Own," in the American Expeditionary Forces. At Morris' right are shown Ellis Stephenson and Ray S. McLain as they look now. Below (left) are Stephenson, as major in command of the battalion in 1917 and 1918, and McLain, then captain of company A.

Mar 20, 1935: Published in “The Albuquerque Tribune” entitled: PLAN OVERLAND TRIPS FOR N. M. GUARD UNITS. Battery “A” Will Travel to Oklahoma in August.

Santa Fe, March 20, Plans for extensive overland trips for New Mexico National Guard units this summer have been tentatively approved, Adj. Gen. R. C. Charlton said today. Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery from Roswell will go overland in August to the annual encampment at Fort Sill, Okla., joining there the rest of the 158th Field Artillery. The first battalion of the 120th Engineers, an Oklahoma outfit, will go overland in June to train with the other half of the regiment, the New Mexico outfit, at Camp Luna, near Las Vegas. Col. Ull Lane is commander of the New Mexico half. Published in "The Santa Fe New Mexican" entitled: GUARD UNITS IN OVERNIGHT MOVE. (AP) Gen. R. C. Charlton, adjutant general of New Mexico, said today plans have been tentatively approved for overland movement of guard units and extensive trips for the members involving Oklahoma and New Mexico. Battery "A" of the 158th field artillery from Roswell will go overland this summer, in August, to the annual encampment at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, joining there the balance of the 158th field artillery. The first battalion of the 120th engineers, an Oklahoma outfit, will go overland in June to train with the other half of the regiment, the New Mexico outfit, at Camp Luna, near Las Vegas. Col. Uil Lane is commander of the New Mexico half.

Apr 03, 1935: Published in "The Ponca City News" entitled: PERRY GUARD UNITS TO HAVE INSPECTION. Perry: Annual federal inspection of the two perry national guard units will be held next week with Captain A. H. Lee in charge. Inspection of Battery "C" of the 158th field artillery will be held Tuesday night, according to Captain Howard Cress, commanding officer in charge. On the following night Captain Lee will inspect the 158th field artillery band, under direction of Ivan Kennedy. Captain Lee is instructor attached to the 158th field artillery corps of this area. Captain Alfa Brummage was in Perry last week to give the local battery band a preliminary inspection in preparation for the regular federal examination.

Jun 14, 1935: Published in "The Duncan Evening and Sunday Banner" entitled: OATH GIVEN 31 IN GUARD UNIT RANKS. 19 Visiting Officers Here to Muster in Service Battery. Unit One of Six Best Drilled in U. S. Muster a Surprise as No Order Had Been Received. Thirty-one members of the Service Battery, 158th Field

Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, were mustered into federal service at the Fair Grounds gymnasium last night. Nineteen visiting officers from other units in the regiment were in Duncan for the occasion. They represented every battery in the unit. The oath of allegiance to the National Guard was administered Duncan men by Capt. Alpha Brummage, instructor for the 158th Field Artillery from Anadarko. Capt. Brummage is a regular army man stationed to that position. The services were short. The number of men present was the exact number needed for federal recognition. Six more will be recruited this week to bring the detachment up to maintenance strength. Part of 175,000 force: After administering the oath Capt. Brummage welcomed Duncan members of the National Guard into the regiment. He stressed the fact that the men in this unit are from Duncan but they are a part of the nation's defense and part of a body of 175,000 men serving the United States. "In time of need," he declared, "it will be you men who are called upon to serve the United States; to protect your country. You must understand that you are not only members of the Duncan National Guard but also of the Oklahoma Guard of the United States." Capt. Brummage told the men that in serving with the 158th Field Artillery, they belong to one of the six best drilled units in the United States. "We are proud to have you," he declared, "and you should be equally proud to be a member of the organization." Capt. Brummage then introduced Lieut. Col. Otis M. Smith, regimental executive, from Oklahoma City, who further stressed the importance of the unit. To camp in August: "Gentlemen," he began, "I say gentlemen because to properly serve in any branch of the United States service you should be a gentleman; I welcome you into the Oklahoma National Guard. "You have a duty to perform. I hope you will live up to expectations I hold for you now. You have only a short time in which to prepare for summer camp in August. The work will be hard, but we;" he faced the officers, "are here to help you." Col. Smith introduced other visiting officers including Lieut. Owen Black, Capt. Sidney Kretlow, and Lieut. Wilber S. Smith, Oklahoma City; Capt. Marion Woodworth, Maj. Clarence Steele, Capt. Van Ogden, Lieut. Thomas Andrews, Capt. Dwight Cochran and Sgt. Albert Burns, Kingfisher; Maj. Elgin Ross, Capt. Paul Anderson, Lieut. Bruce Dutcher, Lieut. Carl Hall and Sgt. Tommy Tompkins, Anadarko; Capt. John Powell, Lieut. William Shaumell and Sgt. Frank Hodges, Sulphur; and Capt. William

Cooley, Cashion. The muster formation came as a surprise to Duncan officers. Orders for the drill were not received here. First indication was given late yesterday evening when Capt. Brummage arrived here. The men, previously enlisted, were notified and a number sufficient for national recognition were on hand. Capt. Hugh A. Neal, commanding the battery, said the first drill will be held next Thursday night.

Jun 20, 1935: Published in "The Duncan Weekly Eagle" entitled: NATIONAL GUARDS BEGIN DRILLS HERE. Nineteen Visiting Officers Aid in Mustering in Service Battery of 31 Members. Duncan's newest organization was launched here last Thursday night, when 31 members of the Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, were mustered into Federal service. The service, participated in by 19 visiting officers, was held in the armory building at the fair grounds. The oath of allegiance was administered by Capt. Alpha Brummage of Anadarko, instructor for the 158th Field Artillery, who took occasion to welcome the Duncan group into the regiment, declaring that while the men are residents of Duncan, they are a part of the nation's defense and part of a body of 175,000 men serving Uncle Sam. They will be a part of one of the six best drilled units in the United States, Capt. Brummage said. The number of men mustered into the service was the exact number needed for Federal recognition, but others were mustered in this week, bringing the number near the 40 mark. Capt. Brummage introduced Lieut. Col. Otis M. Smith of Oklahoma City who, in turn, introduced other visiting officers, including Lieut. Owen Black, Capt. Sidney Kretlow, and Lieut. Wilber S. Smith, Oklahoma City, Capt. Marion Woodworth, Maj. Clarence Steele, Capt. Van Ogden, Lieut. Thomas Andrews, Capt. Dwight Cochran and Sgt. Albert Burns, Kingfisher, Maj. Elgin Ross, Capt. Paul Anderson, Lieut. Bruce Dutcher, Lieut. Carl Hall and Sgt. Tommy Tompkins, Anadarko; Capt. John Powell, Lieut. William Shaumell and Sgt. Frank Hodges, Sulphur, and Capt. William Cooley, Cashion. Capt. Hugh A. Neal, commanding the battery here, said the first drill will be held tonight (Thursday). Enlistments passed upon by the battery commander included M. L. McCaskill, Leroy Maddox, Joe Williams, Robert E. Armstead, J. W. Marshall, Robert T. Mobley, E. Jack Smith, W. D. Montgomery, Phil H. Haney, William H.

Tucker, Doyle Fullerton, Charles E. Barnes, Fred Kiger Green and Jack Himes. James C. Haney, Dan V. Harris, Calvin L. Rennels, Lloyd E. Hight, Derrell B. Fullerton, Jefferson D. Thomas, Samuel A. Boyles, Bobby Q. Abrams, Elvis M. Watson, Walter L. Lewis, J. C. H. Girod, Richard Taliaferro, L. J. Huebner, E. A. Brooks, Roy Boggs, Leroy Tucker, Dale Lindsey, Morris Pate, Bob W. Stevens, Doyle Fullerton and Bob Moore. Commissioned officers named by Neal and approved by Adj. Gen. Charles F. Barrett were 1st Lieut. John R. Weiler and 2nd Lieuts. Paul R. Scheefers and H. von Tungeln.

Aug 13, 1935: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: BATTERY "E" AT FORT SILL CAMP FOR FIRST TIME. Trip From Arizona Is Made in Four Days Without Accident. For the first time since its organization, Battery "E" of the 158th Field Artillery, Arizona National Guard, is participating in the annual encampment of the 45th Division at Fort Sill. Traveling 1,135 miles in four days, the Battery made the overland trip in splendid shape and probably in record time for such an organization. The motorization of the batteries has made it possible for the Arizona and a similar unit from New Mexico, to join the regiment in annual encampment. The Arizona battery is commanded by Captain George L. Brown. Other officers of the unit are Lieut. Chester A. Smith, Lieut. Albert E. Huber and Lieut. Kenneth P. Smith. The unit's headquarters is at Mesa, Ariz. The long cross country trip was made without incident. The battery camped along the way and prepared its own meals enroute. A single flat tire was the only difficulty encountered. Another unit of the 158th Regiment, under command of Captain Gray, made a similar cross country trip from Roswell, N. M. Colonel Grover Wamsley of Anadarko is commanding officer of the 158th Regiment. A plan is being considered for the complete mobilization of the entire 45th Division next year. Just where that mobilization will take place is uncertain, but it is possible that it will be at Fort Sill, since the major part of the division is from Oklahoma.

Dec 02, 1935: Published in "The Daily American Democrat" entitled: LEAVE FOR GUARD INSPECTION. Colonel Grover C. Wamsley and Major Alpha Brumage left this afternoon for Kingfisher where they will inspect Battery "F" of the 158th Field

Artillery.

Feb 07, 1936: Published in “The Arizona Independent Republic” entitled: GENERAL’S LAST RITES DUE TODAY. Oscar F. Temple's memory will be honored with full military honors, befitting a general officer, will be accorded today to Brig. Gen. Oscar F. Temple, dead adjutant general of the Arizona National Guard; the sad but proud farewell of sorrowing guardsmen to a beloved leader whom many of them knew during most of their lives. Officialdom of Arizona and privates of the rear rank will march in his funeral cortege, behind the flag-draped, caisson-borne casket, and the saddled, riderless horse, from the capitol, where his body will lie in state on the Great Seal of Arizona, to Trinity Cathedral, where the last rites will be read by the Very Rev. Edwin S. Lane. Last Goodbye. The guardsmen, however, will say their last goodbye at Greenwood mausoleum, with color guard, honorary firing squad and final sad sounding of "taps." His long-time friend and military associate, Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Tuthill, issued the orders for the military funeral rites as soon as he had accepted Governor Moeur's appointment to succeed General Temple as adjutant general Wednesday; but he signed the formal orders "assistant adjutant general," the post he held when General Temple was alive. General Temple died of a heart attack Tuesday night. Body To Lie In State. His body will lie in state in the rotunda of the capitol; the honored place of other distinguished dead before him; from 11 a. m. until 1 p. m., with an honor guard of officers, rings on their saber hilts and mourning bands on their arms, at attention about the casket. At 1 o'clock the guard of honor slowly will escort the casket to the waiting artillery caisson, and the long, sad line of the Arizona National Guard, to the beat of muffled drums, will follow its general on his last journey. The funeral at Trinity cathedral will be at 2 p. m. Officers Assemble. National guard officers will meet at 10 o'clock this morning at the adjutant general's cottage on the statehouse grounds to form a guard of honor. Reserve officers will join the home cortege at 1 o'clock. An artillery caisson provided by Battery “E”, 158th Field Artillery, Mesa, drawn by six horses, will carry the casket from the statehouse to the cathedral. The riderless horse will carry all the accouterments of a general. Leading the funeral procession will be the 158th Infantry band, its instruments muffled. Line Of March. The line of march will be

east on Adams street to Third avenue, north on Third avenue to Van Buren street, east on Van Buren street to First avenue and north on First avenue to the cathedral. The procession will include all Phoenix companies of the national guard, reserve officers, Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets, members of the American Legion and of Forty and Eight. General Temple was a member both of the legion and the Forty and Eight. All units have been ordered by their commandants to assemble at the capitol not later than 1 p. m. in uniform. Honorary Pallbearers will include Brig. Gen. Pelham D. Glassford, U. S. Army, retired; Col. G. S. Goodale, U. S. Army, retired; Chief Justice Alfred C. Lockwood and Justices A. G. McAlister and Henry D. Ross, Arizona Supreme Court; Mit Simms, state treasurer; Maj. O. I. Holman, U. S. Army, professor of military science and tactics at Phoenix Union high school; Maj. V. R. Woodruff, U. S. Army, in charge of organized reserves; Maj. William Young, U. S. Army, senior instructor, Arizona National Guard; Maj. William Fisk, U. S. Army, assistant instructor, Arizona National Guard; Dr. A. J. Matthews, president emeritus, Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe; E. S. Clark, R. C. Stanford, Will C. Barnes, Capt. Howard S. Reed, Capt. Algernon F. Van Alen, U. S. Army, retired; Col. E. Power Conway, Sgt. John Conners, U. S. Army, retired; Sidney B. Moeur, J. D. Moore, W. Roy Wayland, Capt. A. C. Taylor, Maj. L. J. Whitelock, U. S. Army; F. C. Struckmeyer, W. D. O'Neill, Jim Shea and Mayor Joseph S. Jenckes. The funeral escort will be commanded by Maj. Wilson B. Wood. The color guard will be furnished by Company E, the firing squad by Company K. Surviving Relatives: General Temple is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence M. Temple; a son, Oscar F., Jr.; and four daughters, Mrs. Monroe Harris and Mrs. Newton Vance, Phoenix; Mrs. Walter Larson, Wilmington, Calif., and Mrs. Neil Morris, Los Angeles, and six grandchildren. Telegrams of condolence from every part of the United States have been received at the adjutant general's office. The Arizona National Guard, which he had served as a captain before he became adjutant general in 1931 by appointment of Governor Hunt, will remain in mourning for 30 days. Flags are at half mast throughout the state.

Mar 31, 1936: Published in “The Duncan Eagle” entitled: NATIONAL GUARDS TO BE INSPECTED HERE ON MONDAY. Formed less than a year ago, the Duncan National

Guard unit will undergo its first federal inspection next Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Fair Grounds armory. The inspection will be made by Colonel Crane, regular army instructor for the 160 Field Artillery, a heavy artillery regiment. The inspection is an annual affair that each separate unit must undergo each year. Preparations for the inspection of the Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, a light artillery regiment, have been under way here for some time. To Inspect Equipment: Men and officers of the unit will stand first inspection in the armory. Each man and officer will be questioned by the inspecting officer. From there, the inspection will be carried to the storage facilities where all equipment and other materials will be gone over. Inspections in this regiment have already started with other batteries due to be inspected this week. Neal in Command: Although "mustered in" only six weeks before the annual guard encampment at Fort Sill last summer, the Duncan battery received high praise from ranking officers in the state for the excellent showing made in its duties with the regiment. Capt. Hugh A. Neal commands the local unit. He announced today that immediately following inspection work will start in preparing for the summer encampment.

Jul 17, 1936: Published in “The San Antonio Express” entitled: 8 MILITIA INSTRUCTORS GET SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT. Eight regular army non-commissioned officers on detached service as instructors for National Guard units in the Eighth Corps Area will be sent to special service schools during the present fiscal year, it was announced Thursday at corps area headquarters, Fort Sam Houston. Authorization was received from the National Guard Bureau of the War Department. Technical Sgt. Peter McNally, instructor 120th Quartermaster Regiment, Oklahoma City, Okla., will go to the Quartermaster Transportation School, Holabird Barracks, Baltimore, Md.; Sgt. James J. Gilleese, 120th Medical Regiment, Oklahoma City, will go to the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Technical Sgt. David Jansma, 124th Cavalry, Texas National Guard, Houston, and Staff Sgt. J. B. Menard, 112th Cavalry, Dallas, will go to the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas. Technical Sgt. Charles Tompkins, 158th Field Artillery, Anadarko, Okla., and Staff Sgt. J. P. Cunningham, Battery “E”, 158th Field Artillery, Phoenix, Ariz., will go to the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla. Staff Sgt. B. P.

Perrett, 120th Engineers, Oklahoma City, will go to the Engineer School, Belvoir, Va., and Staff Sgt. Elige Cook, 45th Signal Company, Alva, Okla., will go to the Signal School, Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Oct 25, 1936: Published in “The Enid Morning News” entitled: STATE AND WPA LEADERS TO TAKE PART MONDAY IN DEDICATION OF NEW $40,000 KINGFISHER ARMORY. (Caption next to portrait:) Waldemar H. Sindt, above, director of the WPA in the sixth district, will go to Kingfisher Monday to assist in the dedication program for the new National Guard armory in that city. He will be accompanied by his entire administrative staff. Governor E. W. Marland and numerous other prominent state and military officials will be in Kingfisher Monday to assist with the dedication of the new $40,000 national guard armory pictured above. The armory, which will house Kingfisher's two national guard units, Battery “F” of the 158th field artillery and 2nd battalion headquarters battery, is one of 51 armories being built in Oklahoma by the Works Progress administration and is the first in the state to be dedicated. Besides Governor Marland, other dignitaries on the program will be General W. S. Key, commanding officer of the 45th division and state WPA administrator; General Charles F. Barrett, adjutant general of the Oklahoma national guard; Col. Grover C. Wamsley, commanding officer of the 158th field artillery regiment, and W. H. Sindt, sixth district WPA administrator. General Key will lay the cornerstone of the new structure at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon and at 5 o'clock the Kingfisher guard units will conduct retreat. A dinner will be served at the Kingfisher hotel at 6:30 o'clock and at 8 o'clock the visiting officials will speak at the armory. A free dance in the armory auditorium will start at 9:30 o'clock and the dedication program will be climaxed soon after midnight with "Taps." Outside dimensions of the armory are 138 by 125 feet. On the lower floor is an auditorium 110 feet by 78 feet, with a large stage at the north end. Under the stage is an indoor target range and immediately off the drill hall to the west are two garages which will house the motorized equipment of the two guard units. The second story, measuring 59 by 119 feet, will house the offices, supply rooms, locker rooms, classrooms and showers. Each supply room is equipped with a vault for small arms, ammunition and machine guns. These supply rooms were

designed by the Department of Justice and are reputed to be burglar proof. The two guard companies moved into the new building last week. Headquarters battery, commanded by Capt. Dwight U. Cochrane, has three officers and 33 enlisted men, and Battery "F", commanded by Van L. Ogden, has four officers and 66 enlisted men.

Dec 11, 1936: Published in "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: PERRY ARMORY WILL BE DEDICATED FRIDAY. Noted Officials Will Be In Perry For Ceremonies; New Structure One Of Outstanding Buildings For City. No Expense Spared In Construction Of $45,000 Building Which Will House Battery and 158th Artillery Band. One of the largest community buildings that has ever been built in Perry, the Perry national guard armory, constructed at a cost of $45,000, will be officially dedicated Friday. The large new modern structure, located in the north part of the city's west park, fronting on Fourteenth street at the end of Delaware street, will house Battery C of the 158th field artillery and the 158th field artillery band, both units of the Oklahoma National Guard located in Perry. In addition to this it will also provide a large hall for community gatherings of various types. The main hall has a floor space that will seat over 2,000 people, largest in the city. Dedication activities will officially open with open house at 2:30 Friday afternoon at which time the public is invited to inspect the entire building which was completed this week. Open house will continue until 6 p. m. At 4:30 the corner stone-laying ceremony will be held and at 5 o'clock the flag raising services will be performed. The public is invited to attend all these events. At 6:30 a banquet will be given in the basement of the Methodist church in honor of visiting officials and dignitaries. Main Service at 8:15. The main dedicatory service will be held in the armory drill hall beginning at 8:15. Loud speaker systems will be installed to carry the program to all parts of the large hall. A dance from 9:30 to 12 o'clock to the music of a local orchestra will complete the day's ceremonies. Speakers at the dedication services will include: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, commander of the 158th division, Anadarko, who will preside; Lt. Col. Edgar B. Ross of Anadarko; Maj. Marion J. Woodworth, of Kingfisher, major in charge of the first battalion of which the Perry battery is a part; Major Clarence R. Steel, of the second battalion; Gen. W. S. Keys, state

administrator of WPA and prominent in national guard circles; W. H. Sindt, district WPA administrator; and local officials, including Ivan Kennedy, band director, mayor, president of the chamber of commerce, commander of the American Legion and presidents of civic clubs. Fine Structure: Construction of the Perry armory, one of 51 to be built in the state, was begun a year ago and completed this fall. The building site was furnished by the city of Perry and the city also furnished much of the rock used in the building. The remainder of the cost was defrayed by the WPA. With the exception of plumbing and electrical work, all work was done by relief labor. P. J. Cordes of Perry served as superintendent of construction. E. K. Ehler was supervising architect and Bryan Nolan was designing architect. The Perry structure was built of native stone, quarried on the chamber of commerce property east of the city and is said to be one of the best built structures in the state as well as one of the most beautiful. The south wing of the building houses the national guard battery while the north section houses the artillery band. Both sides have identical quarters providing ample room for all equipment, officers headquarters and supplies. Perry's New Armory: Photo Caption: Above is shown Perry's new armory building, located at the end of Delaware street in the west city park. It is one of the largest buildings in the city and will be officially dedicated Friday. PERRY BATTERY WAS ORGANIZED IN JANUARY, 1927. Payroll Of Unit Here Amounts To Total Of $10,000 Annually; Includes Four Officers And 65 Enlisted Men On Rolls. Captain Howard Cress Remains Commander Of Battery. Battery “C” of the 158th field artillery was organized in Perry in June, 1927, under the administration of Governor Henry S. Johnston of Perry. First officers of the battery were Captain Howard Cress, battery commander; W. Z. Blake, first lieutenant; Quine Brengle, and Ralph Noah, second lieutenants. Present officers of the battery are Captain Howard Cress, battery commander; Quine Brengle, first lieutenant; and Meri McCormick and H. D. Roads, second lieutenants. LeRoy Miller is first sergeant. Others who have been officers of the battery are J. A. Samuelson, second lieutenant; Romaine Powers, second lieutenant, and Floyd Laird, second lieutenant. Marshall Sergeant: Arch Marshall who has been with the battery as supply sergeant since its organization serves at the present time in that capacity. Others who have served in that capacity are Henry Grant, Clyde Dawson, William Whitlock, Dean Henderson and

Marshall Bone. When the battery was first organized it had headquarters in a building on the south side of the square. Later the equipment was moved to the fairgrounds building where it was maintained until the move into the new armory the first six years of its history were sold and trucks took their place. Has Six Trucks: The battery now has six trucks, a station wagon, four French 75 guns, and considerable other equipment, including 45 pistols as sidearms, several Browning machine guns, for use as anti-aircraft weapons and other materials. Trucks are used in transporting the men to and from camp each summer. Previously the trip was made on special trains. It is estimated that approximately 250 men have served in the local battery since its organization here. Many of the men who are serving at the present time have re-enlisted from time to time for additional three-year periods of service. Large Payroll: A payroll of approximately $10,000 a year comes to Perry as a result of the national guard battery being located here. The battery has equipment valued at $100,000, approximately $30,000 of which is invested in guns and ammunition of various types. Perry's battery has received excellent ratings during the time it has been organized here and federal inspectors who inspect the unit regularly report that it is one of the best trained in the national guard organization. Guard Members Able To Advance: Through correspondence courses, men in the national guard may advance to commissioned officers in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. A number of members of the Perry battery have taken advantage of these courses to obtain commissions. These courses of instruction are offered free by the army to members of the guard and upon passing a satisfactory examination they become eligible for commissions. Among those in Perry who have advanced their ranks are Captain Howard Cress, Lieutenant H. D. Roads and Sergeant LeRoy Miller who has obtained a commission in the R.O.T.C. ARMORY DEDICATION PROGRAM, Perry, Oklahoma, Friday, Dec. 11, 1936, 2:30 p. m. until 12 midnight, 2:30 to 6 p. m. Open house, 4:30 p. m. Laying of Cornerstone, 5:00 p. m. Ceremony of Retreat, 6:30 p. m. Banquet M. E. Church, For out-of-town guests, 8:15 p. m. ... Dedicatory program at armory, 9:30 to 12. Dance in armory Hall, Public Cordially Invited. Please Accept Our Personal, Invitation to Attend the Opening of Perry's New Armory, Friday, December 11. A Building We're All Proud Of. We are indeed proud that we played a part in the building of this New

Building. TO BATTERY “C” OF THE 158th FIELD ARTILLERY AND TO THE BAND. We Extend Our Congratulations and Best Wishes, Houston-McCune Lbr. Co. Phone 142 | Paint & Wallpaper Headquarters | Perry, Okla. We Are Glad To Extend Our Heartiest CONGRATULATIONS To The 158th Field Artillery BATTERY “C” and BAND On The Opening Of The New Armory, MARCY FURNITURE EXCHANGE, "We Trade Marbles, Chalk or Livestock", South Side Square | Phone 403. Field Artillery Band Carries 28 Men; Kennedy In Charge Since 1931. Local National Guard Band Receives Payroll Of Around $1,800 Per Year; Was Organized 1929; Kennedy In Charge. Three Members Of Original Band Are Still Members. The Perry unit of the national guard band, official musical organization of the 158th field artillery was organized here in 1928 and has been an active organization in Perry since that time. Dr. W. C. Marshall was first warrant officer in charge of the band here. He was succeeded October 11, 1931 by Ivan Kennedy, present warrant officer in charge. Kennedy also has received his commission as a captain through the adjutant general's office and ranks as a captain in the guard unit. The 158th field artillery band is made up of 28 members who bring an annual payroll to Perry of approximately $1,800. Ranking Officers: Besides Captain Kennedy other ranking men in the band are Ed McCoy, technical sergeant; Charles Lovecamp, staff sergeant; Sergeant Henry Clark, caretaker, Wilbur Dozier and Pern Gang are assistant sergeants in the band. Privates in the band are Dave Burrows, John Elliott, William Eyler, Victor Fiala, Oelzalen Hazen, Perry Keyser, Wilbert Landrith, Douglas Lewis, Byron Long, P. W. McAnally, Everett Sharp, Robert Smith, Wendell Wood. Of the present members of the band Sergeants McCoy, Gang and Lovecamp were members when the unit was organized here. Judge E. W. Jones, one of the oldest members of the band when it was organized is no longer a member of the band but continues to take an active interest in it. For several years he was the oldest national guard member to attend camp. Two corporals in the organization are Ashley Alexander and Harold Strub and six first privates include Walter Crowder, George Butler, Bill Sharp, Harold Fisher, Dave Johnson and L. L. DeNoya. Carry Pistols: Besides instruments the band members have 45 calibre pistols as sidearms, the only band in the state to carry the arms. Uniforms, tents and other camp equipment are also the property of the organization. The band had been

headquartered in various buildings around the square but now is located in the north wing of the new armory building in the permanent quarters. The organization has been a valuable asset to Perry in furnishing music for various events, in appearing in parades and in offering musical training and experience in camping and in parades. No Expense Spared In Construction Of Armory. Total Of 60,000 Cubic Feet Native Stone Used In Building Here; Has Spacious Quarters For Band, Battery. Relief Labor Does All Work Except Wiring And Plumbing. No expense was spared by the WPA in construction of the Perry armory building. The best material available was used in the structure which together with the native sand stone makes the building one of the most durable and substantial that has been erected in the city. The main walls are 18 inches thick and the entire building contains a total of 60,000 cubic feet of stone, every piece of which was finished by hand by stone cutters. The cutters received their training on the Perry job and since then a number have been transferred to other armories and other projects requiring that type of work. The stone work on the armory is said to be the best that has been done on any armory. All Relief Work: All of the work on the building, including stone work, roof work, door hanging and carpentry was done by WPA labor. Only the plumbing and electrical work was done by skilled workmen not on the relief rolls. The main drill hall of the armory located in the center of the building is 78 by 109 feet. The floor is made of three-inch blocks of wood set in asphalt on a four-inch slab of concrete. The stage at the west end of the hall is 12 by 28 feet and has dressing rooms on each side. Underneath the stage is a specially lighted pistol range 12 by 104 feet. Convenient Arrangement: Arrangement of rooms in each wing of the building is identical. The south wing houses the battery and the north the band. A supply room, 30 by 39 feet, houses all equipment. This room also has a vault made of eight inch walls of solid concrete and steel. Guns and expensive instruments are kept in this vault. The 25 by 29 locker room has 71 individual steel lockers and a shower room. Officers quarters are also located in this wing as well as a large shower room. The largest room in the section is the garage, 48 by 65 feet, which contains the battery trucks and large guns. It includes a washing rack and other conveniences. Band Rooms: Band headquarters on the north wing of the building have the same rooms as the battery has on the south side. The large room

used for trucks is used as practice room for the band while other rooms are devoted to the storage of equipment, uniforms, instruments and for other purposes. Officers have the same quarters as the battery men have. All doors in the building except the over-hanging front doors were built by local labor and are of reinforced steel and wood. The building is fireproof throughout and well constructed and conveniently arranged in every respect. Purpose Of Guard Organization Given. The purpose of the national guard is not to prepare a nation or its people for a war, but rather to prepare it for peace, well known army officers have said in discussing the theory behind the national guard organization. Through a plan of drilling a certain number of the nation's young manhood in military procedure the nation is assured of an adequate national defense and any nation that has a good national defense is more apt to remain peaceful than those not so well protected. The national guard forces of Oklahoma number about 5,000 enlisted men and 500 officers. Uniform Changes Made For Battery. A considerable change in the uniforms worn by members of the Perry national guard battery has been noted in the past several years. When the battery was first organized uniforms were of the high-neck type military coat and wrap leggings were used. Now the boys have regular coat collar style coats and high lace boots. Canvas leggings were used for a short time after the wrap leggings were discarded. In addition to the regular drill uniforms the men also have fatigue clothes and other clothing, depending on weather conditions.

Mar 04, 1937: Published in “The Weatherford News” entitled: NEW NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY TO BE DEDICATED MONDAY. PHOTO CAPTION: D Battery’s Officers and the Armory: Captain Albert E. Harris, Lieut. Martin W. Steward, Lieut. George W. Nikkel, Lieut. Lester G. Acott. High officials to be here for Guard Program. D Battery’s New Home, completed at cost of $46,269.78, rated as one of best in Southwest, is a project of WPA. General Key, State Administrator for Works Program, to play prominent part in ceremonies. Plans were complete Wednesday for the dedication of Weatherford’s new national guard armory on Monday, March 8. An elaborate program has been arranged and thousands of people are expected to be here for the event. The armory, a part of the WPA program, has been completed at a cost of $46,269.78. Unlike several other state armories that have

already been dedicated, the Weatherford building has been finished inside. Final touches have been added during the past few weeks and the structure now stands as one of the best of its kind in the state. Directed Work: Construction work has been done under the direction of Captain Albert R. Harris, commander of the local national guard unit. Captain Harris served as project supervisor on the building and district WPA officials have highly complimented him on the fine job that has been done. General W. S. Key, state administrator for the WPA, General Charles F. Barrett, adjutant general of the Oklahoma National Guard, along with other high ranking state and WPA officials are to be here for the dedication. The program is scheduled to begin with open house and public inspection of the armory at 2:30 p. m. Members of D Battery will serve as guides. Fitting Ceremony: At 4:00 p. m. a band concert will be given by the Southwestern State Teachers college band to be followed by the laying of the corner stone by General Key. After the ceremony of retreat by members of D Battery at 5:00 p. m. a banquet will be served at the Methodist church at 6:00 p. m. Those who plan to attend the banquet will need to make reservations, according to those in charge of the program. Reservations may be made with Wesley Nikkel prior to Saturday noon. Colonel Grover S. Wamsley, commanding officer of the 158th Field Artillery, will introduce distinguished guests at the banquet. Addresses are scheduled to be made by Fred E. La Rue, WPA administrator for District 9, Adjutant General Barrett, General Key. Climaxing the day's activities will be a dance in the new armory, scheduled to begin at 9 p. m. History of D Battery Reveals Record of Worthy Achievement. By Staff Sergeant Charles E. Tompkins. Prior to and during the World War (Oklahoma was noted, in military circles, for its production of Infantrymen, which, to a Field Artilleryman is equivalent to one graduating a Shakespearean scholar being the factor of acrobats. The annals of the Mexican border and the pages of World War history are bright with the hardy exploits of Oklahoma "doughboys" of the 36th and 90th Divisions. Yet, until the summer of 1921, the rattling of artillery trace chains, the rumbling of rolling caissons and the roar of 75mm guns was unheard in the training camps of Oklahoma. The National Defense Act of 1920, divided the United States into nine Corps Areas into which the 48 states were grouped proportionately in number and population. The 8th Corps Area, consisting of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico,

Arizona and Colorado, was charged with the responsibility of organizing two complete National Guard Divisions. Under this arrangement Oklahoma was allotted, one Brigade of Infantry and two complete Regiments of Field Artillery. In 1920 and 1921, under the watchful eye and careful direction of Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett, Col. Alva J. Niles and Capt. William S. Key, these Regiments were organized. The 189th Field Artillery was organized-down, with 155mm howitzers, and units were located at Enid, Tulsa, Chickasha, Muskogee and Blackwell. The 160th F. A. was a 75mm Regiment, horse-drawn, and by the end of 1921 had located batteries at Wewoka, Pittsburg, Wellston, Ada, Anadarko, Kingfisher and Haskell. "Artillery Minded": The third regiment of Field Artillery required to complete the 45th Division was allotted to Arizona. The 158th Field Artillery. By this time, however, Oklahoma was "artillery minded" and in 1925, by judicious trading, Adjutant General Barrett succeeded in moving four units of the 158th Field Artillery from Arizona to Oklahoma. They were the Headquarters Battery, Service Battery, Hq Battery and Combat Trains, 2nd Bn., and Battery "F". Two of the units were stationed at Kingfisher, one at Sulphur and one at Hugo. Because of its widely scattered elements, the 158th Field Artillery, at this stage of its development, was referred to as the "Mexican Army." Two batteries were still in Arizona; four in Colorado, four in Oklahoma; and one in Roswell, New Mexico. However, the old story of the camel finally occupying the greater portion of the Arab’s tent was about to be repeated and the unfortunate Arab, represented in this instance by the commonwealth of Arizona, was to awaken with only a very small portion of their original equity. In the latter part of May, 1924, another "trade" was consummated by General Barrett and one of the two remaining Arizona batteries, Battery "D", in Flagstaff, was ordered transferred, lock, stock, barrel, spare parts and armaments, to Weatherford, Oklahoma. Memorable Day: It was a memorable day when the 32 prancing quadrupeds, none over 29 years of age, were unloaded in the railway yards at Weatherford. They arrived and moved, with all the vigor of their average age, as if to register their arrival. Of all its equipment, from the sand dunes of Arizona to the green pastures and rolling springtime of Oklahoma. One youngster of 27 essayed a playful kick at Horace Driskill but his leg was halted, in mid air, by a sort of rigor mortis or rheumatic twinge which necessitated the assistance of a

veterinary in getting all four feet back to-earth. They were eventually bedded down in stables on the old Anheuser-Busch property and then 75mm guns and caissons, with spare parts, accessories, fire control instruments and signal equipment were stored in various buildings about town affording but little protection against fire or theft. The battery has been inspected on June 2nd, 1924, by Capt. John P. Crehan, of the Regular Army, and recommended for Federal recognition. The situation was well set in hand at Weatherford. There was but one difficulty; no one in Weatherford knew anything about Field Artillery. Army Service: Francis M. Burks had seen service, during the World War, in the Air Corps; Carl Remund was an ex-pill-roller, Claud Thacker had been in the Infantry; Bill Doughty had been a Sergeant, 1st class, in the Medical Department; Gene Stewart had served in the Students' Army Training Corps and Rankin Williams had trod the decks of a battleship and directed copious streams of Horseshoe and Old Granger into the Atlantic as a member of Uncle Sam's Navy. The roster offered a choice assortment of ex-soldiers, sailors and marines but Field Artillery-men were conspicuous by their scarcity. Cortis A. Clark was a local boy who had made good in the Officers' Training Camp, graduating shortly after the Armistice with a Field Artillery commission; "Dutch" Voyles had graduated from the same camp. Both were commissioned in the new unit, "Dutch" as a 1st Lieutenant and "C. A." as Captain. First Roster: The complete roster of the Battery at the formation for Federal recognition June 2nd, 1924, was as follows: Captain: Cortis A. Clark., 1st Lieut.: Wm. H. Doughty, Carl M. Voyles. 2nd Lieut.: Eugene R. Stewart. 1st Sgt.: Carl W. Remund. Sergeants: Francis M. Burks, Rankin Williams, Oscar J. Grounds, Milo O. Remund, Claud L. Thacker. Corporals: Roscoe H. Hudelson, George W. Nikkel, Leo L. Shaw, Roy P. Stewart, George J. Shirey. Pvts., 1c1: Elmer P. Cecil, Champ E. Davis, Horace J. Driscoll, Everett G. Grounds, Donald Hawk, Clarence R. Horton, Arthur D. Kruger, Paul E. Milstead, George W. Norris, Guy R. Powers, George W. Ruddell, Joe B. Spann. Privates: Verdon R. Adams, Robert E. Cooney, Clovis N. Dodson, Albert Eaton, Charles Gayler, Harold Kaiser, Robert L. Krueg, Arnold S. Kreus, Ross Isaac, Arthur L. Massey, Robert A. Martin, Godebert A. Neil, Frank E. Nelson, Raymond Pipp, Charles H. Pitts, Hinton L. Rutledge, Carl A. Roland, Herman L. Shaw, Henry Schulte, Carl J. Smith, Harold W. Stewart, John G. True, Gorden Wooder, Joe L.

Wright. Others Enlist: Others who became members of the battery in time to attend the first annual encampment were: Corporal Ray Harris. Privates: Lester G. Avritt, Marion E. Brown, Virgil Brown, Basil A. Blaine, Adolph C. Bolenbach, William P. Cooke, Paul Copeland, James J. Craddock, Ollie C. Dobson, James H. Doughty, Earl Ealum, Walter W. French, Orville E. Freeman, Henry F. Gassaway, Joe Holland, J. Perry Jackson, Odie Jenkins, Cecil C. Keller, James C. Kendall, John Logston, Kay McGacock, Grover Montgomery, Ray T. Norton, Arthur W. Nelson, Charles E. Powers, Kenneth A. Phillips, John W. Reed, Jim S. Riley, Hurschal H. Risinger, Carl E. Shultz, James E. Simmons, Curtis Snelling, Edward Sullins, Jethro Thornton, Arnold W. Umbach. Smart Crew: The ex-doughboys, aviators, medical corps men, sailors and college students formed a smart aggregation. They quickly mastered the intricacies of Field Artillery harness and 75mm guns and in August, 1924, two months after their first formation, took their place on the firing line at the Ft. Sill encampment of the Oklahoma National Guard. To the astonishment of all observers they could maneuver, signal, ride, calculate data and shoot as well as the other batteries of the, by this time, "seasoned" Field Artillery Brigade. At this first camp one of the gun crews from Weatherford registered a direct hit upon an old caisson, placed as a target, 4000 yards distant. In field artillery, using indirect laying, this is somewhat akin to holding 4 aces or 13 spades. Organizations at the annual encampments are known by the town from which they hail rather than by their lettered or numbered designation and overnight the "Weatherford Battery" had become famous. Whether Rankin Williams or Francis Burks was Chief of Section of this sharpshooting gun crew and whether Roy Stewart or George Nikkel the gunner has been a matter of argument but the record of the entire organization, during this first encampment, was one of which the citizens of Weatherford may well be proud. On to the March: On the afternoon of 11th July, 1925, the battery marched from Weatherford to the vicinity of Hydro for the purpose of holding target practice. Leaving Weatherford at 3:00 p.m., the battery arrived at 8:00 p.m., and had completed watering and feeding of animals and pitching of tents by 9:00 p.m. An account of this hike, in the 158th F. A. "Bracket" published in August, 1925, states that Sunday morning reveille sounded at 6:45. Animals was watered and fed and a breakfast of bacon and eggs, toasts and coffee was served. At 7:30 A. M. At

8:00 o'clock camp was struck, horses harnessed and the Battery proceeded to the gun position. Cannoneers whose Saturday night occupations had excused them from marching with the Battery arrived at 9:00 o'clock, the Battery under Lieut. Voyles, was placed in position. Problems were fired by all officers, the Instrument Sergeant and the Signal Sergeant. At 3:00 p.m. the battery began the return march to Weatherford, arriving at the battery stables at 7:30. The account of this march is interesting in providing a contrast with modern conditions. The 12 or 14 miles so laboriously traveled by the horse-drawn battery, in four hours, could now be covered, with truck-drawn equipment, in the short space of 20 minutes. Regimental Honors: At the annual encampment of 1925, 1926 and 1927 the Battery won the Regimental Cup awarded for proficiency in all Departments. The rules provided that the Cup should be kept permanently by any unit winning it for three years and this coveted award, consequently, was Battery "D's" following the 1927 encampment, for keeps. In March, 1930, Captain Clark moved from Weatherford and Francis M. Burks, then 1st Lieutenant and Battery Executive, was appointed to command the organization. Capt. Burks resigned, in July, 1931, because of business reasons, and Capt. Albert R. Harris, present Battery Commander, assumed command. In the spring of 1933 orders were received from the War Department motorizing the entire 158th Field Artillery. Chevrolet trucks were issued equipped with pintles for towing the 75mm guns and the gun carriages were adapted for high speed towing by addition of balloon tired wheels and specially manufactured axles. The field artillery horse was obsolete and in July, 1933, the faithful old animals, many of whom had arrived with the original shipment from Flagstaff nine years before, were turned over to the Remount Service, to spend, the members of Battery "D" hoped, the remainder of their days in clover. Flood Duty: On April 7th, 1935, the Battery was ordered to active duty on the Washita River for flood relief. Headquarters were established in the Clinton Armory and 14 sentry and relief posts were established along both sides of the river from Clinton to a point two miles north of Hammon. The battery remained on duty until April 19th. The record of the Battery since its organization in June, 1924, has been one of continued progress. Backed by an interested citizenry and manned by the highest type of young men, it has performed, conscientiously and efficiently, every duty required by Federal or

State authorities. In informed military circles the "Weatherford Battery" is recognized, at the present time, as one of the most efficient Field Artillery units in the Southwest. Under skillful leadership the 158th Field Artillery, as a Regiment, has made remarkable progress during its 16 years of existence. It is a far cry from the poorly organized, widely scattered, half trained, horse-drawn units of 1921 and 1922, to the well disciplined, efficient and smooth running motorized organizations of today. The Regiment: The Regiment, as constituted at present, under command of Col. Grover C. Wamsley of Anadarko, is as follows: Headquarters Battery, at Sulphur, Okla. Service Battery, at Duncan, Oklahoma. Band, at Perry, Okla. Medical Dept. Detachment, at Yale, Okla. Hq Battery and C. T., 1st Bn., at Clinton, Okla. Battery "A," at Roswell, N. M. Battery "B," at Anadarko, Okla. Battery "C," at Perry, Okla. Hq Battery & CT 2nd Bn., at Kingfisher, Okla. Battery "D," at Weatherford, Okla. Battery "E," at Mesa, Arizona. Battery "F," at Kingfisher, Okla. As can be seen from the above station list, all but two units of the Regiment, Battery "A" at Roswell, N. M., and Battery "E," at Mesa, Arizona, are now located in Oklahoma. The camel may yet succeed in occupying the entire tent, alone. Photo Captions: Col. Grover Wamsley, Commanding Officer 158th Field Artillery. Sergeant “Tommy” Charles E. Tompkins, Sergeant Instructor Army Personnel Adjutant, 158th F. A.

Mar 21, 1937: Published in “The Ada Evening News” entitled: OKLAHOMA'S WPA NATIONAL GUARD ARMORIES. Ada—Band Section, Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery; Battery C, 180th Field Artillery; stone. Alva—45th Signal Company; brick. Anadarko—Battery “B”, 158th Field Artillery; Headquarters Company, 120th Quartermaster Regiment; brick. Ardmore — Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion 179th Infantry; Company G, 179th Infantry; Company M, 179th Infantry; stone. Atoka—Company B, 180th Infantry; Company F, 120th Medical Regiment; stone. Beggs—Company E, 179th Infantry; stone. Blackwell — Battery C, 189th Field Artillery; brick. Boynton — Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 180th Infantry; brick. Claremore—Company A, 120th Quartermaster Regiment; stone. Cushing—Company A, 120th Medical Regiment; stone. Chandler—Battery F, 160th Field Artillery; stone. Cherokee — Battery E, 189th Field Artillery; brick. Chickasha — Battery B, 189th Field Artillery; stone. Clinton—Headquarters Battery and Combat

Train 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery; brick. Durant—Headquarters Company 90th Brigade Band Section, Service Company 180th Infantry; Company E, 180th Infantry; Howitzer Company, 180th Infantry; Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry; stone. Duncan—Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery; stone. Eufaula—Company H, 180th Infantry; stone. Edmond — Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry; stone. Enid — Medical Detachment, 189th Field Artillery Band Section, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Headquarters Battery and Combat Train 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery; brick. Guthrie — Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 45th Division; stone. Hominy—Battery D, 160th Field Artillery; stone. Hugo—Company F, 180th Infantry; stone. Haskell—Battery E, 160th Field Artillery; stone. Holdenville—Company L, 179th Infantry Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery; brick. Healdton—Company B, 120th Quartermaster Regiment; brick. Idabel—Company G, 180th Infantry Company B, 120th Engineers; stone. Konawa—Company F, 179th Infantry; brick. Kingfisher — Headquarters Battery and Combat Train 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Battery “F”, 158th Field Artillery; brick. Mangum—Company H, 179th Infantry; stone. Marlow—45th Military Police Company; brick. McAlester—Company K, 180th Infantry, Battery B, 160th Field Artillery; stone. Minco—Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery; brick. Muskogee — Headquarters Company, 180th Infantry, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry, Staff Section Service Company, 180th Infantry Company L, 180th Infantry, Battery D, 189th Field Artillery; stone. Norman—Company D, 179th Infantry, Company C, 129th Engineers; brick. Okemah—Company D, 180th Infantry; stone. Okmulgee—Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 179th Infantry, Company K, 179th Infantry; stone. Pawnee — Enlisted Detachment, State Staff Corp and Department, Staff Section, Service Company, 179th Infantry, Company B, 179th Infantry; stone. Perry—Band Section, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery; stone. Roff—Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 1st Battalion, 160th Field Artillery,, Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 3rd Battalion, 189th Field Artillery; stone. Stillwater—Company L, 179th Infantry; stone. Sulphur—Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery; stone. Tahlequah—Company M, 180th Infantry; stone. Tishomingo—Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 180th Infantry; stone. Tonkawa—Headquarters Battery and Combat

Train, 2nd Battalion, 189th Field Artillery; stone. Wagoner—Company A, 180th Infantry; stone. Watonga—Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery; stone. Weatherford—Battery "D", 158th Field Artillery; stone. Wetumka — Headquarters Company, 45th Division, Company A, 120th Engineers; brick. Wewoka — Medical Detachment, 160th Field Artillery, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery; brick. Yale—Medical Detachment, 158th Field Artillery; stone.

Apr 01, 1937: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: GUARD INSPECTION WILL BE TONIGHT. Clinton Battery To Be Examined: Annual inspection of Clinton's battery unit of the Oklahoma National Guard will be conducted at 7:30 tonight at the new $50,000 armory building, Cap. George D. Hann, commander of the local unit, announced today. Inspection of the local battery of 33 men and three officers a part of the 158th Field Artillery, will be made by Major H. Crampton Jones, army officer and instructor of the Colorado National Guard. Guardsmen, officers, equipment and records will be under the surveillance of the inspecting officer, Hann said. High ranking officers of the regiment will be present tonight to participate in the inspection. Included in this number is Col. Grover C. Wamsley, regiment commander, of Anadarko; Maj. Marion D. Woodworth, battalion commander, of Kingfisher; Maj. Alpha Brumage, instructor, of Anadarko; and Major Burr Barker, brigade instructor, of Oklahoma City. The public is cordially invited to attend the inspection ceremonies, Hann said, but requested that visitors arrive early so they may be seated where they will not conflict with inspection routine. Officers of the Clinton battery, in addition to Hann, include First Lieut. Louis Nelson and Second Lieut. Ernest Stocks. Other members of the company are Claude Hostetter, first sergeant; Henry Ford, staff sergeant; George Orgain, staff sergeant. Lloyd Cox, Jodie Malone, D. F. Dowdy, and Marvin Jones, sergeants; Denton Caves, Cleo L. Pettypool, DeWitt Stackhouse, Frank Stocks, and Robert Villareal, corporals; James Caves, Donald Dines, James L. Monkers, Floyd G. Smarr, Charles M. Terry, and Cecil M. Webb, first class privates. Jimmy L. Baker, Charles M. Bousman, Earl Caves, Bill W. Choate, Kenneth C. Franklin, Robert D. Harrell, Obed Hopper, Wayne A. Joyner, Homer F. McAvoy, LeRoy Schwabe, Quanah F. Shelton, Allen B. Stevens, Glen A. Sutton, Ernest Terry, and Ernest VanAlstine, privates.

Apr 15, 1937: Published in “The Kingfisher Times” entitled: ANNUAL INSPECTION GIVEN GUARD UNITS. Annual federal armory inspection of Kingfisher's two national guard units was held this week. Inspection of the armory, storeroom, equipment, and property of second battalion headquarters battery was conducted Saturday afternoon by Major H. Crampton Jones, regular army, with inspection of personnel and training being conducted that night. Major Jones made the inspection of the service battery on Monday and Monday night. Major Jones, who is stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo., was accompanied by Sergeant Charles E. Tompkins, regular army, who is stationed at Anadarko. The inspection, which is conducted annually by the war department, found both local units in excellent condition, according to the inspector. The battalion headquarters battery is commanded by Captain Dwight U. Cochrane, while the service battery is commanded by Captain Van L. Ogden. Staffs of the first and second battalions, 158th Field Artillery regiment, were inspected Sunday, April 4, by Major Jones at Anadarko. Major Marion D. Woodworth is the commanding officer of the first battalion, while the second battalion is commanded by Major Clarence R. Steele.

Apr 28, 1937: Published in “The Anadarko Tribune” entitled: GUARD, WPA SPEAKERS LAUD CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT HERE. Adj. Gen. Barrett and Ron Stephens open dedicatory program at noon. Co-operation was the keynote struck by Ron Stephens, assistant state WPA administrator and Adj. Gen. Chas. F. Barrett as they spoke at the stag luncheon Tuesday noon to launch the ceremonies of dedication of the Anadarko National Guard armory. Mr. Stephens, who acted during the dedicatory services Tuesday afternoon in the absence of Gen. W. S. Key, state administrator, was strong in his praise of the determination and courage of Anadarko citizens and those of other county towns in putting across the armory and other outstanding monuments to WPA labor and skill. "I know you do not have all the buildings constructed that you want, but there is a future program of WPA and you must continue to ask if you want to get these projects," Stephens declared. Gen. Barrett delivered a lengthy discourse on the organization of the new national guard for Oklahoma, which he aided in forming. He brought the program down to

the present day. Support is praised: "You know and I know that co-operation from every angle was necessary to the construction of 52 armories in the state," he said. "Had we not been supported by the various towns and counties it would have been impossible to put our program across." The general pointed out that Oklahoma received 52 out of the 126 armories built in the nation. Approximately 125 attended the luncheon which officially opened the program. Guests from the various county towns were introduced, as well as national guard, regular army, WPA state and district officers, and state officials. Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Ron Stephens and Roy Griffin, chamber of commerce secretary, made the introductions. Photo Caption: The Anadarko Three-Unit of National Guard Armory, scene of dedicatory services by WPA and National Guard officers this afternoon. MODERN MOTORIZED GUARD UNITS HERE HAD SMALL BEGINNING BACK IN 1918. Sgt. Tompkins turns historian to trace growth: By SGT. Charles E. Tompkins. With the main street of Anadarko as their drill ground and the old opera house as an armory, Anadarko's unit of the Oklahoma National Guard was organized during the early summer of 1918. The war department had been clamoring for additional state troops and on August 31, 1918, a patriotic group of local citizens, who had been patiently learning the intricacies of "squads right" and "left by squads" throughout the spring and early summer, were federally recognized as Co. "L," 2nd Oklahoma Infantry and formally mustered into the service as an integral part of our national defense. Under command of Capt. Arthur B. Colbath, with Lieuts. L. C. Blackstock, Charles C. Slemp and Loren Ward, the Anadarko doughboys rapidly developed into a first class fighting unit, forming the background for the modernly equipped, motorized and superbly housed unit of today. The company attended camp at old Camp Doniphan, Ft. Sill, during the summer of 1919 and was called into state service at Wilburton and McAlester during coal field disturbances twice during that year. A partial roster of the unit attending the 1929 encampment follows: Capt. Arthur B. Colbath, Lieut. "Bee" Wallis, Lieut. Loren Ward, 1st Sgt. Frank Cussen, Sgt. Karl Douglass, Sgt. Cliff Lower, Sgt. Charley Scott, Sgt. Levi Kimball, Cpl. Benny Davenport, Cpl. R. L. Lawrence (company clerk), Cpl. Howard McCoy, George Bosin, Bob Aldredge, Jack Cabiness, Clint Collier, Tom Carter, Frank Butler, Dewey Haygood, Ray Hyde, Henry Inkanish, Tom Johnson, O. O. Lindsey, John Lucas, Herbert Meeting, Paul

Farrington, Shelton Kelly, Jack McClain, Esa Morris, B. H. McDowell, Roy Nevel, Eben Rose, W. A. Rogers, Jasper Saunkeah, George White, Earl White, Sampson Williams, Herman Wendt, Leonard West, H. T. Willis. Old records of the organization have been lost or destroyed and the above is only a partial roster of the organization. Many other well known local citizens had a part in the formation of Anadarko's first military organization. Artillery was unknown at first prior to and during the World war Oklahoma had been noted in military circles for its production of infantrymen, which to a field artilleryman is equivalent to congratulating a Shakespearean actor on being the father of acrobats. The annals of the Mexican border and the pages of World war history are bright with the heroic (Insertion of article here?: Under the National Defense Act of 1920 Oklahoma was allotted three complete regiments of field artillery and in July, 1921, one battery of horse-drawn field artillery was allotted to Anadarko. Transposition of the infantry company, a Continuation from Page Six) exploits of Oklahoma "doughboys" of the 36th and 90th divisions, but, until the summer of 1921, the rattling of artillery trace chains, the rumbling of rolling caissons and the roar of 75 mm. guns was unheard of in the training camps of Oklahoma. akin to a leopard changing its spots but the local company accomplished the to an artillery battery was somewhat feat. CAPT. Brown organizes: Under command of Capt. John D. Brown, a returned World war field artilleryman, Battery "E" of the 160th F. A. was organized, with many of the same personnel which had composed the infantry unit. Frank Cussen was still first sergeant and Alonzo Hays, Benny Davenport, Clifford Lyon and others with World war experience took over the task of converting the high stepping doughboys, accomplished in executing the latest Follies formations, into an aggregation of hard riding "wagon soldiers." Capt. Brown had as his officers 1st Lieut. Grover C. Wamsley, Lieut. Edgar B. Ross and Lieut. John Smith. They attended camp as a field artillery unit, for the first time, in 1922 and the military adaptability of the Anadarko boys was attested by the fact that they were judged, by impartial observers, as the best firing battery in camp. In September, 1925, Grover C. Wamsley of Anadarko was appointed colonel of the 158th Field Artillery, a regiment then in process of organization. It was thought advisable to have one of the batteries of his regiment at his home station and on January 1, 1927, the

Anadarko battery was again redesignated, this time as Battery "B," 158th Field Artillery. Other units of this regiment were formed at Sulphur, Hugo, Kingfisher, Weatherford, Perry, Clinton, Yale and Duncan and regimental headquarters, with the regimental headquarters and the regimental instructors' office at Anadarko. The record of the local battery has been one of steady progress. Successive battery commanders have been: Capt. John D. Brown, Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Capt. John L. Smith and the present battery commander, Capt. Paul E. Anderson. Officers of the unit at various periods of its development have been: Lieuts. Bernhard Hammert, Edward S. Correia, Elmo V. Loomis, George C. Moran, Cliff Lyon, Merl R. Warren and Philip A. Monahan. The present commissioned personnel consists of Capt. Paul E. Anderson, 1st Lieut. Bruce Y. Dutcher and 2nd Lieuts. Carl Hall and Brewster McFadyen. Motorized in 1933: Horses were withdrawn by the war department in 1933 and each unit of the regiment was issued motorized equipment. The French 75 mm. guns with which the regiment is equipped were adapted for high speed towing and distances of 20 miles, which constituted a day's march for the horse-drawn batteries, can now be negotiated in 30 minutes. In state military circles Anadarko is now considered as the center of military activities for the southwest portion of the state. Instructors, from the regular army, have been detailed here. Major Alpha Brumage and Technical Sgt. Charles E. Tompkins, present instructor personnel of the 158th Field Artillery regiment, will have offices in the north wing of the new armory. Lieut. Col. Edgar B. Ross is now executive officer of the regiment and Capt. Parkey H. Anderson and Capt. Frank L. Miller represent the medical corps contingent. In 1924 a unit of the quartermaster corps was assigned to Anadarko, under command of Capt. Ernest A. Wallis. This organization has recently been redesignated as Company F. of the 120th.

May 21, 1937: Published in “The Duncan Eagle” entitled: OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY DEDICATION. Dedication Service Friday, May 21st, 2:30 to 10 P.M. Invitation, Gov. E. W. Marland: Commander in Chief O. N. G., Gen. Chas. F. Barrett: Adjutant General, Gen. W. S. Key: State Adm. WPA, Maj. Jas. E. Berry: Lieutenant Governor, Ron Stephens: Ass't. State Adm. WPA, Capt. Hugh A. Neal: Capt., Battery “F”, 158th F. A., Col. Webster L. Benham: State Engineer WPA, Mr. J.

B. McLendon: City Manager of Duncan, R. W. Stinson: Dist. Director WPA, L. H. Lange: Com. Harry Dobbs Post, No. 55 American Legion, J. L. Forbes: Dist. Engineer WPA, Orin D. Waters: Dist. Director Finance, Joe Plank: Dist. Engineer WPA, John W. Ryle: Paymaster WPA, M. P. Riley: District Engineer, Mrs. Pearl I. Glass: Dist. Director Women's Work WPA, Officers and Members of the Battery “F”, 158th Field Artillery Oklahoma National Guard. The Works Progress Administration of the State of Oklahoma, Duncan Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Citizens of Duncan: EXTEND TO YOU A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND the Open House and Dedication Services, FRIDAY, MAY 21: 2:30 TO 10:00 P. M. EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED, Program: 2:30 to 6:00 p. m., Open House; 2:30, Parade to the New Armory, Led by Duncan Highschool Band; 3:30, Concert at the Armory, By Duncan Highschool Band; 4:15, Cornerstone Laying; 4:45, Ceremony of Retreat, Battery “F”, 158th Field Artillery; 6:00, Banquet at Methodist Church; Invocation by Rev. Fletcher S. Crowe; 8:00, Dedication Services; Advance of Colors: Harry Dobbs Post No. 55, American Legion Song, America; Invocation: Rev. Roy L. Hurst; Master of Ceremonies: E. R. Thompson, Introduction, WPA Visitors: R. W. Stinson, Introduction, Military Visitors: Col. Grover C. Wamsley; Address of Welcome, Mayor R. K. Arnold; Address. Col. H. J. Weiler, Colonel 131st F. A., T. N. G. Presentation of Armory . W. S. Key, State Adm. WPA. Acceptance of Armory: Adj. Gen. Chas. F. Barrett. Retiring Color: Harry Dobbs Post No. 55 American Legion, Benediction: Rev. Roy L. Hurst. RECESS: 10:00 p. m. Dance; Armory Drill Hall. Music by Bonnie Spencer and His Orchestra, Okla. City. Pictured Here is the New Duncan Armory Just Recently Completed, Plan Now to Attend the Dedication Services. CONSTRUCTION of the armory building was begun with a WPA appropriation of $33,000. This sum proved insufficient to complete the structure. Subsequent appropriations brought the total cost of the building to between $60,000 and $70,000, Ray Sutherland, WPA director for Stephens county disclosed. The Duncan armory is the home of Battery “F”, 158th Field Artillery. BATTERY “F” MECHANIZED. Battery “F” is a mechanized organization consisting of 7 trucks, 4 field pieces, 2 machine guns and pistols for each man. Battery “F” consists of 65 enlisted men and 4 commissioned officers. Capt. Hugh Neal is commanding officer. The armory is partitioned into several large rooms. The largest, 80x110 feet, is the drill room of

the national guard unit stationed here. In this great room 1,200 persons may be seated in comfort. It is where the Union revival was held. There is an equipment room of ample proportion where the national guard equipment and clothing are stored when not in use. It is being repainted now in preparation for the coming dedication. Room for more: The garage and storing place for the cannon is large enough to accommodate a much larger outfit. In the garage the seven trucks and four cannon are kept in gleaming readiness for anything from a federal inspection to repel invaders. Sergeant Lewis, of the regular army is in charge of the armory at all times. Title to the armory was given to the state by the federal government, in charge of the construction of all state armories some time ago, in which the state took charge, officially, of 51 armories built by WPA for the state national guard units. This Announcement Made Possible by the Following Business and Professional People of Duncan; Walker's Confectionery. Phone 158. Mr. and Mrs. Beeson Grantham, The Grantham Funeral Home, Comanche. Duncan Andy's Recreation Club, Campbell's, The Merchant Tailors, Phone 367, Howard's Dairy Phone 1522, M. & D. Motor Freight, 7th at Oak, Dr. E. C. Lindley Gayle Hat Shop, Mrs. Leeman, Mrs. Price, Dr. W. W. McElhinney Gaddie & Son Garage404 Main Phone 780S. Irby Kolb J. W. Mitchell Grocery 206 East Main, Porter & Brewer Barber Shop Phone 372, 824 Main, Frances Dairy Pasteurized Milk Phone 964H. L. Clayton, Jeweler, 824 Main, Bailey Furniture Company, Phone 108, 8th at Willow, J. C. Jones Co. Star Brand Shoes, Piece Goods, Ready-to-Wear, Henderson Appliance Co., 7 N. 9th, Phone 369, First National Bank; Oldest Bank In Stephens County.

Oct 24, 1937: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: BATTERY PISTOL FIRING BETTER. Guardsmen Due to Get More Practice This Morning. Members of Battery “F”, 158th Field Artillery, the Duncan national guard unit, are devoting a good deal of attention to pistol shooting. They will engage in pistol firing for records this morning at an out-door site. Plans are under way, Lt. John E. Weiler, commanding the battery, said last night, to establish a pistol range here. Weiler has been asked to submit estimates on the project. Major Brummage, regular Army officer assigned as instructor to the 158th Field Artillery, visited the battery last week and complimented the men on the showing at summer camp. The Duncan guardsmen

are expected to participate next summer in the maneuvers at Fort Sam Houston which will include all the 8th corps area. The training since summer camp has been devoted to close order drill, school of the soldier, school of the squad, instruction in first aid and pistol firing. The Duncan guardsmen, as a whole, have improved in marksmanship over previous years and several are expected to qualify for the highest rating, that of expert marksman. Robert Mobley, Comanche, has made the highest score to date, 98 out of a possible 100. There are several vacancies in the battery, particularly for men with previous training as mechanics, cooks, and truck drivers. Applications may be made to Lt. Weiler or at the armory on any Monday night.

Nov 21, 1937: Published in "The Arizona Independent Republic" entitled: STATE GUARD REGIMENT HAS ENVIABLE TRADITION. The Arizona National Guard is an arm of the United States military forces which has a long tradition of service to its state and to the nation. The regiment had its beginning as the First Arizona Infantry, in Civil war days, and was a volunteer unit. Motorization Is Pushed: Today the Arizona National Guard numbers 1,275 enlisted men and 86 officers. As rapidly as funds are made available by congress, the state's guard units are being motorized and otherwise brought to a high degree of efficiency. As part of the motorization program, Company D, 120th Quartermaster Regiment, was organized during the past year as a unit of the Phoenix post. The 158th Infantry, Arizona National Guard, now has 29 trucks. Creation of the quartermaster company brings to eight the units of the Phoenix post. These include Regimental Headquarters Company, 158th Infantry; Headquarters Company, Third Battalion; Company F; Company K; Service Company (which includes 158th Infantry Band); state staff and state detachment. Other Arizona National Guard troops are distributed over the state as follows: Tempe, Headquarters Company, First Battalion. Nogales, Company A. Buckeye, Company B. Douglas, Company C. Tucson, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion; Company E; Company H; Medical Department Detachment. Safford, Company G. Flagstaff, Company I. Yuma, Company L. Prescott, Company M. Mesa, Howitzer Company and Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery. Chandler, Headquarters Company, 89th Brigade. Arizona is a part of the

45th division, embracing Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma. Two regular army officers are assigned to the Arizona National Guard as instructors and they are assisted by regular army sergeants. Tuthill Is Adjutant General: The Arizona National Guard is under the supervision and direction of Maj. Gen. A. M. Tuthill, adjutant general. Eleven hundred enlisted men and a full complement of officers attend the annual field training and maneuvers at Fort Tuthill, near Flagstaff, in August. Battery E, 158th Field Artillery, trained at Fort Sill, Okla., during the summer. A long list of notables have served the Arizona National Guard. Spanish-American and World war service stripes, as well as Indian war ribbons, decorate its standards.

Jul 17, 1938: Published in “The Wichita Daily Times” entitled: MANEUVERS OF THIRD ARMY SCHEDULED FORT SAM HOUSTON AUGUST 6 TO 20. Fort Sam Houston, Texas, July 16. (AP). "Toonerville Troops" and "Fresno Fusiliers," the sort who were popular when names of local militia were geographical, will be missing in the 17,000 citizen soldiers who will join forces with "regulars" here Aug. 6 to 20 for huge maneuvers of the third army. "Modern fighting men," the personnel recruited from several states, will add numbers to the 8,500 regular troops stationed at local posts to swell the grand total participating to more than 25,000 officers and men. Operations are designed to train defense forces through deployment in martial exercises. The contrast of the military scene with the olden days when militia were recruited as local units will be sharp. In the present setup even the smaller elements may be created from individuals residing considerable distances apart. QuAs an example, the 120th quartermaster regiment of the 45th division, Oklahoma national guard, includes members from Colorado and New Mexico; the 158th Field Artillery of the 70th Field Artillery Brigade includes a battery from Roswell, N. M., and one from Mesa, Ariz. In addition to the 36th (Texas) and 45th (Oklahoma) divisions of the national guard, more than 2,000 officers and enlisted men, constituting the first cavalry brigade, eighth engineer squadron, 77th field artillery, 69th coast artillery, and 22nd observation squadron of the regular army, will join concentrations here and at Camp Bullis. Units from San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Austin, Waco, Corpus Christi, sections in Texas; Oklahoma City,

Durant, Stillwater, Alva, Claremore, Guthrie, Tulsa and Pawnee, in Oklahoma, will be included in the number. Regular units from Fort Clark, Fort Brown and Fort McIntosh, are also scheduled to participate. Fifteen general officers will gather at Camp Bullis at the time. They will include Major Generals Herbert J. Brees, commanding general, eighth corps area; Frank W. Rowell, commanding second division; Brigadier Generals Charles F. Humphrey Jr., commander of third infantry brigade; Leslie J. McNair, heading second field artillery brigade; Kenyon A. Joyce, first cavalry brigade, all regular army. Others in attendance will include Brigadier Generals Carl E. Nesbitt, Texas national guard adjutant general; Robert O. Whiteaker, Austin, 61st field artillery brigade; Texas national guard. Published in “The Austin Sunday American Statesman” entitled: 3RD ARMY PLANS MANEUVERS SOON. Modern Fighting Men Added to Forces, by the Associated Press. Fort Sam Houston, July 16. "Toonerville Troops" and "Fresno Fusiliers," the sort who were popular when names of local militia were geographical, will be missing in the 17,000 citizen soldiers who will join forces with "regulars" here Aug. 6 to 20 for huge maneuvers of the third army. "Modern fighting men," the personnel recruited from several states, will add numbers to the 8,500 regular troops stationed at local posts to swell the grand total participating to more than 25,000 officers and men. Operations are designed to train defense forces through deployment in martial exercises. The contrast of the military scene with the olden days when militia were recruited as local units will be sharp. In the present setup even the smaller elements may be created from individuals residing considerable distances apart. As an example, the 120th quartermaster regiment of the 45th division, Oklahoma national guard, includes members from Colorado and New Mexico; the 158th field artillery of the 70th field artillery brigade includes a battery from Roswell, N. M., and one from Mesa, Ariz. In addition to the 36th (Texas) and 45th (Oklahoma) divisions of the national guard, more than 2,000 officers and enlisted men, constituting the first cavalry brigade, eighth engineer squadron; 77th field artillery, 69th coast artillery; and 22nd observation squadron of the regular army, will join concentrations here and at Camp Bullis. Units from San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Austin, Waco, Corpus Christi sections in Texas; Oklahoma City, Durant, Stillwater, Alva, Claremore, Guthrie, Tulsa, and Pawnee in Oklahoma, will

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Aug 04, 1938: Published in "The Kingfisher Times" entitled: FIRST GUARDSMEN LEAVE FOR CAMP. Members of Service Battery, 158th field artillery, one of the two Kingfisher units of the Oklahoma national guard, departed this Thursday morning for the annual field training. The unit, commanded by Captain Dwight U. Cochrane, comprised a convoy of six trucks and one reconnaissance car or station wagon, and totaled 36 enlisted men and three officers. Service Battery, which is a part of the advance detachment, will arrive in camp two days earlier than the majority of Oklahoma troops, which are scheduled to depart Saturday morning. Second battalion Headquarters battery, commanded by Captain Glenn Gilmour, with 32 enlisted men and three officers, will leave Kingfisher at 5 a.m. Saturday, with five trucks and two station wagons. The Oklahoma guard will train at Camp Bullis, in the vicinity of San Antonio, Tex., this year, and will be a part of the third army maneuvers as scheduled by the war department. It is estimated that approximately 30,000 troops, the largest concentration of soldiers in the southwest since the World War, will engage in the maneuvers. These troops will represent the regular army and the organized reserves, in addition to the guard troops from various southwestern states. The artillery of the Oklahoma guard, which is all motorized, will make the trip to San Antonio by means of motor convoy, with the infantry, engineers, medical detachments, and special troops being transported by rail. Units of the 158th field artillery regiment, will be sub-divided into two convoys, and will be under the command of Major Clarence R. Steele and Major Marion D. Woodworth, battalion commanders. The vehicles will be refueled at Wichita Falls,

Tex., where the noon meal will be eaten. Troops will bivouac at Mineral Wells, Tex., Saturday night, establishing their own mess, and after an early breakfast, will make the trip into San Antonio on Sunday. The first four days of the encampment will be given over to physical inspections, service practice and routine camp training, following which the soldiers will break camp and engage in the army maneuvers, which consist of tactical problems and exercises, and are based on the supposition that a hostile foreign force is attacking the southern part of the United States and invading the country. Troops will be under war-time training and supervision will be by regular army umpires. Advances and retreats will be made at night as well as by day, and motor vehicles will take field pieces and guns into position in the darkness without lights. Supplies and ammunition will be taken forward under the protection of darkness. All units will take their anti-aircraft ordnance to camp, and will be trained in protection against aerial attacks from observation planes of the regular army and the national guard. Under the simulated war-time conditions, the guardsmen will find it a far cry from the annual training at Fort Sill as in other years, when they had large pyramidal squad tents, folding cots, and light equipment. In the field at Camp Bullis, the troops will bivouac in the field, with two men to a shelter, or "pup" tent, with no cots, and all lights prohibited. Meals will be prepared by army cooks on field ranges in the bivouac areas. The troops will muster for pay on Thursday, August 18, and the return movement will be started the next day, with all troops arriving home on Saturday, August 20.

Aug 09, 1938: Published in “The San Antonio Evening News” entitled: AND THEY CAN DRINK LOTS OF IT UNDER AN AUGUST SUN! Photo Caption: Here is a typical scene of military life in the field; getting drinking water from a Lister bag, which insures a healthful supply, free from germs. This picture, taken at Camp Bullis, where troops are assembling from all parts of the Southwest for the war games, shows, left to right, First Lieut. John A. Phinizy of the 158th Field Artillery from Roswell, N. M.; Capt. S. Y. McGiffert of the 70th Field Artillery Brigade at Oklahoma City, and Capt. Edward Purdy of the 158th Field Artillery.

Oct 27, 1938: Published in “The Kingfisher Times” entitled: CAPTAIN COCHRANE GETS COMMENDATION. Captain Dwight U. Cochrane, commanding officer of Service Battery, 158th field artillery, local national guard unit, recently received a letter of commendation from General Raymond S. McLain, commander of the 70th field artillery brigade on the manner in which he performed his duties while with his organization at Camp Bullis, Tex., last August. In his letter to Captain Cochrane, General McLain stated: "The commanding general 70th field artillery brigade desires to commend Captain Dwight U. Cochrane, Service Battery, 158th field artillery, for the efficient and energetic discharge of his duties as the commanding officer of Service Battery, 158th field artillery, both in the command of his organization during the armory training period and especially in the performance of his duties in the field during the last field training period and maneuver at Camp Bullis, San Antonio, Tex. Captain Cochrane was constantly alert to the problems which confronted his organization in the field, very energetic in anticipating the needs of the regiment, and efficiently discharged his duties and responsibilities." Accompanying the letter was an indorsement from Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, commanding officer of the 158th field artillery regiment, which read in part as follows: "The commanding officer, 158th field artillery, also desires to express appreciation and to add commendation for your work during the field training period, 1938. The energy, resourcefulness and ability noted by the commanding general, 70th field artillery brigade, of the attached commendation, is typical of the character of honest and conscientious service you have rendered throughout your 14 years of affiliation with this regiment." Captain Cochrane, Kingfisher fire chief, was detailed as the commanding officer of Second Headquarters Battery in 1930, and was transferred to the command of Service Battery on June 1, 1937.

Jan 11, 1939: Published in “The Santa Fe New Mexican” entitled: BATTERY “A” TO VEGAS. Battery “A”, 158th field artillery, stationed at Roswell, will go to summer encampment with the 111th cavalry at Fort Maximiliano Luna, near Las Vegas, Adj. Gen. Russell C. Charlton announced today. The national guard bureau had planned to send the battery to Fort Sill, Okla., but Charlton got it to change the

order.

Jan 12, 1939: Published in "The Albuquerque Journal" entitled: GUARD ENCAMPMENT. Santa Fe, Jan. 11 (AP). Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery, New Mexico National Guard, will go to summer encampment with the 111th Cavalry at Fort Maximiliano Luna near Las Vegas, Adjutant General R. C. Charlton announced Wednesday night. The battery, stationed at Roswell, previously was scheduled to go to Fort Sill, Okla.

Apr 13, 1939: Published in "The Albuquerque Journal" entitled: NATIONAL GUARD INSPECTION SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED. Santa Fe, April 12 (AP): New Mexico National Guard units will be inspected next week, Adjt. Gen. R. R. C. Charlton announced Wednesday. The schedule: By Major Charles F. Houghton, Cavalry: Santa Fe, April 24: State Staff Corps and Departments, and State Department, QMC; April 23: Troop B 111th. Albuquerque, April 16: Headquarters Troop, 111th Cavalry; April 19: Headquarters, First Squadron; Band, 111th; April 17: Troop "A", 111th; Medical Detachment, 111th. Taos, April 20: Troop "K". Las Vegas, April 20: State warehouse. By Major Gyles Merrill, Cavalry: Deming, April 17: Headquarters Second Squadron, 111th; April 16: Troop "E". Silver City, April 16: Troop "F". Clovis, April 29: Headquarters Third Squadron; April 30: Machine Gun Troop. Carlsbad, April 23: Troop "I". By Major Martin Walton Jr., Field Artillery: Roswell, April 18: Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery. By Capt. Edward H. Dignowity, Engineer Corps: Las Cruces, April 23: Headquarters, 120th Engineers; April 25: Headquarters and Service Company, 120th; April 24: Medical Detachment 120th. Las Vegas, April 19: Headquarters Second Battalion, 120th; April 18: Company "F". Albuquerque, April 20: Company "D", 120th. Socorro, April 21: Company "E", 120th. Las Cruces, April 22: Detachment, 45th Division Staff.

Apr 18, 1939: Published in "The Santa Fe New Mexican" entitled: PEOPLE COMING AND GOING IN OLD SANTA FE. Adj. Gen. Russell C. Charlton will be in Roswell tonight for the inspection of Battery "A", 158th field artillery.

Jun 02, 1939: Published in “The Perry Daily Journal” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD BAND SECTION LEAVES PERRY. Officer Says Bands Are Being Moved To College Towns. The band section of the service battery of the 158th Field Artillery of the Perry National Guard unit was in the process of being moved to Cameron Agricultural College at Lawton today. Captain Ross H. Routh, executive officer of the adjutant general's office in Oklahoma City, was supervising the movement of the band unit from Perry. Governor Leon Phillips signed the order Thursday which disbanded the local band unit of the national guard which was made up of 28 members and one warrant officer. Governor Phillips told Perry representatives that Perry citizens and local guard officers had told him both by letter and verbally that there was no place for the national guard band in the Perry community life and this led him to approve the transfer of the unit to Lawton. Band Unsatisfactory: "The unsatisfactory condition of the band was the reason for the order," Captain Routh said this morning. He explained that Perry was the only National Guard headquarters in the state that had a band and was not a college town. "It is almost impossible to satisfactorily run a band without having a college band director and band close by on which to draw members," the officer said. The band had been located here for 11 years and was under the supervision of Warrant Officer Floyd Laird. The men in the band will be mustered out of the National Guard with an automatic honorable discharge. Federal Order: The order coming from the federal headquarters of the National Guard in Washington read, "Federal recognition of the band section of the 158th Field Artillery is withdrawn, effective midnight May 31." It was explained by Captain Routh this morning that the band would have remained here except for the fact that the members were not all residents of Perry and that Laird had to draw on Stillwater and surrounding territory to complete the unit. It was revealed that only 5 or 6 of the bandsmen were immediate residents of Perry. Order Signed: Following is the order signed by Governor Leon Phillips which forces disbandment of the band unit: Under the provisions of paragraph 9, National Guard regulations 15, and pursuant to authority contained in radiogram, National Guard Bureau, May 29, 1939, the Band Section, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, Perry, Oklahoma, is disbanded, effective this date. Warrant Officer Floyd R. Laird, Band Section, Service Battery,

158th Field Artillery, will arrange for the return of all Federal and State property now in the possession of the unit to the designated representative of the Adjutant General. Warrant Officer Floyd R. Laird and all enlisted personnel of the Band Section, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, are hereby honorably discharged, effective this date, by reason of disbandment of their unit. Service records completed by final endorsement will be forwarded to the Adjutant General, through the Personnel Adjutant, 158th Field Artillery. NGB Form 100 and armory drill pay roll will be completed for the period May 1-31, inclusive, and proper notations made thereon relative to the disbandment of the unit and disposition of the personnel. Under the same provisions of regulations and pursuant to authority contained in radiogram, National Guard Bureau, May 31, 1939, the Band Section, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, will be reorganized with station at Lawton, Oklahoma, effective June 2, 1939. By The Governor of the State of Oklahoma: LEON C. PHILLIPS, Commander-in-Chief.

Sep 08, 1939: Published in “The Ponca City News” entitled: STATE CAPITOL ECHOES. By Joseph E. Howell, Oklahoma City, Sept. 8. Seven hundred Oklahoma national guardsmen got a taste this week of what "M" day will be like for them if the United States goes to war. The 189th field artillery regiment went through a test mobilization; physical examinations, fingerprinting, making out papers and other routine; so that commanding officers might check the mobilization procedure for weak points. Under the national defense plan for Oklahoma, 5,400 guardsmen will be mobilized the day the nation declares war. They will have 10 days to recruit sufficient civilian volunteers to raise the present maintenance strength to what is called a peace time strength of about 8,000. Then they will go to a training camp or directly to the scene of action. County quotas for volunteers are kept constantly in readiness, according to Capt. Ross H. Routh, executive officer on the guard's state administrative staff." We're just about as ready for war as we can be," he said today. The guard's status will be different from what it was in the last war in that the Oklahoma units will be allowed to keep their identity. Oklahoma had 90,000 men in the World war but not a single Oklahoma unit. Another departure from previous procedure will result in the mobilized soldiers being housed in existing

facilities instead of in army camps. It is believed that in addition to saving the time and cost involved in building such camps, healthier living conditions can be provided. In 1917 and 1918, sickness took the lives of more American soldiers than German bullets. A total of $1,389,688.30 is being spent by the state and federal governments on the Oklahoma guard this year, and in addition the U. S. army is supplying $5,000,000 worth of equipment. Sixty-one towns have guard stations, and in 55 communities there are state owned armories. There are 105 guard units in the state: 43 infantry, 36 artillery, 6 medical, 7 quartermaster, 4 engineers, 1 signal corps, 1 ordinance, and 7 miscellaneous. Oklahoma guardsmen are assigned to the 45th division which also includes men from Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona, and an aviation unit from Arkansas. The state is to get an aviation unit of its own next year. The nation's initial protective force, officers here explain, consists of 18 such national guard divisions with a combined strength at the present time of about 200,000 men, and of four regular army divisions which have a total peace time strength of about 50,000 men. Major General W. S. Key, Oklahoma City oil man and former WPA administrator who was runner up for governor in the 1938 democratic primary is the commanding officer of the 45th division. Most Oklahoma guardsmen are in the 90th infantry brigade or the 70th field artillery brigade. Brigadier General Ewell L. Head, Muskogee, is the commanding officer of the 90th infantry. This brigade is made up of the 179th and 180th regiments. Col. Charles H. Johnson, Pawnee, commands the 179th and Col. Louis A. Ledbetter, Wewoka, commands the 180th. Three regiments make up the 70th field artillery brigade. The 158th and 160th regiments are 75 m.m. units. The 189th regiment is a 155 m.m. howitzer unit. Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, commands the 158th; Col. Charles A. Holden, Tulsa, the 160th; and Col. George A. Hutchinson, Enid, the 189th. The Oklahoma guard's allotted strength is broken down as follows: Organization-Officers-Enlisted Men: State staff: 13, 36. 45th Div. Hdq. Detachment: 14, 35. 45th Div. Special troops: 18, 243. 90th Inf. Infantry: 66, 1,065. 180th infantry: 66, 1,065. 70th field artillery hdq: 10, 40. 158th field artillery: 46, 462. 160th field artillery: 54, 594. 189th field artillery: 63, 639. 1st battalion 120th engineers: 12, 202. 120th medical regiment: 24, 352. 120th quartermaster Hdq. Company: 7, 30. 179th regiment: 22, 207. Totals: 415, 4,970. Col Rex G. Boland,

Oklahoma City, heads the medical regiment. Col. Roger G. Maus, Oklahoma City, commands the quartermaster regiment. The war department appropriates $400,000 annually for drill pay for Oklahoma guardsmen. A private gets $1 a drill for 48 drills a year and $1 a day for 15 days in camp each year. Corporals draw $1.40; sergeants, $1.80; staff sergeants, $2.40; first sergeants, $2.80; master sergeants, $4.20; second lieutenants, $4.17; first lieutenants, $5.56; and captains, $6.67.Above the rank of captain, officers draw $500 a year for drill pay. The daily pay scale for the 15 days in camp follows: Majors, $8.33; lieutenant colonels, $9.72; colonels, $11.11; brigadier generals, $16.67; major generals, $22.22. This amount is supplemented by an allowance for quarters and rations based on rank. Many men enter the guard because the drill pay supplements their income. The average payroll of a unit will bring $6,000 a year into a community. Enlistment in the guard is for three years. The average enrollee can count on promotion to the post of corporal in a year. Promotion to sergeant's rank comes after two or three years as a rule. Uniforms and arms are furnished for enlisted men by the war department. The state allows commissioned officers $35 a year toward the expense of purchasing uniforms. Interest within the guard at this time is centered on Governor Phillips' moves "to clean out the debris." The governor says his objective is seeing that the guard is made up of efficient soldiers commanded by capable officers. He says the artillery brigade is approved by the army for duty. This indicates that some changes may be made in the infantry. The governor's problem is complicated because the guard has enjoyed no more freedom from politics than have the state colleges. The official roster reads like a political register. Among the more prominent state officials who occupy places in the guard are Lieut. Col. John A. MacDonald, Durant, and Lieut. Col. John T. Sanford, Pawnee, state senators, who are assigned to the state staff under Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett, long a prominent figure in state politics. In the event of war, application of the draft will be carried out by this state staff. In the 45th division, Lieut. Gov. James E. Berry is a major in charge of special troops. Lieut. Col. Roy W. Kenny, head of the Tulsa WPA office, is assigned to the division's general staff; and Murray F. Gibbons, house floor leader in the last legislature, is a lieutenant colonel in the adjutant general's section.

Nov 02, 1939: Published in “The Albuquerque Journal” entitled: PASSES WEST POINT TEST. Santa Fe, Nov. 1 (AP): H. L. Norton of Roswell, private in Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, has passed preliminary entrance examinations for West Point and will take further examinations next March in competition with candidates from other states, according to an announcement from the adjutant general's office.

Nov 03, 1939: Published in “The Daily Current Argus” entitled: ROSWELL BOY PASSES WEST POINT EXAM. Santa Fe, N. M. Nov. 3 (AP). Adj. Gen. R. C. Charlton announced yesterday that H. L. Norton, of Roswell, private in Battery “A”, 158th Field Artillery, had passed a preliminary entrance examination for West Point. Norton has been designated by Governor Miles to take another examination in competition with candidates from other states.

Mar 14, 1940: Published in “The Walters Herald” entitled: LARGER CROWD IS DUE FOR PAGEANT. 3,000 Are Rehearsing For Spectacle To Be Produced Near Lawton on Easter. Lawton (UP) The vast crowds that have attended Lawton's annual Easter pageant are expected to be even larger this year because of the "sobering influence" of the war. The spectacle of Christ's life, death and resurrection will be performed for the 13th time March 24 in a replica of the holy city set in a natural amphi-theatre of the Wichita mountains. Rehearsals for the cast of 3,000 persons are underway. The Rev. A. W. Wallock, who founded the pageant in 1927 and has directed it ever since, said the script this year calls for 56 speaking parts. Until the "Holy City" was wired for sound last year, the acting was in pantomime with a monologue through a loud-speaking system. As the reputation of the pageant has grown, attendance has soared past the 100,000 mark, creating a major traffic and housing problem. The crowd has become as much a spectacle as the tableaux. Thousands of early arrivals, unable to obtain rooms in Lawton, spend the night on the granite slope that rises from the "stage" in the valley. Their campfires are visible for miles. But the standout object in the early morning darkness will be this year, as last, the huge illuminated cross on the hilltop. A rocky path that leads to the summit, with lighted shrines where the faithful may kneel in prayer. Wallock said the 1940 pageant will consist of 60 scenes, or tableaux, and will begin about 3 a.

m. Floodlights, strategically placed on the hillside, will illuminate the setting with almost day time intensity. The climax will be the portrayal of Christ's resurrection at dawn. Gov. Leon Phillips already has directed 88 officers and enlisted men of three units of the Oklahoma national guard to assist in the control of traffic. Col. Grover C. Wamsley of Anadarko, commander of the 158th field artillery regiment, will be in charge. The highway patrol will work out its own safety plans, beginning with a publicity campaign asking prospective pageant visitors to drive carefully. Officials said they "hesitated" to predict the 1940 attendance figures because these depend on so many factors, the most important of which is the weather. "But the prospects are for the largest crowd ever," Wallock said. "For one thing, the war is turning the minds of the people to spiritual things. Many are prayerfully thankful that we have not become involved."

Jul 07, 1940: Published in “The Enid Morning News” entitled: ARTILLERY TO ROAR IN FIELD PRACTICE. Oklahoma City, OK, July 6. Artillery will roar at Fort Sill tomorrow as 650 officers and men of the 158th field artillery hold firing practice, Adjt. Gen. Louis A. Ledbetter said today. The 160th field artillery will fire next Sunday and the 189th field artillery the following Sunday.

Jul 13, 1940: Published in “The Albuquerque Journal” entitled: ENGINEER UNITS INVOLVED HERE. Anti-Aircraft Regiment May Be Called. Las Vegas, N. M., July 12 (AP). President Roosevelt's decision to call out some 50,000 National Guardsmen will affect 432 New Mexico National Guard officers and enlisted men in the 120th Engineers and Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery, Adj. Gen. R. C. Charlton said here Friday. Gen. Charlton said all but 84 of the men affected in the state would be from the 120th. The regiment has its headquarters, regimental band and medical detachment at Las Cruces, totaling 12 officers and 125 enlisted men. The other battalion of the 120th Engineers is in Oklahoma. Four New Mexico cities have units in the battalion: Company F, Las Vegas; Company E, Silver City; Company D, Albuquerque, and Headquarters, Medical Detachment and Band at Las Cruces. The 120th Engineers are scheduled to participate in Third Army maneuvers at Fort Pitkin, La., beginning Aug. 4, Capt. Johnson said. Battery “A”, Roswell artillery unit,

will also attend the maneuvers. Although no definite word was given as to which National Guard anti-aircraft regiments would be included in the training program, it was believed likely that New Mexico's newly converted 200th Coast Artillery regiment would be one of them. Under present plans the new "archie" regiment is scheduled to train at Camp Maximiliano Luna near Las Vegas next month.

Jul 14, 1940: Published in "The Santa Fe New Mexican" entitled: TOO YOUNG. New Mexico Anti-Aircraft Unit To Stay Home Until Equipped. Washington, July 13 (AP) Sen. Norris (Ind-Neb), who has supported all administration defense proposals thus far, said today that he was opposed to compulsory military training and would speak against it if any bill reached the Senate. The likelihood arose today that the New Mexico national guard anti-aircraft regiment would not be affected by the administration's proposal to include the state national guard in a year's intensive war training of 50,000 U. S. guardsmen. The reason was lack of preparedness of the anti-aircraft regiment due to its recent conversion from a cavalry unit. Col. C. G. Sage, commander of the anti-aircraft outfit, the 200th Coast Artillery, said in his opinion his command "probably would not" be called because of lack of equipment and training arising from the switchover, still in progress. Others to Go: However, Adjutant General R. C. Charlton said that some 452 officers and men of the 120th Engineers of Albuquerque, Socorro, Las Vegas and Las Cruces, and Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery of Roswell, might be affected. The proposal by the president and Secretary of War Stimson to train 50,000 guardsmen is contingent first upon congressional approval. If congress approves, seven divisions are to be ordered to camp for perhaps a year's intensive training plus seven anti-aircraft regiments. New Mexico's 120th Engineers and Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, would be among the divisions. The 200th is not yet fully equipped. Sage believes regiments fully armed would get the first call. The 200th as yet lacks a large part of its material, including prime movers for the three-inch guns and the 37 millimeter rifles.

Jul 16, 1940: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: PLANS DRAFTED FOR ARMY VISIT JULY 26. Patriotic rally to be held with Harvest Festival. Final

preparations for the preparedness and patriotic rally sponsored by the United States army here in connection with the First Annual Clinton Harvest Festival, July 26, were made at a meeting last night with Lieut. C. Lynn jr., of the Oklahoma City recruiting office, and attended by the local committee on arrangements. Lynn, slated to arrive Wednesday, moved his schedule forward in order that plans could be made in time to coincide with local festival plans. Featuring the army display will be a parade on Frisco avenue and thence to the Municipal park where the equipment will be displayed and talks made. Parade planned: The parade is to start at 12:30 p. m., after the unit coming here for the program has been escorted from Weatherford by a police escort. Happy Braffett is chairman of the parade committee. The display at the park will require about one hour, Lieut. Lynn said. Seventy troops, including the army band, will participate. At 7 p. m., a band concert is to be held at the amphitheater band shell following which talks are to be made. The light guns will be explained from the stage of the amphitheater, while the larger field pieces will be displayed in the park drive. The night program of the army will close about 8:30 p. m., it was said. Equipment listed: Included in the equipment coming here with the visiting unit will be 10 trucks, one 155 mm. howitzer, one 37 m. m. anti-tank gun, several machine guns, new Garand rifles, a walkie-talkie radio, command cars and a mobile recruiting unit from Oklahoma City which will aid the local recruiting officer, Corp. Edward Brown, in explaining recruiting and taking applications. The parade is expected to consist of the local National Guard unit, known as the Headquarters Battery First Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Battery “D” 158th Field Artillery, which is the Weatherford National Guard unit, reserve officers in uniform, horse brigade, army band, drum and bugle corps, queen floats, the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, the Business and Professional Women's club, Boy Scouts, a bicycle brigade, the American Red Cross, Clinton fire department, and other groups. Flags are to be displayed on Frisco avenue and in the residential district during the day.

Jul 17, 1940: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: RESERVISTS ARE ASSIGNED TO DUTY. Sooter is among reservists called. Lieut. Sanford Sooter, Clinton high school instructor, has been assigned to the Company I, Stillwater

National Guard, for participation in the maneuvers in Louisiana August 4 to 24, it was announced today. Lieut. Sooter was among 101 reserve officers in the state assigned to duty with the national guard for the maneuvers. At the same time, it was announced that Lieut. Jess Butler, 1317 north Dewey, Oklahoma City, had been assigned to the Clinton National Guard unit, headquarters battery, 158th Field Artillery, for duties in the maneuvers. Assignment of Lieut. Butler here temporarily brings the strength of the local unit to 52 enlisted men and four officers. He will report on July 31 as will Sooter and all others in the state assigned to duty. It was also announced that Lieut. David Field, Hobart, has been assigned to Battery “D”, 158th Field Artillery, the Weatherford National Guard unit. The Oklahoma National Guard will participate in the biggest peace time maneuvers in history in this nation this year. More than 50,000 troops including both guardsmen and regular army men, will "fight the war of Louisiana."

Jul 21, 1940: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: FULL PAGE PRESENTATION. The regimental headquarters battery from Sulphur, work a field switchboard in training practice. The normal function of this battery is to supply communications from divisional headquarters to both battalion headquarters of the regiment. Left is Corporal Milton Vickery with Private James Shelley on the phone. Early morning sun intensified the long red flag whipping from its mast over a firing control tower on the Fort Sill artillery range, telling observers the range was being used. On a little promontory, a group of officers of the Second battalion 158th field artillery, Oklahoma national guard, worked with instruments securing basic data for the first of three recent weekly firing problems of the Seventieth brigade. Capt. Albert R. Harris, commanding Battery D, Weatherford, peered through his B. C. scope at a target 4,000 yards in front of him and slightly to his right. As he gave firing instructions an enlisted man in front of him spoke into a field telephone, and 2,000 yards directly to their right at the battery, another man repeated the orders to Lieut. Martin Steward, who shouted to the four gun crews: "Battery attention! Aiming point, right edge of blockhouse on Signal mountain. Plateau one-four; drum, one-eight-zero; shell, mark one; fuse, long; Number One, one round; quadrant, nine-zero." The 75 millimeter gun was fired with an explosive

noise and went screaming on its way. At the battery, Private Bob Hardin spoke into his phone: "On the way." More than a mile away the man sitting in front of Captain Harris repeated the message, just before officers at the observation post saw the column of dust and smoke from the shell burst and then heard its muffled boom. It was short and to the right of the target. Harris, sensing his fire, raised the quadrant to one-two-zero, which increased the range to approximately 3,800 yards, shifted left 20 mills, found he was still short and to the right. The quadrant was raised to one-two-eight and he found his desired objective. The firing problem was one of precision adjustment of the lateral large "T" type, meaning the angle made by lines from observation post to target and from guns to target was over 300 mills. In artillery firing, circles have 6,400 mills instead of 360 degrees. With some variations, this describes the problems used by officers of the 158th Regiment on July 7, the 160th Regiment on July 14 and the 189th Regiment of artillery today. Oklahoma guard artillery was supplied about 17 rounds of 75mm service ammunition and 60 rounds of 37 mm. ammunition (to save expense) per piece, food and gasoline for their motorized transport so they would get part of their regular summer training in firing. Because the state guard goes to Louisiana this year for maneuvers and will not be able to fire, the present plan was used. The regiments comprise Oklahoma's part of the Seventieth field artillery brigade, commanded by Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain. (Text by Ray P. Stewart, photos by Gene Thomas.) Photo Captions: At the 1st battalion observation post, (left), officers check a firing problem of Capt. B. Y. Dutcher, Battery "B", Anadarko, not shown in the picture. Standing at left is Lieut. Col. Edgar B. Ross, executive officer of the 158th regiment and second in command. Seated, left, is Major Henry P. Gantt, regular army instructor, and Major Marion D. Woodworth, in command of the battalion. Photo Caption: Premature explosion of a high explosive shell would burst the gun barrel of a 75mm field piece. So when these weapons are fired, the crews take shelter behind heavy concrete pits. This gun has just fired a flashless H.E. shell, and the barrel is almost in full recoil position. The men are plugging their ears against concussion, and one has his mouth open. That also helps. Photo Caption: This service ammunition is 75mm H. E. (for high explosive) a shell that bursts on impact with ground or target. Here the No. 3 man on the ground crew sets the detonator cap,

the No. 4 man prepares it for firing. No. 2 on the crew loads the shell in the breech, putting the nose in the tube gently before ramming the shell all the way in, since a light hammer tap would explode it. Left: A sergeant of Battery "D", Weatherford, demonstrates how accumulated gases in the tube will eject a shell case when the breech is opened immediately after firing. Photo Caption: This auxiliary 37 millimeter tube mounted on a French 75 mm gun, will save ammunition costs, give the same basic training to gun crew and officers conducting firing problems. Left: In charge of the message center of the regimental headquarters battery is Sgt. Earl Willhoite, left, assisted by Private Buford Fox. Photo Caption: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, commanding the 158th regiment.

Aug 06, 1940: Published in “The Shreveport Times” entitled: CADDOS BACK AT OLD HOME AS SOLDIERS. Oklahoma Regiment Camp on Fair Grounds on Way to War Games. Coming to town in a caravan of canvas-topped army trucks, members of the 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard, whose ranks include such full-blooded Indians as Pipestem, Hummingbird and Paddyaker, proved in short order here yesterday that they were no raw recruits in setting up camp on the State Fair grounds. On their way to Pitkin, La., for the Third Army maneuvers in the Sabine area, the guardsmen displayed professional ease in shaving their beards behind the shiny army trucks, taking a rinse under upturned buckets held by their comrades or in general taking care of themselves without benefit of plumbing. Commanded by Col. Grover Cleveland Wamsley of Anadarko, Okla., headquarters of the regiment, they'll find their chief employment in the weeks to come in manning the 75's, whose European cousins figured largely in the Battle of France. Take Soldiering Seriously: The Sooner guardsman takes his job seriously. Oh, of course, he has to have his fun. He'll try to hog the camera when the newsmen visit camp for features and will even pose as a full-blooded Oklahoma Indian if that will turn the trick. But by and large, he's in dead earnest when he's setting up camp. He'll gather wood to burn from the March 12 tornado wreckage on the Fair grounds and rake up new-mown hay from the camp site to make his bed soft for the night. He knows he'll have to get up early today, for camp breaks at 5:30 a.m. and a good night's sleep will be essential for the strenuous work ahead. The regiment is

extremely proud of its Oklahoma Indian contingent. Some of them belong to the Caddo tribe and visited here in 1935 for the centennial celebration of Shreveport and Caddo parish. Two of them are the last surviving members of the Nadarko division of the Caddo tribe, a distinction of which the white guardsmen are as proud as the Indians themselves. The other tribes represented in the regiment are Kiowa and Comanche. Most unusual name in the whole lot, which few of the Sooners pretend to be able to spell, is Yernipcut. Besides these, the regiment includes some leading citizens of Oklahoma's civilian life. There is Colonel Wamsley, for example, a well-known attorney of Anadarko. And then there Capt. George Hann, superintendent of schools at Ardmore, Okla., and Capt. W. L. Shamel, a practicing dentist. Four of the six firing batteries in the regiment arrived here yesterday afternoon from Sherman, Texas, where they spent Sunday night. The other two batteries will join the regiment at Pitkin. Assigned to the regiment are 564 enlisted men, 47 national guard officers, 10 reserve officers and one warrant officer. Photo Caption: Guards Throw Up Tent City at Fair Grounds. A tent city sprang up in a few minutes on the State Fair grounds here yesterday as the 158th Field Artillery regiment of Anadarko, Okla., arrived to spend the night. The regiment will leave at 5:30 a.m. today for Pitkin, La., to participate in the Third Army maneuvers in the Sabine area. The white-covered pup tents shown in the above photograph have been covered with mosquito bar netting. (Times Photos). Photo Caption: Bottom: The technique of taking an outdoor bath without benefit of plumbing was demonstrated by these Sooner National Guardsmen when they encamped here yesterday afternoon. In the background is shown a portion of the canvas-topped army trucks in which they arrived from Sherman, Texas. (Times Photo.)

Aug 08, 1940: Published in “The Walters Herald” entitled: LOCAL BOYS WITH GUARDS ENCAMPED IN LOUISIANA. M. G. Guinn and Linton Roller, members of the Cameron college band detachment of the 158th field artillery, national guard, left with their unit Monday for the Sabine area in Louisiana for three weeks of maneuvering. Upon their departure there has been some speculation expressed about the length of their training period. It has been intimated, unofficially, that

their training may continue over a period of a year.

Aug 20, 1940: Published in “The San Antonio Express” entitled: SWABBING THE BARREL. Photo Caption: Above, gunners of 158th Field Artillery (Oklahoma) swab out barrel of a French 75mm gun during maneuvers at Camp Beauregard, La. French 75’s are still used by the U.S. (AP Wire photo).

Aug 30, 1940: Published in “The Albuquerque Journal” entitled: GUARD TO HAVE NEW BATTALION. Anti-Tank Militia Assigned to State. Santa Fe, Aug. 30 (AP): New Mexico's rapidly expanding National Guard received another boost Friday with announcement it had been assigned a battalion of anti-tank militia to supplement the present anti-aircraft and combat engineers. The announcement, made by the War Department in Washington, was relayed to Governor Miles early this week to seek additional units. The anti-tank battalion of four units, Miles said, would include the converted Battery "A," 158th Field Artillery, of Roswell, and three other groups, to be assigned to towns as yet unselected. Tucumcari, Hobbs, Raton, Alamogordo and Portales have been mentioned in the past as likely places for new Guard units. The new battalion would allow the enlistment of from 200 to 600 or more guardsmen, depending upon the proportion of war strength to which the units were recruited. In addition the 158th Field Artillery, which will be converted to anti-tank, New Mexico's present guard strength includes a full regiment of anti-aircraft, and a battalion of combat engineers. Governor Miles said also he had been advised the War Department was giving "serious consideration" to a request that a regular Army post be established in New Mexico along the state's southern border.

Sep 05, 1940: Published in “The Walters Herald” entitled: TWO FROM WALTERS TO HEAR CALL FOR GUARDS. When the national guard is mobilized for active training as a unit of the regular army on September 16, two Walters boys will be literally "tooting their horns" about the idea. M. G. Guinn, drum major and Linton Roller, member of the Cameron college band unit of the 158th field artillery, expect that when the guards are called, their names will be in the same pot with the others. The guardsmen returned only recently from a three-weeks maneuver in Louisiana.

Sep 06, 1940: Published in “The Albuquerque Journal” entitled: NEW ARTILLERY FOR GUARD UNITS. Skilled Technicians Will Be Required. Santa Fe, Sept. 5 (AP). New Mexico's new Anti-Tank Battalion, when fully equipped, will have some of the most modern artillery produced by American arsenals. Each of the unit's three combat companies, Captain Edward Purdy said Thursday, will be armed initially with eight 37-millimeter guns, to be increased later to 12. These weapons, especially designed for high muzzle velocity and firing armor-piercing high explosive shells, can penetrate an inch of steel plate at 5000 yards, even though the projectile strikes a glancing blow. They are hand-loaded and visually aimed; as a rifle is; but a skilled crew can fire them at a rate of 40 shots a minute. Drawn by Trucks. The guns are drawn by light motor trucks, although a four-man crew can maneuver them for short distances without mechanical aid. Altogether, the battalion will have 21 motor vehicles. Other arms will include 40 Garand semi-automatic rifles and 46 45-calibre pistols. Many technically skilled recruits will be required. Headquarters Company, sought by Santa Fe, will need one communications technician, seven radio operators, a transportation chief, two telephone operators, four motorcyclists and 20 truck drivers. Historic identity, partially preserving its historic identity, Roswell's Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, will become Company "A" of the new battalion. Organized in 1908, it went to the Mexican Border after Villa's raid on Columbus and is said to have been the only National Guard unit to have crossed into Mexico. In the World War, Battery "A" took part in five engagements. The top number for any outfit or individual of the AEF is six. Charlton and Purdy are to go to Roswell Sunday to supervise the conversion of Battery "A". The final inspection is scheduled for Monday. Published in “The Enid Daily Eagle” entitled: FORMER GUARD MEMBERS WANT TO JOIN AGAIN. Applications Offset Discharges, Colonel Hutchinson Says. There are as many or more applicants for enlistment in the Enid units of the 189th Field Artillery, a part of the Oklahoma national guard, as there are applications for discharge, Col. George A. Hutchinson, regimental commander, said Friday. And one of the most interesting features of this situation, in view of the fact that the regiment is part of the guard units that will be called into active training for one year September 16, is that many of the applications come from former members of the guard. In other

words the young men who have previously served with the Enid units of the guard now want to get back into the guard for a year's active training at Fort Sill. Awaiting Orders: Colonel Hutchinson said the officers of the 189th are now waiting specific orders to proceed. The main activity now is to get the materials and equipment in the best possible shape, including trucks, howitzers, motorized units and uniforms. The officers also are preparing new service records for the enlisted men, carrying this work forward just as rapidly as the proper forms arrive. So far only three officers of the regiment have resigned. They are Captains H. F. Vandever of Enid, Dewey Matthews of Tonkawa and Glenn P. Ledbetter of Marlow, all with the medical detachment. Colonel Hutchinson said he felt sure none of the officers would have resigned if the guard had been called for duty in time of war, and added it was a lot different between being called for a year's training and into actual combat service. Colonel Hutchinson said he had no way of knowing how many enlisted men had made application for discharge, as the applications are sent directly by the battery commanders to the adjutant general. Enlisted men under the age of 18 years and those with dependents are eligible for discharge. Cherokee Man Promoted: Captain Tom Lewis of Cherokee, commander of Battery D, has been promoted to a major. Major Hugh Askew of Oklahoma City, formerly of Enid, has been promoted to lieutenant-colonel. Battery F of Enid has 80 men and four officers, and under the training period the enlisted personnel will be boosted to 122 men. Headquarters battery has 61 men and two officers, and under the new regulations this will be consolidated with the service battery, boosting the total to 103 enlisted men and four officers. The medical detachment has 32 enlisted men and five officers and the enlisted personnel will be raised to 41. The band has 36 members and this will be cut to 28, but buglers, now assigned to the band for training will be made a part of the battery to which they belong, actually not cutting the size of the band. Lieut. Hugh Wilson, formerly of Enid and now of Woodward, has been promoted to a captain, and assigned to the 158th Field Artillery.

Sep 09, 1940: Published in “The Kingfisher Free Press” entitled: GUARD CONDUCTING ENLISTMENT DRIVE. Pursuant to authority contained in

mobilization orders recently received, Headquarters battery, Second battalion, 158th field artillery, Oklahoma national guard, will receive applications for enlistment for active duty for one year, until full peace time strength of 89 men is reached. Applications will be accepted by Lieutenant William G. Riddle at any time, all such enlistments becoming effective September 17. Qualifications for enlistment are the same as for the regular army; all applicants must be 18 years of age or over; must be 5 ft. 4 in. tall or over, and in good physical and mental health. In order that this unit may be entirely identified with Kingfisher and Kingfisher county, it is desired that at least the major portion of these enlistments be secured in the county. In order to expedite the recruiting program, and to build up a waiting list, a recruiting detachment operating out of Kingfisher will call upon neighboring towns on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 12, 13 and 14, and will at each place receive applications for enlistment. The following schedule, showing the cities to be called upon, and the approximate time of arrival at each, has been released by Van L. Ogden, captain: El Reno, September 12, 1:30 p. m.; Okarche, September 12, 4:30 p. m.; Hennessey, Friday, September 13, 1:15 p. m.; Crescent, Friday, September 13, 3:45 p. m.; Loyal, Saturday, September 14, 12:30 p. m.; Okeene, Saturday, September 14, 3 p. m.

Sep 12, 1940: Published in “The Daily Oklahoman” entitled: GUARDSMEN AWAIT TRAINING ORDERS. 10-Day Duty at Home Stations Is Expected. Though mobilization of the national guard is only five days away, guard executives Wednesday still were without definite orders to go to Fort Sill for a year of training. Guard units, which will become part of the federal army September 16, will remain up to 10 days at home stations before going to Fort Sill, Louis A. Ledbetter, state adjutant general, said Wednesday. Recognition by the federal government of a new service company of the 120th Quartermasters' regiment at Antlers also was announced Wednesday by Ledbetter. Federal recognition of Woodward's new Battery “A” of the 158th Field Artillery will be given Friday. Guard officials expect to organize a new battery at Hobart for the 158th Field Artillery before going into training. Ledbetter also said George D. Hann, superintendent of Ardmore schools and a national guard captain, has been placed on the unassigned list. Hann, an

officer in the headquarters company of the 158th Field Artillery, will be exempted for the year's service. Published in the “The Hennessey Clipper” entitled: LOCAL YOUTHS WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN NATIONAL GUARD. Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, with home station at Kingfisher, will be recruited from its present enlisted strength of 51 men to full peace time strength of 89 men, beginning Sept. 15, 1940, in accordance with mobilization orders, preparatory to beginning active service for one year, Captain Van L. Ogden has announced. In order to expedite this recruiting program, Lt. Wm. G. Riddle, recruiting officer, with a small convoy of military vehicles, will be in Hennessey in immediate vicinity of the U. S. post office on the afternoon of Sept. 13th, at approximately 1:15 p. m., and any candidates for enlistment may be interviewed and if found to satisfactorily meet all requirements, mental, moral and physical, be placed on the waiting list, subject to call to active service on September 17th. Published in : “The Walters Herald” entitled: MRS. FLOYD JACKSON IS LEADER OF SEPTEMBER ROTARY ANN PROGRAM. Mrs. Moody Nicholson, Mrs. Ira Guinn and Mrs. Sam Dowlen were additional guests at the Rotary Ann luncheon last Thursday in Robinson hall of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Floyd Jackson was leader of the program. The program consisted of two vocal selections, "Oh, You Don't Know What You're Missin' " and "The Cuckoo," by Mrs. L. J. Purkey, and a talk by M. G. Guinn, drum major for the Cameron college band unit of the 158th field artillery. M. G., who returned recently from a three weeks maneuver at Pitkin, La., told of his experiences as a guardsman. During a brief session of business, Mrs. S. C. Stimpson and Mrs. C. L. Merriott were elected as members of the board of directors to replace Mrs. Seburn Graham and Mrs. W. B. Hurst, who are inactive members. Rotary Anns attending the luncheon were Mrs. Dave Boyer, Mrs. Harry Calhoun, Mrs. Stimpson, Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. Harry Collins, Mrs. Myrle Doran, Mrs. J. A. Dowlen, Mrs. Jake Faulkner, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Merriott, Mrs. T. K. Spicer and Mrs. R. M. Van Matre. Published in “The Logan County News” entitled: OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD HERE SEPTEMBER 13th. Headquarters battery, second battalion, 158th field artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, with station at Kingfisher, will be recruited from its present enlisted strength of 51 enlisted men to full peace time strength of 89 enlisted men,

beginning September 16, 1940, in accordance with mobilization orders preparatory to beginning active service for one year. In order to expedite this recruiting program, Lt. Wm. G. Riddle, recruiting officer, with a small convoy of military vehicles will be in Crescent in the immediate vicinity of the United States Post Office on the afternoon of September 13th, at approximately 3:45 p. m. Any candidates for enlistment may appear at that time, be interviewed, and if found to satisfactorily meet all requirements, mental, moral and physical, be placed on the waiting list, subject to call to active service on September 17th, according to Van L. Ogden, captain.

Sep 19, 1940: Published in “The Walters Herald” entitled: WALTERS BOYS IN GUARD UNIT CALLED FOR YEAR. Two members of the Cameron college national guard band unit of the 158th field artillery regiment, which Monday became a part of the 7,000 Oklahoma guardsmen called into a year's active duty in the U. S. army, were residents to Walters. M. G. Guinn and Linton Roller, drum major and instrumentalist in the band, will become a part of the army for this period of training. No resignations among the 28 members of the organization were announced.

Sep 27, 1940: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: FORT SILL NEWS. Photo Caption: Bill Strickland's in the Army now. The Cameron Aggie baritone player, Sgt. Bill Strickland, 105 N. Seventh, is certainly in the army as the above picture attests. Bill, a member of the Cameron band section of the 158th FA regiment, is shown in his tent at the 45th Division Training Center at Fort Sill. Bill can smile even though he is facing a year's active training. Photo Caption: It's a shovel, not a snare drum. Bill Green, snare drummer in the Cameron college band section of the 158th FA regiment, is doing a little side duty on a gravel walk leading to his tent at the 45th Division Training Center at Fort Sill. Attired in fatigue clothes, Bill is proving his "ingenuity." The bank section is the only unit in the row of tents with graveled walks.

Nov 14, 1940: Published in “The Kingfisher Times” entitled: JOHN CERNY SENT TO

COOKS, BAKERS SCHOOL. Fort Sill, Nov. 14. John M. Cerny, Headquarters battery, Second battalion, 158th field artillery, of Kingfisher, was one of 41 men in the Forty-fifth division recently sent to the cooks' and bakers' school at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Private Cerny will be detached from duty with his company while attending the two months' course. After taking a physical examination, the men were given $4.50 expense money for the two-day trip. Traveling in a convoy of six trucks and a station wagon, the men stopped overnight at Hensley Field, Tex., arriving at San Antonio on the evening of November 9. First Lieutenant John A. Peckham, First battalion Headquarters Battery, 120th quartermaster regiment, was in charge of the convoy.

Nov 20, 1940: Published in "The Enid Morning News" entitled: TWO HURT WHEN BIG GUN BREAKS. Arizona Artillery Soldiers Injured in Fort Sill Accident. Fort Sill, Okla., Nov. 19. (AP) A 75-millimeter artillery piece blew apart today during firing at the 45th division training center here injuring three Mesa, Ariz., soldiers, none seriously. The injured are Corporal Joe Barnhill and Privates Michael Andrews and Robert Lewis, members of "E" battery, 158th field artillery regiment. The explosion in the gun handled by national guardsmen followed by one day a similar incident involving a regular army gun crew at the Field Artillery School here, in which three men were injured, one critically. Officers said the breech mechanism of the field piece blew out during routine target practice. The force of the explosion shattered the gun body and threw metal fragments into the battery position. Corporal Barnhill received lacerations and minor burns, while Privates Andrews and Lewis suffered severe bruises and shock. All three men were treated at the post hospital, where medical officers reported their condition as satisfactory. An official military board of inquiry was immediately ordered by post headquarters to investigate the cause of the double accident and determine whether a defect in the ammunition lot or mechanical failure was responsible.

Nov 24, 1940: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: PHYSICAL TESTS ELIMINATE 15 OF 45TH'S OFFICERS. Col. R. J. Seyfried, 157th Inf. Commander, Among Group Going Home. Fifteen officers of the 45th Division, including one

regimental commander, were relieved Saturday because of physical disabilities. A week ago 11 were relieved. Included Saturday were: Col. Rudolph J. Seyfried, 157th Inf., Denver, Colo. Lt. Col. Allan Falkenstine, 189th FA, Watonga. Capt. Edward Q. Brengle, Btry. “C”, 158th FA, Perry. Capt. Wilson M. Riley, 158th FA, Woodward. Capt. George O. Horrall, 158th Inf., Nogales, Ariz. Capt. William M. Harvey, 120th Engineers, Las Cruces, N. M. 1st Lt. Martin W. Steward, Btry. “D”, 158th FA, Weatherford. 1st Lt. Roland D. Graves, 179th Inf., Norman. 1st Lt. Harold I. Johnston, 89th Brigade, Englewood, Colo. 1st Lt. Giles H. Strong, 157th Inf., Lamar, Colo. 1st Lt. Gabriel M. Diaz, Hq. Det., 1st Bn., 158th Inf., Phoenix, Ariz. 2d Lt. Glen Gilmour, 158th FA, Kingfisher. 2d Lt. Douglas E. Gambrell, 160th FA, Tulsa. 2d Lt. William I. Latham, 158th Inf., Douglas, Ariz. 2d Lt. Willis H. Rawlins, 158th FA, Enid.

Dec 09, 1940: Published in “The Kingfisher Free Press” entitled: PLENTY TO EAT. Thanksgiving day was a day of feasting for Kingfisher county men in Headquarters battery, Second battalion, 158th field artillery, at Fort Sill, as this picture will indicate. Posing with the turkeys are Mess Sergeant Louis Christy of Kingfisher, and three cooks who know how to stir up plenty of good things to eat. "You should have been in the army last Thanksgiving day. Pardon me, I mean, you should have been in the army last November 21. We celebrated Thanksgiving that day. "Turkey graced our table—er—tables—turkey done to a rich gold-en brown, and dressing of the finest kind to go with pumpkin pie, candy, cigarets, and of course all the trimmings that used to go to make Thanksgiving day a real pleasure while we army boys were with you at home. "Louis Christy, our mess sergeant, had the mess hall so trim and neat with white table cloths gaily accented with napkins in autumn colors. "Our mess hall is constructed of tile, with heavy beams overhead. The windows are so constructed as to allow ventilation from the top. Ten tables, seating eight men each, accompanied by a pot-bellied stove, make for a cheery congregation place for the men at meal time. We sit on long benches and listen to 89 after-dinner speeches. "Of course, our every-day meals aren't as fancy as this one, yet we get all we can eat of good, wholesome food, well cooked and seasoned to our individual tastes. Our coffee is the best in this division, and many a pint is

consumed in a day. "Early to bed and plenty early to rise, regular hours for study and work, three good meals a day, warm clothes and plenty of fresh air makes Jack and Joe, too, a healthy soldier. Most of us are gaining weight and we all feel fine. So, until we come home again, we'll be working to make Headquarters battery from Second battalion, 158th field artillery, the best battery in the regiment." THE HEADQUARTERS BATTERY BOYS.

Dec 13, 1940: Published in "The Fort Worth Star Telegram" entitled: GEN. KEY HEADS 45TH DIVISION. Gen. Key Heads 45th Division. Organizations and officers making up group soon to move to Abilene listed. Fort Sill, Okla., Dec. 12.: Organizations forming the Forty-fifth Division, now established in the training center here, but destined to move to a new camp near Abilene, Texas, early next year, with their officers, are presented in the following list. The division, comprising National Guard troops from Oklahoma, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico and now mustering 13,400 men, is commanded by Maj. Gen. William S. Key of Oklahoma City. Capt. Lee B. Thompson of Oklahoma City is his aide. On the general staff section are Col. James C. Styron, Lieut. Col. Walter M. Harrison, intelligence officer and managing editor of the Daily Oklahoman in civil life; Lieut. Col. Francis J. Reichmann and Lieut. Col. Roy W. Kenny. Other officers at division headquarters are: Signal Section: Signal section, Lieut. Col. Henry J. Hort; adjutant general's section, Maj. William R. Cook; judge advocate's section, Capt. William A. Cornish; finance section, Lieut. Col. Ross H. Routh; chaplain's section, First Lieut. George D. Adkins; commanding officer, headquarters detachment, Oklahoma City, First Lieut. Clark M. Cunningham. Special Troops, Forty-fifth Division, headquarters Stillwater, Capt. Lee F. Gilstrap, commanding; Headquarters Detachment, Oklahoma City, First Lieut. William E. Harrison, commanding; Medical Department Detachment, Oklahoma City, Capt. Ira T. Bond; Headquarters Company, Wetumka, Capt. Bryan Nicks; Forty-fifth Military Police Company, Marlow, Okla., Capt. F. R. Caviness; Forty-fifth Signal Company, Alva, Okla., Capt. Joseph S. Chance; One Hundred Twentieth Ordnance Company, Guthrie, Okla., Capt. Bertrus Kemmerer. The companies, brigades and battalions of Oklahoma and commanding officers of each are: Ninetieth Infantry Brigade (Rifle) Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Brig. Gen.

Louis A. Ledbetter; Headquarters Company, Durant, Capt. Ralph Ownby. One Hundred Seventy-ninth Infantry (Rifle), Headquarters Oklahoma City, Col. Murray F. Gibbons; Band, Oklahoma City, First Lieut. Fern D. Petty; Medical Detachment, Durant, Maj. Patrick H. Lawson; Headquarters Detachment (less Anti Tank Platoon), Edmond, Capt. Massena B. Murray; anti Tank Platoon, Altus, Lieut. Rom D. Stanifer. Service Company: Service Company, Oklahoma City, Capt. Harold S. Moler. First Battalion, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Lieut. Col. Abe Herskowitz; Headquarters Detachment, Oklahoma City, First Lieut. Don E. Wylie. Company A, Oklahoma City, Capt. James K. Looney; Company B, Pawnee, First Lieut. Teddy H. Sanford; Company C, Oklahoma City, Capt. Mace Spangler; Company D, Norman, Capt. Quentin M. Spradling. Second Battalion, headquarters, Konawa, Lieut. Col. Earl A. Taylor; Headquarters Detachment, Ardmore, First Lieut. Rolla A. Hurley; Company E, Beggs, Capt. Maurice E. Bettinger; Company F, Konawa, Capt. Edgar L. Lowrance; Company G, Ardmore, Capt. Clarence R. Woodard; Company H, Ardmore, Capt. Ab Jolly. Third Battalion, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Lieut. Col. Joseph D. Garrison; Headquarters Detachment, Okmulgee, First Lieut. Edwin M. Smith; Company I, Stillwater, Capt. Curtis L. Williams; Company K, Okmulgee, Capt. Orl N. Douglass; Company L, Holdenville, Capt. Everett A. Duell; Company M, Mangum, Capt. Henry P. James. One Hundred and Eightieth Infantry (rifle), headquarters, Muskogee, Col. Philip S. Donnell; band, Capt. William L. Atkison; Medical Detachment, Muskogee, Maj. R. Nowlin Holcombe; Headquarters Company, less Anti-Tank Platoon, Muskogee, Capt. Cecil A. Pevey; Anti-Tank Platoon, Durant, First Lieut. Bob W. Johnson; Service Company, Tulsa, Capt. Delmar R. Hodgins; staff section, Muskogee, Capt. Harmon R. Williams. First Battalion headquarters, Atoka, Maj. Wylie C. Turner; Headquarters Detachment, Tishomingo, First Lieut. Clyde J. Hall; Company A, Wagoner, Capt. Richard F. Jones; Company B, Atoka, Capt. Robert C. Dean; Company C, Chilocco, Capt. Roger S. Denman; Company D, Okemah, Capt. James H. Weaver. Second Battalion, headquarters, Eufaula, Maj. Charles R. Aingell; Headquarters Detachment, Allen, First Lieut. Otho Butler; Company E, Durant, Capt. Don E. Atkison; Company F, Hugo, Capt. John P. Carson; Company G, Idabel, Capt. William M. George; Company H, Eufaula, Capt. Joseph M. Whitaker. Third Battalion, headquarters, Oklahoma City, Lieut. Col.

Bryan W. Nolen; Headquarters Detachment, Boynton, First Lieut. Paul B. Terry; Company I, Muskogee, Capt. Charles H. Dewel, Company K, McAlester, First Lieut. Howard L. Shinaberger; Company L, Tulsa, Capt. James H. Maloney; Company M, Talequah, Capt. Benjamin Bliss. Seventieth Field Artillery Brigade, headquarters, Oklahoma City, Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain; Headquarters Battery, Oklahoma City, Capt. Forrest R. Armstrong. 158th Field Artillery: One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Field Artillery, headquarters, Anadarko, Col. Grover C. Wamsley; band, Lawton, Capt. Merl R. Warren; Medical Detachment, Yale, Maj. Parkey H. Anderson; Headquarters Battery, Sulphur, Capt. William L. Shamel; Service Battery, Kingfisher, Capt. Dwight U. Cochrane. First Battalion, headquarters, Kingfisher, Lieut. Col. Marion D. Woodworth, Headquarters Battery, Clinton, Capt. Ernest J. Stocks; Battery A, Woodward, Capt. Wilson M. Riley; Battery B, Anadarko, Capt. Bruce Y. Dutcher; Battery C, Perry, Capt. Edward Q. Brengle. Second Battalion, headquarters, Kingfisher, Lieut. Col. Clarence R. Steele; Headquarters Battery, Kingfisher, Capt. Van L. Ogden; Battery D, Weatherford, Capt. Albert R. Harris; Battery F, Duncan, Capt. John E. Weiler. One Hundred and Sixtieth Field Artillery, headquarters, Tulsa, Col. Charles A. Holden; band, Ada, First Lieut. Claude M. Proctor; Medical Detachment, Wewoka, Maj. Andy N. Deaton; Headquarters Battery, Tulsa, Capt. Leslie N. VanNoy; Service Battery, Holdenville, Capt. R. Cordell. First Battalion, headquarters, Roff, Lieut. Col. Tom McMurray; Headquarters Battery, Roff, Capt. Stanley R. Roff; Battery A, Wewoka, Capt. Dewitt T. Lawson; Battery B, McAlester, Capt. Walter J. Arnote; Battery C, Ada, Capt. Joseph G. Cathey. Second Battalion, headquarters Tulsa, Lieut. Col. Charles R. Taylor; Headquarters Battery, Sperry, Capt. Paul S. Bennett; Battery D, Hominy, Capt. Ira V. LeMaster; Battery E, Haskell, Capt. Charles B. Dear; Battery F, Chandler, Capt. John Embry. One Hundred Eighty-ninth Field Artillery, Headquarters, Enid, Col. George A. Hutchinson; Band, Enid, Maj. Allan K. Plank; Medical Department Detachment, Enid, Maj. Roscoe C. Baker; Headquarters Battery, Enid, Capt. Gordon W. Williams; Service Battery, Watonga, Capt. Gerald V. Underwood. First Battalion, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Lieut. Col. Paul B. Bell; Headquarters Battery, Minco, Capt. Ward H. Roysden; Battery A, Oklahoma City, Capt. Wesley H. Jones; Battery B, Chickasha, Capt. Henry G. White. Second

Battalion, Headquarters, Hobart, Lieut. Col. Allan Falkenstine; Headquarters Battery, Tonkawa, Capt. Ola E. McKenzie; Battery C, Blackwell, Capt. Delbert S. King; Battery D, Cherokee, Capt. Robert C. Dunnington. Third Battalion, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Lieut. Col. Hugh Askew; Headquarters Battery, Roff, Capt. Joe Robnett; Battery E, Muskogee, Capt. Owen Black; Battery F, Enid, Capt. Otwa T. Autry. 120th Engineers: First Battalion, One Hundred and Twentieth Engineers (Combat), Headquarters, Norman, Maj. Richard H. Cloyd; Headquarters Detachment, Norman, Maj. Richard H. Cloyd; Medical Department, Detachment, Oklahoma City, Capt. William C. Lindstrom; Company A, Wetumka, Capt. Harlan E. Chase; Company B, Idabel, Capt. Samuel W. Stribling; Company C, Norman, Capt. Walter W. Kraft. One Hundred and Twentieth Medical Regiment, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Col. Rex G. Bolend; Band, Oklahoma City, Capt. Lester T. Porta; Headquarters and Service Company, Oklahoma City, Capt. Francis P. Mulky. First Battalion, Headquarters, Cushing, Maj. Daniel L. Perry; Company A, Cushing, Capt. John F. Daly; Company B, Pawhuska, Capt. Paul H. Hemphill. Second Battalion, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Maj. Walter M. Miles; Company D, Atoka, Capt. Glen W. McDonald; Company E, Oklahoma City, Capt. Orville H. Tackett. Third Battalion, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Maj. Fenton A. Sanger; Company G, Tulsa, Capt. Thomas H. Davis; Company H, Oklahoma City, Capt. Gilbert W. Tracy. Division Surgeon's Office, Oklahoma City, Capt. Deveaux J. McAfee. One Hundred and Twentieth Quartermaster Regiment, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Col. Roger G. Maus; Medical Department Detachment, Altus, Maj. James E. Ensey; Headquarters Company, Oklahoma City, Capt. Alvin P. Malone; Service Company, Antlers, Capt. Joe Stamper. First Battalion, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Maj. Nelson J. Moore; Company A, Claremore; Company B, Healdton, Capt. Glen D. Thompson. Third Battalion, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Maj. Ted M. Haywood; Headquarters Detachment, Pawnee, First Lieut. Clement E. Mitchell; Company E, Oklahoma City, Capt. J. Marion Fitzgerald; Company F, Anadarko, Capt. Orville H. Brack. Colorado Units: The following units are from Colorado: On the staff of the One Hundred Fifty-seventh Infantry of Denver are: Commanding officer, Lieut. Col. Charles M. Ankcorn, Lieut. Col. Irving O. Schaefer, Capt. Elmer L. Knight, Capt. Roy A. Stephens, First Lieut. Boyd E. Schriver and Warrant Officer Ralph E. Plumb.

Headquarters Company, Denver, Capt. Joseph L. Montague; Service Company, Brighton, Capt. George J. Williams. First Battalion, Headquarters, Fort Collins, Maj. Preston J. C. Murphy; Company A, Craig, Capt. Chester James; Company B, Greeley, First Lieut. Harold C. Johnson; Company C, Delta, First Lieut. Chester G. Cruikshank; Company D, Montrose, First Lieut. Charles W. Thomas. Second Battalion, Manavola, Maj. Floyd G. Powell; Company E, Lamar, Capt. Wayne G. Downing; Company F, Boulder, First Lieut. Kenneth G. Conner; Company G, Longmont, Capt. Dan R. Barnsley; Company H, Fort Collins, Capt. Charles J. O'Laughlin. Third Battalion, Headquarters, Brighton, Lieut. Col. William O. Perry; Company I, Burlington, Capt. Asa E. Galvin; Company K, Fort Morgan, Capt. Avery S. Keller; Company L, Brush, Capt. Clinton E. Blauer. Medical Detachment Department, Denver, Capt. Alvin Kirmse; Chaplain, Maj. Mark T. Warner, Montrose. Arizona Units: These units are from Arizona: One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Infantry, headquarters, Tucson, Col. Prugh Herndon; aides, Lieut. Col. E. C. Monroe, Lieut. Col. Rene M. Pincett, Maj. Walter K. Tweedy, Maj. Frederick P. Perkins, Maj. Edwin McNamee, Capt. Dirk Lay, First Lieut. Orlando S. McBride and Warrant Officer, Carl O. Hoyer. Second Battalion, headquarters, Phoenix, Lieut. Col. Franklin I. Pomeroy; Company A, Nogales, First Lieut. Walter Bristol; Company B, Mesa, Capt. Harry E. Hunsaker; Company C, Douglas, Capt. Gene B. Denis; Company D, Casa Grande, Capt. Homer Quist. Second Battalion, headquarters, Phoenix, Lieut. Col. William B. Wood; Company E, Tucson, Capt. Henry R. Merchant; Company F, Phoenix, Capt. Stewart Lewis; Company G, Safford, Capt. Wilford T. Mendenhall; Company H, Tucson, Capt. Jonathan H. Machel. Third Battalion, headquarters, Phoenix, Lieut. Col. Roy Weyrick; Company I, Flagstaff, First Lieut. Aaron McCreary; Company K, Phoenix, Capt. Ernest Littlefield; Company L, Yuma, First Lieut. Glen Kurzrock; Company M, Prescott, First Lieut. Floyd L. Theobold. Service Company, Phoenix, Capt. Robert H. Vest; Headquarters Company, Phoenix, First Lieut. George Colvin; Medical Detachment, Capt. Clarence E. Yount. One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Field Artillery, (headquarters, Anadarko, Okla.); Battery “E”, Mesa, Capt. George L. Brown. One Hundred and Twentieth Quartermaster, (headquarters, Oklahoma City), Company D, Phoenix, Capt. Richard F. Lush. New Mexico Units: New Mexico units in the Forty-fifth Division follow: One Hundred and Twentieth

Engineers, headquarters, Las Cruces, Col. Uil Lane; aides, Lieut. Col. Richard Buvens, Lieut. Joseph W. Lowe Jr., Maj. Henry D. Buchanan. Second Battalion, headquarters, Las Vegas, Maj. Lewis G. Frantz; Company D, Albuquerque, Capt. Roy Johnson; Company E, Socorro, Capt. James O. Gibbons; Company F, Las Vegas, Capt. Robert F. Whipple. In addition the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Observation Squadron, Little Rock, Ark., Maj. Adrian Williamson, commanding, is attached to the Forty-fifth Division.

Dec 26, 1940: Published in "The Kingfisher Times" entitled: FOUR DOVER BROTHERS ALL SERVING IN ARTILLERY UNIT AT FORT SILL. Photo Caption: Courtesy Enid Morning News. Pictured are the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Payne, Dover, who are at Fort Sill for a year's military training. They are in the 158th field artillery, Forty-fifth division. Standing, left to right, are: Harold and James with Jack and Francis seated left to right. All are former Four-H members, Jack having served as president of the northwest district and Francis as president of the Dover Four-H club. At Fort Sill James is attending motor school. Jack is a first motor technician, Harold a station wagon chauffeur and Francis is a clerk.

Jan 02, 1941: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: PERRY MEMBER OF 45TH IS STABBED. Perry, Okla., Jan. 2., (UP). Cpl. Vester Wilhelm, 23, of Perry, a member of the 158th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, was in critical condition in a Perry hospital Thursday from stab wounds received in an altercation Wednesday night. Wilhelm and two other guardsmen, home on leave, were involved in an altercation with five negroes, according to Sheriff Merl Harman, who said one of the suspects arrested had admitted stabbing Wilhelm. Wilhelm's lungs were punctured by a knife, hospital attendants said.

Jan 05, 1941: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: WOUND FATAL TO ARTILLERYMAN. Perry, Okla., Jan. 4 (UP) Vester Wilhelm, 22, member of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, Fort Sill died Saturday in a Perry hospital of stab wounds received Wednesday night in an altercation with five negroes. Wilhelm and two other Fort Sill soldiers were involved in the fight. Four of the five Negroes were

released Friday. The fifth still is in jail. Wilhelm is survived by his mother and two brothers. One of the brothers, James, is stationed at Fort Sill. The other brother lives here.

Jan 09, 1941: Published in "The Kingfisher Times" entitled: TWO KINGFISHER SOLDIERS GET SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT. Fort Sill, Jan. 9. Corporal William H. Forney and Private Percy E. Tallbird, Kingfisher members of the Forty-fifth division, are serving on special detached duty with the Fort Sill reception center to take care of more than 6,000 selectees who are expected to enter the division by February 14. Both Forney and Tallbird are members of Headquarters battery, Second battalion, 158th field artillery.

Jan 24, 1941: Published in "The 45th Division News" entitled: 158TH FIELD. Private Jack Harwell from 1st Battalion Headquarters has returned from a furlough. He visited his parents in Tennessee. Confined to the hospital are Privates Vernon Hedge and Ruben D. Babbitt from 1st Battalion Headquarters. The 1st Battalion fire direction personnel will stage a demonstration for the school of fire Thursday. The 158th FA swing band entertained 1st Battalion Headquarters during mess. There are six pairs of brothers in 1st Battalion Headquarters: Cooks, Flaming, Caves, Stockton, Waller and Wallace brothers. Second Battalion Headquarters has erected a street light for their battery street. Lt. Mercer is home at Anadarko visiting his wife who is ill with flu. Commanding officer of 2nd Battalion headquarters battery, Capt. Wilson M. Riley, will attend a three months course at the School of Fire at the Post starting February 6. Sergeant William H. Strickland, Jr., Sergeant W. T. Hughes, Cpl. J. C. Jesse and Cpl. Merle D. Hays, of Battery A, have qualified as Expert Gunners. Private Leo Dart is on a furlough at his home in Woodward, due to the death of his mother. Second Lieutenant Charles M. Lawter from Battery "B", has been confined to the hospital due to flu. Sergeant Ellis H. Shirley from Battery "B", is in Anadarko on a seven day furlough. A business trip to Fort Cobb was recently made by Sergeant Alpha D. Tallent. He is a member of Battery "B". Private Paul N. Davis from Battery "B", recently returned from the hospital where he has been ill with flu. Private 1cl Paul O. Proctor has been placed on the staff of 1st

Sergeant John G. Thomasson. Second Lieutenant Carl E. Hall, commanding officer of Battery B, has been confined to his quarters due to influenza. Second Lieutenant Kildow is playing on Battery E football team. On the same team is Private Lerma, a former star football player from Tempe, Arizona. Corporal Felix from Battery “E”, has passed his expert gunner test. Anyone who wants to challenge Battery “E” to a football game call 319. Saturday night Battery “E” will throw a "smoker" for officers and enlisted men. Sergeants Estill Lawless, Charles Howard and Cecil Shephard from Battery “F”, have qualified as expert gunners. From Battery “F”, four men have been given promotions. Carl King and John Hancock are now corporals and James R. Cochran and Jack Looney are now sergeants. Made sergeant the day after he went to the hospital, Jack Looney has returned to active duty with Battery “F”. First Lieutenant Ben C. Parrott has returned from the hospital after seven days absence from Battery “F”. The Medical Detachment has promoted Donald E. Small and Norman Pinkstaff to staff sergeants, Lyle H. Hunt to technical sergeant and Charles O. Dawes and Ira O. Rainbe, Jr., to corporals.

Feb 01, 1941: Published in “The Palo Alto California Daily Times” entitled: HEY, POOCH, THAT'S THE GENERAL! Fort Sill, Okla. (AP) Wart, the dog mascot of the 158th field artillery, sat quietly among a dozen or so officers attending a serious staff conference. In walked the commanding general and up jumped all the officers with a shuffling of chairs and scraping of feet. And up leaped Wart, promptly attacking the "intruder" the other officers were about to salute.

Feb 14, 1941: Published in “The Wichita Daily Times” entitled: ARMY’S MASCOT DIDN’T READ MANUAL. Fort Sill, Okla. (AP) Wart, the dog mascot of the 158th Field Artillery, sat quietly among a dozen or so officers attending a serious staff conference. In walked the commanding general and up jumped all the officers with a shuffling of chairs and scraping of feet. And up leaped Wart, promptly attacking the "intruder" the other officers were about to salute.

Feb 16, 1941: Published in “The Abilene Reporter-News” entitled: MORE TROOPS TO COME HERE FEBRUARY 23. By Staff Writer. Fort Sill, Feb. 15: Movement of the 45th

division to Camp Barkeley will be made in two echelons, each preceded by advance parties, Col. James C. Styron, chief of staff, has announced. First echelon will make the more than 200-mile journey Feb. 28, and will include 10,143 enlisted men and 392 officers. It will be preceded Feb. 23 by an advance detachment of 1,647 enlisted men and 57 officers. TAKE TWO ROUTES: The second echelon will leave here March 7 and will include 5,787 enlisted men and 340 officers. The advance detachment for this echelon will go to Camp Barkeley on March 3. It will be made up of 232 enlisted men and six officers. Each movement, Feb. 28 and March 7, will be made in two columns, one via Wichita Falls and one via Vernon. Advance attachments will carry complete equipment including foot lockers, steel cots, bedding and tentage. Main bodies will only carry kitchen and organic company equipment. Heavy equipment for troops composing main bodies will follow by freight. Kitchen trucks will precede troops in order to arrive first in each movement. INSPECTION SCHEDULED: Final general inspection of the division before its departure to Camp Barkeley is scheduled Saturday morning, Feb. 22. The advance detachment for the first movement, Feb. 28, will include service companies of four infantry regiments, 120th engineers and service companies of four infantry regiments, 120th engineers and 120th medical regiment; one battalion of 120th engineers; two clearance companies and an ambulance unit of the 120th medical regiment, and detachments of division headquarters company, military police and division headquarters. The move will require 312 trucks. Troops to move to Camp Barkeley Feb. 28 include: 157th and 158th infantry regiments (2,530 and 90 officers, each); 89th infantry brigade headquarters and headquarters detachment (79 men and 6 officers); 179th and 180th infantry regiments 2,365 men and 90 officers, and 2,530 men and 90 officers, respectively); 90th infantry brigade headquarters and headquarters company (79 men and 6 officers); division headquarters (30 men and 20 officers). REQUIRE 1,014 TRUCKS: For this movement a total of 1,014 trucks will be needed. Advance detachment for the next echelon will leave here March 3, the echelon to follow four days later. The advance detachment will consist of service batteries of the 158th, 160th and 189th field artillery. The detachment will move in 421 trucks. The last echelon will be made up of the 70th field artillery brigade (3,522 men and 200 officers); 120th engineers (500 men and 25 officers); 120th

medical regiment (600 men and 50 officers); special troops (400 men and 20 officers); 120th quartermaster corps (600 men and 40 officers), and an infantry unit of 165 enlisted men and five officers. This echelon will require 689 trucks for the trip to Camp Barkeley.

Feb 20, 1941: Published in “The Sulphur Times Democrat” entitled: SULPHUR GUARDSMEN PROBABLY TO MOVE IN EARLY MARCH. The Sulphur national guard unit, headquarters battery of the 158th field artillery, 45th division, now stationed at Fort Sill, probably will move to Abilene, Texas, between March 7 and 10, said Lt. Earl Willhoite, who was here on a visit, Tuesday. Orders for the move have already been sent to batteries, said Willhoite, but it is possible that Congressman Jed Johnson's request for a delay may result in a change of orders.

Feb 21, 1941: Published in “The 45th Division News” entitled: COLONEL WAMSLEY COMMANDS 158TH FIELD ARTILLERY. Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, commander of the 158th Field Artillery, has many varied interests and hobbies but he is probably best known by members of the 45th Division as the master of "Wart," the Terrier who had the audacity to snap at the heels of Major General Walter Krueger, commander of the VIII Army corps. Colonel Wamsley's military career dates back to the Territorial Guard. Before Oklahoma gained its statehood the artillery commandant enlisted in the Guard in Company H, at Edmond. He obtained his commission as a first lieutenant in the Reserve corps in 1918 upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officers' Training school at Camp Taylor, Ky. He held this commission when he entered the 160th FA of the Oklahoma National Guard, three years later. In 1923 he was commissioned captain and in the same year he transferred to the 158th FA as a lieutenant colonel. Two years later he was given command of the 158th and promoted to his present rank of colonel. Grover C. Wamsley was born in Huttinsville, W. Va., on Oct. 8, 1884. His family were early settlers of the Indian territory, moving to Yukon in 1893. At the age of 17, he began teaching school in Caddo county. In 1907 he graduated from Central Normal school at Edmond, and received a degree from the University of Michigan three years later. He was admitted to the Oklahoma bar in 1910 and has been in the banking

business and practicing law at Anadarko since 1910. Colonel Wamsley is interested in farming to such an extent that he owns and operates a farm near Anadarko.

Feb 23, 1941: Published in “The Sunday Morning Abilene Reporter-News” entitled: 45TH STAGES VAST SHOW, STARTS ITS MOVE HERE TODAY. By Bruce Francis, Reporter-News Staff Writer. Lawton, Okla., Feb. 22, The "Father of Our Country", whose birth anniversary the nation observed today, may sleep in peace. The straggling little democracy for which he and his gallant troops suffered untold hardships is safe from any danger—within or without. Evidence of the armed might of the world's most powerful nation was paraded for two hours here this morning as the 45th division of the country's fighting forces passed in review before its commanding officer, Maj. Gen. William S. Key. It was the state's greatest peacetime display of its military power, modern in every respect. Army and state officials, along with several thousand spectators from cities of Oklahoma and neighboring states, gathered to view the mighty 45th on parade. They braved wet and sub-freezing weather to watch the many units of the division march down this city's main thoroughfare before the general's reviewing stand. They saw smartly groomed, well trained and adequately equipped sons of four states—Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona—march by as their general smiled his approval of the spectacle presented. Thoughts could not help but turn back to General Washington at Valley Forge. The army's first leader had only a handful of scantily clad, poorly fed and underpaid patriots—men whose heroic deeds have been indelibly written into the country's unequalled military annals. One could not help think of what General Washington would have done with an army like that paraded here today. Whereas those patriots had only their squirrel rifles and limited field pieces, the 45th is equipped with latest model guns—high powered Garand rifles, fast-spitting machineguns, anti-tank and anti-air guns, 37 and 75 millimeter pieces and 155 Howitzers. 1941 MODEL: It was an impressive array of gun-power, all drawn by the army's most modern motorized vehicles. Bayonets glistened, guns gleamed and other equipment was shiny bright in spite of one of the most disagreeable days of the winter. The cold and mud no doubt reminded many of the officers and men of the division of experiences on rain-drenched battlefields of

France more than 22 years ago. Feet ached from cold this morning but many, no doubt, remembered days, even weeks, of far greater hardships on foreign fields where life and limb were most insecure. Before them, too, probably flashed aging but never forgotten pictures of Chateau Thierry, Belleau Woods, St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne. Today most of the men who paraded before the reviewing stand were young, robust and carefree chaps—as were the boys of 1917 and 1918. Hitler holds no fears for these youngsters, nor do any of his axis partners. Like those who have gone before them, they are ready to defend the peace and security of their homeland against any foe. In the reviewing stand with General Key today were: Gov. Leon C. Phillips and Lieut. Gov. James Berry of Oklahoma; two former commanders (both retired) of the 45th, Major Generals Roy Hoffman and Charles E. McPherren, both of Oklahoma City; Brig. Gen. George R. Allin, commandant of the Fort Sill artillery school; Brig. Gen. James L. Collins Jr., 18th field artillery commander; Brig. Gen. William E. Guthner, 89th infantry commander; Brig. Gen. Louis A. Ledbetter, 90th infantry chief; Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, commander of the 70th field artillery; Col. James C. Styron, 45th division chief of staff; Col. William Spence, Fort Sill executive officer, other Oklahoma notables and their ladies. The temperature stood at 31 degrees when first units of the division began the six-mile hike from Fort Sill to Lawton. Four days of slow rain had left the army camp and streets of Lawton muddy and sloppy. 45 MINUTES LATE: Delayed 45 minutes by inability of Governor Phillips to get here earlier, the two-hour march-by of troops, led by nine bands of the division, began at 9:45 a. m. By that time the parade route was lined by shivering spectators, many of whom remained until the last unit had marched proudly by. The 89th infantry brigade, commanded by General Guthner, was the first to pass in review. The brigade, composed of former national guardsmen of Colorado and Arizona, was one of the snappiest of the division. Oklahoma's own—the 90th infantry brigade—was next and many cheers greeted the various units of this well-drilled organization as they marched briskly by the reviewing stand. Next in order were battalions of the 120th medical and 120th engineers regiments. The 157th, 158th and 189th regiments of the 70th field artillery brigade were last to pass down Lawton's streets. Tonight the 45th was poised for its transfer to Camp Barkeley, nine miles southwest of Abilene. 1700

LEAVE AT DAWN: At the break of dawn Sunday approximately 1,700 officers and enlisted men will begin the 225-mile overland trek by truck to the division's new training center. Troops going Sunday constitute an advance detachment for the first major echelon of 10,000 or more to leave here Feb. 28. The advance units will get everything in readiness for the 89th and 90th infantry brigades to leave for Camp Barkeley on that date. General Key will accompany the Feb. 28 echelon. Several division headquarters officers will be with the advance units leaving tomorrow. They include Lieut. Col. Francis Reichmann, acting G-2; Lieut. Col. Henry J. Hort, division signal officer; Capt. Tom Johnson, division recreation officer; and Lieut. Ralph Dry, divisional post officer. Troops leaving early Sunday will travel in two columns, one via Wichita Falls, Throckmorton and Albany, the other (west) by Vernon, Seymour, Haskell, Stamford and Anson. Lieut. Col. Roy Cox, 180th infantry, will be in command of the advance detachment and will travel with the east column. Maj. Lewis G. Franz will command the west column. First units will reach Abilene by mid-afternoon and will go directly to the camp. A military detachment of 82 will accompany the two columns, serving as guides through cities and towns along the two routes. In command of the M. P.'s will be Lieut. Tris Bledsoe, assisted by Lieut. Jack Colbert. Maj. Lee F. Gilstrap, provost marshal of the 45th division, said a military police patrol will be established in downtown Abilene Sunday night. Last units of the 45th will move to Camp Barkeley March 7.

Mar 08, 1941: Published in “The Saturday Morning Abilene Reporter-News” entitled: LAST 45TH TROOPS MOVE TO BARKELEY. Transfer of the mighty 45th division from Fort Sill to Camp Barkeley has been completed and last night the 19,000 sons of four states; Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico; were reunited at the new and attractive training center southwest of here. Movement of the division from Fort Sill, near Lawton, Okla., was accomplished in two major echelons, second of which reached Camp Barkeley late yesterday. After receiving reports from officers commanding the day's two-column movement, Maj. Gen. William S. Key, division commander, announced that the 600 trucks and 5,731 men had completed the 225-mile trip to Barkeley on time and without mishap. First major movement was Feb. 28 when the 10,500 officers and enlisted men,

transported in 1,104 trucks, reached the new training center after a perfectly planned and executed trip that drew commendations of Lieut. Gen. H. J. Brees and Maj. Gen. Walter Krueger, third army and eighth army corps commanders, respectively. Transfer of the 45th was begun Feb. 23 when an advance detachment of 1,700 officers and enlisted men, traveling in two columns, reached Barkeley after riding out rain, sleet and snow storms over more than half the distance. TRUCKS UPSETS: Only injury to the division's personnel, a sprained wrist, was suffered when a truck, traveling with the east column of the first advance detachment, overturned north of Albany. The 70th field artillery brigade, commanded by Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, made up the west column of yesterday's echelon. The 3,489 officers and men of the brigade were transported in approximately 250 troop lorries that also pulled the brigade's 88 heavy guns; 64 French 75's and 24 of the 155 mm. howitzers. Col. Charles Holden was in command. The heavy guns attracted many spectators in every village and city along the route. In Abilene hundreds lined the route of big guns. The 75's of the 158th and 160th regiments were in the first two serials of the column, and the 189th's five-ton 155's constituted the third and final serial. Units of the 120th engineers, medical and quartermaster regiments, the division's special troops and Company C of the 180th infantry were included in the east column that came by Wichita Falls, Throckmorton and Albany. There were 350 trucks and 2,242 officers and enlisted men in this column, commanded by Col. Uil C. Lane, 120th engineers regiment commander. The column traveled in four serials and Colonel Lane said all units arrived at camp on the dot, and without the slightest mishap. However, several vehicles failed to make the journey under their own power and reached camp on the end of tow chains. KEY CHECKS MOVE: General Key drove more than 400 miles yesterday checking progress of the day's two-column movement. The general met the west column in Vernon, rode with it to Seymour and hopped over to Wichita Falls to greet the east column. The commander followed last units of this column out of Wichita Falls and came to Abilene ahead of both columns and was waiting at camp when first troops arrived shortly before 5 p. m. The general was visibly pleased after being assured that his "fine soldier boys" were all safe and comfortably quartered. Advance detachments had prepared camp for those who arrived yesterday and hot meals awaited the

tired but happy troops. Today and tomorrow will be "housekeeping" days for the newly arrived troops. Monday the division will resume its training program interrupted by the transfer to Camp Barkeley.

Mar 09, 1941: Published in “The Sunday Abilene Reporter-News” entitled: STAFF OF 24 CHAPLAINS DIRECTS RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR BARKELEY. Religious program for the 19,000 men of the 45th division is under the direction of Maj. Henry D. Buchanan, division chaplain. Church services are conducted Sunday mornings in all regiments of the division by Major Buchanan and his staff of 23 chaplains. At Fort Sill the services were held in regimental recreation buildings. Lack of recreation buildings at Camp Barkeley will force chaplains to use mess halls and other available buildings for their services. BRANCHES REPRESENTED: Churches represented by the 24 chaplains of the division include Catholic, Methodist, Christian, Episcopal, Baptist, Nazarene, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Latter Day Saints and Disciples. The division chaplain is a Catholic, his home station being Las Cruces, N. M. The assistant division chaplain, 1st Lieut. George D. Adkins, is a Methodist minister of Oklahoma City. Other chaplains, units where assigned, their denominations and home stations, are: Capt. Robert G. Hedrick, 120 medical regiment, Methodist, Comanche, Okla.; Capt. Bart A. Murtaugh, 160th field artillery regiment, Catholic, El Reno, Okla.; Capt. Henry A. Morton, 158th field artillery regiment, Methodist, Kingfisher, Okla.; First Lieut. Franklin E. Rector, 189th field artillery regiment, Christian, Watonga, Okla.; 1st Lieut. Peter E. Spehr, 120th quartermaster regiment, Episcopal, Greeley, Colo.; 1st Lieut. Harvey T. Whaley, 120th engineers, Baptist, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Lieut. Arthur Hinson, 170th infantry regiment, Baptist, Ironton, Mo.; 1st Lieut. Martin J. Griffin, 178th infantry regiment, Catholic, Broken Arrow, Okla.; 1st Lieut. Harold C. Theus, 179th infantry regiment, Nazarene, Bethany, Okla.; Capt. Gilbert F. Hyde, 180th infantry regiment, Methodist, Little Rock, Ark.; 1st Lieut. LeRoy W. Raley, 180th infantry regiment, Baptist, Chandler, Okla.; 1st Lieut. Warner R. Saar, 180th infantry regiment, Lutheran, Muskogee, Okla.; Maj. Mark T. Warner, 157 infantry regiment, Presbyterian, Montrose, Colo.; 1st Lieut. Carl W. Eklund, 157th infantry regiment, Methodist, Denver, Colo.; Capt. Carrol A. Baskin, 157th infantry regiment, Baptist,

San Antonio, Tex.; Capt. Dirk Lay, 158th infantry regiment, Presbyterian, Casa Grande, Ariz.; 1st Lieut. Orlando S. McBride, 158th infantry regiment, Latter Day Saints, Thatcher, Ariz.; 1st Lieut. Robert A. Matheny, 158th infantry regiment Disciples, Ludlow, Ky.; Capt. William E. King, special troops, Baptist, Kansas City, Mo.; Corps chaplain, Capt. William L. Arnold, 142d infantry regiment, Smackover, Ark.; reception center chaplain, 1st Lieut. R. C. Shea, Methodist, Montezuma, Ga., and 1st Lieut. E. T. Moseley, Baptist, Beaver Dam, Ky. Schedule of services at Camp Barkeley today follows: PROTESTANT: 120th Q. M. Area — 9:00, 158th Inf. Area — 10:00, 180th Inf. Area — 9:00, 120th Med. Area — 9:00, 158th F. A. Area — 9:00, Sp. Trps. Area — 10:00, 179th Inf. Area — 9:00, 157th Inf. Area — 11:00, 189th F. A. Area — 9:00, 120th Eng. Area — 9:00. CATHOLIC MASS: 120th Eng. Area — 9:00, 120th Q. M. (Eng. Area) — 9:00, 158th Inf. Area — 8:00, Sp. Trps. (158 Inf. Area) — 8:00, 157th Inf. Area — 10:00, 120th Med. (157 Inf. Area) — 10:00, 179th Inf. Area — 10:00, 180th Inf. (179 Inf. Area) — 10:00, 160th F. A. Area — 7:30, 158th F. A. (160 F. A. Area) — 7:30, 189th F. A. (160 F. A. Area) — 7:30. Photo Caption: MAJOR BUCHANAN.

Mar 10, 1941: Published in “The Abilene Reporter-News” entitled: SOLDIERS START BACK TO WORK. The army went back to work early this morning after being more or less at ease over the weekend. Several thousand enlisted men and officers of the 45th division visited Abilene Saturday night and Sunday. Many went to other cities in this section. Highlight of today's training program were field maneuvers of the 179th infantry in the area south and southwest of the camp. The regiment was engaged in combat team attack problems, with one battalion of the 158th field artillery in support. Other infantry regiments of the division were engaged in a wide assortment of exercises, including basic training work, hikes and study of various types of problems, by companies and by battalions. Artillery batteries were cleaning guns of dirt accumulated in Friday's transfer from Fort Sill, and in other drills and exercises. The high wind last night did little damage at Camp Barkeley. Workmen this morning were putting up the 8,800-pound canvas for the camp theater. Construction crews of Taylor, Byrne and Briggs, contractors, were back at work this morning following the weekend layoff. All work is now on a 40-hour per

week basis with virtually all labor at a standstill Saturday and Sunday. The contractors are making every effort to conclude their work this week.

Mar 22, 1941: Published in “The Abilene Reporter-News” entitled: NO TITLE. Chaplain Henry A. Morton, captain in the 158th Field Artillery, will preach at both services Sunday at the First Presbyterian church. Fred Keathley will sing a special solo at the evening hour.

Mar 28, 1941: Published in “The Amarillo Daily News” entitled: ARMY NOW FACES A DOGGONED CRISIS. Camp Barkeley, March 27 (AP): Soldiers in the First Battalion Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery haven't received sufficient training to cope with a dictator's methods. They have a self-appointed mascot that moved in and won't leave. He's a big brown dog that walked into a tent and settled down on the bed of Pvt. Henry Lee Higgs of Shawnee, Okla. Higgs threatened and tugged but the interloper didn't budge. That night they shared Higgs' bed. Next morning the dog allowed Higgs to make the bed, but climbed right into that of Sgt. Tom White of Kingfisher, Okla. He's still hanging around, trying to muscle in on a bantam rooster with black hairy legs (the rooster sports a corporal's stripes on his wings when he fluffs his feathers) who is official mascot of the battery. Sergeant White, who is in charge of the tent, says he has found it best to let sleeping dogs lie.

Apr 17, 1941: Published in “The Kingfisher Times” entitled: WITH KINGFISHER COUNTY BOYS AT CAMP BARKLEY. Camp Barkeley, Tex. Pfc. Maurice A. Beck, Jr., Second battalion, S. and A. battery, of the 158th field artillery, whose home is at Dover, has been selected to attend an automobile mechanics' school of instruction at Fort Sill. Private Beck is battery mechanic for his unit and has had several years of service. The school at Fort Sill, of three months' duration, is scheduled to open within the near future. Pfc. Ernest E. Long of Kingfisher, also a member of the Second battalion S. and A.* battery, will complete a three weeks' similar course at Fort Sill this month. Corporal Donald K. Tice, battalion supply corporal of the Second battalion, 158th field artillery regiment, and a member of the Second

battalion S. and A. battery, left Camp Barkley Saturday for a 10-day furlough to be spent at his home in Kingfisher. Five years' service will be completed May 5 by Corporal Franque E. Johnston, Second battalion S. and A. battery. Corporal Johnston, whose home is near Dover, was married recently and has announced that he will leave the service at the expiration of his current enlistment. First Sergeant Charles W. Rohman, Second battalion S. and A. battery, commanded by First Lieutenant Albert R. Burns, formerly of Kingfisher, and Miss Flo Reine Groom of Woodward have announced their recent marriage in Oklahoma City. Sergeant Rohman, who was in the horse and mule business in Wyoming before entering the service, is a brother of Harry Rohman, who works at the Burrus mill in Kingfisher. Mrs. Rohman will continue to reside in Woodward for a short time before joining her husband at Abilene. A wedding dinner was cooked and served Sergeant Rohman in the battery mess hall on Sunday. Guests, other than the enlisted personnel of the unit, included Captain Phillip A. Monahan, commanding officer of Battery “A”, 158th field artillery; Captain John C. Niehaus, commanding officer of Battery “E”; First Lieutenant Albert R. Burns and Second Lieutenant Earl E. Mercer. Lieutenant Burns and Sergeant Rohman both entered the service at induction as members of Battery “A”, Burns as first sergeant and Rohman as mess sergeant. Sergeant Samuel B. Hendrix of Kingfisher, ammunition sergeant of Second battalion, recently was appointed acting battalion ammunition officer of the battalion, on a battery order by Lieutenant Burns, commanding officer. The appointment was made to fill an existing vacancy in the unit. First Lieutenant Albert R. Burns completed 19 years' military service on April 7. Lieutenant Burns, formerly of Kingfisher, originally signed up with the 160th field artillery, when that unit was located in Kingfisher, under the command of John J. McCartney, and served several years as caretaker of Kingfisher units of the Oklahoma national guard. All of the 19 years' service was served with Kingfisher units with the exception of nine months, which were served with Battery “A”, 158th field artillery, and Company A, 104th anti-tank battalion, in New Mexico. The present organization of which he is a member is a new organization, being activated by the war department on January 1 this year. He was placed in command of the unit on February 5. The Second battalion, S. and A. battery, has a large number of Kingfisher and Dover boys included on its rolls, and

has a total complement of three officers and 74 enlisted men. (* S. and A. = Service and Ammunition). Published in "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: 29 OFFICERS OF 45TH PROMOTED. Promotions for 29 officers of the 45th division have been announced by Maj. William R. Cook, acting adjutant general. The promotions included: To major—Capt. Albert Eli Bonnell Jr., medical detachment, 180th infantry. To captain from first lieutenant: Joseph Randall Boosa, 160th field artillery; John Russell Boosa, headquarters first battalion, 160th field artillery; John Constantine Niehatis, Battery "A", 158th field artillery; Jonathan Powers Cornelius, Battery B, 189th field artillery; Howard Parker Rice, 189th field artillery; Boyd Elvert Shriver, headquarters 157th infantry; Floyd Laver Theobald, Company M, 158th infantry. To first lieutenant from second lieutenant: Leo Verno Bishop, headquarters company, 157th infantry; Vonual Dean Beavers, battery C, 189th field artillery; Albert Russell Burns, headquarters battery, 158th field artillery; Don Leon Beavers, company G, 120th medical regiment; Arthur William Christipe, infantry; John Travers Compton, service company, 180th infantry; Clarence Cecil Cain, 158th field artillery; Wayne Edwin Davis, headquarters first battalion, 160th field artillery; Robert Louis Garmire, 120th medical regiment; James Byron Gregory, company G, 180th infantry; Francis Evans Griffin, company L, 180th infantry; Ira Sidney Hayes, battery "A", 158th field artillery; Paul Leonard Hayes, company B, 180th infantry; Jesse Malvern Langford, headquarters battery, second battalion, 189th artillery; Charles Wayne Munsey, battery C, 160th field artillery; Leroy Miller, battery "C", 158th field artillery; Charles Anthony McCauley, 158th infantry; John Hickman McCasland, 120th medical regiment; John Richard Northup, battery F, 189th field artillery; Ralph Lester Robinson, company F, 179th infantry; Glenn A. Smith, 189th field artillery.

Apr 24, 1941: Published in "The Wichita Daily Times" entitled: OIL NEWS REPORT MANAGER NOW IN ARMY. Lieut. J. Hal Galloway, manager of Rinehart's Oil News report here, left Tuesday for a year's active service with a field artillery regiment. Gallaway passed his physical examination at Brownwood, Tuesday and went to Fort D. A. Russell at Marfa Wednesday for a six week refresher course. He will be stationed with the 158th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Sill after June 1. His wife,

residing at 1654 Elizabeth, will move to Durant, Okla., this week to live with her parents.

May 07, 1941: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: 3,500 SOLDIERS AT CAMP BULLIS. 45th Division Men Take Part In Maneuvers For Two Weeks. Camp Barkeley, Texas, May 7., (Special), More than 3,500 soldiers of the 45th Division left this training center Monday morning bound for Camp Bullis, Texas, where they will be encamped for two weeks, furnishing opposition for Second Division troops. The combat team is made up principally of Colorado's 157th Infantry regiment and the First Battalion of the 158th Field Artillery, composed of Oklahoma soldiers. For the past month, about 4,000 troops from the Second Division have been supplying opposition for the 45th in field exercises here. Leaving Barkeley around May 25 will be another unit from the division; the 180th combat team; which will entruck for Camp Bowie, Texas, 80 miles distant, to function similarly during 36th Division maneuvers. According to tentative plans, these troops will engage in war games for a week. Then the rest of the division will join them for two weeks of VIII Corps maneuvers, after which the 180th will remain behind for two more weeks of exercises with the 36th.

May 10, 1941: Published in "The Austin American" entitled: FIELD EXERCISES PLANNED AT BULLIS. San Antonio, May 9. (AP). Another week of field exercises for the second division beginning Monday at Camp Bullis was announced from headquarters of the eighth army corps following a critique of an attack problem which ended Friday. The critique of the war games which began Thursday night was conducted by Maj. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the army corps. The tactical problem for next week will be the occupation of a defensive position and a night withdrawal to another position, army officials explained. Monday, the commanders and staffs of the division, regiments and battalions and the communication setups of the division will take the field for a command post exercise. Thursday the units of the division will move out of Fort Sam Houston for the tactical problem to be worked out through Friday. In the war games which ended Friday the "enemy" included 4,000 troops of the 137th combat team from Camp Barkeley, Abilene. The

combat team includes the 157th infantry and the first battalion of the 158th field artillery, both of the 45th division. The strength of the second division with the 104th antitank battalion, is about 14,000 The anti-tank unit is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, but is directly under army corps command. The 22nd observation squadron from Brooks Field also participated in the maneuvers.

May 16, 1941: Published in “The Abilene Reporter News” entitled: CITY'S TOP TENS MEET. A capacity crowd is expected tonight out at Sportsman park when the Ray Crowell Jewelry battles the loop leading West Texas Utilities in the main attraction of the softball program. These two clubs are the only local teams participating in the fast league. A Crowell triumph would give them a first place tie with their tonight's enemy. Tall and slender J. D. Brown likely will toe the rubber for the Jewelers while the Kilowatts will rely on Bill Wood and Curly Hays. The WTU men have not been bounced this season. Wood and Hays, who have split the hurling for the loop leaders so far this season, have not allowed a single opponent to cross the platter. GORDOA WEAKENS. Hurling hitless ball for six and one-third innings, Gordoa of the 158th Infantry weakened in the last go around to issue a single to Avertt of the 158th Field Artillery last night as the anti-tankers whitewashed the Artillery ten, 5-0. Gordoa struck out eight and walked one in his sensational performance. Tripling with two team mates aboard in the fourth inning, Charles Hall was the leading factor offensively for the victors. Veteran Marlin Hardwick pitched and won his first game of the season for the Community Gas over the 158th Officers in the fat and forty loop battle, 10-0. Hardwick struck out four and walked one in his two hit masterpiece. Shortstop Bye for the winners rattled the boards for a four bagger to lead his mates at bat. (Stats on image).

May 19, 1941: Published in “The Abilene Reporter News” entitled: ARMY TEAMS CLASH TONIGHT. The third week of softball play at Sportsman field opens tonight. Opponents are the 158th Field Artillery and the 120th Quartermasters in the fast league and Community Gas and Exchange in the slow league. The Quartermasters will be after their first win of the season while the Infantry ten will be seeking its second in four starts. The Gassers and the Exchange are tied up for the second

place slot and the victor tonight will move into sole possession of second place. Friday night's Crowell win over the West Texas Utilities threw the fast division into a first place deadlock, WTU and the Jewelers being tied with three victories and one setback each. Humble Oil, the Dodgers of the slow loop, are rolling along on the top position with four triumphs in as many games. The remainder of this week's schedule: Tuesday—158th Infantry vs. 120th Medics; 158th Officers vs. Lions. Wednesday—Crowell Jewelry vs. 158th Field Artillery; Community Gas vs. Humble. Thursday—West Texas Utilities vs. 158th Infantry; 120th Officers vs. 158th Officers. Friday—120th Quartermasters vs. 120th Medics; Exchange vs. Lions. Saturday—Open date.

May 20, 1941: Published in "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: 45TH SOLDIERS SIGNING UP FOR FRESH STRETCH. Three-year enlistment periods of 74 men of the 45th division expire this week. Inasmuch as all are national guard enlistments, most of the men are reenlisting. By so doing they do not jeopardize their chances of being demobilized in September. Enlistments expiring today include: Corp. Alvin B. Lecrone, Company D, 179th infantry; Sgt. Chester L. Fream, headquarters battery, 160th field artillery; Harry F. Loughmiller, H. and B. Company, 120th medical regiment; Corp. Jack W. Potts, band, 120th medical regiment; Sgt. Harry A. Ball, B. and A. company, second battalion, 160th field artillery; Pvt. Aubrey I. Robinson, Battery D, 160th field artillery; Sgt. William B. Burnson, Headquarters battery, 189th field artillery; Pvt. 1cl. Ray Cuthbertson Jr. and Pvt. 1cl. James M. Smith, both of medical detachment, 189th field artillery; Pvt. 1cl. James S. Baker, 189th field artillery, band; Sgt. Abner B. Hambleton, and Corp. Charles H. Olidden, both of Battery B, 189th field artillery; Sgt. Jerry M. Pickup, Battery F, 189th field artillery, and Sgt. Loe F. Parks Jr., Battery H, 189th field artillery. Enlistments expiring Wednesday include Pvt. 1cl. Billy P. Bechtel, medical detachment, 160th field artillery; Pvt. Clint R. Tinsley, Headquarters battery, third battalion, 189th field artillery; Sgt. James M. Goddard, medical detachment, 179th infantry; Sergeants Angelo J. Scopel and Francis E. Scopel, 120th medical regiment band; Pvt. 1cl. Dallas L. Wilburg, service battery, first battalion, 189th field artillery; Corp. Clyde A. Lynn, headquarters battery, 70th field artillery brigade; Pvt. 1cl. Henry T.

Waltman Jr., 120th medical regiment; Privates First Class William E. Bray, J. L. Summers and Orval L. Southerland, all of Company B, 120th medical regiment; Corporals Clovis O. Killian and Louis A. Scott, Company F, 120th quartermaster regiment; Pvt. 1cl. Fred Haklotubbee, Company H, 180th infantry; Pvt. 1cl. William R. Gregg, Company G, 180th infantry. Twenty enlistments expire Thursday. They include: Pvt. 1cl. Thomas L. Wilson, Company C, 120th engineers; Corp. Woodrow W. Bute, Company R, 180th infantry; Sgt. Roy A. Miller, headquarters detachment, third battalion, 180th infantry; Corp. Robert L. Miller, headquarters detachment, third battalion, 180th infantry; Corp. Robert L. Miller, headquarters detachment, third battalion, 180th infantry; Sgt. O'Dell Williams, and Corp. Andrew O'Nesky, Company K, 180th infantry; Sgt. Wesley P. Butler, Company L, 180th infantry; Corp. Ray Scott, Company M, 180th infantry; Corp. Walter A. Snider, service company, 179th infantry; Pvt. Ramone R. Lay, service company, 179th infantry; Sgt. Theodore L. Bowman, Estill Lawless and Charles E. Howard, and Corporals Afton Dare and Billie B. McPhail, all of Battery F, 158th field artillery; Pvt. 1cl. Johnny L. Lambym, headquarters battery, 160th field artillery; Sgt. William C. Johnson, B. and A. battery, first battalion, 160th field artillery; Pvt. 1cl. Earl R. Munsey, headquarters battery, second battalion, 160th field artillery. Enlistments expiring Friday include: Sgt. Jack V. Vick, medical detachment, 160th field artillery; Sgt. Harrison G. Wells and Pvt. 1cl. Ferdinand D. Richardson, Battery A, 189th field artillery; Pvt. 1cl. Clifton C. Rains, Company B, 180th infantry; Sgt. Kenneth A. Clem, service company, 180th infantry; Sgt. Donald W. Froaming, and Pvt. Wood B. Gillon, 45th signal company; Corp. Audy O. Gamm, Pvt. Billy G. Parmelee, and Pvt. 1cl. Wayland C. Hooks, 120th medical regiment; Sgt. James A. Mercer, headquarters company, 90th infantry brigade; Sgt. Max L. Qriker, and Corporals Jessie E. Brentlinger and Joseph C. Hurst, anti-tank company, 180th infantry; Sgt. Jesse B. Cartwright, Company B, 180th infantry; Corp. Harold A. Swanson, Company E, 179th infantry; Corp. Ted C. Kepley, Company K, 179th infantry; Sgt. Ace C. Bundy, Company I, 179th infantry; Corp. Loyd G. Carter, Company L, 179th infantry; Sgt. Willard W. Wise, Company L, 179th infantry; Corp. Carlysle P. Pipes, headquarters battery, second battalion, 158th field artillery; Sgt. Julian M. Niemczyk, 158th field artillery band; Corp. Lawrence L. Marston, Company L, 180th

infantry. Enlistments that expired Monday were: Pvt. 1cl. Michael W. Evans, Company D, 180th infantry; Corp. Kenneth Kirkham, Company G, 158th infantry; Corp. Peter Pino, Company I, 158th infantry; Sgt. John W. Perdue and Pvt. 1cl. James Pike, and Ralph G. Foster, headquarters company, 179th infantry; Sgt. William O. Phillips, 179th infantry band; Sgt. Bryan W. Fulbright, Company A, 179th infantry; Sgt. Henry P. Luster, Company C, 179th infantry; Corp. Clyde A. Lynn, headquarters battery, 70th field artillery brigade; Sgt. William D. Montgomery, and Pvt. Stanley E. Forman, service battery, first battalion, 158th field artillery; Sgt. Clifton S. Crow, Battery A, 160th field artillery, and Sgt. George E. Washington, B. and A., second battalion, 160th field artillery.

May 21, 1941: Published in "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: CROWELL TEN SEEKS LEAGUE LEADERSHIP. The Ray Crowell softballers will battle the unpredictable 158th Field Artillery in tonight's main bout of the softball program at Sportsman Park. Humble Oil, the only undefeated team in the leagues, will tangle with the once beaten Community Gas in the opener. J. D. Brown, who has won all three of the Jeweler victories, will be after his fourth triumph. GASSERS PLAY: Crowell, now tied with the West Texas Utilities, could move into a undisputed possession of the No. 1 slot by winning tonight. Community Gas, which has won three and lost one, could deadlock the slow loop by beating the Oilers, sending the Gassers to the top with their tonight's enemy. Last night's league games were halted when a heavy rain poured on the field. The Lions and the Officers of the 158th Infantry were in the first inning when Umpire Laverett called the game. The 158th Infantry was to meet the 120th Medics in the nightcap.

May 24, 1941: Published in "The Evening Edition Abilene Reporter News" entitled: BROWN PITCHES LAST GAME HERE TONIGHT. J. D. Brown will wear the Ray Crowell Jeweler uniform for the last time tonight when the Jewelers battle the 158th Field Artillery in the first of two fast league tussles at Sportsman Park. The other battle will pit the 158th Infantry against the 120th Medics. Brown, ace hurler of the fast league, will depart for Monahans Sunday to take up pitching duties for the Coca Cola softball team there. Brown's loss will dim the chances for the Jewelers in the

running for the first half crown considerably. He can put the Crowell ten on top tonight by defeating the Barkeley men. Benjamin Gordon will be seeking his third straight shutout for the Infantry team when he opposes the up and coming Medics in the nightcap. Gordon has hurled a pair of one-hit shutouts in his last two appearances. In one of the closest battles of the season, the 120th Medics decisioned the 120th Quartermasters last night 4-3 in eight innings. Touching Cosby of the losers for two safeties good for two tallies in the last of the sixth, the battle was forced into an extra round as the sixth inning uprising knotted the score at 3-3. MAKE PROTEST: Issuing a walk to Kelly to open the Medic half of the eighth, Cosby was then rapped for two successive singles by Harmon and Parson that sent Kelly across for the winning run. The contest was held up in the eighth round when the umpires decision on a play at second base was severely protested by the Q. M. manager. As usual the skipper lost the argument. Scoring their runs in bunches, the Exchange ten walloped the Lions club in last night's opener 10-3. The Exchangers garnered three tallies in the first and third frames and then pushed across four more in the fifth. Brown and Mantooth issued nine free passes to the winners to aid in the one-sided melee. Box Scores Section in article.

May 26, 1941: Published in “The Abilene Morning Evening Reporter News” entitled: CROWELL, ARMY TEAM BATTLE FOR LOOP LEAD. The pace setting Ray Crowell Jewelers will mix with the 158th Infantry tonight in the main attraction for the softball fans at Sportsman Park. Undefeated Humble will tangle with the victoryless 158th officers in the opener. RICHARDSON HURLS: The Jewelers, who climbed into a sole possession of first place Saturday night with an 8-5 triumph over the 158th Field Artillery will be playing without their ace hurler, J. D. Brown for the first time. Brown departed for Monahans yesterday where he will hurl for the Coca Cola team there. The Crowell ten will probably rely on the pitching efforts of J. D. Richardson. Benjamin Gordon will be seeking his fourth successive triumph for the Anti-tankers. An infantry win would give them the leadership in the standings. L. E. Derryberry's Humble Oilers who are yet to taste defeat should have an easy evening with the 158th Officers who are still looking for their first victory. The remainder of the week's schedule follows: Tuesday—120th Medics vs. 138th Field

Artillery; Community Gas vs. Lions. Wednesday—West Texas Utilities vs. 120th Quartermasters; Officers of 120th vs. Exchange. Thursday—Crowell Jewelry vs. 120th Medics; Lions vs. Humble. Friday—158th Infantry vs. 120th Quartermasters; 158th Officers vs. Exchange. Saturday—Open date.

May 28, 1941: Published in "The Wednesday Evening Abilene Reporter News" entitled: KILOWATTS OPPOSE TEAM THAT KNOCKED JEWELERS FROM LEAD. Ready After Long Layoff: One of the tightest battles of the season in the local softball loops is expected tonight when West Texas Utilities, a co-leader in the fast loop, battles the vastly improved 120th Quartermasters. Si Adding-ton's Exchange ten will be host to the officers of the 120th in the opener. The Quartermasters, who knocked the Ray Crowell Jewelers from the league leadership Monday night, are due to give the Kilowatts a busy evening. Idle since the Big Spring game of more than a week ago, the WTU ten will be ready for the army boys. T. J. Bailey's probable pitching choice will be Billy Wood with Curly Hays around for relief duty. Lieutenant Strickland will likely call upon Bing Cosby for mound service. The 120th Officers who are triumph hungry, will attempt to climb out of the slow loop dungeon against the Exchange. An Exchange victory would give them sole possession of second place. The Exchangeites are now deadlocked with the Lions and Community Gas for the runner-up spot. MEDICS WIN: Extra base knocks spelled a 12-7 win for the 120th Medics last night over the 158th Field Artillery in the fast loop tussle. Kelly's two triples coupled with Parson's homer were the telling blows for the victorious Medics. Led by Charley Ivey's heavy hitting, the Lions moved up a notch in the standings with a decisive 8-2 triumph over the Community Gas.

May 29, 1941: Published in "The Thursday Evening Abilene Reporter News" entitled: SOLDIER AWOL WITH SHIP HELD. A Camp Barkeley soldier who went AWOL in an officer's plane on an unauthorized flight to Oklahoma from Abilene municipal airport was being held at Port Sill today. Leon V. Bounds, of Lawton, Okla., 158th field artillery band member, took off from the airport here late yesterday afternoon, apparently for a practice flight in the plane belonging to Lieut. John C. Prescott of Altus, Okla., of Company D, 179th infantry. A student flyer, he had used the plane

previously to get "check time" toward meeting private license requirements. When he did not return by dark, L. E. Derryberry, airport manager, messaged to airports in the southwestern circuit a request for information. Wichita Falls replied that the plane with pilot and a soldier passenger had refueled about 7, and hopped off immediately. Early today, the Civil Aeronautics authority notified Derryberry the plane had landed at Port Sill, and the pilot was being held. Presence of the passenger in the plane at Wichita Falls was explained by a landing the plane made at Camp Barkeley, apparently to take on a soldier friend of the pilot. VEHICLE INSPECTORS AT CAMP APPOINTED. Eighteen officers of the 45th division have been appointed special inspectors of motor vehicles. Instructions as to duties will be given at a meeting at 7:30 p. m. Friday in the mess hall of company E, 120th quartermaster regiment. Named special inspectors were: Capt. Ralph Ownby, 90th infantry brigade; Capt. Howard P. Rice, 70th field artillery brigade; Capt. Wilson M. Riley, 158th field artillery regiment; 1st. Lieut. John A. Pennington and 2d. Lieut. Lotus B. Blackwell of special troops; 1st. Lieut. Don Baker, 89th infantry brigade; 1st. Lieut. Robert A. Goodpasture, 157th infantry; 1st. Lieut. Milton Jarrad, 158th infantry; 1st. Lieut. Carl J. Tyler, 179th infantry; 1st. Lieut. August Zelmer, 180th infantry; 1st. Lieut. Don Stetler, 158th field artillery; First Lieutenants Lloyd Cox and J. R. Turner, 160th field artillery; First Lieutenants W. H. Harg and J. E. Mahon, 189th field artillery; 1st. Lieut. Patrick J. McClerndon, 120th quartermaster regiment; 1st. Lieut. D. H. McCasland, 120th medical regiment, and 2d Lieut. Ralph W. Williams, 120th quartermaster regiment. Regimental commanders concerned will detail two non-commissioned officers as assistants to the special inspectors.

May 30, 1941: Published in “The Fort Worth Star Telegram” entitled: TWO SOLDIERS WHO BORROWED WINGS RETURN TO CAMP. Lawton, Okla., May 29 (AP). Two soldiers were returning to Camp Barkeley at Abilene Thursday night after an unannounced flight in a borrowed plane which caused a general alarm. Leon Rounds Jr., 19, pilot of the plane, told county officers he and Sergt. Merle Brandon, 20, flew here to obtain Rounds’ birth certificate. Rounds, member of the 158th Field Artillery Band, said he needed the birth certificate for use with his application for transfer into the Air Corps. The parents of both soldiers live here. Deputy Sheriff

Emmett Plummer said Rounds was released after questioning and that no charges were filed against the two. He said they left by bus late Thursday for Camp Barkeley to report back to duty leaving the plane at municipal airport. At Camp Barkeley it was reported that the soldiers took off from Abilene's Municipal Airport, apparently for a training flight. The plane is owned by Second Lieut. John C. Prescott, Altus, Okla. Rounds told officers he wired Lieutenant Prescott, advising him of the plane's whereabouts soon after landing at the city's airport here. Rounds previously had used the plane to get "check time" toward meeting requirements for a private pilot's license. L. E. Derryberry, airport manager, said Rounds checked the plane out late Wednesday and that when he did not return by dark, the airport manager messaged airports in the Southwest. Wichita Falls reported the plane landed there to refuel about 7 p.m. and took off again, headed north. Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: W. C. CLAY TRANSFERRED TO 189TH ARTILLERY. Camp Barkeley, Texas, May 30 (Special), Private William C. Clay of Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, was transferred last week into the 189th Field Artillery regiment. Private Clay, Chickasha member of the 45th Division, was transferred at his own request. Published in "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: WHERE OUR SOLDIERS ARE BASED. Wendell McCracken, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery, Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Jun 17, 1941: Published in "The Abilene Evening Reporter News" entitled: 45TH ABANDONS ONE MANEUVER. Scheduled maneuvers of the 45th division against the Second division, June 30 to July 5, inclusive, has been cancelled, according to an official announcement today by 45th division headquarters, Camp Barkeley. With this maneuver cancelled, the division will be in or near Camp Barkeley until July 21 when it is to participate in a one week maneuver against the 36th division in the Abilene-Brownwood area. Leaves and furloughs, not exceeding 10 days, will be granted not more than 15 percent of the officers or men between now and July 21. Only field exercise for the 45th this week is scheduled Thursday night and Friday with the division's two brigade combat teams; the 89th and 90th; opposing each other in the maneuver area west of Camp Barkeley. The two teams will move to positions in the hill country Thursday night preparatory for a battle beginning at

dawn Friday. The 89th combat team is made up of the 157th and 158th Infantry regiments, the 158th Field Artillery and one platoon each from the 120th Engineers and 120th Medical regiment. Comprising the 90th brigade combat team are the 179th and 180th Infantry regiments, the 160th Field Artillery and one platoon each from the engineers and medical regiments. Brig. Gen. William E. Guthner is commander of the 89th combat team and Brig. Gen. Louis A. Ledbetter commands the 90th.

Jun 28, 1941: Published in “The Alexandria Daily Town Talk” entitles: 'MISFITS' FORM BASEBALL TEAM. They may call themselves the "Misfits" but they are actually a crack ball team at Camp Claiborne. All of them members of the second battalion, 158th Field Artillery from Iowa, several of the players have been semi-professional and professional players. Three players are former members of the Boone, Iowa Boosters, who now are leading the Iowa State semipro league. On the roster also are several former Davenport and Madrid high school stars. Mainstays of the "Misfits" are Jewel Cooke, shortstop, who played with the Little Rock, Ark., team in the Southern Association; and third baseman Lou Andre, who spent last season with the Natchez, Miss., team in the Evangeline league. They have issued a challenge to any team in the 34th Division, with special malice toward the 185th Field Artillery's regimental team.

Jun 29, 1941: Published in “The Sunday Morning Abilene Reporter-News” entitled: PUP, FAWN, PUG-NOSED BULLDOG TOP 45TH PETS. By Herschel Schooley. Buck, Zero and Bones are the cream of the 45th division’s mascot crop. Judges decided Saturday to conclude a colorful parade and review of 46 of its pets, held on the Camp Barkeley parade ground before a throng of 3000. Buck, the baby fawn, mascot of company B, 157th infantry, found during recent maneuvers at Camp Bullis by Pvt. First Class Roy Keys, Denver, was voted the most unusual pet of the division. Zero, who was Mr. Zero for the day, was entered by Bugler Bob Young, division headquarters detachment, and was voted the best behaved mascot of the day. An army bugler for 17 years, Young lives in St. Louis. He bought Zero from a negro several weeks ago, for $1 and an imported knife, and has raised him from eye

dropper days. Ugliest mascot award went to Bones, English bulldog mascot of company A, 120th quartermaster regiment, and entered by Sgt. John E. Hatcher, Claremore. “Don’t feel bad because they have decided you are very ugly. Lots of people have been very, very ugly and have become famous in spite of it. For that matter the judges are no Clark Gables themselves,” said Maj. Lee Thompson, aide to Maj. Gen. William S. Key, division commander, in presenting his award to Bones. Maj. Thompson, Capt. Tom Johnson, 45th morale officer, and Capt. W. E. King, assistant division chaplain, composed the board of judges. Loving cups to the winners were presented by Jo Ann Stephens, Hardin-Simmons coed who was the mascot review queen. Her escort was First Lieut. Tris L. Bledsoe, Marlow, Okla., member of the provost marshal’s staff. Major Thompson, making presentation awards, told Buck, the baby fawn, "this is the most extraordinary honor that can be bestowed on you, next to being elected United States senator from Texas. And I suspect there are some candidates for the senate who would rather be in your shoes than in their own this time tomorrow." To little Zero, best behaved of them all, Major Thompson said "You didn't bark out of turn, or chew on anybody's pants leg. You haven't made eyes at the queen, which I am sure is more remarkable restraint than good judgment. You would probably make a good soldier, if for no other reason than that you couldn't talk back to the top sergeant." TURTLE ENTERED: From all parts of the division the mascots came, ranging in size from Leo, 160-pound great Dane of battery “E”, 158th field artillery, entered by First Sgt. Joe Shannon, Phoenix, Ariz., to Burr, two-ounce turtle of the 189th medical detachment, entered by Pvt. Jack Shattuck, Guymon. The parade got under way after arrival of Mike II, 160-pound St. Bernard mascot of the 120th medical regiment, who as dean of the division’s mascots, was commander of troops. Mike II arrived "sleepy and late." It started after Bugler Young played taps for Mike I, late predecessor to Mike II, and the 180th infantry band, directed by Warrant Officer Leonate McPherson, played Where, O Where Is My Little Dog Gone? GOAT A FAVORITE: Through it all, the crowd found many favorites. There was Bill, white goat of the Second battalion service battery, 160th field artillery, shown by Pvt. Clarence Skinner, McAlester. And the four musketeers, tiny chipmunks entered by Pfc. Ellis Sickler, Phoenix, for the service company, 158th infantry. Betty Coed, the

Manchester dog entry of company G, 120th medics, was shown by Sgt. L. B. Cutchell, Tulsa. Izzie, the softshell turtle mascot of company E, and shown by Pvt. Sam Light, Tulsa, was equipped with taillight, and had an American flag flying on his superstructure. J. J. Medico, the goat, mascot of company H, 120th medics, was shown by Corp. Bill Akins, Oklahoma City. Tom and Susia, three weeks old coons, entered by company A, 120th engineers, were shown by Private Raymond Dunzy, Wetumka. Sergeant Alert, the fox entered by company L, 180th infantry, was shown by Pvt. Henry Wilson, Tulsa, and the military police company's entry, Alert, the goat that drank from its bottle before the reviewing stand, was shown by Corp. Roy Jackson, Marlow. And there were many others. The review, first such event in division history, had another high spot when Pvt. James N. Burges, company G, 120th medics, presented to Capt. Glen C. McDonald, commander of company I, 120th medics, a painting in memory of the departed Mike I. Photo Caption: After due consideration by the staff officer judges, winners of the 45th division mascot review were named Saturday. Chosen the ugliest was "Bones," bulldog pet of company A, left, 120th medical regiment, who was led by his owner Staff Sergeant John E. Hatcher. Surprising his owner, Bugler Bob Young, "Zero," center, mascot of the 45th division headquarters detachment behaved admirably and was selected the best behaved mascot. Most unusual pet was "Buck," right, white tailed fawn found by Private Roy Keys of company B, 157th infantry, while on maneuvers at Camp Bullis.

Jul 02, 1941: Published in “The Wednesday Morning Abilene Reporter-News” entitled: BRUNCH HOSTED FOR DIVISION OFFICERS WIVES; MRS. RAYMOND S. MCLAIN PROGRAM DIRECTOR. Histories of field artilleries represented by the host units were sketched, violin music was played, and general activities; both social and civic; of Officers Wives of the 45th division were outlined to make up a sparkling program for approximately 200 members of the club and their guests attending a Tuesday brunch at the Hilton hotel. At the program helm was Mrs. Raymond S. McLain, club president, and wife of Brig. Gen. McLain. Decorations stemmed from the speakers' table, where a field maneuver was portrayed in a miniature scene of Reds vs. Blues. They were lined up on either side of a river, with

infantry in front line (some wearing gas masks, others with fixed bayonets) and supported by light artillery and machine guns, with heavy artillery following. In the rear was an air base, radio operators and motorcycle messengers. Flowers from Abilene gardens were centerpieces for other tables. Wives of three colonels introduced speakers giving field artillery histories, and Mrs. McLain presented Mrs. Forrest R. Armstrong, who gave the history of the 70th field artillery brigade. Other field artillery histories were given by Mrs. John Embry, 160th, who was introduced by Mrs. Charles A. Holden; Mrs. Henry A. Morton, 158th, presented by Mrs. Grover C. Wamsley; Mrs. O. T. Autry, 189th, introduced by Mrs. George A. Hutchinson. SLATE FIRST AID CLASS: Music was by Mrs. Clarence Thomas, 158th field artillery, violinist who played Adoration with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Albert Huber, 70th field artillery brigade staff. Mrs. F. E. Rector gave a prayer and guests joined in singing God Bless America as program conclusion. Mrs. McLain announced plans for a new first aid class, which will begin July 7 and be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9 to 11, in the Hilton hotel ballroom. George Allen, national Red Cross instructor, is to conduct the class. Mrs. Ivan Williams announced a book review to be held next Monday at Hotel Wooten, Mrs. William H. Darley reviewing My Sister and I. Announcement was also made of a dessert-bridge for the 158th infantry regiment at Hotel Wooten, reservations to be made with Mrs. E. C. Monroe. Reports were given by Mrs. Earl Taylor, officers wives secretary, and Mrs. Edison O'Connell, treasurer. TELLS OF BETTERMENT: Giving a report as chairman of the camp betterment committee, Mrs. W. E. King also introduced her sub-chairmen: Mrs. Earl Taylor, flowers; Mrs. Dan Perry, magazines; Mrs. Claude Barnard, welfare; Mrs. Roger G. Maus, camp beautification; Mrs. J. G. Cathy, motor corps; Mr. W. W. Holsinger, visitation. Mrs. King told of the erection of signs from the Oklahoma highway to Camp Barkeley, purchasing of ferns and sending of flowers to the camp hospital on Wednesdays and Saturdays; collection of magazines for hospital and recreation center, and given enlisted men's families; organization of a motor corps for providing transportation for hospital patients and enlisted men's families; organization of a committee to visit expectant mothers. Wives of 14 enlisted men have been placed in employment in Abilene homes, Mrs. King said. During June, 242 convalescents were given automobile rides and others

have been entertained in Abilene homes. Members of Parramore Post, American Legion, are to provide transportation today, while the Victory Men's Bible class, Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs have been hosts for other rides. MRS. LARSON DIRECTOR: Presented as luncheon planners were Mrs. Jesse L. Larson, who headed the committee; Mrs. M. O. Woodworth, Mrs. Charles R. Taylor and Mrs. George A. Hutchinson. Mrs. Forrest Armstrong assisted Mrs. Larson with the program; decorations were done by Mrs. P. P. Hoover, Mrs. W. H. Darley and Mrs. F. E. Rector, 189th field artillery. Flag-decorated place cards and flag favors were arranged by Mrs. G. P. Odom and Mrs. Charles Munsey, 160th field artillery, and Mrs. George Brown and Mrs. Clarence Thomas, 158th field artillery. OTHER GUESTS: Others registering were: Mrs. E. C. Adkins, Mrs. James Styron, Mrs. Roy Kenny, Mrs. J. S. Chance, Mrs. H. P. Rice, Mrs. Ross H. Routh, Mrs. John Church, Mrs. W. R. Cook, Mrs. Harry Dobbyn, Mrs. James W. Parrish, Miss Parrish, Mrs. Ralph Williams, Mrs. Murray P. Gibbens, Mrs. Wylie C. Turner, Mrs. Robert Cleur, Mrs. J. H. Daniels, Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. Bryan Watkins, Mrs. R. B. Hensley, Mrs. Charles Abel, Mrs. Tom Brown, Mrs. Ouritis L. Williams, Mrs. John Collum, Mrs. Ted Sanford, Mrs. Massena Murray, Mrs. Francile Connelly, Mrs. Garvin Robinson, Mrs. Carl Tyler, Mrs. H. Hart, Mrs. Bryan Wicks, Mrs. Clarence Woodard, 179th infantry. Mrs. Carl Hall, Mrs. J. R. Waltrip, Mrs. Boyd Johnson, Mrs. George L. Brown, Mrs. Parkey H. Anderson, Mrs. Jerry Monahan, Mrs. Lynn Norman, Mrs. Clarence Cain, Mrs. L. J. Kunzel, Mrs. Dwight Cochran, Mrs. John Marshall, 158th field artillery. Mrs. Uil Lane, Mrs. R. H. Buvens, Mrs. Joseph H. Low, Mrs. Gerald H. Hines, Mrs. Harry O. Fisher, Mrs. Merle W. Barron, Mrs. Eugene Islas, Mrs. William D. Dugan, Mrs. C. O. Erwin, Mrs. W. H. Cobb, 120th engineers. Mrs. John B. Northrup, Mrs. Robert Wells, Mrs. Allan Plank, Mrs. W. C. Garrison, Mrs. William J. Puller, Mrs. Randall Hurley, Mrs. Ward Rosden, Mrs. M. E. Burson, Mrs. H. G. White, Mrs. M. E. Carey, Mrs. Carl Sallee, Mrs. James Tindle, Mrs. Herman Greenhaw, Mrs. J. M. Langford, Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mrs. Claud Barnard, 189th field artillery. Mrs. B. F. Bates, Mrs. V. Z. Anders, Mrs. Arch Marriott, Mrs. Al P. Rockin, Mrs. Henry J. Hart, Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. Sam Clark, Mrs. Howard Schaffer, special troops. Mrs. Roy H. Cox, Mrs. Robert Aingell, Mrs. Clarence Cochran, Mrs. William A. Briscoe, Mrs. Harmon Williams, 180th infantry. Mrs. Harry T. Marling, Mrs. Ernest Baker, Mrs. Charles Wheaton, Mrs. Howard

Reed, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Karl Stolz, Mrs. Ivan Williams, 157th infantry. Mrs. Roy Young, Mrs. Joseph G. Cathy, Mrs. Walter Arnote, Mrs. Cabell Cornish, Mrs. Lawson D. Mitchell, Mrs. L. N. Van Noy, Mrs. Walter Atkins, Mrs. Clark Cordell, Mrs. Ira LeMaster, 160th field artillery. Jane Trevett, Mrs. Bown K. Litt, Mrs. Henry Merchant, Mrs. Walter L. Bristol, Mrs. Bonnie E. Day, Mrs. Charles Desaro, Mrs. Seth Douchett, Mrs. Robert Matheny, Mrs. Fred Perkins, Mrs. Pat Perkins, Mrs. Marrie Hunsaker, Mrs. Roy L. Weyrick, Mrs. Lester Gaylord, Mrs. Aaron McCreary, Mrs. Edward McNamee, Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. Charles S. Stough, Mrs. Wilfred Mendenhall, Mrs. William Martin, Mrs. Kenneth Sipes, Mrs. Charlie McCauley, Mrs. Denver McWilliams, Mrs. T. L. Pecora, Mrs. Merle Mitchell, Mrs. Don Baker, Mrs. Gail McLain, Mrs. Henry Mayfield, Mrs. Walter Tweedy, Mrs. Orlando McBride, Mrs. Thomas Stevens, Mrs. L. M. Metz, 158th infantry. Mrs. Cheek, Mrs. Edward Williams, Mrs. Gilbert Tracy, Mrs. W. N. Davidson, Mrs. R. V. Slagel, Mrs. Rex Bolend, Mrs. Reid Pace, Mrs. Carl Grounds, Mrs. Walter Miles, Mrs. Emmett Andersen, Mrs. Glen Dunnington, Mrs. D. J. McAfee, Mrs. Wendell Dickerson, Mrs. Lester Ports, Mrs. A. H. Robertson, Mrs. Glen McDonald, Mrs. Fred Perry, Mrs. O. H. Tackett, Mrs. Aubrey Stowers, Mrs. John Daly, Mrs. Don Beistle, 120th medical regiment. Mrs. Glen O'Neal, Mrs. W. H. Oliver, Mrs. Harold Moore, Mrs. James E. Eusey, Mrs. Floyd Roupe, Mrs. Joe Stamper, Mrs. Bruce Rey, Mrs. Glen Kelley, Mrs. S. Marion Fitzgerald, 120th quartermaster.

Jul 10, 1941: Published in “The Thursday Morning Abilene Reporter-News” entitled: CAMP ALIVE WITH BUILDING ACTIVITY. With more than 200 buildings under construction, Camp Barkeley is beginning to look like it did back in the "good old days" of January and February during the feverish rush to get it ready for the arrival of soldiers. However, there is nothing to indicate that the present building program will even closely approximate the lush days of early 1941 when everybody was working and making plenty of money. There'll be no more $400,000 a week paydays that brought prosperity to all. TAYLOR ON JOB: But with more than $2,000,000 in new construction now swinging into high and with many of the key men of the cost-plus-fixed-fee building boom back on the job, business again is picking up at Camp Barkeley. James T. Taylor, Fort Worth, contractor for about

$1,000,000 of the new construction, now has about 100 buildings in progress; from the staking off stage to pouring of concrete for foundations. In charge of this work are familiar figures of the Taylor, Byrne and Briggs organization that built the original camp. J. O. Taylor, general manager of building construction under the original setup, is in charge of the new building program for his father, James T. Taylor. Jesse Williams, assistant to J. O. (Oscar) from the outset, is assistant under the new program. J. B. Mitchell is field superintendent now, as he was during the winter. NEW WAREHOUSES: Most of the zone superintendents of the Taylor, Byrne and Briggs firm are back in similar capacities now. They include Ed Lewis, John Hughes, C. W. Hargis, Dick Gilliland, John Mitchell, Ted Arney, Jack Holman, Don Lewis and Henry Pape. Ed Lewis is superintendent in charge of the construction of seven new warehouses and a cold storage plant. He built the 10 warehouses now in use at the camp. Work has begun on these buildings all in the old warehouse area. In the engineers and special troops areas Taylor has 14 buildings under construction, these including exchange, administration units, recreation buildings and living quarters for regimental commanders. Same type of buildings, 15 in all, are under construction in zones occupied by the 157th and 158th infantry regiments. Gilliland and John Mitchell are in charge of new construction at the station hospital, with one supervising new buildings on the north side of the hospital, the other of buildings being added on the south side, about 25 structures in all, including wards and barracks. Work also is under way in the 45th division headquarters area with Arney in charge. These structures include three administration buildings, enlisted men's mess hall, officers mess hall, recreation building, and residence for the commanding general. Arney also is in charge of new construction in the area now occupied by the 189th field artillery, this including administration and recreation buildings, residences for the 70th field artillery brigade and the 189th field artillery regiment commanders. FIELD HOUSE: Work also has been begun on a guest house and service club, both located near the new tent theater now nearing completion east of Pershing drive near zones occupied by the 180th infantry and two field artillery regiments; the 158th and 160th. Twelve other buildings also have been begun in this area. Fourteen buildings have been started in zones occupied by the 179th and 180th infantry regiments, including

residences for two regimental commanders and for a brigadier general. Superintendent in charge of building a huge field house, 130 by 230 feet, is Pape, who supervised erection of the approximately 5,000 prefabricated pyramidal tent frames now in use at the camp. The field house is to be built near the south end of Pershing drive. Taylor had about 350 on the payroll yesterday and expects to add several hundred more in the near future. As during the winter, Friday has been designated as weekly payday. Work is well advanced on 124 dayrooms scattered over the camp, and nine chapels being built by Yarbrough and Reinhart of Austin.

Jul 15, 1941: Published in "The Tuesday Evening Abilene Reporter News" entitled: TAAF BOXERS TO SEMIFINAL ROUND. District TAAF fisticuffers resume action tonight at Sportsman park, a 14-bout card which will slice the field to 16 finalists for Wednesday night's brawling. The bill, starting at 8 o'clock, brings semifinalists in all eight weight classes and in one division; the middleweight; pits the two favorites. That 160-pound clash brings together Sergeants Leo Wolf and Bonnie Impson, the Co. C tentmates from the 180th Infantry who fought a classic three-rounder in the 45th division's midwinter tournament at Fort Sill, Okla. Wolf, a former star athlete at the Chilocco Indian school in Oklahoma, got the nod in that close slugging bee. Army fighters dominated last night's 13-bout performance which saw the tournament's only defending champion, Featherweight Ciell Whetsel of Abilene, bow out of the picture. Whetsel was decisioned by Ben Filmore of the 180th Infantry. NOCON LOOKS GOOD: Jimmy Nocon, winner of the Ohio Golden Gloves title for the past two years, lived up to advance notices in banging out a heavyweight verdict over rugged John Robertson of the 160th Field Artillery. Nocon, with Co. B of the 158th Infantry, floored Robertson in both the second and third rounds. Nocon will meet the winner of tonight's semifinal issue between E. A. Moreno of Co. I, 158th, and Mackey Kenyon of Service Co., 180th, for the TAAF and 45th divisional titles. CANTRELL COPS: Starting his attack early William Cantrell of Company C, 157th Infantry, won the opening fight of the card from Lloyd Hillhouse of the Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry. It was a featherweight scrap. Cantrell led the scrap from the start, raising a "mouse" under Hillhouse's eye in the first round. The loser rallied in the second stance which developed into a wild swinging

bee. Both nearly went out in the third as they tired out. Decision in another featherweight contest went to Jake Paverman of Jal, N. M., and Company C of the 157th Infantry. His victim was Ashley Harrison, Company C, 180th Infantry. Paverman, a classy looking boxer, had slight edge in first round and scored heavily in the second and third. There were no knockdowns. Spencer Eastman of Battery "F", 158th Field Artillery, made a punch-bag of Lou Rodriques in a lightweight bout. He floored Lou three times in the first without a count. The fourth time the Mexican waited to hear five and after the fifth was out cold. Eastman hails from Anadarko, Okla. In one of the best fights of the night Jesus Tapia, 135, of Company I, 158th Infantry, made a punch-bag of James Fanning, 129, of Headquarters company, 157th Infantry. Both came out of their corners pouring shots. Savage toe-to-toe fighting, with Tapia getting the best of it featured the bout. The winner is from Flagstaff, Ariz. Ancil Davis, 133, of Company H, 120 Medics, rallied in the third round to take a tame match from Joe Anderson, 133, Headquarters company, 157th Infantry. SCORES TKO: Another knockout, this one of the technical variety, resulted from the bout featuring Ray Ramon, 142, Abilene, and Louis Tehee, 141, Company I, 180th Infantry. Ramon piled up a big lead in the first round but fell victim in the second to a terrific right which led to ultimate defeat at the finish of the round when Referee Cliff Landers halted proceedings. Holding the upper hand the entire distance Vincent Gambill, 146, Anti-Tank Battalion, bested Wilford Tabbytie, 147, Company F, 158th Infantry. Gambill sent Tabbytie to the canvas for a nine count in the third and had him practically out at the final bell. Blood Paul Winters, 147, of Greely, Colo., and the 157th Infantry, was barely able to stick the distance in his scrap with Pete Martinez, 147, of Yuma, Ariz., and the 158 Infantry. Martinez, a classy fighter, pelted the game Winters from one side of the ring to another in taking a top-sided decision. In a very tame struggle Charles Eldridge, 147, of Battery D and the 160th Field Artillery, licked Sgt. Clifford Sands, Company K, 180th Field Artillery. Every round belonged to the winner. A sergeant was victor in the bout that followed, Bonnie Impson, of the fighting 180th, a 160-pounder, built up a sizable advantage in the second round to decision Rex Hansen, 160, of the 45th signal company. Sgt. Leo Wolf, of Impson's company, won again for the men with stripes. He decisioned David Turner of the 158th Infantry in a

middleweight contest. Sgt. Wolf was an easy winner. Clell Whetsel, the only defending champion, lost a close one to Ben Filmore of Company K, 180th Infantry. It was a featherweight match. Neither inflicted much damage in the first which went to Filmore by a nod. The second was about even. Filmore led the fight in the third, with Whetsel rallying toward its close to no avail. Photo Caption: Jimmy Nocon, above, former Ohio Golden Gloves champion, gained the finals in the heavyweight division of the TAAF tournament last night with an impressive win over John Robertson of the 160th Field Artillery. Nocon is in Co. B of the 158th Infantry. (45th Division News photo section). Match Results Summary (Lower Right Column) William Cantrell, 126, Co. C, 157th Infantry, decisioned Lloyd Hillhouse, 126, Med. Detachment, 157th Infantry. Jake Paverman, 126, Co. C, 157th Infantry, decisioned Ashby Harrison, 125, Co. C, 180th Infantry. Spencer Eastman, 134, Battery "F:/", 158th Field Artillery, knocked out Lou Rodriquez, 135, Abilene. Jesus Tapia, 135, Co. I, 158th Infantry, decisioned James Fanning, 129, HQ Co., 157th Infantry. Ancil Davis, 133, Co. H, 120th Medics, decisioned Joe Anderson, 133, HQ 157th Infantry. Louis Tehee, 141, Co. I, 180th Infantry, scored a technical knockout over Ray Ramon, 142, Abilene, second round. Vincent Gambill, 148, Anti-Tank battery, decisioned Wilford Tabbytie, 147, Co. F, 158th Infantry. Pete Martinez, 147, Co. L, 158th Infantry, decisioned Paul Winters, 147, HQ Detachment, 157th Infantry. Charles Eldridge, 147, Battery D, 160th Field Artillery, decisioned Rex Hansen, 158, 45th Signal Co. Sgt. Lee Wolf, 160, Co. C, 180th Infantry, decisioned David Turner, 160, Co. I, 158th Infantry. Ben Filmore, 128, Co. K, 180th Infantry, decisioned Clell Whetsel, Abilene, 125. John Robertson, 192, Battery F, 160th Field Artillery, was decisioned by Jimmy Nocon, 183, Co. B, 158th Infantry.

Jul 17, 1941: Published in "The Thursday Evening Abilene Evening Reporter News" entitled: ARMY FIGHTERS CROWNED AS TAAF DISTRICT CHAMPIONS. Johnson Is Kayo Artist: Even though the next boxing tournament for Abilene and vicinity is six months distant, amateur ring enthusiasts shouldn't lack for quantities of conversation. In the space of slightly more than 4 minutes, Deliberate Dan Johnson, a stubby lightweight from Company I of the 180th Infantry, saw to it that the fans would have plenty to talk about, even if they confined their conversation to his

cyclonic performance. Winning the district TAAF 45th division championship at stake, Johnson bounced out of his corner thirsting for the kill. He measured his opponent a few seconds and then fell into him like an animal pouncing his prey. A terrific right to the solar plexus sent his foe, Charles Shults of Battery "F", 158th Field Artillery, to the mat. Up after a count, Shults danced away. Then Johnson was on him in the customary procedure. Soon a left hand landed and again Shults was down. This time he didn't get up until Referee Truett Fulcher had called 10. NOCON WINS: The Johnson-Shults scrap decided just one of the eight championships. Perhaps any of the contests could be taken apart and analyzed by those who saw them to advise even second guessers where two men were alike and their opponents might supply interesting comparisons. One of the best fights was Jimmy Nocon, former Ohio Golden Gloves champion, 171 the divisional Heavyweight crown from the husky head of Sgt. E. A. Moreno, Company I, 158th Infantry. Nocon is in Company B of the same outfit. Superior stamina proved to be the factor deciding in favor of Nocon. Apparently beaten as he walked out of his corner for the final round, Nocon made up for his early inadequacies. He drove Moreno into the ropes, hammered away and was after him again. Moreno grew desperate toward the end of the round as he sought to regain his lead. GAMBILL UPSET: Sgt. Leo Wolf, Company C of the 180th Infantry, was from his tentmate, Sgt. Bonnie Simpson in the middleweight struggle. Waiting until the payoff session to open up, Wolf thudded out a decisive decision. The first two rounds had been free of much contact. Using his head as a battering ram as he pried his foe with hooks, Sgt. Jesus Martinez rallied in the third round to out-smart Vincent Gambill of Anti-Tank company of the 158th Infantry. Martinez, stationed in Company L of the same outfit, hurt Gambill with a blow to the mid-section midway in the second round. He kept taking punches to the button and gave out more punishment with damaging body blows. The fight was close. Perhaps the most unpopular decision of the night resulted from lightweight Match. S. A. Moreno, little brother of the heavyweight, bought toe-to-toe with Jesus Tapia of Company I, 180th Infantry. Moreno scored a knockdown with a blow in the second round and seemed to hold a slight edge throughout the fight. Cheers, mixed with boos, however, greeted the verdict. Mike Jackson, Company C of the 120th Medics, took about the tamest scrap of the

evening, defeating Jake Foreman of Company C, 120th Infantry for the feather title. Little action resulted from the first two rounds, Jackson winning by virtue of a third round rally. EVANS KAYOES FOE. Gene Evans, another of the many sluggers from the 120th Medics and one of the most highly publicized of ringmen, lived up to advance notices by scoring a first round kayo over Archie Nodestine of Company F, 158th Infantry. In the bantamweight titular struggle Evans, after chasing his foe around the ring, caught up with him and sent him to the canvas with a right. Nodestine took the count on one knee. In a bout distinguished by anything but his artistry, Jack Pegg, Headquarters company, 180th Infantry, defeated wild swinging Oscar Francis, Company K of the 158th Infantry. Pegg built up a big lead in the first two rounds, sufficient to ward off a belated Francis rally. The matches last night climaxed three evenings of milling, drawing banner crowds. It is estimated that over 4,000 persons passed through the Sportsman Field gates during the tournament, sponsored by the Reporter-News. Winners in all divisions received gold watches. SOLDIERS OF 45TH START LOUISIANA TREK JULY 23. Long anticipated trek of the 45th division to the Louisiana maneuver area will begin July 23 with the 120th engineers regiment, commanded by Col. Ul C. Lane, leaving for the two-month stay in the bayou state. However, the big move of the division to the scene of the nation's greatest of all peacetime war games is scheduled to get under way Aug. 2. About 8,500 troops, traveling in two convoys will leave early that morning on the first leg of the 500-mile jaunt. One convoy will follow U. S. Highway 80 from Abilene to Fort Worth and east to a bivouac area near Dallas. The other will travel U. S. 80-A from Abilene to Albany, Breckenridge and turn northeast to Graham, Jacksboro, Decatur and to a bivouac area near Denton. Trucks used in these two convoys will return to Camp Berkeley the following day, and on Aug. 4 another echelon of two convoys will leave Berkeley, bearing remaining troops of the division. While the trucks are making the trip back to Berkeley to transport the rest of the division to the Dallas and Denton areas, troops of the first echelon will hike for two days. August 5 will be a rest period for the entire division, and on Aug. 6 trucks will pick up troops of the first echelon and move them to Marshall and Jefferson City, Texas. They will return Aug. 7 to pick up marching troops of the second echelon. Present plans call for the movement to be completed Aug. 10. Present plans for the

Aug. 2 movement include division headquarters and headquarters company, the 89th infantry brigade, Special troops regiment, 158th field artillery and one battalion of the 189th field artillery. The final movement will include the 90th infantry brigade, 70th field artillery brigade (less units included in the first echelon), the 45th division anti-tank battalion. Units of the 120th medical regiment will be distributed equally between the two movements.

Jul 19, 1941: Published in "The Saturday Morning Abilene Reporter News" entitled: FIRST TROOPS MOVE JULY 23 TO MANEUVER. First movement of units of the 45th division from Camp Berkeley to the Louisiana maneuver area is scheduled Wednesday, July 23, according to announcements late yesterday by division headquarters. On that date the 120th engineers regiment, commanded by Col. Ul C. Lane, will leave for the Mansfield, La., area assigned to the 45th for bivouac for the August field exercises by Third army. Remainder of the division will move in two echelons, the first to leave Camp Berkeley Aug. 2, the second two days later. Each movement will be over two routes. HIKES SCHEDULED: One section of each echelon will follow U. S. highway 80 to Fort Worth, thence to Grapevine and around Dallas and east to Marshall. The other section will take highway 80-A to Albany, Breckenridge and northeast to Graham, Jacksboro, Decatur and Denton, thence east to Jefferson City. About half of the division will leave camp in the first echelon, with the remainder following two days later. Trucks will take the first group to bivouac areas near Denton and Dallas Aug. 2, return to Camp Berkeley the following day and move remaining troops to the Denton-Dallas areas Aug. 4. Units of the division that leave Aug. 2 will hike the two days that trucks are returning to Berkeley and moving remainder of the division. No movement is scheduled Aug. 5 but on the sixth, trucks will pick up units of the first echelon and take them to Marshall and Jefferson City. In the meantime troops of the second echelon will hike for two days, Aug. 6 and 7. WHO GOES WHEN: Trucks will pick up the second echelon Aug. 8 and take them to the Marshall and Jefferson City areas. The movement of the entire division to the Mansfield area is to be completed Aug. 10. Tentative plans call for movement of division headquarters and headquarters company, the 89th infantry brigade, Special troops, 158th field artillery regiment

and one battalion of the 189th field artillery in the Aug. 2 echelon. The 90th infantry brigade, 70th field artillery brigade headquarters and headquarters company, the 189th field artillery, the 160th field artillery and the division anti-tank battalion are to be moved Aug. 4. Medical troops will be assigned to both echelons.

Jul 20, 1941: Published in “The Sunday Morning Abilene Reporter News” entitled: 8,000 AT REVIEW, 2,000 IN TRAFFIC JAM. Their "farewell" review behind them, troops of the 45th division will get in two more weeks of intensive training before pulling up stakes Aug. 2 and leaving for two months of corps and army maneuvers in the Louisiana area. Starting at 10 yesterday morning, the 19,000 men and 1,800 vehicles of Maj. Gen. William S. Key's command marched and rode by the reviewing stand for more than two hours in what had been planned as the division's most formal and elaborate review. Rain that late Friday drenched the scheduled review route forced a last-minute order for a march-by review; instead of in mass formations. Staged along a street near division officers' quarters, foot soldiers marched eight abreast instead of the planned regimental mass formation of 48 abreast and six abreast for trucks. Receiving the colorful and impressive "farewell" review was Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger, who May 15 assumed command of the Third army. General Krueger who flew to Abilene from Brooks field, was speeded from the airport to Camp Berkeley where a motorcycle escort led him to the reviewing stand. Battery A, 160th field artillery, formerly commanded by Gen. Key, fired the official 15-gun salute. Notables of state who witnessed the review included the governors of Texas and New Mexico; W. Lee O'Daniel and John E. Miles; and the lieutenant governor of Oklahoma, James E. Berry. Governor O'Daniel, the state's senator-elect, came here on a tour of Texas national defense projects. Following the review and luncheon with General Key and other dignitaries, the governor made a hurried trip over Camp Berkeley, after which he returned to Austin. Keenly observing every unit of General Key's command as they moved by were four retired veterans of other wars in which they played prominent parts. They were Maj. Gen. John H. Hulen, former commander of the 36th division; Maj. Gen. Roy Hoffman, former commander of the 45th; Maj. Gen. R. U. Patterson, former surgeon general of the

United States army, and Maj. Gen. Charles F. Barrett, "lifetime" adjutant general of Oklahoma and known as "daddy" of his state's National Guard. General Barrett has a son and two sons-in-law in the 45th. The son is Lieut. Col. Charles F. Barrett Jr., the sons-in-law, Lieut. Col. Cabell C. Cornish and Lieut. Col. Russell D. Funk. Colonel Cornish is the division's anti-tank officer, Colonel Barrett is with the 179th infantry, and Colonel Funk with the 70th field artillery brigade. Lieutenant-Governor Berry's son, George, is a first lieutenant in the 179th infantry. Another proud father attending the review was Mayor R. A. Hefner of Oklahoma City whose son is an enlisted man with the adjutant general's office of division headquarters. Other army chieftains present included Brig. Gen. Joe Atkins, Third army chief of staff; Col. Edward C. Black, commandant of Sheppard field, Wichita Falls; Brig. Gen. Russell C. Charlton, adjutant general of New Mexico; Brig. Gen. J. Watt Page, adjutant general of Texas; Maj. C. Joseph Snyder, commander of the Texas defense guard's aviation branch, and Capt. E. B. Germany, its public relations officer. They flew from Austin with General Page in a defense guard plane. Another distinguished guest was Mrs. Antonia Berkeley, mother of the young World War hero in whose honor Camp Berkeley was named. Numerous other fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, wives and sweethearts were in the throng of 8,000 to 10,000. Many drove down from Oklahoma to bid their sons farewell. Two score or more arrived by train Saturday morning at View. They were met there by an Abilene delegation that took care of their every need while visiting Camp Berkeley. Included in the Abilene delegation was the Hardin-Simmons university Cowboy band. Only disconcerting phase of the day's program was the traffic situation between Abilene and Camp Berkeley. An estimated 2,000 would-be spectators failed to get inside camp. Others parked their cars and walked one or more miles to the review scene. First units to pass by the reviewing stand were division headquarters and headquarters company. Following in succession were the 90th infantry brigade headquarters and headquarters company, 180th infantry regiment, 179th infantry regiment, 89th infantry brigade headquarters and headquarters company, 158th infantry regiment, 157th infantry regiment, 70th field artillery brigade headquarters and headquarters battery, the 158th, 180th and 189th field artillery regiments, division anti-tank battalion, engineers, special troops, medical and quartermaster

regiments. Rifle companies of the two infantry brigades carried rifles slung over right shoulder, bayonets fixed. Combat packs, less gas masks and musette bags, were carried. Full fire power of the division was on review; rifles, machine guns, 37 and 75 mm. anti-tank guns, French 75 mm. field pieces and the 155 mm. Howitzers. Regimental bands of infantry units played for their respective organizations with all other bands of the division massed under the direction of Milburn E. Carey, warrant officer of the 189th field artillery. Honors were by the massed band.

Jul 21, 1941: Published in "The Las Cruces Sun-News" entitled: ENGINEERS LEAD 45TH ON MARCH INTO LOUISIANA. Camp Barkeley, July 21 (Special) Main movement of the 45th division to Louisiana for two months of maneuvers will be started Aug. 2. Plans for the ride-and-walk junket to a bivouac area near Mansfield, La., were disclosed by division headquarters today. Engineers Leave Wednesday: Engineers are scheduled to leave Wednesday, to make advance preparations. Half the remaining troops start out by truck Aug. 2 and the rest on Aug. 4. Units probably to be included in the first exodus are the 89th infantry brigade (made up of the 157th and 158th infantry regiments), 158th field artillery, First Battalion of the 189th field artillery, medical and quartermaster detachments, some units of special troops and division headquarters. In the rear element will be the 90th infantry brigade (179th and 180th infantry regiments), 160th field artillery, second battalion of the 189th field artillery and remaining medical, quartermaster and special troop units. Follow Two Routes: There will be two routes and two staging areas. On the north route, the troops will stop at Denton and then Jefferson City, Texas; on the south, Dallas and then Marshall, Texas. The 435-mile trip will be made in shuttle fashion. Trucks will start the first echelon on its way, then come back for the second group. While they are returning, troops in the first group will be marching on foot, waiting for the trucks to catch up with them again. The movement is to be completed by August 10. Already sun-tanned from almost continuous maneuvers and with the final gigantic review, held Saturday before 8,000 spectators out of the way, men of the 45th today were beginning preparations for the trek to Louisiana and the biggest maneuvers in which they

have engaged so far.

Jul 27, 1941: Published in "The Wichita Daily Times" entitled: TWO SOLDIERS INJURED IN ACCIDENT NEAR OLNEY. Olney, Texas, July 26 (AP): Bill Falon and Glenn Jones of Perry, Okla., members of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery of Camp Barkeley, Abilene, were injured today southwest of here when their automobile was sideswiped by a passing car. Two army officers from the same camp found them and they were brought to a hospital here. Falon had a fractured arm and head injuries and Jones four fracture vertebrae. Published in “The Marshall News Messenger” entitled: ABILENE SOLDIERS INJURED IN MISHAP. Olney, Tex. (AP): Bill Falon and Glenn Jones of Perry, Okla., members of Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery of Camp Barkeley, Abilene, were injured Saturday southwest of here when their automobile was sideswiped by a passing car. Two army officers from the same camp found them and they were brought to a hospital here. Falon had a fractured arm and head injuries and Jones four fractured vertebrae. Published in “The Abilene Sunday Morning Reporter News” entitled: BERKELEY SOLDIERS INJURED IN MISHAP. Olney, July 26 (AP) Bill Palon and Glenn Jones of Perry, Okla., members of Battery “C”, 158th field artillery of Camp Berkeley, Abilene, were injured today southwest of here when their automobile was sideswiped by a passing car. Two army officers from the same camp found them and they were brought to a hospital here. Palon had a fractured arm and head injuries and Jones four fractured vertebrae. ENLISTMENTS OF 14 EXPIRE THIS WEEK. Enlistments of 14 men of the 45th division expire this week. They will report to the division recruiting office on designated days for reenlistment or for discharge. Appointments at the recruiting office for the week follow: Monday—Sgt. Wayne H. Cowan, Company G, 158th infantry; Pvt. 1cl. Alfonso D. Austin, Battery E, 158th infantry; Pvt. Phil Ortiz, Company F, 120th engineers. Tuesday—Pvt. 1cl. Cecil D. Rogers, Headquarters battery, second battalion, 158th field artillery; Pvt. 1cl. Lucas F. Despodaca, Company D, 120th engineers. Wednesday—Sgt. Robert L. Krueger, 120th medical regiment; Corp. Richard T. Miller, Company I, 158th infantry; Pvt. Johnny Martinez, Company F, 120th engineers. Thursday—Corp. William G. Vaughan, 157th infantry band; Pvt. 1cl. Thomas L. Parker, anti-tank company, 157th infantry; Pvt. Bruce R.

Biesen, Service company, 157th infantry; Pvt. Mardin D. Peden, medical detachment, 157th infantry. Friday—Corp. Neil J. Damato, Company M, 157th infantry; Pvt. 1cl. Leo F. Panning, Company L, 157th infantry. SOLDIERS RECEIVE DEPARTURE ORDERS. Movement of the 45th division by motors and marching in two echelons of two columns each from Camp Berkeley to Louisiana will begin at 5 a. m. Saturday, according to orders released yesterday by division headquarters. First echelon, moving Saturday, will be under command of Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, commanding officer of the 70th field artillery brigade. Second echelon, scheduled to leave Camp Berkeley Monday morning, Aug. 4, will be under command of Brig. Gen. Louis A. Ledbetter, commanding officer of the 90th infantry brigade. TWO ROUTES: South column of each echelon will go by way of U. S. 80 to Fort Worth, thence to Grapevine and northeast to a staging or bivouac area on White Rock lake near Dallas. The north columns of the two echelons will move by U. S. 80-A to Albany and Breckenridge, thence to Graham, Jacksboro, Decatur, Denton and a staging area near Lake Dallas. Each column is to reach staging areas at 5 Saturday and Monday afternoons. A total of 8,481 men will move in the first echelon, with 1,255 vehicles to be used in the two columns. Division units included in this echelon are: South column; forward echelon of division headquarters; division headquarters detachment; military police company detachment; 45th division signal company; headquarters and headquarters company of 89th infantry brigade; 158th infantry regiment; 189th field artillery and a detachment of 120th medical regiment. North column; Military police company detachment; 157th infantry; headquarters battery of 70th field artillery brigade; 158th field artillery, and a detachment of 120th medical regiment. AIR SQUADRON ATTACHED: There will be 7,773 officers and enlisted men in the second echelon, leaving Monday, Aug. 4. In the south column will be: rear detachment of division headquarters; division headquarters company, less detachment; detachment of military police company; special troops headquarters and detachment; 180th infantry; anti-tank battalion and attached engineers; detachments of 120th medical and quartermaster regiments; 45th division ordnance company. In the north column will be detachments of military police company, 120th medical and 120th quartermaster regiments; headquarters and headquarters company of 90th infantry brigade;

179th infantry regiment; 160th field artillery regiment. Of the 1,255 vehicles to be used in the first echelon, 483 will return to Camp Berkeley Aug. 3 to join the second echelon. The 111th observation squadron, stationed at municipal airport six miles north of Brownwood, has been attached to the 45th division for the movement to Louisiana. The division will send 19 trucks and trailers from the first echelon to Brownwood to move the observation squadron Aug. 4 to the White Rock lake campsite of the second echelon from Camp Berkeley. The squadron will be transported to Marshall Aug. 5 and to Mansfield the following day. TWO DAYS OF MARCHING: Troops of both echelons will get in two days of marching before the movement of the division to the Mansfield area is completed Aug. 10. Units of the first echelon will march Sunday and Monday, Aug. 3 and 4, with second echelon schedule to march Aug. 6 and 7. North columns will march 15 miles the first day, and 17 miles the second day. South columns will fare better, marching 11.4 and 14 miles the two days. Military police will be stationed at all critical points en route of both columns. Column commanders will be responsible for strict supervision of their columns, this to include supervision of uniforms and conduct. Uniforms for the movement will be service cotton, without neckties, field caps when moving on motors, field hats when marching.

Aug 06, 1941: Published in “The Fort Worth Star Telegram” entitled: MEN OF 45TH ENTERTAINED. North Texas Towns Play Host to Soldiers on Way to Louisiana Maneuvers. By Harold Banks, Staff Correspondent. En route to Louisiana with 45th Division, Aug. 5. North Texas took the latch string off its door for the 45th Division Tuesday night. Denton played host to the rear echelon of the north column, encamped on the south shores of Lake Dallas, with a public reception on the courthouse lawn. McKinney opened its heart to the forward units of the same column with a party on its courthouse square featured by a 179th Infantry Band concert and entertainment by college talent. Meanwhile, on the south column, Forney invited soldiers to use its swimming pool without cost and Terrell, six miles east of the encamping troops, opened up its recreation room for their enjoyment. A fourth column, resting on the shores of White Rock Lake, got some relief from the terrific heat in which the men have traveled since leaving Camp Barkeley with

swimming, boating and a fling at night life before leaving for Louisiana maneuvers. Denton, a little uncertain at what to do for the men and whether they would be granted passes, had no planned program for the first troops bivouacking at Lake Dal-las Saturday night. Soldiers who did get rides into Denton had the whole town talking about their excellent conduct, so the Chamber of Commerce decided to do some-thing about it. Plans Quickly Formed. H. A. McDonald and a committee visited Col. Murray F. Gibbons, commander of the 179th Infantry, learned that one-half of his 3,551 men and 142 officers might have leaves until 10 p. m. if the citizens could arrange transportation. So Denton, which described the 45th as "the finest behaved bunch of boys we ever saw," rounded up every available vehicle and started for the camp. McKinney residents were roused from their sleep shortly before 7 a. m. Tuesday by the tread of marching feet as the forward echelon of the north column, staging a 17-mile hike from Lake Dallas to Princeton, came through on the way to Princeton, where they quartered in a camp normally used for onion pickers. Housewives met the tired men with pitchers of cold water and the national emblem was hung from many a flag pole. Twenty men from the 158th Field Artillery and 23 from the 157th Infantry found the hot march too much for them and dropped out, medical officers reported. Like on the previous day, foot troubles put most of the men out of their columns. Dance Is Held. The McKinney senior and junior chambers sent a committee headed by W. Hammond Moore, senior chamber secretary, for a camp conference with Lieut. Col. Edgar B. Ross, column commander. The city blocked off the south side of its square, hired a fiddle band and pro-vided pretty dancing partners for the men. The latter, although complaining of sore legs from the 31-mile march of the past two days, welcomed the idea thoroughly. The Collin County town also leased a theater for the night to provide free movies for men in uniform and took down the admission sign at the municipal swimming pool. The troops entering the Denton area had been forbidden especially to throw notes to girls, but the military could do nothing about what the girls did on their own. One private of Headquarters Company, 90th Infantry Brigade, nursed a knot on his head that resulted when one smiling girl tossed a paper weighted with a rock into his car. He kept her address. All the area on State Highway 67 between McKinney and Princeton presented a military picture. Four-

ton trucks and 75 millimeter guns which officers would not risk on small bridges rested along the roadside. Smoke rose from a hundred refuse heap fires and pop stands put up by civilians along the roadside did a land office business. Thirty-four hundred men slept away the effects of the day's hike, then joyfully crawled from out the canvas and cooled off in a driving rain. Wednesday Schedule: Here is the picture of what will happen to the division Wednesday. The echelon traveling on U. S. 80 will leave the Forney camp at 6 a. m. and will send its forward vehicles into these towns at this time: Grand Saline 7:44, Mineola 8:28, Gladewater 9:45, Longview 10:33, Marshall at 11:38 and the staging area at 12:19. The last troops will clear Marshall at 5:23. The North forward column's route will be eastward on Highway 67 through Greenville to Mount Pleas-ant, then south on 271 to Gilmer and on 154 to Marshall. Arrival times announced were: Greenville 8:26 a. m., Sulphur Springs 9:47, Mount Pleasant 11:37, Gilmer 2:04 and Mar-shall 3:50. The rear of this column will pass through Marshall at 4:54. Rear troops camped Tuesday night at White Rock Lake, march to the Forney area, the north column to Princeton.

Sep 03, 1941: Published in “The Shreveport Journal” entitled: DOCTOR FREED IN SOLDIER'S DEATH. De Ridder (AP) Dr. P. R. Sartor, one of De Ridder's leading citizens and a former sheriff of Beauregard parish, yesterday was exonerated by a coroner's jury in the slaying of Pvt. Olin D. Former, Fort Cobb, Okla., attached to battery “B”, 158th field artillery. The soldier was killed late Monday night when the doctor, aroused by screams of several officers' wives occupying a garage apartment in the rear of his home, discovered the soldier in his backyard. The former sheriff fired one shot at the intruder as, according to testimony given at the inquest, he attempted to break into the apartment. The .38 caliber bullet struck Farmer slightly to the right of the heart, killing him instantly. Deputy Sheriff C. L. Youngblood Wednesday said that no charges would be filed against Dr. Sartor.

Sep 04, 1941: Published in “The Shreveport Times” entitled: PHYSICIAN IS EXONERATED. Jury Frees Prominent De Ridder Man Who Killed Soldier. De Ridder, Sept. 3 (AP) Dr. S. R. Sartor, one of De Ridder's leading citizens and a former sheriff

of Beauregard parish, yesterday was exonerated by a coroner's jury in the slaying of Pvt. Olin D. Farmer, Fort Cobb, Okla., attached to Battery “B”, 158th field artillery. The soldier was killed late Monday night when the doctor, aroused by screams of several officers' wives occupying a garage apartment in the rear of his home, discovered the soldier in his back yard. The former sheriff fired one shot at the intruder as, according to testimony given at the inquest, he attempted to break into the apartment. The .38 caliber bullet struck Farmer slightly to the right of the heart, killing him instantly. Deputy Sheriff C. L. Youngblood today said that no charges would be filed against Dr. Sartor.

Sep 06, 1941: Published in “The Weekly Town Talk” entitled: EX-SHERIFF FREED AFTER SOLDIER IS SLAIN AT DeRIDDER. DeRidder, La., Sept. 3., (AP). Dr. P. R. Sartor, one of DeRidder’s leading citizens and a former sheriff of Beauregard parish, yesterday was exonerated by a coroner’s jury in the slaying of Pvt. Olin D. Farmer, Fort Cobb, Okla., attached to Battery “B”, 158th Field Artillery. The soldier was killed late Monday night when the doctor, aroused by screams of several officers’ wives occupying a garage apartment in the rear of his home, discovered the soldier in his back yard. The former sheriff fired one shot at the intruder as, according to testimony given at the inquest, he attempted to break into the apartment.

Sep 15, 1941: Published in “The San Angelo Standard Times” entitled: FIRE HAZARD. With the 45th Infantry Division in Louisiana. That heavy Stalin-style moustache which Sgt. Jim Wright, of First Battalion Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, has grown during maneuvers is costing him money. It is so bushy that he has to throw his cigarettes away while they are still only half-smoked, else he'll catch fire.

Sep 18, 1941: Published in “The Healdton Herald” entitled: NEWS FROM THE 45TH DIVISION. That heavy Stalin-style moustache which Sgt. Jim Wright, of First Battalion Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, has grown during maneuvers is costing him money. It is so bushy that he has to throw his cigarettes away while they are still only half smoked, else he'll catch fire.

Sep 24, 1941: Published in “The San Angelo Standard Times” entitled: EFFECTIVE. 'Stinging' Defeat Given Army Tank; with the 45th Division in Louisiana, Sept. 23. This isn't one of the commoner methods of capturing an enemy tank, but it proved exceedingly effective during a recent maneuver. Two soldiers in Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery, spied a tank clanking down the road toward them. They darted into the bushes and the tank followed, knocking loose a hornet's nest in a tree. The hornets dropped into the tank's turret and the crew members came scurrying out. The artillerymen captured them with pistols.

Sep 28, 1941: Published in “The Okemah Daily Leader” entitled: TANK CAPTURED BY UNIQUE METHOD AS ENEMY IS FLEEING. With the 45th Infantry Division in Louisiana. This isn't one of the commoner methods of capturing an enemy tank, but it proved exceedingly effective during a recent maneuver. Two soldiers in Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery, spied a tank clanking down the road toward them. They darted into the bushes and the tank followed, knocking loose a hornet's nest in a tree. The hornets dropped into the tank's turret and the crew members came scurrying out. The artillerymen captured them with pistols.

Oct 13, 1941: Published in “The Perry Daily Journal” entitled: MAJOR CRESS AT BARKELEY, RUMOR'S WRONG. Major Howard Cress, 2nd Battalion, 158th field artillery, is at Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas, at present and is not expecting to be transferred to another army base for some time to come. The Journal contacted Major Cress Sunday at Camp Barkeley after rumors here had indicated that the former Perry man either had been or was to be transferred to an Alaskan army base. Cress said he would probably get a furlough sometime in November and that he would return to Perry at that time to visit friends and acquaintances who reportedly have been concerned over his rumored transfer. Major Cress said that any story to the effect that he is in Alaska at the present time is "purely imaginary." Men from Camp Barkeley who are in Perry on furlough this week had reported earlier of hearing "confidential" information relative to Cress' transfer. Cress said he believed that the 158th will remain at Camp Barkeley all winter.

Oct 14, 1941: Published in “The Abilene Morning Reporter News” entitled: BARKELEY ENLISTED GROUPS ORDERED TO SPECIAL SCHOOLS. Two groups of enlisted men of the 45th infantry division have been ordered to attend schools at Fort Sill and at the Normoyle QM depot at San Antonio. Ten men will leave Berkeley at 7 a. m., Oct. 18, for Fort Sill to attend the field artillery school for a period of 12 weeks. To attend a motor mechanics course are Sgt. John J. Burke, 160th field artillery; Pvt. Bill H. Smith, 189th field artillery, and Pvt. Olan F. Truitt, 158th field artillery. Scheduled to attend a battery mechanics course are Pvt. 1cl. Ellsworth V. Bell, 158th field artillery; and Pvt. Jim H. Muncrief, 160th field artillery. Communications course students will be 1st Sgt. James D. Moulton, headquarters battery, 70th field artillery brigade; Staff Sgt. Raymond Moraga, 158th field artillery; Sgt. Ben O. Flowers, 18th field artillery; Sgt. Robert B. Keller, 150th field artillery; and Sgt. Vrasida D. Stathos, 70th field artillery brigade. Nine men left camp Saturday to attend the quartermaster motor transport school at San Antonio. They were St. Sgt. Luther J. McNames, St. Sgt. Foster N. Gilbert, Corporals Chester A. Davis and Foster N. Gilbert, Privates First Class Keith M. Watrous, Guy W. Keeny and Clarence J. Needham, and Privates David R. Etheridge, and Celestine P. Centeno, all of the 120th quartermaster regiment. DISCHARGE PAPERS BEING PREPARED FOR STAFF SERGEANT, 52. In the process of receiving an honorable discharge at Camp Berkeley yesterday was a 52-year-old staff sergeant; William P. Spence, Anadarko, Okla. Spence has been supply sergeant with Battery “B”, 158th Field Artillery. Sergeant Spence was inducted Sept. 16, 1940, along with remainder of the 45th. His discharge was under provisions of recent war department decrees that men 28 or older be released. Another man being released yesterday for the same reason was Master Sgt. Dominic A. Scavarda, Pawhuska, Okla. Sergeant Scavarda plans to resume his position as accountant with the Osage Indian agency of the department of the interior with headquarters in Pawhuska. He has been on duty to the division surgeon's office since induction more than one year ago.

Oct 27, 1941: Published in “The Kingfisher Free Press” entitled: COUNTY SOLDIERS GET PROMOTIONS. Camp Barkeley, Tex., Oct. 27: Several Kingfisher county boys recently have received promotions. Lynn E. Scott, formerly a private, has been

promoted to a private first class with a third class specialist rating. Dale L. Barker, formerly a corporal, has been promoted to a sergeant. Norman E. Vaughn, formerly a private first class, has been promoted to a corporal. Kenneth G. Lorenz of Loyal has been promoted to a private first class with a third class specialist rating. Earnest E. Brooks of Dover, formerly a private first class, has been promoted to a corporal. Earl C. Rector of Cashion, formerly a private, has been promoted to a corporal. The men all are members of Headquarters battery, Second battalion, 158th field artillery.

Oct 28, 1941: Published in "The Dayton Ohio Journal" entitled: SERVICE NOTES: Ralph H. Mockabee, of Dayton, has been promoted to a first-class private with a fifth-class specialist rating, it was announced Monday. He is a member of the headquarters battery, Second battalion, 158th field artillery at Camp Barkeley, Tex.

Oct 30, 1941: Published in "The Mooreland Leader" entitled: JACK ALTENREID IS NOW A CORPORAL. A communication from the Press Section 45th. Division, Camp Bark-ley, Texas, dated Oct. 23, states that Jack J. Altenreid of Mooreland has been promoted to Corporal. Altenreid is a member of Head-quarters Battery, 2nd. Battalion, 158th. Field Artillery.

Oct 31, 1941: Published in "The Purcell Register" entitled: JOE ALLEN LOVE IS PROMOTED. A report received this week from Camp Barkeley, Texas, is to the effect that Joe Allen Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Love of Purcell, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Love, formerly a corporal, is a member of Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. He volunteered early this year. It was also reported that the application of Nunnery Wilson of Washington for appointment as army flying cadet had been approved. Wilson and 50 other flying cadets will report Monday in Oklahoma City for enlistment and assignment to flight training schools.

Nov 06, 1941: Published in "The Broken Arrow Ledger" entitled: McGECHIE PROMOTED. Camp Barkeley, Texas, Nov. 6,(Special). Arlin B. McGechie of Broken

Arrow has been promoted to a private first class with a fifth class specialist rating. McGechie is a member of Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. Published in “The Kingfisher Times” entitled: KINGFISHER TROOPS GET COMMENDATION. Camp Barkeley, Tex., Nov. 6. Not content with having drawn the commendation of Brigadier General Raymond S. McLain on the appearance of their battery area, members of Headquarters battery, Second battalion, 158th field artillery, have gone even further and turned their surrounding land into a veritable park. Chests swelled and eyes sparkled, when, after a regimental inspection several months ago, General McLain wrote the battery a letter commending them for the initiative displayed and interest taken in policing and landscaping their battery area. But that was quite a while ago when the grass which the soldiers had so laboriously planted had just begun to grow. Now the grass resembles a thick, luxurious green carpet and is enclosed by whitewashed stones and the men are just itching for another regimental inspection. The battery's home station is in Kingfisher.

Nov 10, 1941: Published in “The Kingfisher Free Press” entitled: LT.-COL. STEELE TO BE RETIRED. Lieutenant Colonel Clarence R. Steele, for eight years commanding officer of the second battalion of the 158th field artillery, is another of the Forty-fifth infantry division officers to be relieved from active service because of being over-age in rank. Colonel Steele will be relieved from duty November 20, but his service does not terminate until December 2. He will then return to his home in Kingfisher. Steele was county engineer for 20 years prior to induction. He will still have a representative in the Forty-fifth, however a son, Samuel R., staff sergeant in headquarters detachment, second battalion, 158th field artillery. Colonel Steele began his military service 20 years ago when he enlisted as a private in the 160th field artillery. He was commissioned a captain April 28, 1923, and named commander of second battalion headquarters battery of the 158th. Colonel Steele attended an artillery school of fire in 1928 and later was made commander of a firing battery. He continued in this command until 1933, when he was promoted to the rank of major. He became a lieutenant colonel August 1, 1940. Colonel Steele doesn't like the idea of being forced to the sidelines during the current emergency

and is hopeful that the army will need his services in some capacity with a station complement or as an engineering officer on army cantonment construction projects. The home of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Steele is on College hill, just east of Kingfisher.

Nov 16, 1941: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: 9 MEMBERS OF 158TH FA BAND IN AIR SCHOOLS. Camp Barkeley, Nov. 15 (Special) It might be that the 158th Field Artillery band has taken this "Keep 'Em Flying!" motto too seriously. Nine members of the outfit at September, 1940 induction, are now attending flying cadet schools; three have passed examinations for the flying cadet service and three more have entered applications to be flying non-coms. In view of this it is not amazing to observe that replacements have even had to come from Florida, California and Ohio to this Lawton, Okla., unit. With 15 men hepped on the subject of "Keep 'Em Flying!;" two transferred to the 18th FA band at Ft. Sill; another re-assigned to the regimental radio section; one applying for a warrant officer's job and two in the hospital, it remains one of the major mysteries of the 45th Infantry Division just how this outfit can keep up its seven-man jam sessions two times a week at officers' mess.

Nov 19, 1941: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: PRIVATE GUILTY OF BONER OF WEEK. Camp Barkeley, Tex., Nov. 19. (Special). Pvt. Charles Ott, of 2nd Battalion Headquarters battery, 158th Field Artillery, takes credit for the outstanding boner of the week. He left "strict orders" not to be disturbed. And he wasn't until Col. Grover C. Wamsley, regimental commander, walked into his tent. The colonel ducked a wild swing. Private Ott had mistaken him for a tentmate. Published in “The Fort Worth Star Telegram Evening Edition” entitled: 24 OFFICERS OF 45TH DIVISION ARE RELIEVED. Special to The Star-Telegram, Abilene, Nov. 19. A total of 24 officers, two lieutenant colonels, a major, six captains and 15 lieutenants, have been relieved from active duty with the 45th Division at Camp Barkley, under a War Department order designating maximum ages for rank, a survey showed Tuesday. Additional officers will be relieved as orders are received from Eighth Corps Area headquarters, Maj. Gen. William S. Key, division

commander, said. Lieut. Col. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Okla., 158th Field Artillery, will be retired Thursday. Lieut. Col. Walter M. Harrison, Oklahoma City, already has returned to his civilian post as managing editor of the Daily Oklahoman and Times. Maj. Howard Reed, Longmont, Colo., 157th Infantry, has been relieved and has returned home. Captains relieved are Paul E. Anderson, Anadarko, Okla., 158th Field Artillery; George O. Griffith, 180th Infantry; Capt. Aaron McCreary, Flagstaff, Ariz., 158th Infantry; Capt. Clark M. Cunningham, Oklahoma City school teacher, 45th Division Headquarters; Thomas W. Brown, Minco, Okla., 189th Field Artillery, and Capt. Roy W. Johnson, Albuquerque, N. M., 120th Engineers. McCreary was director of athletics at Arizona State of Flagstaff, and Johnson held the same position at the University of New Mexico, before federal induction. The first lieutenants and their organizations are Burton C. Tompkins, 157th Infantry; Willard L. Smith, 179th Infantry; Gorando G. Garcia, Las Cruces, N. M., 120th Engineers; John A. Pennington, 45th Signal Company; Earl T. Houk, 180th Infantry; Claude L. Hostetter, Claude, Okla., 158th Field Artillery, and Hezzie S. Bates, 180th Infantry. The second lieutenants: Gene C. Cunningham, 120th Engineers; Clarence R. Greenlee, 179th Infantry; Horace C. Goss, 189th Field Artillery; William I. Latham, 158th Infantry; Gaillard T. Castleberry, 179th Infantry; Irvin L. Davis, 179th Infantry; Oliver M. Beavers, 179th Infantry, and Thomas J. Phillips, 120th Engineers. Discharge of 28-year-old soldiers, and those with established hardship and dependency claims, has been ordered speeded up, General Key said, with Dec. 10 set as the date for final return of these groups to civilian life.

Nov 25, 1941: Published in “The Sioux City Journal” entitled: SIOUX CITYANS IN THE SERVICE. Camp Claiborne, La. Special: A farewell party for Sioux City men now being released from Headquarters Battery, Second battalion, 158th Field artillery was held in the mess hall here recently. Among those being released was Master Sergeant Theodore P. Burdick of Sioux City, who has completed 22 years in the national guard of Illinois and Iowa. Others were Technical Sergeant Milton R. Booker, Sergeant Francis T. Brower and Private Eugene Moore. Staff Sergeant Jack W. August of Sioux City will attend a communications school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. First Sergeant C. T. Malmstrom recently has returned to the battery

after having spent a seven-day furlough at his home in Oakdale, Ia.

Nov 27, 1941: Published in "The Duncan Eagle" entitled: EIGHT DUNCAN BOYS, 158TH FIELD ARTILLERY, RECEIVE PROMOTIONS. Camp Barkeley, Texas, Nov. 25. (Special), Eight Duncan members of Battery "F", 158th Field Artillery, were given promotions this week. Topping the list was Sgt. Felix H. Johnson who succeeded Alvin C. Ewald as first sergeant. Other promotions were: to be sergeants, Corporals Walter M. Sharp, Calvin C. Sims and Pvt. 1st Cl. Piner A. Wardlaw; to be corporals, Pvts. 1st Cl. William A. Snyder, Alflred E. Leigh and Elwayne L. Tilghman.

Dec 04, 1941: Published in "The Wichita Daily Times" entitled: BATTERY HAS PLENTY OF NEW MASCOTS. Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas, Dec. 4. (UP). If quantity is the guide-rule, the first battalion service battery of the 158th field artillery has outstripped all the other outfits in the 45th division for mascots. Pancho, its pet rooster, found a mate and the battery now has 12 baby chicks.

Dec 28, 1941: Published in "The Wichita Daily Times" entitled: FORMER PASTOR HERE TO SAIL WITH ARMY UNIT. Maj. H. A. Morton, a former pastor of Grace Methodist Church, stationed at Camp Barkeley, near Abilene, since September, 1940, has been sent with members of his unit, the 158th Field Artillery, to New Orleans, where it is to be dispatched to a noncombat zone under sealed orders, it was learned here Saturday. An Army chaplain, Morton received the rank of major in November. He had been stationed at Camp Barkeley all the time, with the exception of three months during maneuvers in Louisiana. He was pastor of Grace Methodist Church from 1933 to 1937. Mrs. Morton is residing with her mother, Mrs. P. Breckenridge, at Carnegie, Okla.

Jan 05, 1942: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: 24 OFFICERS OF 45TH DIVISION ARE REPLACED. Camp Barkeley, Tex., Jan. 5, (Special). Replacements for the 24 officers relieved last week because of over age in grade are being sent to the 45th Division by Eighth Corps area headquarters. Virtually all the over-age officers have either been transferred or restored to civilian life. Col.

Wamsley Relieved. Lt. Col. Edgar B. Ross, executive officer of the 158th FA regiment, has been acting commander since Col. Grover C. Wamsley was relieved. Two of the 24 officers affected were returned to inactive status. The other 22 were transferred to the Camp Barkeley station command. 24 Officers Relieved: The 24 officers relieved were: Colonel Wamsley, Lt. Col. Roy H. Cox, executive officer of the 90th Infantry Brigade, Lt. Col. Richard F. Grinstead, division ordnance officer, Lt. Col. Abe Herskowitz, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 179th Infantry, Lt. Col. Joe J. Miller, S-3 of the 90th Infantry Brigade, Lt. Col. Turner Roark, commander of the 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry, Major Richard H. Cloyd, 120th Engineers, Major Henry G. White, 189th Field Artillery, Capt. Clay W. Brion, 160th Field Artillery, Capt. Ab Jolly, 179th Infantry, Capt. Edgar L. Lowgance, 179th Infantry, Capt. Richard F. Lush, 120th Quartermaster regiment, Capt. James H. Maloney, 180th Infantry, 1st Lt. Earl T. Houk, 180th Infantry, 1st Lt. John D. Jorden, 120th Quartermaster regiment, 1st Lt. Thomas R. Parker, 180th Infantry, 1st Lt. Harry R. Phillips, 120th Engineers, 1st Lt. Martin W. Steward, 158th Field Artillery, 1st Lt. Paul B. Terry, 180th Infantry, 1st Lt. Gordon F. Wonder, 158th Field Artillery, 2nd Lt. Walter J. Brady, 169th Field Artillery, 2nd Lt. William W. Hugill, 120th Quartermaster regiment, Capt. Richard F. Jones, 180th Infantry.

Jan 27, 1942: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: 158TH STARTS FIRING TESTS AT FORT SILL. Camp Barkeley, Texas, Jan. 27 (Special). Two field artillery units of the 45th Infantry Division were scheduled to begin GHQ firing tests at Fort Sill, Okla., this week. They are the 1st Battalion of the 158th Field Artillery and the 2nd Battalion of the 189th Field Artillery, which will spend nearly a month in rigorous training and marksmanship at the Oklahoma post. The two outfits are swapping places with the 160th Field Artillery and the 1st Battalion of the 189th Field Artillery, which have been going through the same thing at Sill for the past several weeks. Also working on the field tests with the latter units has been the 3rd Battalion of the 157th Infantry. It has been a sort of homecoming for the men going to Fort Sill. It was there that the 45th began its training in September, 1940. The outfits taking the tests there during this period even are occupying the same tent area in which they lived a year ago.

Feb 03, 1942: Published in “The Fort Worth Star-Telegram” entitled: COL. GROVER C. WAMSLEY ORDERED TRANSFERRED. Abilene, Feb. 3., Col. Grover C. Wamsley, commander of the 158th Field Artillery since 1935, has been ordered to VIII Corps Area headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, on temporary duty, Camp Barkeley headquarters announced Tuesday. Colonel Wamsley, banker and lawyer at Anadarko, Okla., in civil life, formerly commanded the 45th Division's 158th Field Artillery. Two other officers, Capt. Richard F. Lush and First Lieut. John D. Jorden, formerly with the 120th Quartermaster Regiment, have been ordered to duty at Camp Wallace.

Feb 20, 1942: Published in “The Camp Barkeley News” entitled: Tournament Schedule (Top Left) Barkeley Basketball: CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT(OPEN TO LOSERS OF FIRST ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES. 15 Teams Are Declared Ready For First Games, Friday's card shows: 120th Quartermaster vs. 120th Medical regiment; 120th Engineers vs. 157th Infantry; 179th Infantry vs. 180th Infantry; 158th F. A. vs. 160th F. A.; 189th F. A. vs. Special Troops; Station Hospital vs. 645th Tank Destroyer; 1851st Service Command Headquarters detachment vs. 1851st Quartermaster detachment. The MRTC five drew a bye. Announcement (Bottom Left) Members of Battery “B”, 158th F. A., who were married within the past two weeks are: Pfc. Clarence Pipestem, Pfc. Raymond McCowan, and Pfc. Byron Bird. Radio Schedule (Bottom Right) In Camp This Week RADIO BROADCASTS (Broadcasts listed are on KRBC, Abilene) THURSDAY 7:10 Camp Barkeley News.7:30 Bill King, Song. 7:45 158th F. A. Orchestra.

Mar 10, 1942: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: BOYS IN THE SERVICE. Sgt. L. L. (Lum) LaRue jr. has sent his parents a pennant showing how the old Clinton national guard outfit (158th field artillery) feels about its warring ability. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. LaRue sr., 220 north Eighteenth, will have this red, white and blue pennant on their front room wall: The Boys the Japs Don't Want to Meet! 158 F. A., 45th Div. Sgt. LaRue, 19 years old, went into army service when the

Clinton national guard unit, a part of the 158th field artillery, was called into service. He is one of the few original Clinton guard members still in the outfit.

Mar 25, 1942: Published in "The Modesto Bee" entitled: SOLDIER DESCRIBES HIS LIFE IN THE CANAL ZONE. Editor of The Bee; Sir: It has come to my attention several of the fellows in service here have been writing periodically to their home town papers, where their letters have been received with much interest. I thought it might be a good idea to give you a little of the lowdown on an artillery soldier's life in Panama. I was inducted March 10, 1941, by the local board in Riverbank, having been a resident of Modesto for the past fifteen years and attending the public schools. I received my training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and on July 21, 1941, was transferred to Camp Barkeley, Texas, as a radio operator in "A" Battery, 158th Field Artillery. I arrived there in time to take part in the large scale army maneuvers in Louisiana. The experience received there is now proving very valuable. On December 24th, I again was transferred to Headquarters Battery, Second Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, and we left Camp Barkeley on December 26th, destination unknown. We sailed from New Orleans on the (censored) of January and arrived in the Canal Zone on the morning of the (censored). We set up our camp in the interior of Panama, which at that time appeared to be little more than a massive jungle. The natives here seem very friendly to the soldiers, and some of them keep us supplied with the fruit of the jungles by bringing it into camp and selling it for a very, very small price. They have an abundant supply of bananas, coconuts and oranges. However, the oranges cannot compare with those at home. As far as our activities here are concerned, we work only in the mornings, as it is too warm for a white man to work effectively in the afternoons. The nature of our activities, of course, cannot be disclosed. But you can rest assured we are prepared for anything. Most of our spare time is consumed by the entertainment facilities provided here in camp, such as our canteen, ice cream parlor and movies. We also spend a great deal of time swimming in the good old Pacific. LEE HUNT, Camp Paraiso, Panama, C. Z.

Mar 26, 1942: Published in "The Duncan Eagle" entitled: MARSHALL'S BATTERY "E" WINS $50 FIRST PRIZE. Chalk up another honor for Stephens county and the 158th

Field Artillery. "It's not a military secret" that two Duncan boys are happy under the sweltering sun down in the Panama Canal. First Lieutenant John W. Marshall, temporarily in command of Battery “E”, 158th F. A., and Lieut. Lynn Frensley, who had charge of the drilling, had the full responsibility of the battery's showing in a recent parade and review in which Battery “E” pulled down the $50 prize for first place. Marshall gives Frensley much of the credit for the diligence with which he drilled the boys. The Duncan soldiers are now stationed at Camp Paraiso, Canal Zone. Judge and Mrs. J. W. Marshall had sent their son pictures of the snow here, and in his letter he said "the snow scenes had an inviting coolness" what with his roasting with his shirt off.

Apr 08, 1942: Published in “The Southwestern” entitled: OUR BOYS WRITE TO THEM. Corp. Ed Boyd, Btry, 5 158 FA, Camp Paraiso, Canal Zone: "—The entire group of us that went to Fort Sill in September 1940, are still together. I am afraid though that a year and one-half of living in tents, sleeping on the ground, and all of the other things a field soldier has to do, have changed them quite a bit from the boys who used to be on the campus of old Southwestern. However, when a group gets together stories usually start out with 'When I was in school back at S. W.'—" "Tell Mr. Guffy and all my other friends and instructors 'Hello' for me. Would like to write them all but haven't the time." Dick Folks, Btry. “D” 158 FA, Camp Paraiso, Canal Zone: "It really seems like we are on a vacation now, but I believe most of us are ready for it to end and all come home. "—It's about chow time and that's one formation I try to make on time."

Apr 17, 1942: Published in “The Camp Barkeley News” entitled: 45th DIVISION NEWS. Article: Beer's Gone Up, Hays Pays $20 (Top Left). Beer's Gone Up, Hays Pays $20. Sgt. Gilbert G. Hays, Service Btry., 158th F.A., isn't certain whether he paid ten cents for a glass of beer or 20 dollars, while coming home from his furlough. After Hays arrived in camp he found that he was short a 20 dollar bill, and the only answer he could find for the loss was that he had passed the bill out when paying for a glass of beer, mistaking the bill for a one spot. Article: Furlough Marriage Joke (Top Right): After returning from a furlough recently, Sgt. Gilbert G. Hays, Service

Btry., 158th F. A., was asked by one of his mates if he'd been married while at home. "Almost," replied the sarge, "two of us were willing, me and the preacher." Article: Quarantine Furlough (Bottom Left). Pvt. Isidore Kravitz, Btry. “B”, 158th F.A., arrived in Chicago on a ten-day furlough. When he walked into the house he found the family doctor standing in the parlor. "I'm sorry to say," the doctor announced, "but this house is under quarantine for German measles." Kravitz spent a quiet furlough at home. Article: Door to Door Delivery (Bottom Right)
Pvt. George Bright, Btry. “B”, 158th F. A., chartered a plane from Toledo, Ohio, to Camp Barkeley last week, anticipating door to door delivery. The Army, however, interrupted Bright's plans. When he landed in Fort Worth, several army officers took the plane, informing Bright that it was required for official business.

Nov 02, 1942: Published in “The Daily Oklahoman” entitled: SIX STATE MEN GET PROMOTIONS. With the 45th Division, (Special.), Six Oklahomans have been promoted and one designated for officer training, division headquarters announced Sunday. Delbert C. Gambill, Perry, was promoted to sergeant; William A. Smith, Perry, to technician grade 4; William U. Miller, Jay, and Hugh E. Sinclair, Perry, to corporal, and Jack C. Colvin, Perry, to technician grade 5 in Battery “C”, 158th field artillery, and Robert Wilson, Okemah, to technician grade 5 in Company C, 180th infantry regiment. Selected to attend field artillery officer candidate school at Fort Sill was Cpl. Wesley E. Cole, Perry, of Battery “C”, 158th field artillery.

Dec 15, 1942: Published in “The Daily Oklahoman” entitled: SANTA IS FINDING MAIL FROM 45TH HIGHLY PUZZLING. Post office Crew Still Upset Over Letter: To Igloo 316 but Real Author Is Found. By Don Robinson. Pine Camp, N. Y., Dec. 14. (Special.) The 45th division's post office crew, used to most anything, still was upset this week after it received from the 158th field artillery a letter addressed to Santa Claus, Igloo No. 316, North Pole. Permission was obtained to open the thing, and it turned out to be signed Corp. Jeff Sanders, Hennessey, service battery, 158th field artillery battalion. "Dear Santa," the letter began. "I am a corporal, 19 years old, and I have been a very good soldier the past year. I drive a jeep for Capt. George W. Nikkel, Weatherford, commander of our battery. "We find when on a tactical

problem, the first thing we are required to do after the rendezvous area is reached is to dig a fox hole. The captain and I both ranging 6 feet 3 inches, would like to know if it would be asking too much to have you send us a rotary ditching machine." Investigation showed the real author of the letter to be Corp. Edward Junk, Shawnee, of the same outfit. His face will be rubbed in the snow. Christmas mail presented a problem to LeRoy Hunt, both of battery “C”, 158th Field artillery, and Perry. Their mail contained a rag doll, sent by a Perry admirer. The boys hid the doll from the not-too-understanding men of the battery, in Sergeant Gates' foot locker. Then came Saturday... and locker inspection. Men Get Their Mail: Meanwhile, Sergt. Wayne Haen, Tonkawa, a pastry chef in civil life, and one who usually does his writing on cakes, was disturbed because the boys in his outfit got no mail. He sat down and wrote letters to all men in the battery. "They looked so sad, I had to do something," said Haen. Over in battery B, 189th field artillery, a field problem was going on, and Sergt. Howard Simpson, Chickasha, was making a tour of the area. He heard a sweet feminine voice coming from a fox hole. Avoiding apoplexy by counting 10, the sergeant approached as the voice said "...and two teaspoons of butter mixed into the batter." Paratrooper Practice: "Turn that radio off," the sergeant told Pvt. Charles Makuh, Belden, Ill., comforted to find that no one had brought a wife to the field. Battery A, same outfit, has a man who wants to join the paratroopers, and is doing something about it. He's Corp. Gerald Robinson, 2408 Aurora court, Oklahoma City, and he spends his evenings clad in long underwear, boots, leggings, helmet and full pack, with an imitation parachute rip cord attached, vow his companions. He leaps from the top of a locker, counts 10, and pulls the cord. That's all there is to it. No Chow Whistle Blows: No chow whistle ever blows in battery “C”, 158th field artillery, where Mess Sergt. Weldon Smith, Perry, makes the rounds of the barracks, personally inviting the men to dinner. Everyone eats. No one would risk hurting Smith's feelings by refusing his invitation. This month, Sergt. Charles L. Highfill, headquarters, 171st field artillery, received $124 in $1 bills at the pay table. His commander, Capt. J. M. Langford, Enid, said Highfill always comes around asking him to change bills, so. Wrong Lead: Another first sergeant, Dan W. Thomas, company D, 179th infantry regiment, used to be a deputy sheriff at Little Axe, Okla. He must have mentioned the fact

too often. Anyway, the boys have presented him with a big star, engraved, "The Law—Little Axe." Sergt. Ogle J. Jones, company B, same regiment, a Knowles soldier, no longer takes popular music seriously. He took a furlough, and vows he spent it trying to accept the invitation "when you're in Hoboken, drop in for a moment on Rosita, etc. O'Toole." No such person in Hoboken, reports Jones.

Jun 13, 1943: Published in “The Victoria Daily Advocate” entitled: OFFICER PROFILE. Commanding officer of the 481st SEFT Squadron is Major William C. Cooley, a native Oklahoman and a veteran of World War I. The major was born in Gashion, Oklahoma, graduated from high school in Snyder, and attended the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. Major Cooley's service record began in World War I, when he enlisted with Company E of the Oklahoma 19th Infantry. He served with this organization until the end of the war. After five years spent in agricultural work, the major enlisted with Battery F of the 158th Field Artillery and was assigned to combat training. The following year he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Oklahoma National Guard and assigned to battery duty. In 1929, he was promoted to the rank of captain and assigned to staff duty. Former Artillery Officer: The major returned to active service in September, 1940, when the 158th Field Artillery was called to action. In December, 1941, he was transferred to the Air Corps Replacement Center at Kelly Field, Texas. In January, 1942, he was transferred to the Lake Charles Army Flying School in Louisiana as commanding officer of the 484th SEFT Squadron. He continued as commander of the 484th until September of the same year when he was assigned to his present command of the 481st SEFT Squadron. He came to Aloe upon the field's activation in January of this year. Major Cooley is married to the former Miss Sally Jo Holbrooks of Abilene, Texas, and at present lives in Victoria with his wife and three children.

Jul 08, 1943: Published in “The Kingfisher Times” entitled: COUNTY SOLDIERS HOME FROM CANAL. Get Furloughs After 18 Months In Panama. Monday night and Tuesday brought joyful reunions in many Kingfisher county homes as members of the old second battalion, 158th field artillery, arrived here on 20-day furloughs after spending about 18 months in Panama, including the Canal Zone. All started

at the same time from Fort Ord, Calif., where they landed after their eventful trip from Central America aboard the largest U. S. army transport. Some, however, left the train to take busses for quicker arrival. The battalion was pulled out of Oklahoma's own Forty-fifth division December 12, 1941. Though the battalion number has changed, and there have been a lot of changes in personnel, a large part of the boys who landed in California last week are still Oklahomans. Belonged To Guard: Most of the group came from Kingfisher, Clinton, Weatherford, and Duncan. The commanding officer is Lieutenant Colonel Charley Ray Taylor of Oklahoma City. All were members of the national guard on mobilization day. The people in Panama were pretty jittery during the first few months after Pearl Harbor, with frequent alerts and careful watching on the part of the armed forces. In recent months, however, routine guarding of transports and similar duties comprised the battalion's activities. The Canal Zone is now regarded as one of the best fortified spots in the world. Several of the Kingfisher county boys have previously arrived back in the states to take officer training. Of the remainder, nearly all advanced to the rank of corporal or sergeant. List Published: It has not been possible on short notice for this newspaper to assemble a complete list of those who are home on furloughs. Following is a partial list, and anyone knowing the names and ranks of others who should have been included are requested to notify the newspaper office at once so a supplemental list can be published in Monday's Free Press. Master Sergeants: Max M. Pappe, Samuel Robert Steele. First Sergeant: Leonard M. Walter. Staff Sergeants: Glenard M. Lorenz, Loyal; Kenneth Biehler, OMEGA; John M. Cerny, Dale L. Barker. Sergeant Technicians: Earl C. Rector, Cashion; Norman Vaughn, Henry A. Ring, Frank Porter, Leon Linton. Technical Sergeants: Jack C. Smith, John O'Niel. Corporal Technicians: Maurice Beck, Dover; Jesse Weimer, Loyal; Ernest Long, Louis W. Pfleuger. Private: A. P. Goodwin, Jr. Gene Koen, Loyal (rank not learned).

Jan 18, 1944: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: CAPT. CAIN’S IDENTITY CLEARED UP BY LETTER. The identity of Capt. Clarence O. Cain, recipient of an Air Medal decoration for outstanding service as an aerial observer, has been cleared up; thanks to a Constitution reader in the Panama Canal Zone. The reader

is a Lawtonian, Lt. Col. Merl R. Warren, 807 Bell avenue, who is in the general staff corps in Panama. Here is Col. Warren's letter: "Running through the columns of the Constitution of December 5, I ran across your article in the left hand column of the front page about 'County Soldier Missing in Italy.' Under the sub-heading of 'Two Lawtonians Decorated,' there is an announcement of the award of the Air Medal to a Captain Clarence O. Cain. I am writing this to give you more information relative to this officer, in view of the statement that the identity of this officer was not known. "Capt. Cain (then second lieutenant) was inducted into the service with Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, a unit of the Oklahoma National Guard of the 45th Division on September 16, 1940. Cain was a member of this unit from Kingfisher, Okla. His home is at Ryan, Okla., and his family is there now. At the time the Oklahoma National Guard was called into service Cain was living in Kingfisher. However, after the division moved to Fort Sill for their preliminary training, Cain gave Lawton as his official voting home, as his family had moved to Ryan, and there was no assurance that the Division would be moved from Fort Sill during the anticipated year's service. "After the Division was moved to Camp Barkeley, Texas, Cain was transferred to the Air Corps for flight training in December, 1941. That same month, I, together with others, was shipped to foreign service apart from the division. Cain trained as an observer at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas. In June of 1943, I ran into Cain here. He is stationed nearby. On October 28, 1943, he was decorated with the Air Medal for his services as an aerial observer. He has just recently recovered from an operation for appendicitis. Perhaps this information can be used to clear up the identity of this officer. "Arthur Marshall, now a colonel of Engineers, lives in the next quarters to mine. I discovered an article about him in your "This was News Twenty Years Ago" feature and called his attention to it. Now, I save all my papers for him. The papers are from three weeks to a month old when I get them, but they are like a visit with old friends, and make it possible to keep up with the things and friends there during this long enforced absence. After two years in the tropics I'm wondering whether or not I could survive an Oklahoma winter. I'd like to have the opportunity to try it again, anyway."

Jan 31, 1944: Published in “The Newark Advocate” entitled: OUR MEN IN SERVICE. By Clara Belle Klingler. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kessmeier recently received the soldier's medal, awarded their son, CHARLES J. KESSMEIER, second lieutenant, attached to the 158th Field Artillery battalion, for heroism, not in action, July 27, 1943, in Sicily. Upon seeing an observation type aircraft crash into the sea about 1000 yards off an undisclosed shore, Kessmeier unhesitatingly and without regard for his personal safety, went to the assistance of two soldiers who had managed to clear the sinking aircraft, both of whom were slightly injured and near exhaustion. Second Lieutenant Kessmeier, with the assistance of an enlisted man and by using empty water cans as life preservers, succeeded in bringing the drowning man safely to shore, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Kessmeier on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. He entered the military service Feb. 25, 1942, while in the employ of the Heisey Glass company.

Nov 08, 1944: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE. Transferred: RALPH V. SMITH. Pfc. Ralph Vernon Smith spent ten days in Lawton recently prior to reporting for duty at Camp Hood, Tex., where he was transferred from Fort Sill. Originally a member of the 158th Field Artillery band with the 45th Division, Pvt. Smith was discharged and later joined the 18th Field Artillery band which is now the 179th Army Ground Forces band at Fort Sill. At Camp Hood he will be a member of Hq. Btry., 443rd FA Bn., serving as mail clerk and assistant to the supply sergeant. A Lawton high school graduate, Pvt. Smith played with the band here. His father, Len Smith, a former Lawton resident, now lives in Ventura, Cal. His mother, Mrs. Olaf Nordamn, is the wife of a Fort Meade, Md. army officer. Wife of the young soldier is the former Miss Louie Ruth Cannon, who is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Cannon, 413 Lee, for the duration of the war.

Jan 01, 1945: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARDSMEN IN 158TH F.A. GOING STRONG AFTER OVER 365 DAYS IN LINE. Going Strong After Over 365 Days in Line, Southwest Oklahomans have preserved sense of humor through toughest battles. By Pfc. Robert Perkins. With the

Seventh Army, France. The unholy cry echoed and reached through the Sicilian night. Men on duty at the guns grabbed for their carbines, computers in the fire direction tent looked up in alarm, guards on duty released the safety on their guns, and the first sergeant with his .45 in hand dashed out to investigate. When normalcy was finally established, it was determined that a guard on the outpost had not been strangled to death by a Kraut or Krauts, but that a sad faced donkey, lost in the confusion of battle, had merely expressed his forlornness to the world. Today when going gets tough, members of the 158th field artillery battalion still recall this incident which occurred on the first night after the invasion of Sicily. At that time they were neophytes, fresh from the states. Since then there has been Bloody Ridge, Salerno, Venafro, Anzio, Southern France and today they are feeling the might of counter-battery fire from the Siegfried line. Of National Guard origin: The 158th field artillery battalion, a 105mm. howitzer outfit, was activated in 1921 as the First battalion, 158th field artillery regiment, an Oklahoma national guard unit. In 1942 the battalion was re-designated as the 158th field artillery battalion. Embarking on June 3, 1943, the unit sailed for north Africa. On the tenth of July an assault landing was made on Sicily. A rapid advance up the northern coast followed with participation in the battle of Bloody Ridge. On Sept. 10 the battalion landed near Salerno, playing a major role in the battle of the Sele river, where its artillery fire directed by the battalion commander from a cub observation plane aided in stopping an all-out German counterattack which threatened the safety of the operation. After Salerno there was the crossing of the Volturno, and then the mountains of Venafro on the to Cassino. Anzio was roughest: Following a short rest, the battalion landed on the beachhead at Anzio, suffered its heaviest casualties during a bombing raid the first night and participated in its hardest battle on February 15-18 when the allies successfully stopped the all-out drive of the Germans to annihilate the beachhead forces. After the break-through it participated in the advance to Rome, and was relieved following the capture of the Holy City. Loading again, it made another assault landing near St. Tropez in southern France on Aug. 15 with the Seventh army forces. Following the rapid advance through southern France, the Seventh broke onto the Rhine, bringing the Oklahoma battalion its closest to the ultimate goal; Berlin. With over 365 days of

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Feb 16, 1945: Published in “45th Division News” entitled: BY THE RIGHT FLANK! The CP of Btry. “B”, 158th FA, was usually filled with eager artillerymen for each news broadcast, all of them wanting to know how the Russians were coming along. Finally, Capt. G.C. Tompkins, El Paso, policed up a small blackboard, hung it outside the tent. And posted the milage to Berlin with chalk. Pfc. Michael La Rossa and Pfc. Ed Johnson, both from Providence, R.I., and both from Btry. “B”, 158th FA., came back from their Paris leaves with black lace dance sets, ten dollars each. Pfc. Robert Neely, New Kensington, Pa., Btry. “A”, 158th FA., isn't bucking for a Section 8. He claims he got those paper dolls in a package from home. A fire mission one recent dark night was delayed a few minutes by Pfc. Bill Montgomery, Comanche, Okla., and Pvts. Louis Berticini, New Haven, Conn., and Wallace Barker, Battlegrounds, Wash., all of Btry. “A”, 158th FA. They couldn't find their gun in the dark.

Apr 23, 1945: Published in “The Tonkawa News” entitled: TONKAWAN'S UNIT IS PRESENTED PLAQUE. With the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the Seventh Army in Germany. The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque was recently presented to the 158th Field Artillery Battalion Service Battery by Major General Robert T. Frederick, Commanding General of the 45th Infantry Division, for its superior performance of difficult tasks since the invasion of southern France. Each member of the battery is entitled to wear the insignia, a golden yellow cloth wreath, on his right sleeve. During the speedy drive up from the Riviera the Service Battery maintained a constant flow of supplies to the other units of the artillery battalion despite the handicaps of distance, weather and terrain. Sometimes the forward units moved so rapidly it was necessary to haul rations and ammunition anywhere from 100 to 300 miles. The citation reads: "Yet the battery fulfilled its assignment with the maximum of efficiency, working long hours to maintain vehicles in working order and sacrificing their own comfort and rest to insure the prompt delivery of supplies and repair of equipment." When the enemy resistance stiffened it was necessary to use some of the officers in other capacities. This put additional duties and responsibilities on the enlisted men's shoulders, but they accepted them in a cheerful manner. "This the citation noted, "Assured the continued efficient performance of their duties." It concluded with, "The superior performance of the unit during this period reflects credit upon each individual of the Service Battery." S-Sgt. Wayne J. Haen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haen, 212 South 5th, Tonkawa, Okla., is a member of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Apr 26, 1945: Published in “The Duncan Eagle” entitled: NEWS OF MEN IN KHAKI AND BLUE. Capt. Ira S. Hayes, of Duncan, husband of Mrs. Ira S. Hayes of Marlow, is a member of the 158th Field Artillery battalion which recently received the Meritorious service unit plaque for its superior performance of difficult tasks since invasion of Southern France. The battalion is with the Seventh Army in Germany.

May 31, 1945: Published in “The 45th Division News” entitled: ARTICLE SNIPPETS. The paper-happy, stamp-happy German civilians who pester Btry. “C”, 158th FA Bn. for passes aren't satisfied unless the paper bears an "official stamp". Captain

George Tompkins solved that by using the outfit's censor stamp on all passes. First Lt. JAMES DEPURRY, 158th FA.: I was on my way back from my first flight over Germany, flying along at about 4000 feet, when something big and black sailed past my wing, on the way down. I kept on until more objects whizzed past me, then I started a dive toward the ground. I had no idea what it was all about, as the ceiling that day was only 5000 feet. Later I found that the pieces were parts of the Libs and fighters that had crashed together over me. First Lt. HERBERT McCORKLE, 158th FA.: My worst day started when my outfit moved into a new CP site outside Nuremberg. We were shelled pretty heavily. A little later I was up registering fire when ME's were reported in the area. I dived, but pulled out too fast and broke my throttle rod, had to make a forced landing. Got it fixed up OK and returned to the field. Later that afternoon I was flying cover for an armored column on the autobahn when two ME's started chasing me. I pulled off to the side on their first pass, and on their second run dived under them. By that time the ground fire was heavy enough to make them forget about me.

Jul 13, 1945: Published in “The Mansfield News Journal” entitled: EX-POLICEMAN RETURNS FROM EUROPE’S BIGGEST BATTLES. Lt. Colby Took Part In Two Years of Most Intensive Fighting, Received Wounds, Was Cited for Heroism. "I'm no hero . . . all the heroes are still over there." That's the opinion expressed by Second Lt. William M. Colby, 34, former Mansfield police officer, veteran of two years of the most intensive fighting of the European war, and former prisoner of the Germans. Colby returned home Wednesday for a 60-day visit with his wife, Mrs. Donna Colby, 25 East Arch street, and his mother, Mrs. Elsie R. Colby, 251 Glessner avenue. Although Colby wears the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action, the Purple Heart, and the Presidential Unit citation, he places his personal role in the war in the background, a reaction to the ill fortune of his division in the matter of loss of human life. Colby was attached to the 158th Field Artillery battalion, 45th division of the Seventh army. According to him, the 45th suffered more casualties than any other division in the E.T.O., with the exception of the Third division of the same army. "We used to wonder a little when we'd read in the papers that a certain division was advancing without much opposition," Colby said. "No matter how well

the battle is going, it's always a tough battle for the man who gets hit. You just can't get away from the individual soldier in warfare." In 1943, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio were, what the Germans believed, impregnable regions of defense. Colby was among those American soldiers who disproved that theory. "I think of all the battles, southern France included, the roughest (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3). NOTE TO READERS: Page 3 was not found, incomplete article.

Sep 12, 1945: Published in “The Wichita Daily Times” entitled: MANY TROOPS DUE AT PORTS TODAY. (By The Associated Press). More than 27,000 U.S. troops are scheduled to arrive at east coast ports today from Europe aboard 14 troop-carrying vessels. Another ship is due at Los Angeles, bringing home from the Pacific an undisclosed number of servicemen. Seven vessels will dock at New York, four at Newport News, Va., and three at Boston. Designations and army units of troops arriving include: At New York Aboard John Ericsson (7,254 troops): Engineer maintenance company 675th, 676th ordnance ammunition companies 938th, 3413th ordnance heavy automotive maintenance companies; 3004th, 3265th ordnance base depot companies; 167th ordnance bomb disposal squadron 560th, 556th, 553rd, 551st transportation corps port companies, 3129th, 4411th, 4412th, 4413th, 4414th, 4417th quartermaster service companies 954th quartermaster company 391st, 394th, 3416th, 3560th, 3698th, 4315th quartermaster truck companies 617 quartermaster depot supply company 291st quartermaster refrigerating company 783rd military police battalion 87th, 107th, 319th army postal units; 41st, 42nd military police detachments 515th, 669th medical clearing companies 136th, 137th evacuation hospitals 81st field artillery battalion Headquarters and headquarters detachments of 1156th, 1162nd engineer combat groups 611th engineer company; 997th engineer maintenance company 3543rd, 3547th ordnance medium automotive maintenance company. Aboard Marine Panther (2,940 troops): Units from the 45th division: 158th, 160th, 171st, 189th field artillery battalions, 45th counterintelligence detachment, Military police platoon Headquarters and headquarters battery 120th medical battalion. Other New York Arrivals: Aboard Torrens: 2,004 troops for reassignment or separation. Aboard Oneida Victory: 1,922 troops, including members of headquarters and

headquarters company of the 6th armored division. Aboard Frederick Victory: 1,975 troops, including members of postal detachment headquarters company of 69th infantry division and 103rd infantry division. Aboard Lambert Cadwalder: 746 miscellaneous troops. Aboard General Exminister: 33 miscellaneous troops. At Boston Aboard General Richardson (5,611 troops): 3220th signal service company, 981st, 982nd, 984th engineer maintenance companies 519th medical collection company (separate) 551st engineer heavy pontoon battalion 3543rd, 3547th ordnance medium automotive maintenance companies 649th, 3560th quartermaster truck companies 43rd general hospital 675th, 676th ordnance ammunition companies 935th, 938th, 964th, 3413th ordnance heavy automotive maintenance companies 1368th engineer depot truck company 80th station hospital 3265th, 3004th ordnance base depot companies 3129th, 4411th, 4412th, 4413th, 4414th, 4417th quartermaster service companies Aboard General Callan (3,764 troops): Rear detachments of 4373rd, 4374th quartermaster bakery companies 4364th, 4365th, 4356th, 4358th quartermaster bakery companies Rear detachment of 2726th engineer light equipment company 611th, 612th engineer light equipment companies, 294th ordnance medium maintenance company 29th signal light construction battalion 648th, 650th, 653rd quartermaster truck companies 123rd, 679th ordnance ammunition companies 221st general hospital 3263rd ordnance base depot company 783rd military police battalion (zone of the interior) Advance detachment of 17th airborne division Rear detachment of ground forces replacement command, reinforcement company E. Published in “The Fort Worth Star Telegram” entitled: 45TH ARRIVING; TEXANS MAY GO TO CAMP BOWIE. By Byron C. Utecht. New York, Sept. 11. The 45th Division, which trained at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and which gave the world a saga which began in North Africa and ended only after Germany folded up, will soon be home. Some units of the division reached Boston Monday, while Wednesday 3,000 men of the famous organization will arrive at the port of New York. Nearly 8,000 more will arrive here Friday. They will be transferred immediately to Camp Kilmer, N. J., and after a brief processing stay will go to their nearest reception stations. The Texas contingent is likely to entrain for Camp Bowie at Brownwood. Arriving on the Marine Panther Wednesday will be the 158th, 160th, 171st and 189th Field Artillery Battalions, and

several other units. The Aquitania will reach port Friday with nearly 8,000 of the division, including the 179th and 180th Regiments, the 99th and 10th General Hospital Units, the 328th Medical Unit and 313 Wacs. It was not known Monday at the port whether any general officer would accompany the 45th troops. Known throughout the United Nations as "The Thunderbirds," the division is made up of soldiers from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. Texas' 36th Division made history at Salerno; the 45th also was at Salerno and it was this division that rolled back the German tide at the bridgehead. Before then the men of the 45th made an amphibious attack upon Sicily, cutting the island in half. In the Italian campaign the division marched 140 miles in 14 days, fighting constantly, capturing 6,000 prisoners, six towns, eight giant tanks and huge stores. The division charged up San Stefano three different times in order to dislodge the enemy. One of the men, Sgt. Herb Fish, Canon City, Colo., killed eight Germans with eight bullets. After the training period at Barkeley the division sailed for North Africa, reaching Oran June 22, 1943. In 1944 it was much of the time with the 36th Division. The division was commanded at Camp Barkeley by Maj. Gen. William S. Key. Maj. Gen. (now lieutenant general) Troy H. Middleton commanded the 45th in North Africa and was succeeded by Maj. Gen. Robert T. Frederick. The 45th served with the 7th Army on the Western Front. The New York port of embarkation is an institution of gigantic proportions. When the war was in full swing it had 62,000 military and civilian employes. Its Army base is in Brooklyn, and its ramifications extend for 100 miles. One Army base warehouse in Brooklyn will hold 450 freight cars. During the war it had been handling 10,000,000 letters and 5,000,000 magazines and pamphlets monthly for soldiers. The port will be busy receiving men from Europe until February, but the job doesn't cease then, for there will be replacements for the Army of Occupation in Europe.

Nov 16, 1945: Published in “The Enid Morning News” entitled: WOODWARD ASKS FOR OLD U. S. GUARD UNIT. Woodward, Nov. 14 (Special) Woodward’s application for its spot in the Oklahoma National Guard is on file in the adjutant general’s department in Oklahoma City. This announcement was made today by the Chamber of Commerce with the appointment of a special committee to act in the

matter: Vance Terry, Carl Ticer and Robert H. Leslie. The application, it was disclosed, has been on file for several months. Woodward was the home of Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, which was inducted into the U. S. army on September 16, 1940, and became a part of the 45th division overseas. It's captain was Capt. Wilson Riley of this city, now a lieutenant-colonel and back home recently. The unit was in camp here in training at Boiling Springs State park prior to entering the service.

Jun 23, 1946: Published in "The Duncan Daily Banner" entitled: COL. PAUL SCHEEFERS NAMED OFFICER FOR 158TH BATTALION. Col. Paul E. Scheefers, 1107 Cedar, who received several decorations while serving overseas with the 45th Division, was named commanding officer of the 158th field artillery battalion yesterday by Gov. Robert S. Kerr. Col. Scheefers is with the Halliburton company in the standards department. He entered active military service at the outbreak of the war with the 158th field artillery battalion which was originally composed of Stephens county men.

Jun 27, 1946: Published in "The Duncan Eagle" entitled: PAUL SCHEEFERS NAMED 45TH DIVISION OFFICER. Gov. Robert S. Kerr has named Col. Paul E. Scheefers, 1107 Cedar, commanding officer of the 158th field artillery battalion of the 45th division. Col. Scheefers entered the war at the outbreak with the 158th field artillery battalion, which was composed largely of men from his county and surrounding counties. Scheefers is an employee at Halliburton's.

Jun 28, 1946: Published in "The Duncan Daily Banner" entitled: GUARD HEADQUARTERS TO BE IN DUNCAN. Direction of Artillery Units Here Decided Armory Will Be West Half of State's Office. Duncan is slated to become the National Guard headquarters for all western Oklahoma field artillery units which will make up the 158th battalion under command of Col. Paul E. Scheefers. The exact number of men to be enlisted in the various batteries was not disclosed. Col. Scheefers said the headquarters battery in Duncan probably would be composed of 7 commissioned officers, 1 warrant officer, and 113 men. About 50 percent of the

true field strength of the 158th will be recruited between July 1 and August 1, Col. Scheefers said. As soon as the 50 percent mark is reached, the batteries will become recognized Army units of the federal government in reserve. The 158th field artillery will be the supporting unit of the 179th infantry of the 45th division. The armory here will be used as the battalion headquarters. In addition to 7 officers attached to the local guard battery, 9 other officers from adjacent cities will meet here regularly. They will be battalion staff officers. Col. Scheefers said he was going to exercise extreme care in the selection of officers. He will seek men who had excellent combat records and treated enlisted men in manner befitting their rank, but not with an attitude of social superiority. Too much of social superiority took place at the outset of the war, Col. Scheefers said. The maximum age limits for officers are: 2nd lieutenant, 30; 1st lieutenant, 35; captain, 42; major, 47; Lt. Colonel, 52, colonel, 55. The age range from enlisted men will be fixed as soon as the draft boards have set a peacetime policy.

Aug 05, 1946: Published in "The Duncan Daily Banner" entitled: WILCOX, SCOTT NAMED GUARD UNIT OFFICERS. Major James T. Wilcox, Halliburton Company employee and recently discharged veteran of the European campaign, today was named plans and training officer for the National Guard headquarters battalion, 158th field artillery, now being activated here. Warrant Officer Louis A. Scott, also a veteran of the European campaign and Halliburton employee, was named personnel officer. Scott was attached to the personnel unit of the 45th division during its entire overseas campaign. Announcement of the appointments were made by Lt. Col. Paul E. Scheeffers, commanding officer of the headquarters and headquarters battalion. He said Major Wilcox originally was called to active duty with the 158th Field Artillery, but was later transferred to the 82nd airborne after attending a special plans and training officers school. Captain Alvin H. Chance, Oklahoma City, was named S-2 officer which in a battalion is similar to G-2 Army Intelligence. Major W. Cleverton, also of Oklahoma City, was appointed executive officer. Both men served with the original 45th division when it was overseas. Four other prospective officers who live in Duncan will be interviewed by the Army board in Oklahoma City tonight. Those passing the quiz will be assigned by Col.

Scheeffers tomorrow. A total of 16 officers are to be selected. The four already selected will serve as headquarters staff officers. A number of others will also be chosen for the staff board as soon as they have completed the examinations. A second meeting of the guard is scheduled for tonight at the Armory. Non-commissioned officers and enlisted personnel are to be selected. Immediately upon being chosen, the men will go on the payroll which will bring about $24,000 a year to Duncan. Col. Scheeffer said there was an urgent need for cooks, radio, and wire communication technicians.

Sep 22, 1946: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: MARRIED MEN EYED BY 45TH. The national guard in Oklahoma wants all married men to know that the door is wide open and that they'll be welcome. Recruiters for Oklahoma's famous 45th division, you understand, don't want to break up any happy homes, but they want you to know that the war department has come through removing another obstacle for enlistment of large numbers of family men. Under former regulations, Brig. Gen. George A. Davis, state adjutant general, explained, the guard was restricted to 10 percent of its enlisted personnel in grade of buck sergeant and below who were married. But regulations have been changed, and now guard enlistments may include as many as 50 percent married men in such categories. General Davis and other guard leaders are convinced the liberalized requirements will permit enlistment of all married men in those grades desiring to join. Federal inspection of the 45th units throughout the state will continue next week, General Davis added, in the move to make Oklahoma one of the first states to have its guard federally recognized. The schedule: Tuesday: Hq and Hq Co, third Bn, 170 Inf, Guthrie; Co D, 179 Inf, Norman; Btry A, 160 FA, Chandler. Wednesday: Btry B, 189 FA Bn, Cherokee; Co G, 180 Inf, Idabel; Btry B, 160 FA, Hominy; Co F, 180 Inf, Hugo. Thursday: Btry "C", 158 FA Bn, Weatherford; Hq and Hq Co, First Bn, 179 Inf, Clinton; Co H, 180 Inf, Atoka; A-T Co, 180 Inf, Durant; Btry B, 171 FA and Co K, 180 Inf, both of McAlester. Friday: Btry "A", 158 FA, Chickasha; Service Btry, 158 FA, Minco; Service Btry, 171 FA, Roff; Co A, 180 Inf, Wetumka; Btry A, 171 FA Wewoka; Service Co, 180 Inf, Okemah.

Oct 29, 1946: Published in “The Enid Daily Eagle” entitled: APPROVAL GIVEN 20 MORE GUARD UNITS. Oklahoma City, Oct. 29., (AP). Maj. Gen. George A. Davis, adjutant general of the reactivated Oklahoma national guard, announced federal approval had been given 20 more units of the 45th infantry division, raising the number of approved units to 66.Newly approved units include: In the 179th infantry regiment, headquarters company of the Second battalion at Lawton and Company "H" at Ardmore. In the 180th regiment, headquarters company at Holdenville, headquarters units for the Second and Third battalions at Durant and McAlester, Company "C" at Ada, Cannon company at Sulphur, and Company "E" at Durant. In the 279th regiment, headquarters unit for the First battalion at Stillwater, headquarters unit of the Second battalion at Okmulgee, headquarters for the Third battalion at Muskogee, and Company "K" at Muskogee. Among artillery units, headquarters battery, 158th field artillery battalion at Duncan, headquarters for the 160th battalion at Tulsa, service battery of the 160th at Sperry, headquarters for the 171st battalion at Ada, headquarters for the 189th battalion at Enid, headquarters for the 120th medical battalion in Oklahoma City, and 45th cavalry reconnaissance troops at Tishomingo.

Dec 22, 1946: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: MAJ. HAMILTON ASSIGNED HERE. Maj. F. O. Hamilton, who has been assigned to Chickasha as regular army instructor for the 158th field artillery battalion, was here Friday to complete arrangements for coming here. M/Sgt. Jack H. Holt also has been assigned here to serve in the field artillery headquarters. Maj. Hamilton and M/Sgt. Holt will have offices at the local armory. They will be instructors for the batteries throughout this area which comprise the battalion. Battery "A", which headquarters in Chickasha, is among those to receive instructions from the regular army personnel, Lt. J. S. Powers, commanding officer of the local battery, states. Maj. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Hamilton, Oklahoma City, graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1939 with a doctor of laws degree, then went on active duty as an artillery reservist. Later he was taken into the regular army and after various service, including two years overseas, has been assigned as instructor for the 158th field artillery battalion and will be stationed at Chickasha.

Maj. Hamilton went to Fort Bragg, N. C., early in his army service and was assigned to the Ninth division and took a howitzer battery, the 578th, through France, Belgium, Luxembourg and into Germany. Later, because of his legal education, he was an investigator for the war crimes group, in which city lawyer-officers Barney Crawford and Joe Rucks also served.

Jan 02, 1947: Published in “The Duncan Eagle” entitled: NO TITLE. A display of artillery will be shown here in the Duncan Armory during January. Date for this display of the latest equipment will be announced later. Included in the weapons shown will be artillery fire control radio and radar equipment, Capt. Harry Harms, commander of the headquarters battery of the 158th field artillery, said.

Apr 07, 1947: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: BATTERY "A" OF 158TH FIELD ARTILLERY JOINS ARMED UNITS IN OBSERVANCE OF ARMY DAY. Chickasha's unit of the national guard today joins units over the nation in observing Army Day. As a part of its Army Day observance the local unit, Battery "A" of the 158th field artillery battalion of the 45th division, is holding open house in the armory until 9:30 o'clock tonight. The public is invited to go through the armory and inspect the equipment which is on display. Members of the battery will be on hand to explain uses of the various items. Further equipment will be issued the battery later. The local unit, which received federal recognition Sept. 27, 1946, is composed of two officers and 30 enlisted men at the present time. When it attains full strength there will be 77 enlisted men and five officers. Heading the unit are Lt. J. S. Powers, commander, and Lt. Joe Shinn, executive officer. Regular army men stationed here who assist in the training program throughout the battalion are Maj. F. O. Hamilton and M/Sgt. Jack Holt. The battery, which has already met all its membership quotas, hopes to surpass them in the near future, Lt. Powers said today. Stressing the importance of the national guard to the community, Lt. Powers pointed out that the Chickasha battery and the Minco battery will add $35,000 a year to Grady county's payroll. One of four battalions in the 45th division, the 158th is composed of three firing batteries, one service battery and one headquarters battery. Lt. Col. Paul E. Scheefers, battalion

commander, resides at Duncan, where the headquarters battery is located. The local battery is one of the three light artillery firing batteries in the battalion. The others are located at Anadarko and Weatherford. The Minco unit is the service battery. During the war the 158th battalion served in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Its members were awarded six battle stars and participated in four amphibious operations. The group fired a total of 307,522 rounds of ammunition equaling 1,179,216 pounds. Among the awards presented its members were one Distinguished Service Cross, four Legions of Merit, 23 Silver Stars, 87 Bronze Stars, 16 Air Medals and 133 Purple Hearts. Before the war, the local battery was attached to the 189th battalion, a medium weight firing battalion, which received the Presidential Unit citation for its stand at the junction of the Calorie and Sele rivers at Salerno. When reorganization of the guard began after the war, it was deemed necessary to place the local unit in another battalion to bring about greater centralization of the various battalions in the division. The local unit, when fully equipped, will have, among other things, four 105 howitzers, communications equipment, fire control equipment and carbines. Members of the local battery meet at 7:30 p.m. each Monday for a two-hour drill for which they receive pay according to rank and longevity. In August of this year, they will go with the rest of the 45th division to Fort Sill for their annual summer camping period for which they receive additional pay. The local battery is only one of many batteries over the nation which is conducting a drive for membership for the good of national defense and safety. The importance of the guard during the last war was recently emphasized by Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the army ground forces, who said "Without the 18 divisions and the special troops provided by the mobilization of the national guard in 1940 and '41, the victorious army of the United States could not have been organized, trained and committed to battle as soon as it was. With the organized reserve and the regular army the national guard is a part of the defensive team upon which the future peace and security of the United States depend." Persons desiring to enlist in the guard may contact Lt. Powers or may attend one of the Monday night drilling sessions where full information concerning enlistment will be available.

Sep 04, 1947: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: MINCO GUARD UNIT COMPLETES CAMP. At 6 a. m. Thursday, August 7, 1947 the advanced and rear detachment of Service Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Minco, Oklahoma left for Ft Sill to make their first post war venture into Camp training. Since the Minco unit is a Service Battery it was there duty to send a forward element to Ft Sill to get the house in order for the remainder of the Battalion. Although none of the seven men except the officer in charge, on this detail had ever attended camp before, they did this job well. In fact they did it so well they received a verbal commendation from Lt. Col Paul E. Scheefers Battalion Commander. This detachment consisted of Warrant Officer Jr Grade Bunah I Hardy, T/5 Junior D. Crumm, T/5 Charles H. Ingram, T/5 Don A. Lauderdale, Pfc Charles Drew, Pfc Melvin D. Stover, Pfc Joe L. Yingling. The main body consisted of: Captain Edward C. Wegener, First Sgt. Arden L. Cullen, Tech. Sgt. Reford H. Hiskett, Sgt. John D. Unruh, T/5 Bobby L. Howery, T/5 Wilbur D. Kemp, T/5 Robert A. Beal, Pfc William Savage, Pfc James R. Starkey, Pfc Alvin L. Wimmer, Pvt Robert Beaty, Lowell L. Eden, Bernard Idle, left their home station at 6 a. m. August 10 and arrived at Ft Sill early the same day. After spending the remainder of Sunday setting up camp we went right into ridged camp training. The first week was devoted to instruction on Military occupational specialities consisting of truck driving, mechanic, supply and administration and instruction on our basic weapons. The climax of the first weeks training was when all men went to the range and fired their rifles. Pfc Charles R. Drew took top honors in our battery firing the carbine 30 cal. Chalk hit 20 bulls eyes out of a possible 24 at 200 yards his grand total score was 126 out of possible 130. He was followed closely by Bill Crumm and Don Lauderdale. The second week of camp consisted mainly of firing the 105 M. M. Howitzer. The Battalion fired 995 rounds of ammo consisting of firing practice and a twenty-one gun salute for the Governor of the State of Oklahoma. As the old saying goes all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. The Division Special Service officer had a very finely planned athletics program and Service Battery didn't take a back seat there either. William Savage won top honors in this department for our Btry. Bill brought home to Minco the heavy weight boxing championship of the 45th Inf Div. He won the Div. Boxing tournament with two decisions and a second round knock out in the finals. Bill

received for his very commendable efforts a beautiful trophy and a verbale commendation from the entire Div. Artillery including Brigadier General Muldrow Div. Arty Commander. The first post war Oklahoma National Guard camp started breaking up at 10:30 p. m. August 23. Our unit cleared camp at one minute after 12 August 24. We arrived back at our home armory about 3 the same morning. We returned our vehicles and other equipment at our home station in very good condition in fact we completed our first training camp without even a minor mishap.

Jan 29, 1948: Published in "The Minco Minstrel" entitled: MINCO GUARD HAS 41 MEMBERS. Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, which is the Minco National Guard unit, had its Annual Federal Inspection Friday night January 23, 1948. Inspecting Officers from 4th Army Headquarters of Fort Sam Houston, were Colonel Stark and Major Watson. They inspected training, equipment and administration and left favorable remarks about all phases of training. Visiting Officers the same night were Major Charles W. Cleverdon, Battalion Commander, Major Joseph D. Anderson, Division Artillery S-1, both of Oklahoma City. Major Herb Meeding, Battalion S-3 of Anadarko, Major Frank Hamilton and Master Sergent Holt, Battalion instructors, of Chickasha were also present. The Battery has now, 2 officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 41 enlisted men. About 20 of these men were added in the last two weeks. When the unit reaches full strength it will have 4 officers, 1 Warrant Officers and 55 Enlisted men. The Battery still has opening for 14 enlisted men and it especially needs cooks and mechanics. There are schools and correspondence courses that the men of the Battery can take advantage of it they so desire. The unit now has 10 2½ ton trucks and one jeep with other vehicles yet to come. The unit also has lots of tools, equipment and arms. The following men are members of Service Battery, 158th FA BN, of Minco; Officers, Edward C. Wegener, Robert L. Osborn, Bunah I. Hardy; Enlisted Men, Arden L. Cullen, Reford H. Hiskett, Lawrence E. Betche, James R. Horn, Edward M. Slover, John D. Unruh, Robert A. Beal, Junior D. Crumm, Bobby L. Howery, Charles H. Ingram, Wilbur D. Kemp, Jr., James E. Coley, Chrales R. Drew, Melvin D. Slover, Joe L. Yingling, Kenneth L. Allen, Billy R. Anthony, Robert E. Beaty, Robert E. Clark, Frank R. Collins, Lawrence L.

Coley, Fred D. Cullen, Arthur E. Danley, Gene G. Darcey, Rexford L. Garner Jr., Jesse S. Hefner, Lloyd E. Keef, Marshel W. Key, James O. Morrisey, Don E. Pinkston, William N. Savage, Luther C. Smith, Bobby L. Wall, Grover E. Wamsley, David K. Woodworth, Delvin P. Albers, W. S. Douglas, Allen K. Slover, James R. Starkey, Samuel A. Woodworth and Norman N. Thomas.

May 21, 1948: Published in "The Duncan Daily Banner" entitled: MULDROW, GUARD, TO HONOR COUNTY HEROES. Brig. Gen. Hal Muldrow of Norman, artillery commander of the 45th National Guard Division, will speak at Memorial Park, probably on May 30, in a Memorial Day ceremony, James Morton, commander of Headquarters Battery of the 158th Field Artillery, guard unit stationed here, said his battery and Battery "A" of the 158th at Chickasha will hold a Memorial Day parade. The National Guard unit, local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, and War Dads chapter are cooperating in the Memorial Day ceremony plans. Gold Star mothers, those with sons killed while in service overseas, will be special guests at the affair. Invitations have been sent to all Gold Star mothers in the county. Morton said small American flags will be placed at the memorial plaques in Memorial Park. The Chickasha battery will fire a volley with its four 105 millimeter howitzers in memory of the war dead of Duncan and Stephens county. Gen. Muldrow may not be able to appear in Duncan on May 30, Morton said, so that the ceremony may be postponed from the afternoon of May 30 until the morning of May 31.

Jul 01, 1948: Published in "The Minco Minstrel" entitled: ADVERTISMENT. Be a Volunteer! JOIN YOUR LOCAL UNIT OF THE NEW NATIONAL GUARD — NOW! Serve in a FIGHTING ORGANIZATION. If you act quickly, there may still be a place for you in the new National Guard. But you must act now, because the National Guard has room only for the best... men who are potential leaders... men who want to serve their country with pride in the great military traditions of the National Guard. THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES ONLY 100,000 MEN WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD THIS YEAR. The National Guard's strength this year is limited to 350,000 men. Already 250,000 are members. So, there's only

room for the best men. Physically and mentally qualified young men who are able to meet the high standards of the new National Guard will get the kind of training that helps keep America strong. They'll earn while they learn... and be ready to do their part in protecting America's future. Here's how the National Guard Helps You: Pay, Education, Fellowship, Training, Sports, Leadership. Write or visit your community's unit of the NATIONAL GUARD of the United States. For details about service in the National Guard under the Selective Service Act, see your local National Guard unit. THE NATIONAL GUARD DEFENDS AMERICA, ACT NOW! If You Can Qualify, See Your Local National Guard Unit Today. THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES. Service Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Located at Minco Armory, Minco, Oklahoma.

Aug 05, 1948: Published in "The Minco Minstrel" entitled: SERVICE BATTERY TO LEAVE FOR CAMP SUNDAY. Service Battery, 158th FA BN of the Okla. National Guard, Minco, Oklahoma, will leave for Camp at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on Sunday the 8th of August for fifteen days and will return on the 22nd of August. The unit will have 39 enlisted men and 3 Officers, from this community. We have 12 2½ ton GMC Trucks and 2 ¼ ton Jeeps now and will have more vehicles just as soon as they are received. The names of the men are as follows: Capt Robert L. Osborn, 2nd Lt. Edward M. Slover, Warrant Officer Bunah I. Hardy, 1st Sgt Arden L. Cullen, Tech Sgt Don E. Pinkston, S Sgts James R. Horn, Wilbur D. Kemp Jr., Lawrence E. Betche, T 4s William McKinley Moore, Walter V. Riley, T 5s Junior D. Crumm, Charles R. Drew, Don A. Lauderdale, William N. Savage, Melvin D. Slover, PFC Robert E. Beaty, Pvts. Edward D. Allen, Robert W. Allen, Lawrence L. Coley, Frank R. Collins, Ralph L. Daniel, Arthur E. Danley, William L. Denton, W. S. Douglas, Dean F. Duerksen, Hulit Edgmon Jr., Rexford L. Garner Jr., Jesse S. Hefner, Bernard D. Idle, Marshal W. Key, James L. McCann, Arvil H. Morris, Dolphus Ladd, James O. Morrissey, Alan K. Slover, Luther C. Smith, James R. Starkey, Grover E. Wamsley, David K. Woodworth, and Samuel A. Woodworth.

Aug 09, 1948: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: MCLAIN ARRIVES, FINDS 45TH IS BUSY TRAINING. Many Cityans View Arrival Of Guardsmen. A 17-

gun military salute was fired shortly before noon today by the 45th Thunderbird Infantry division as greeting to Lt. Gen. Raymond McLain, combat commander of the national guard unit while it was overseas in the recent war. Training Open: Heading the reception to receive the visitors was Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, Hobart, now commander of the peacetime division. He served as chief of staff in combat under General McLain. General Styron was accompanied by Brig. Gen. Hal Muldrow, division artillery commander. While the military honors were underway in the division area, the division itself was in full training. Generally throughout the division, it consisted of instruction on the small arm common to the respective units. Troop trains poured into Fort Sill at intervals Sunday, bringing the khaki clad Oklahomans to camp. Some marched in vehicles from the station, but the bulk of doughboys marched in column. Hundreds of motorists from Lawton and surrounding areas were on hand to bid the guardsmen welcome. Automobiles were parked along the highway. The national guard area, used during the recent war for the officer candidate school, was a bustling hive of activity as the units arrived to set up housekeeping for two weeks. Chaplain Due, Too: With General McLain was another figure, familiar to wartime members of the 45th. He is Maj. Leroy Raley, now a regular army chaplain at Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D. C. He served with the 45th overseas. The army chaplain is a brother to Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee. The three ruffles and flourishes in honor of General McLain's arrival were played by the 45th Division band, headed by WO James James O. Rounds. Headquarters of the unit is Oklahoma City. Members of the division military police unit, with headquarters at Marlow, served as the honor guard and the salutes were fired by batteries “A”, “B” and “C” of the 158th FA, with headquarters at Chickasha, Anadarko and Weatherford, respectively. Following the reception, General McLain was escorted to headquarters where plans were complete for his planned inspection of the guard unit. General McLain is chief of information for the department of the army. Military observers could detect greater coordination of effort in the plans for training than last year. There was little delay this morning as the units began their instruction. Strength Over 6,000: The strength of the division today well surpassed the estimate of 6,000 officers and men. Members of the division came to camp purely on a voluntary

basis. Following is a breakdown of the training being conducted today by the various units. The 180th Infantry regiment, from southeastern Oklahoma, instruction on the .30 caliber rifle and on the 60 and 81 millimeter mortars; also tactical training for the individual and the squad. The 179th Infantry regiment, from southwest and west central Oklahoma, tactical training for the individual and combat formations (See Page 2, Col. 1) Unable to access Page 2 of this edition. Photo Caption: INSPECTING MEN of a composite firing battery from the 158th field artillery battalion Monday noon was Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, former commander of the 45th division artillery, now chief of information, special staff, department of the army, Washington. The battery fired a 15-gun salute in honor of the three-star general. Back of Gen. McLain are Maj. Charles W. Cleverdon, commanding the 158th battalion, and Brig. Gen. Hal Muldrow, commanding the 45th artillery. Both were artillery officers under Gen. McLain in the European theater. (45th Division Photo).

Aug 19, 1948: Published in "The Walters Herald" entitled: GUARD UNIT IN PARADE FRIDAY AT FORT SILL. Walters Company E of the national guard will participate in the 45th Division parade Friday afternoon, August 20, at 4 o'clock, at Ft. Sill. The parade will be at the division parade grounds, north of Thomas Street and East of Fragg street, at the camp. Reviewing officer for the event will be Col. Frederick A. Daugherty, and the officer commanding the troops will be Lt. Col. Harry W. Hughes. Those groups participating in the parade are the 179th Infantry and the 158th Field Artillery. Some 7,000 men will take part in the parade. This is the largest national guard camp since the war. Relatives and friends of the guardsmen are invited to witness the parade which will climax the two weeks training ending Saturday.

Sep 23, 1948: Published in "The Perry News" entitled: HEAD OF BATTERY "C" AT ANNUAL REUNION. Arch Marshall this week was elected president at the reunion of men who have served in battery "C" of the 158th field artillery.

Jan 23, 1949: Published in "The Elk City Daily News" entitled: WEATHERFORD NATIONAL GUARDSMEN SEEK BIDS FOR BOXING MATCHES. Weatherford

(Special): Captain Herman Horst announced this week that the newly organized boxing team comprised of members of Battery “C”, 158 FA, Okla. NG, is in need of matches. Horst stated that the team is ready and willing to fight anywhere at anytime. Bids should be addressed to the Commanding Officer, Battery “C”, 158th FA Bn., Okla. NG, Weatherford, Okla. At present there are approximately 15 guardsmen participating in the daily workout in the armory building. Helping in the coaching and also holding down the 160 pound berth is Evans Anquoe, potent veteran of four years' competition in state Golden Gloves. Also listed as big guns on the Weatherford team are Kenneth Dietrich, 147 pounds, Leon Nicholson, stellar featherweight, and Rex Branson, 220 pound heavyweight.

Jan 27, 1949: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: Advertisement: Volunteers Now for the NEW National Guard. For a Limited Time Only You Have a Chance to Join A Fighting Outfit. In Our First Line of Defense On Land and in the Air. Train At Home. Serve Your Country While You Go To School or Stay on Your Job. SERVICE BATTERY 158th FIELD ARTILLERY. 45 DIVISION, MINCO, OKLAHOMA.

Mar 03, 1949: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: NO TITLE. Fred J. Rice will be the commanding officer of the service battery 158 FA in Minco after this week replacing Leo Osborn of Chickasha who has been the commanding officer since May 15, 1948. Mr. Osborn will be the administrative assistant for the battalion. The 158 FA of Minco consists of two officers, one warrant officer and 49 enlisted men. Don E. Pinkston is administrative assistant and first sergeant of the battery.

Apr 14, 1949: Published in “The Daily Oklahoman” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD QUOTAS RAISED. Oklahoma national guard units, which now have enlisted 57 percent of their authorized wartime strength, can continue full steam ahead with their recruiting, Brig. Gen. Roy W. Kenny, state adjutant general, said Wednesday. Allotment for the 45th Division, the guard's largest ground unit, has been raised to 14,002 men, only 968 short of wartime quotas. The division and other ground units in the state now have a strength of 8,080. The air national guard strength in

Oklahoma is now 895 or 92 percent of its full strength of 968 officers and men. Seven units in the ground forces have already reached full authorized enlisted strength. These are the 45th Military Police company, Atoka, 129; Battery "B", 158th field artillery battalion, Anadarko, 88; Service battery, 158th field artillery battalion, Minco, 58; Battery A, 160th field artillery battalion, Chandler, 88; Battery C, 160th field artillery battalion, Haskell, 88; Service battery, 160th field artillery battalion, Sperry, 58; Service battery, 171st field artillery battalion, Roff, 58. Headquarters company, 180th Infantry regiment, Okemah, leads the state with 157 enlisted men, followed by headquarters detachment, 237th Air Service group, Norman, with 155.

Apr 18, 1949: Published in "The 60TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE KINGFISHER FREE PRESS" entitled: GUARD (MILITIA) UNIT HERE ORGANIZED EARLY. Provision for a territorial militia was included in the Oklahoma Territory Organic act passed by the U.S. congress in May of 1890. This organization was started that year with the formation of the First Infantry regiment, Territorial militia. Kingfisher was authorized to form a company, and this unit was made up of about 30 or 40 young men. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, the unit was decimated by members joining the Oklahoma company of Roosevelt's Rough Riders. Those who did not get into that unit enlisted in June of 1898 with a company of volunteers put with other such units from Oklahoma territory, and from Arizona, New Mexico and Indian territories. This was the First regiment, Territorial Volunteer infantry. Company M, which included the local men, is shown in the photo at right on a training march here from its training base at Fort Reno during the summer of 1898. This group was mustered out at Albany, Ga., on Feb. 15, 1899. Capt. F. L. Boynton was company commander, and Rev. Job Ingram of Kingfisher was a chaplain. They are shown at lower left. The First Infantry regiment, Oklahoma Territory militia, was reorganized in 1899. A number of men and officers from Kingfisher and surrounding towns were members of the militia after this reorganization. The regiment was called for Mexican border service in 1916, and mustered out in March of 1917. Just a few months later, the Oklahoma national guard, as it had then become known, again received a call for federal service. It was consolidated with a

Texas regiment, redesignated the 142nd infantry regiment, and sent to France. There it compiled an outstanding record in World war I action. In 1921, a guard unit was organized here with Capt. John J. McCartney as commander. This was Headquarters detachment, First battalion, 160th Field Artillery. By 1923, the battery's personnel had increased to more than 80, and in April it was divided into two batteries, Battery “F”, 158th FA, and Headquarters battery, 158th FA. George I. Lacey of the original battery was promoted to captain and given command of Battery “F”. Succeeding commanders of this unit were Marion Woodworth, Miles Elder, Clarence Steele and Van Ogden. In 1937, this battery was redesignated Service battery, 158th FA. In June of that year, Capt. D. U. Cochrane became its commander. Cochrane and Steele also served as commanders of the Headquarters unit, as did Glenn Gilmour. Members of these units were inducted into federal service on Sept. 16, 1940, and the 45th division underwent reorganization. In this, many of the local guardsmen were transferred to other units. Those who remained with the division took part in the World war II African, Sicilian, Italian, Southern France and Rhineland campaigns. The division was deactivated at Camp Bowie, Tex., in November of 1945. Reorganized in September, 1946. Reorganization of the 45th as the Oklahoma national guard division was started in September of 1946. Kingfisher's two artillery batteries were replaced by a single infantry unit, Company M, 179th Infantry. First commander of this unit was Lt. Wilson Porter. Lt. Delbert Homier succeeded him, and Capt. T. S. Rice assumed the command in 1948. On Sept. 1, 1950, the unit was ordered into federal service for the Korean conflict. After training at Camp Polk, La., and on the Japanese island of Hokkaido, the local company moved into Korea in December, 1951. Kingfisher men were rotated home between May and September of 1952. The local guard unit, still with the Company M, 179th Infantry designation, began reorganizing in November of 1952 with Capt. Delbert Homier as CO. In 1953, 1st Lt. Harvey L. Brown took command of the unit, serving until May of 1957, when he turned the command over to 1st Lt. George B. Payne. Company M at the close of 1957 had a strength of five officers, one warrant officer and 60 enlisted men. Several Kingfisher men have served in battalion-level positions in the guard over the years. Included in this group are John J. McCartney, Clarence Steele, T. S. Rice and Delbert Homier. Captions: Rev. Job Ingram, Capt. F.

L. Boynton. Members of Company M, First Territorial volunteer infantry, are pictured above in formation on a Kingfisher street. Many members of this unit were local boys.

Aug 05, 1949: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: 66 FROM CHICKASHA TO ATTEND 45TH CAMP. Sixty-six members of the Headquarters Battery, 158th field artillery battalion, will leave here at 6 a.m. Sunday to begin a two-week summer training camp with the 45th infantry division at Fort Sill., Several of the group, including Capt. Robert L. Osborn of the staff, left here earlier in the week as members of an advance contingent. The unit will breakfast here Sunday morning, then move out in convoy for Fort Sill. Lt. John S. Powers, battery commander, said the battery would spend Sunday getting their gear in shape for a parade Monday. Then, Tuesday it will go in the field for a three-day tactical workout, returning to the post barracks area Friday morning. Friday and Saturday will be spent in readying equipment for the division parade scheduled Sunday before Gov. Roy J. Turner and high brass of the division. The second week will be spent in the field on actual firing problems. Originally a firing battery in the 158th field artillery battalion, the local unit was changed Feb. 1, to the battalion's headquarters' unit. Lt. Powers is the only officer to remain with the unit from the original group. And M/Sgt. Gordon Spangler and Sgt. FC Joseph C. Zurline are the two non-coms from the original unit. The group was a firing battery on its trip to the annual camp at Fort Sill in 1948. And it came away from the two-week training period with some of the top honors in the division. Lt. Powers said the battery, which will be transported by 13 vehicles, will return here Sunday, Aug. 21. Personnel making the camp include: Warrant Officer Woodrow W. Kerr, 2nd Lt. Ed Brockert, 2nd Lt. Joe Shinn, M/Sgt. Cecil E. Hoss, M/Sgt. Eugene L. Smith, M/Sgt. William G. Spangler. Sgt. FC Edmond A. Dobry, Sgt. FC Roy W. Duncan, Sgt. FC Charles B. Gentry, Sgt. FC James E. Hinson, Sgt. James B. Yates Jr., Sgt. FC Joseph C. Zurline. Sgt. Love O. Burney Jr., Sgt. Jess E. Felder, Sgt. Leonard J. Gray, Sgt. Thomas J. Hickey, Sgt. Rudolph J. Novotny, Sgt. John O. Powers. Cpl. Robert L. R. Ashley, Cpl. Raymond E. Bitsche, Cpl. Bobby J. Davis, Cpl. John W. Eakes, Cpl. James M. Elliott, Cpl. Howard R. Foster, Cpl. Richard A. Hanna, Cpl. Donald A. Harriman,

Cpl. Rudy N. Hightower, Cpl. Thomas J. Key, Cpl. Donald N. Leonard, Cpl. Joseph C. Lord, Cpl. Jack L. Lynch, Cpl. Milton Powell, Cpl. Aubrey E. Roper, Cpl. LeRoy D. Sparks, Cpl. James R. Trotter, Cpl. Eddie L. Watson. Pfc. Donald R. DeVilbiss, Pfc. Edwin Earl, Pfc. LeRoy E. Greer, Pfc. Thomas P. Julian, Pfc. Gerald D. Linton, Pfc. Johnson W. Robinson, Pfc. Loyd J. Weaver. Pvt. Joseph A. McCarthy, Pvt. Acie T. Pittman, Pvt. James R. Stropes. Rct. Kenneth H. Burns, Rct. Billy D. Creagle, Rct. Richard Q. Hart, Rct. Glen D. Hopkins, Rct. Homer B. Hubbard, Rct. Edward N. Hudgens, Rct. Guy D. Huggins, Rct. Bob Mitchell, Rct. Henry C. Moore, Rct. Gary L. Salyer, Rct. Jesse W. Stepp, Rct. Garland R. Tarpley.

Aug 07, 1949: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: BATTERY TO HANDLE DIFFERENT PROGRAM. Rigged in full battle gear, trucks and men of the 158th field artillery battalion's headquarters battery were on the road toward Fort Sill by 7 o'clock this morning. Drivers pointed noses of their vehicles south out of Chickasha as the local unit headed for the field artillery range and a two week training grind with the famous 45th Infantry division. But, there were several differences in today's departure and the one for 1948 camp, held at Fort Sill last August. Gone were the sleek, but deadly lines of the 105-mm howitzer, main piece of equipment of the local battery last year. No more would the battery thrill to the explosion of its guns as the shells sought out their targets in competition with other batteries in the division. And there wouldn't be the satisfaction of yanking the lanyard that sent those same shells screaming toward the target. The Chickasha battery, formerly one of the top firing batteries in the 158th battalion, now is the group's headquarters unit. Guns and heavy trucks have been exchanged for typewriters, filing cabinets and lighter vehicles, personnel and equipment carriers. The battery still has its light weapons, sidearms and carbines, with a sprinkling of machine rifles and automatic weapons. And, with the changeover in the battery activity came a lot of new faces. Only three men, Lt. John S. Powers, M/Sgt. Gordon Spangler and Sgt.fc Joseph C. Zurline remain from the group that originally reformed the Chickasha battery. When the unit gets in camp, it will become an integral part of the mechanism of a modern artillery group. It's main purpose this year will be to assemble and dispense information on targets, keep things running

smoothly and to operate communications and countless other odd jobs. The first week will be spent in parades, "dry runs" on the range when every detail is repeated until it becomes mechanical, yet there is no actual firing, a division parade before Gov. Roy J. Turner and army brass and the final week of actual range work. The battery, comprising 65 officers and men, is due back here Sunday, Aug. 21.

Aug 14, 1949: Published in "The Hobart Democrat-Chief" entitled: 45TH REVIEW WILL BE HELD AT SILL TODAY. General Styron To Review 7,000 Men Of Thunderbirds. FORT SILL, Okla., Aug. 13th (UP). Lt. Gov. James E. Berry, a former officer of the 45th division, will review troops here tomorrow as the second week of the division's annual encampment gets under way. As Thunderbirds parade by the reviewing stand, air national guard planes will fly over in formation. Air guardsmen are en route to San Marcos, Tex., for their own two-week encampment. After the ground review, the 45th division light aviation section will take to the air. It consists of artillery and infantry spotter planes. Hobart's Company C of the National Guard will march in the review today. All relatives and friends of guardsmen have been invited to visit the camp today and watch the review. Styron to Review. Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, Hobart division commander, will review troops with Berry. Mrs. Earl Patterson, wife of the late Lt. Col. Patterson, a national guard officer for years, will be among special guests in the reviewing stand. Others will include Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Swing, commanding general of the artillery center, Fort Sill; Maj. Gen. Charles A. McPherson and Maj. Gen. William S. Key, both former division commanders from Fort Sill; Brig. Gen. Roy W. Kenny, assistant division commander and state adjutant general; Brig. Gen. Stanley R. Mickelson, assistant commandant of the artillery school. And Brig. Gen. Louis A. Ledbetter, retired, Okmulgee, former commander of the 90th infantry brigade; Col. Charles A. Holden, Tulsa, former commander of the 160th FA and 158th FA regiments; Col. Grover C. Wamsley of Anadarko, former commander of the 158th FA regiment, and Col. W. C. Hutchinson, Enid, former commander of the 189th FA regiment. 7,000 to March. Every unit of the 7,000-man division will participate in the review at the south edge of the reservation west of Post field. The three infantry regiments and a composite battalion made up on special troops will parade in a battalion mass.

Division artillery will be mounted and pulling field guns. The 145th AAA battalion and the 245th tank battalion also will be motorized. Air national guard planes taking part include 53 fighters and six bombers from the 125th fighter squadron, Tulsa, and the 185th fighter squadron, Norman. Bleachers have been erected for spectators, and the public is invited.

Jan 08, 1950: Published in ”The Clinton Daily News” entitled: GUARD BOXERS AT WEATHERFORD ENTER TOURNEY. Weatherford, Jan. 7. (Special). Nine boxers of the Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery team will weigh in Monday for the western district Golden Gloves boxing tournament at Elk City, according to Norman Monroe, team manager. Novice division entries will include Don Ayres, Gerald Nabors, and Junior Kelsey, all lightweights; James Ford and Huston Parkhurst at 147 pounds; Harold Heusel, light heavyweight; Sam Duchendorff, heavyweight; and Vernon Beard in the 118 pounds bracket. Only open class entry for the Weatherford scrappers will be Rex Branson, heavyweight.

May 05, 1950: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: BATTERY HAS 20 OPENINGS. A recent increase in the strength of the local national guard unit has created some 20 openings for recruits, Lt. Ted R. Savage, battery commander, said today. Lt. Savage said an effort is being made by contacting local firms and urging cooperation in maintaining a unit which will be the highest rated battery in the 158th Field Artillery battalion. Store managers are urged to permit at least one of the firm's personnel to enlist in the national guard. It is necessary for the national guardsmen to participate in the two-weeks summer training camp, he said. That is the heart of the entire national guard program. Lt. Savage also explained the retirement plan. "As a national guardsman you not only are paid for time spent in training, but build up a retirement investment at no cost to you," he said. "If you serve a minimum of 20 years in the national guard, attend armory training and summer field training regularly, you qualify at the age of 60 for monthly retirement pay which can be as much as 75 per cent of the regular army pay for the highest grade in which you served." "For example, if you complete 30 years of service in the national guard and become a master sergeant, you qualify at age 60 for a monthly

retirement check of approximately $60 a month. As a civilian that would cost you approximately $10,000 in cash," he said. "If you attain the rank of colonel during 30 years of service, you will be entitled to retirement pay of about $125 each month," he said. Men between the ages of 17 and 34 who are interested in the national guard are urged to contact the local national guard unit located in the armory building.

Jul 26, 1950: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: LT. TED SAVAGE SPIKES RUMOR. The 45th division has not been reactivated, contrary to rumor in Chickasha this morning, Lt. Ted Savage, commanding officer of headquarters and headquarters battery of the 158th field artillery of the 45th infantry division, said at noon today. No orders have been received by the local battery, other than that the 45th division will leave Aug. 5 for summer camp at North Fort Hood, Texas. Equipment is being marked to go to North Fort Hood, Lt. Savage said. At a battalion staff meeting here Sunday, plans were outlined as to the organic equipment and the line of march for the trip to North Fort Hood, Lt. Savage said. The local battery is scheduled to leave Chickasha for camp at 9 a.m., Aug. 5. The advance detail will leave Aug. 3-4.

Jul 30, 1950: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: CHICKASHA’S NATIONAL GUARD. Chickasha's National Guard Goes To Fort Hood On Aug. Advance Detail Leaves Friday. A week from today Chickasha's national guard battery will leave for an annual summer camp at North Fort Hood, Texas. Chickasha's unit is the headquarters and headquarters battery of the 158th field artillery battalion of the 45th division. As the headquarters and headquarters battery, the local unit serves as the nerve center of the battalion. And as the nerve center for the battalion, the battery is comprised of highly skilled men, whose functions in combat is to furnish communications. The battery also is the fire direction center. The local guard membery was changed to a hq. and hq. battery on Feb. 1, 1949, from a firing battery to the headquarters and head-quarters battery. The Chickasha men had liked to fire the guns, and at the time that was the principal attraction to the Monday night drills. The headquarters and headquarters

battery always is the largest in the battalion, and also is located in the largest town. It is in the larger towns that industry is located and it is easier to enlist men who are in related work and who can train recruits quickly and easily. Other towns with batteries in the battalion are Duncan, Weatherford, Minco and Anadarko. Lt. Col. Charlie W. Christian, Oklahoma City, is the battalion commanding officer. Maj. John R. Northup, Oklahoma City, is executive officer. Also serving on the battalion staff are: Capt. Robert L. Osborn, Chickasha; Capt. Richard B. Hawk, Duncan; Capt. Victor H. Powers Jr., Duncan; Capt. Edward C. Wegener, Minco; Capt. Charles V. Wheeler, Oklahoma City; First Lt. David M. Fulcher, Norman; Second Lt. Charles W. Cornelius, Norman; Second Lt. Gordon W. Jones, Chickasha; Second Lt. Joe E. Pierce, Norman; Second Lt. Herbert E. Rawlings, Duncan; and W/O Woodrow W. Kerr, Chickasha. First Lt. Ted R. Savage is commanding officer of the local battery. Working with him are Second Lt. Edward L. Brockert, communications officer, and Second Lt. Eugene L. Smith, motor officer. Maj. Roy Kane has been assigned from the regular army instructor for the battalion. Sgt. Marvin E. Holcomb is the assistant regular army instructor. They are attached to the battalion to council and advise on the methods of instruction. Their office is at the local armory. The advance detail will leave Friday and Saturday for North Fort Hood. The local battery is scheduled to move at 9 a.m. Saturday. A two-day motor march is planned to the camp, this being the first time the 45th division has trained out of the state. In the Chickasha battery are specialists in such fields as wire, telephone, fire direction, message, motor pool, mechanics, supply and buttery, radio and personnel. In preparation for the camp, the battery has held several Sunday field drills. The disaster protection offered by the guard is high in importance. When the highway patrol and police are unable to handle a situation, the guard steps in. Such would be the case if there might be a tornado or a severe explosion covering a wide area. Members of the Chickasha guard have been instructed that in case of disaster they are to report to the armory. They are directed not to call, because there might be a tied up telephone lines, but to report immediately. After reporting they are directed to work or are put on stand-by basis. The local battery already has four spots worked out to block roads surrounding Chickasha in case of a disaster. The vehicles assigned to this work are equipped with radios and can be

directed in their activities. In the state disaster setup, Oklahoma is divided into 10 areas. Chickasha and vicinity are in area No. 2, with Lt. Col. Wayne N. England, El Reno, in charge. Equipment available in case of disaster includes jeeps, radios, telephones, portable generators, power plant and a mobile kitchen unit for the guard's own men. There are eight switchboards and 72 telephones available for use at the armory. The armory itself has been designated as headquarters in case of disaster. Several members of the local battery are in college and make regularly scheduled drills there. They include: Dale Hoover, Rudolph Novotny, Gerald Linton, Malcolm Elliott, Pete Burney and Donald Harriman. Members of the guard, with the approval of the commanding officer of the 45th division, may attend one of several service schools. Sgt. Robert Ashley is a graduate of the radio service school at Fort Monmouth, N. J.; Sgt. Richard Hanna and Sgt. James Hinson of the artillery mechanics school at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.; and Sgt. Thomas Hickey and Cpl. Jack L. Lynch, food service school school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The schools last from three months to a year. Headquarters and headquarters battery has much equipment that would interest the average person. Of particular interest is a "fire direction" range on the stage of the armory auditorium. When lighted the range looks to be miles away. Trees, hills and foliage mark the terrain. By using this "fire direction" range, the guard saves millions of dollars. It costs little to fire a shot on this practice range, while the cost of an actual shell is high plus the pile up of practice. Radios, line stretchers and other equipment are the latest available, for the 45th division long has been high on the priority list. It's a skilled unit Chickasha is sending to North Fort Hood. The marking of the equipment is about complete, the assignment of vehicles has been made and the line of march outlined. The men from the Indian country will head south next Saturday. Photo Captions: IT'S THE LATEST IN RADIO EQUIPMENT: First Sgt. William G. Spangler explains to Lt. Ted Savage, commanding officer of the local unit, the new radio which has been installed on the CO's jeep. Photo Caption: THEY WANT BACK IN THE CHICKASHA UNIT: Lt. Ted Savage, commanding officer; Sgt. James B. Yates Jr., unit administrator; and Capt. Robert L. Osborn, of the battalion staff, discuss an application of a former member to transfer back to the Chickasha unit. Several applications have been received

from members of the guard and former members to rejoin their buddies in the local outfit.

Aug 02, 1950: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: LOCAL GUARD BATTERY INCREASES DRILL. Members Show Varied Reaction To Activation. Veterans Of Last Conflict Are Sought. The local national guard unit received "alert" orders at 4 p.m. Tuesday, cancelling the two-week summer training camp and to report on or about Sept. 1 to Camp Polk, La., for federal induction. Lt. Ted R. Savage, commander said the number of drill sessions has been stepped up to three per week. They will start at 7:30 o'clock tonight and Thursday night. Each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, has been designated for drill. There is nothing in writing yet. The "alert" orders Tuesday were received in a telephone call from Brig. Gen. Roy W. Kenny, state adjutant general and assistant division commander of the 45th national guard division. The local unit was packed and ready to leave Saturday for summer training comp at North Fort Hood, Texas. The advance detachment was to have left Chickasha early today. The unit was formerly designated as Battery B, 189th field artillery battalion and was inducted into federal service in September 1940 as such. It was reactivated in 1946 following World War II and designated as Battery “A”, 158th field artillery battalion. It was redesignated in February 1949 as headquarters battery, 158th field artillery battalion. M/Sgt. Cecil E. Moss, sergeant major, started with the unit when it was known as Battery B. M/Sgt. William G. Spangler, first sergeant, was assigned to the service battery, 189th FA, and fought throughout the last war with that unit. Reaction to the "alert" orders among the personnel of the unit was varied: Sgt. Spangler: "Even if I could get out, I wouldn't want to." SFC James B. Yates Jr., unit administrator: "I feel I've got to go, so might as well grin and bear it." Capt. Robert Osborn: "I more or less expected the order, but not so soon. I thought we would get to go to summer camp. I'm ready. I'd rather go now and get the training than later and be rushed into it." Sgt. Milton Powell, bookkeeper in civilian life: "It doesn't thrill me through and through. It's one of those things you have to accept, whether you like it or not." Sgt. Spangler added he has talked to nearly all members of the unit. None want to get out, he said. At noon today, Lt. Savage announced the three drill sessions per week will start today.

They will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Each man must be present, Lt. Savage emphasized. The only allowance for absence from drill which will be accepted is those who are sick or have illness in their immediate family. And they must bring a certificate from their family physician upon return to the drill sessions. All members of the guard who are under the age of 17 are in the process of being discharged. There are three or four in the local unit. Enlistment in the national guard is wide open now, Lt. Savage said. Any man between 17 and 34 years of age who wishes to enlist should contact the local unit at the armory. Veterans will be accepted in any age, he said. Marital status has no bearing on enlisting. Lt. Savage said, "I'm glad it's happened. Now we can get in shape to protect ourselves. I think it's better to sacrifice now to protect later than wait and possibly lose everything." SFC James F. Hinson said, "I want to go, but am not over anxious. I'm glad they called us as a unit. I think it is our duty to go."

Aug 03, 1950: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: LOCAL BATTERY NEEDS MEN FOR FULL STRENGTH. Payroll Now At $50,000 Each Year With less than a month before reporting for federal service, the Chickasha national guard battery has stepped up its recruiting program in an effort to be at full strength. The headquarters and headquarters battery of the 158th field artillery battalion, 45th division, it needs over 50 men before being close to authorized strength. Currently, the battery payroll means more than $50,000 to Chickasha. When at full strength, the amount will reach the $70,000 mark. Officers of the local unit hope to reach this before the men and equipment heads for Camp Polk, La., about Sept. 1.Their drill pay is comparable to that which they would receive for one day's service in the army. The local unit was ordered Wednesday to step up its drills from one to three drills per week throughout the remainder of August. The pay ranges according to rank. When inducted into the federal service, they will receive regular army pay and allowances. The unit drills from 7:30-9:30 o'clock each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday night. Roster of the local group and assignments of each man is: M/Sgt. Luther L. Chapin, intelligence sergeant M/Sgt. Cecil E. Hoss, sergeant major M/Sgt. William G. Spangler, first sergeant SFC Bobby J. Davis, wire chief SFC Edmond A. Dobry, mess steward SFC Roy W. Duncan, chief computer SFC Charles B. Gentry,

radio sergeant SFC James F. Hinson, motor sergeant SFC James B. Yates Jr., unit administrator Sgt. Robert L. R. Ashley, radio repairman Sgt. Raymond E. Bitsche, computer fire direction center Sgt. Jess E. Felder, computer fire direction center 1Sgt. Leonard J. Gray, personnel administrator technician Sgt. James W. Hammons, supply sergeant Sgt. Thomas J. Hickey, first cook Sgt. Rudolph J. Novotny, personnel management technician Sgt. Milton Powell, computer fire direction center Sgt. Aubrey E. Roper, survey and instrument chief Sgt. Clarence E. Shellito, first cook Sgt. Paul E. Sparks, survey and instrument sergeant Sgt. John O. Powers, machine gun sergeant Sgt. Glendon L. Webb, liaison sergeant Cpl. Jerry E. Creasey, radio operator Cpl. Edwin Earl, wire corporal Sgt. James M. Elliott, survey and instrument Cpl. Donald W. Harriman, mechanic Cpl. Robert T. Hart, radio operator Cpl. Lawrence D. Hoover Jr., clerk, battery administration Cpl. Glen D. Hopkins, wire corporal Cpl. Homer B. Hubbard, wire corporal Cpl. Thomas J. Key, message center chief Cpl. Chester L. Lehew, mechanic Cpl. Gerald D. Linton, headquarters clerkly. Acie T. Pittman, switchboard operator Sgt. Eddie L. Watson, personnel administration technician Pfc. Kenneth G. Cantwell, 2 1/2-ton truck driver Cpl. Johnny J. Childress, second cook Cpl. Lowell E. Collins, radio operator Cpl. Donald M. Leonard, radio operator Pfc. Dennis M. Nichols, light truck driver Pfc. Melvin R. Ricks, assistant supply Pfc. Edward J. Russell Jr., 2 1/2-ton truck driver Cpl. John E. Sharp, survey and instrument Cpl. Jay M. Stockton, lineman Pfc. Charles D. Thomas, light truck driver Pvt. Virgil D. Evans, lineman Pvt. Billy V. Kile, operator radio and telephone Pvt. Travis L. McClain, light truck driver Pvt. Glen D. Owen, lineman Pvt. Austin L. Russell, lineman Sgt. Love O. Burney Jr., personnel administration technician Rct. Richard A. Hanna, light truck driver Rct. Bruce E. King, switchboard operator Rct. Don F. Pittman, radio operator Rct. Billy L. Wilson, radio operator Cpl. Rudy N. Hightower, radio corporal Cpl. Harold L. Roper, survey and instrument Rct. Thomas P. Julian, radio operator Cpl. Jack L. Lynch, second cook. Published in “The Duncan Daily Banner” entitled: BATTERY IS AFTER NEW MANPOWER. Battery “A” of the 158th Field Artillery, the Duncan National Guard unit, is seeking volunteer enlistments to meet its wartime quota of 129 enlisted men and 8 officers. A non-commissioned officer is on duty Monday through Friday at the armory from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to enlist recruits. The eligible ages are from 17

through 35. First Lt. Louis Scott, commander of the local unit, heads a group of 74 men and three officers. The local Guard roster includes officers Scott, 2nd Lts. Floyd L. Mayberry, Richard E. McConnel, and James D. Pierce. M Sgt. Fred C. Holdsclaw; 1/Sgt Bets Elton E. Alexander, Charles L. Metcalf, James L. Reynolds, and Charles T. Roach; Sgts. Robert J. Bayne, Bobby E. Bradley, Donald G. Crabb, Billy E. Ellis, Jack E. Gilmore, I. B. Jones, Edward L. Morris, James D. O'Dell, Kenneth L. Palmer, Leslie T. Snodgrass, and Richard E. Sudberry. Cpls. Ray L. Burke, Dean G. Caldwell, Robert E. Cherry, Jr., Herbert L. Collinsworth, Frank Harris, Ronald T. Jones, Paul H. King, Jim E. Livingston, James B. McKinnon, James J. Palmer, Harold R. Patton, Teddy Pierce, Gilbert L. Payne, Billy B. Ross, Richard L. Smith, and Joe C. Zurger. Pfcs. Kenneth W. Adams, Robert M. Akin, Otis A. Boles, Cecil F. Bowers, Gene C. Bray, Robert E. Cheer, James R. Copeland, Burl D. Culp, Jerry D. Elam, Frank B. Glass, Jay B. Impson, Clinton P. Morris, Arthur C. Pinson, Billy D. Pruitt, Tony W. Ross, Sam A. Rowlett, Ray J. Rutledge, Otis L. Scott, Jr., Donald A. Smith, David D. Walters, and Harold L. Welch. Pvts. Jerry W. Atkins, Kelsey E. Biffle, James W. Bradley, Joseph L. Dyer, Virgil W. Hines, Calvin O. Love, John W. Newton, Henry M. Price, Jr., Samuel G. Reynolds, O. B. Sanders, Eldon E. Stiles, H. E. Tate, Donald A. Ward, William D. Willis. Recruits Bill V. Bexley, Bobby G. Bray, Darrell W. Gilmore, Don M. Miller, Zane G. Myers, and Gerald L. Sullivan. Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD OF MINCO IS CALLED. Announcement came Tuesday evening of the 45th Division and the local battery is a part of this unit. The call is to take effect September 1. The members of the Battalion at present in partial is listed below and is unofficial. Service Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion 45th Div., in Minco is made up of the following men: Frederick J. Rice, Commander, Edward M. Slover, 2nd Lt., Barty C. Chappell, 2nd Lt., Bunah I Hardy, WOJG, Don a Lauderdale, 1st Sgt., William N. Phillips, Master Sgt., Jerry V. Froneberger, Sgt. 1st Cass, Henry E. Wade, Sgt 1st Class, William H. Dooley, Sgt, Arvil H. Morris, Sgt., Leonard S. Morris, Sgt., William N. Savage, Sgt., Allen K. Slover, Sgt., Melvin D. Slover, Sgt., Kenneth L. Allen, Cpl., Arthur F. Danley, Cpl., Jesse S. Hefner, Cpl., Gerald M. Johnson, Cpl., Marshal W. Key, Cpl., Dolphus L. Ladd, Cpl., James O. Morrissey, Cpl., Charles A. Rice, Cpl., Calvin VK Woodworth, Cpl., David K. Woodworth, Cpl., Samuel A. Woodworth, Cpl., Thomas W. Barnard, Private First Class., Robert E.

Clark, PFC., Dennis L. Davis, PFC., Robert R. Dooley, PFC., Ronald D. Douglas, PFC., Richard, W. Garner, PFC., Eugene P. Harris, PFC., Ray B. Harris, PFC., Bobby G. Hefner, PFC., Joe L. Merritt, PFC., Conrad L. Wade, PFC., Rexford V. Watson, PFC., Douglas W. Liticker, Pvt., Lawrence L. Coley, Pvt., Alfred J. Pecore, Pvt., Ted L. Ross, Pvt., Richard H. Hughe, Pvt., Johnny G. Wakefield, Pvt., Ozzie G. Davis, Recruit, Jimmie D. Taylor, Recruit, Charles B. Thompson, Recruit, Jack McComas, Recruit;. Tuttle: George L. Englebretson, Cpl.; Lee W. Parrish, Cpl., James B. Jackson, Cpl., Carl W. Jackson, Pvt. 1st Class, William H. Crisp, Recruit, Loyd Lee Jackson, Recruit, Robert W. Mc Kittrick, Recruit. Union City: Jessie M. Howe, Recruit, Jimmie E. Wright, Recruit. Published in "The Minco Minstrel" entitled: SPECIAL NOTICE: We wish to announce that Service Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion 45th Infantry Div. will be expecting enlistments until first of September or until the Unit is filled up to combat strength. The strength of the Btry now is fifty one enlisted men. The authorized combat strength is eighty one enlisted men. F. J. Rice Captain.

Aug 04, 1950: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: WEATHERFORD GUARD PREPARING TO GO ON ACTIVE DUTY. The Weatherford unit of the Oklahoma national guard has started holding three drills weekly in preparation for it's call to active duty on Sept. 1, it was learned today. The drills will fall on Monday, Thursday and Friday. The unit, which is "C" Battery, 158th Field Artillery, attached to the 45th division, now has a strength of 75 men and five officers. Until the Battery goes into federal service, enlistments will be accepted to bring the unit nearer the war time strength of 131 men and eight officers. Capt. Herman Horst is commanding officer of "C" Battery. In line with the state wide policy of the 45th, members under 17 years of age are being discharged.

Aug 08, 1950: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: WEATHERFORD GUARD STAGES RECRUITING DRIVE FOR 45TH. Present strength of "C" Battery, 158th Field Artillery, Weatherford's Oklahoma national guard unit, is 67 enlisted men and five officers Capt. Herman Horst, commanding officer, said today. A recruiting drive is now going on, he said, which should bring the unit nearer its wartime strength of 131 men and eight officers before it is called into active duty

about Sept. 1. Present members of the unit include: Harold L. Byfield, Robert E. Dawson, George Deffenbaugh jr., John L. Folks, Alfred L. Hammock, Billy E. Henry, James E. Minyard, Derail R. Pebley, Wade H. Smith, Andrew G. Wood, jr., Jack M. Allen, Austin D. Atkinson, And Harold G. Blough, Nathan J. Brehm, James R. Dawson, Wesley D. Claunch, Eldon V. Friesen, Charles L. Gambrell, Donald L. Gilliland, Algy D. Hadley, William R. Hensley, Donald L. Kerr, Tony Lenora, Angelo P. Luciano, Otto S. Mary, Carl R. Megli. And Willard L. Mills, Billy L. North, Tommy E. Phillips, Clark M. Robinson, Billy C. Triplett, Vernon L. Van Dyne, Ira P. M. Willis, Donald K. Wonder, Lee R. Amen, John C. Atteberry, Harry B. Baxter. And Glennie D. Little, Charlie J. Spear, Tommie J. Thacker, Chief J. Ward, Daniel P. Wynn. CAPTAIN Herman H. Horst. FIRST LIEUTENANT Joe F. Lohrengel, Charles A. Thacker. SECOND LIEUTENANT Norman R. Monroe, Charles I. Kramer. SERGEANT Jack E. Hadley, Woodrow L. Cooper, Kenneth C. Dietrich, Gerald Hogan, Howard C. Rickey. And Warren I. Dibler, Lester D. Friesen, James L. Frizzell, Sylvester A. J. Hiney, Richard McPhetridge, Edward D. Smith, Rader R. Steward, John E. Sykes, David L. Tautfest, Max E. Bergner, Thurman H. Bilbrey, Charles P. Downer, Jerry D. Richmond, Theodore R. Goeringer, Loyd W. Hedge, Melvin E. Rowland, J. R. Stroud, Junior D. McLemore, Donald E. Zwirtz.

Aug 15, 1950: Published in “The Chickasha Daily News” Full Page Advertisement entitled: PRESIDENT CALLS 45TH INFANTRY DIVISION TO ACTIVE DUTY! Men Who Want to Serve with Hometown Units Have Only Few Days Left to Join! Your hometown National Guard unit is one of the first to be called to the colors. Before long, the fighting 45th will be on the march again, training to combat-readiness. They’ll add a new, hard muscle on Uncle Sam’s right arm, a powerful answer to the threat of aggression. This is more than a call to the National Guard; this is a call to you! To bring the 45th to fighting strength, your Guard needs volunteers! Your Guard; your country; needs young men with the guts, the ability, and the foresight to go with the Guard! If you’re a man seventeen or over, your Guard needs you. Here is the best military opportunity you'll probably ever have; a chance to serve with your hometown outfit, a combat organization that performed heroically on the battlegrounds of World War II... a chance to serve with your hometown friends

and neighbors, to train with the people you've lived with all your life! Time is short. Soon the 45th Division must close ranks and leave for training with the Regular Army's finest. It's your move; make it now! Keep Your Guard Up; get in the Guard! Before your local unit marches off, get in step with your buddies. Join the famous 45th today. Go now to your local National Guard Headquarters! Keep Your Guard Up! Join the famous 45th Division Now! Headquarters & Headquarters Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Chickasha Armory, 725 Chickasha Ave., Phone 442.

Aug 17, 1950: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: CHICKASHA BATTERY WILL BE HONORED. Extensive plans to honor the headquarters and headquarters battery of the 158th field artillery battalion, 45th division were made at a meeting of representatives of civic and other organizations this morning at the Chamber of Commerce. While Saturday, Aug. 26, has been proclaimed 45th Division day, activities in Chickasha will not be confined to one day. Joe J. Miller was elected chairman to see that the program as outlined at the meeting is carried out. At least two representatives from the local battery have been invited to attend meetings of the Chickasha civic clubs beginning Friday of this week. They will explain to the club the advantages of being in an organized unit with men one knows and of being in a technical unit. On Tuesday night, Aug. 22, the battery members, their wives and dates, will be guests at the Chickasha Chiefs' baseball game as guests of Chickasha business and professional men. After the baseball game, the group will be honored with a watermelon feed. From 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, there will be an open house at the armory. While the public is cordially invited to attend, a special invitation is extended to the parents and relatives of men who are members of the battery, Lt. Ted Savage, local commanding officer, said today. On Saturday, Aug. 26, all merchants and citizens are asked to display flags at their businesses and homes. A parade is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., featuring the Chickasha public school band and the battery. The parade will close with formal retreat at the armory. Starting Friday, representatives of the battery will visit local civic clubs. They will go to the ABC club meeting tomorrow, to the Jaycee meeting Monday, Aug. 21; Kiwanis, Tuesday Aug. 22; Rotary, Thursday Aug. 24; and Lions, Monday, Aug. 28. The observance in Chickasha is a part of the

statewide program planned to honor national guard batteries. In each town in which there is a battery, arrangements are being made to honor the 45th division. The programs over the state are varied.

Aug 18, 1950: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: BATTERY SIGNS NEW MEMBERS. Enlistments are coming in fast in the headquarters and headquarters battery of the 158th field artillery, 45th division, Lt. Ted Savage, battery commanding officer, said today. Those who desire information may stop by the armory at Eighth and Chickasha, he stated. Among those who have enlisted with the battery since the 45th was alerted are Leonard J. Black, Elbert J. Bottoms, Don H. Shell, Stewart J. Bean, Donald W. Brooks. Valton O. Welchel, Jesse J. Kyees, Louis A. Kyees, Robert L. Lehew, James E. McDonald, Donald R. DeVilbiss, Gerald T. Johnson, Thurman M. Welchel. Doyle R. Muchmore, Louie Johnson, Charles N. Baker, Earl P. Spriestersbach, James R. Walker, Clarence R. Daniel, Guy B. Higgins, Fred A. Huffman, Jacob T. Lane and Ronald W. Clonce.

Aug 24, 1950: Published in "The Minco Minstrel" entitled: MINCO TO HONOR GUARD UNIT. Minco and its adjoining communities will pay tribute to the officers and men of the Service Btry 158th Field Artillery on Saturday, August 26. The days activities will begin at 8 a. m. with a formal flag raising ceremonies by the local guard unit at the Legion Hut. Nothing else is on tap until 4 o'clock in the afternoon at which time a long evening of entertainment kicks off with a downtown parade by the Guard Unit and the Minco American Legion. Following the parade at 5 o'clock will be a feast for all. The big supper will be at the park in back of the Armory. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a basket supper. All business establishments will close at 3:30 and remain closed until 6:30 at which time they will re-open and others will remain closed. At 9 o'clock a big dance will be held in the Minco Armory. Music will be furnished by Jack Merdith and his orchestra. All men in uniform will be admitted free. Admission to the dance will be couple $1.50; stags $1.00; and spectators 35c. All proceeds from the dance above the cost of the orchestra will go to the recreation fund of the local guard unit. The following business places will close at 3:30 and re-open at 6:30: Tolbert Drug, Garveys, Wade

Furniture and Hdw, Allisons Gro., O. K. Shoe Shop, Branum Variety, Slover Drug, Wood Gro., Cobble Gro. Super Cafe, Hurley Produce, Gray Produce, Minco Recreation Club, Markle Gro Horn Service Station, Corner Cafe and Phillips Cafe. Those businesses that will close at 3:30 and remain closed are: Carmon Elec., Sullens Serv. Station, Stowe Bros. Barbershop, Davis Auto, Harry Webb, Davis-Hurley, A. E. Unruh, Phillips 66, First National Bank, Public Service Co., Paulines Beauty shop, McKelvey Service Station, City Cleaners, Osborn Service Station, Woodworth Bros., Farmers Grain and Elevator, Rice Ford Service, Continental Grain Co, Hefner Blacksmith, Elite Bar, Tracy Implement Co., Lauderdale Laundry, Morris Blacksmith, Minco Clinic, Dr. John H. Nuby, Polly's Beauty Shop, J. B. Pope and Minco Minstrel. This program is jointly sponsored by the Minco American Legion, and Auxiliary, Kiwanis Club, Rodeo Club, Rebekah Lodge, Eastern Star and other organizations and the entire town and community of Minco. MINCO GUARD UNIT HONORED WITH SUPPER. The Minco Methodist Church ladies entertained the Minco National Guard Unit Monday night in the Church basement after Guard Drill. There was about 45 Guard men present and several members of the church. After the supper the evening was spent talking and singing. Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: THE THUNDERBIRD DIVISION. Once again the proud battle pennants of the gallant Thunderbird division are flying. Once again the state of Oklahoma can be proud of the fighting men who have been called to active military service. Rich in heritage the 45th Infantry division of our great state has been selected among the first to be called. The gallant 45th struck terror in the hearts of the German armies in World War II. The men of Oklahoma stood firm at Anzio. The people of our city and state should be proud to salute the men of the Thunderbird division—our bulwark against the enemy. The men who wear the Thunderbird emblem on their shoulder have a right to be proud. It is a division that young men should want to join. In a short time the 45th will be in camp and training. This newspaper salutes the eligible young men who make up the ranks of the 45th. Let us as Oklahomans, support a great and gallant division fully staffed with Oklahomans. HISTORY OF GUARD PREDATES 1ST WAR. The Old Guard: Although the history of the present Clinton National guard unit goes back only to Sept., 1946, the history of the guard in this area goes back much farther, to the

pre-World War 1 days. An infantry company from Clinton was called up to active duty for the Pancho Villa incident in 1916 and was later called for active duty in World War I. Floyd Thrasher and Victor Hayden, now Clinton post office employees, were members of the guard in those days. Following World War I, a Head-quarters company was established here in 1919 with Boy Lowrance as commanding officer, but was disbanded in 1922. But in 1927, the guard was reorganized in this area and Headquarters battery of the 158th artillery regiment came to life in Clinton. Capt. George V. Haun, former Clinton superintendent of schools, was commanding officer, and Lewis Nelson was 1st Lieutenant. One of the backbones of the group, which was formally organized in June, 1927 was Ernest Stocks, Clinton fire chief, and later commander of the company. Wheeler, a Custer county clerk, was communications sergeant for the newly organized outfit. It was the federal inspector found that the unit was one man short of having the minimum number for federal recognition. Doane Farr, Clinton trucking company owner, who was present but not a member, volunteered, was examined and enlisted in a matter of minutes to meet the unit's quota. The unit was a horse-drawn artillery unit and kept 32 head in a stable on North 6th, until motorized in 1933. It met in the old Spark Pavilion until construction of the present armory in 1936 by the WPA. The unit went on active duty for 15 days during the Hammond flood in 1934, guarding against looters and searching for bodies of missing persons. Stocks became commander of the unit in 1928, resigned left to become school superintendent at Ardmore. He was made a captain next year. He had become a second lieutenant in 1931 and a 1st lieutenant in 1938. The Company went to Fort Sill most years for summer drill but in 1939 trained at Palacios, Tex., and in 1940 trained at Camp Polk, La., where the present unit is to be stationed. It was just 9 years 11 months and 15 days that the unit got the call to active duty during the Camp Polk maneuvers. "We had a fine bunch of men," Stocks recalls, "although we were about only one-third of authorized strength. A good many of our members then got commissions, and some are still in the army." The New Guard: Headquarters company of the first battalion, 179th infantry regiment, which will go on active duty Sept. 1, is a comparatively new outfit in Clinton, having been organized here for only four years, since Sept., 1946, following World War II. Previous to the war,

the guard unit here had been an artillery outfit. Aven S. Cobb was the first commanding officer of the Clinton unit and was replaced about the first of 1947 by John McGee. Gene Stanley was named commanding officer in July, 1947 and held the position until Dec., 1948, increasing the strength of the company greatly before handing over the reins to Corwen Robinson, present commander of the unit. With the 15 men recruited since the call to active duty came, the company now has 75 enlisted men and two officers. 1st. Lt. Patrick L. Wehling is the second unit officer. As a battalion headquarters company the unit is involved mostly in administrative and communications work for the other four companies in the battalion which come from Elk City, El Reno, Oklahoma City and Norman. The unit is not armed, most of its equipment consisting of radio and other communications equipment. CLINTON GUARD AIN'T WHAT SHE USED TO BE - IN 1940. By Ed Dycus. "Things were sure different when we were called up almost exactly ten years ago," Roger Gauger, Clinton city fireman and former motor sergeant of Headquarters battery of the first battalion of 158th field artillery, says in comparing the new 45th with the 1940 version. "Our uniforms included breeches with high lace boots and campaign hats with a wide brim," he recalls, "and while those hat helmets we had didn't weigh as much as present ones, they didn't have any helmet liner in them, either." "But recruiting was easy, though we had only 32 men when we got the duty call, we enlisted about 30 more, nearly doubled our size before leaving for Fort Sill, Sept. 29, 1940." As far as we knew then we were just in for a year of training. There was no thought of hostilities. But now the fellows know what they're going into." After the call to active duty, Gauger remembers, any member who wanted out could just go in and get a discharge. But only two of the men got out and others from all over the Clinton area joined up. Officers of the unit then were Capt. Ernie Stocks, present Clinton fire chief; 1st Lt. C. L. Hostetter, who still lives in Clinton, but is a veteran's administration official at Southwestern State college at Weatherford; and 2nd Lt. Paul Pryer, principal of Lincoln grade school here. Other batteries in the 158th field artillery regiment, which was attached to the 45th, were stationed at Woodward, Anadarko, Perry, Weatherford, New Mexico and Duncan. Three of the men who left here with the Clinton unit were killed in action, Gauger recalls, but only one was still with the 45th. Ernest Terry and Johnny Franklin were killed after

transferring to other units and "Red" Villarreal was a member of anti-tank forces attached to the 45th division when he was killed. "We were strictly a school boy outfit when we were called up," Gauger says, "and most of us were in our teens. Some of the boys who went on active duty from here were not even 17, and a lot were only 18 or 19." "We went from here to 'Tent City' at Fort Sill. We lived in tents pitched on concrete slabs there until about the first of '41 when we were transferred to Camp Barkeley, Tex., where we stayed in tents for two more years." It was at Camp Barkeley that Gauger was transferred from the 45th into another outfit. The camp is near Abilene, Tex., and it was here that the Clinton unit gained much of its training before going overseas in 1943. Published in “The Duncan Eagle” entitled: GUARD TO TAKE TESTS. Duncan’s national guard unit, battery “A” of the 158th artillery, will leave here Friday for Fort Sill to take physical examinations prior to induction into federal service. The Marlow unit is expected to take their tests Saturday.

Sep 07, 1950: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: MINCO UNIT OF 45TH DIV. PRESENTED GIFT OF $550. A canteen fund drive for the local 45th Div. Unit, from Minco was started at 9 a. m. Wednesday and at 6 p. m. $550 had been donated for the unit. The various civic organizations of Minco sponsored the drive. All contributions will be turned over to the Btry Commander, Fred Rice when they leave for Camp Polk this weekend. MINCO BTRY PROFITS FROM DANCE. It has been reported that the amount of $34.95 was turned over to the Battery recreation fund as profit from the dance given honoring the 45th Div. on Saturday August 26th. Minco Paper Gift To 45th. Div. At Camp: The editor of this newspaper and the Btry Commander Fred Rice have made arrangements for about 25 copies of the Minco Minstrel to be sent to our boys at Camp Polk every week at no cost to anyone. We are asking the people who have news to report it and let the boys keep up with happening here at home. News must be in not later than Wednesday morning. Photo Caption: When the 45th Division National guardsmen pull out at Minco, Okla., they'll leave their armory in the hands of a trio with a personal interest in the situation at hand. All three members of the armory board have sons in the division. Capt. Fredrick J. Rice, son of Fred Rice, commander of Service

Battery, 158th Field Artillery battalion, the Minco unit, checks over final details with the three men at the desk. Standing is Ed Wegener in foreground, left to right, are Marvin Woodworth and A. L. Lauderdale. Mr. Woodworth has two sons, Calvin and Alex, in the battery. Mr. Lauderdale's son, Don, is first sergeant and Mr. Wegener's son, Clenard, is with the battalion headquarters in Chickasha. Contributions for the canteen fund of the unit has been received this week. If you were not contacted, you can make your donations either to this newspaper or Commander Fredrick J. Rice, Minco, Okla. and it will be placed in the funds of the unit.

Sep 26, 1950: Published in "The Tulsa Tribune" entitled: OKMULGEAN LEADS HONOR GUARD AT POLK. Camp Polk, La., Sept. 26 (AP) A 17-gun salute, the 45th division band and a slow drizzle of rain greeted General J. Lawton Collins, the army chief of staff, as he pulled into Camp Polk today. Collins was to speak to officers and non-commissioned officers of the division and to confer with the division's general staff. As the staff car which carried the four-star general from the DeRidder airport to Camp Polk pulled into the gate, members of "B" battery, 158th field artillery battalion sounded off with the first of 17 blasts from 105mm howitzers. By the time the salute was ended the general and his party had pulled into the area where the honor guard was standing at attention. As Lieut. Col. John Hillman of Okmulgee and commander of the 3rd battalion, 279th infantry exchanged salutes with the general, the men of the five companies which made up his battalion stood at attention with their rifles at present arms. Units which made up Hillman's battalion are from Muskogee, Stilwell, Wagoner and Tahlequah. On hand to greet Collins was Lieut. Gen. LeRoy Lutes, commander of the Fourth army, who arrived here from Fort Sam Houston Monday afternoon. General Lutes spoke to officers and non-coms Monday afternoon and Tuesday inspected the division camp area where men were training despite drizzling rain. For Collins, this is his second visit with the division as chief of staff. He stopped to see the Thunderbirds during the summer training period of 1949 in his first official visit with an army division after being named the army's chief of staff. Lutes chose leadership as the subject of his talk which he delivered to a packed crowd at the post field Tuesday afternoon. General

Collins will fly from Camp Polk to Fort Bliss, Texas, tonight. Wednesday morning staff officers from Fourth army headquarters will arrive at Camp Polk where they will confer with their counterparts on the 45th division staff. The 45th division held its own private town lot drawing Monday night, reminiscent of those held in the early days of Oklahoma. Pfc. Don Peters, Pawnee, reached into a hat and drew out the names of 58 lucky winners of duplex houses in the West End Heights addition of Leesville. Peters, Co. B, 279th infantry, was chosen at random to do the honors with the hat. The first name he drew was that of Sgt. Paul L. Mattingly, Muskogee. Mattingly is in Co. K, 279th infantry. A total of 110 duplexes in the addition were assigned to Thunderbird families but 45'ers with three and four children were given a priority on them. After they were provided for, only 58 duplexes were left and nearly 200 officers and enlisted men remained on the waiting list. Maj. Dwain D. Box, former Oklahoma City legislator and now assistant military government officer for the division, asked Peters to draw 58 winners. The duplexes were purchased two weeks ago from the federal housing administration by the Southern Construction Co., Lake Charles, La. The company will rent each unit for $65 a month furnished. Published in "The Hobart Democrat Chief" entitled: CHIEF OF STAFF IS VISITOR AT CAMP POLK TODAY. Camp Polk, La., Sept. 26. (U.P.) A 17-gun salute, the 45th division band and a slow drizzle of rain greeted General J. Lawton Collins, the army chief of staff, as he pulled into Camp Polk today. Collins was to speak to officers and non-commissioned officers of the division and to confer with the division's general staff. As the staff car which carried the four-star general from the De-ridder airport to Camp Polk pulled into the gate, members of "B" battery, 158th field artillery battalion sounded off with the first of 17 blasts from 105mm howitzers. By the time the salute was ended the general and his party had pulled into the area where the honor guard was standing at attention. As Lt. Col. John Hillman of Okmulgee and commander of the 3rd battalion, 279th infantry exchanged salutes with the general, the men of the five companies which made up his battalion stood at attention with their rifles held at present arms. Units which make up Hillman's battalion are from Muskogee, Stilwell, Wagoner and Tahlequah.

Sep 27, 1950: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: 45TH GROUP GOES TO SCHOOL. Camp Polk, La., Sept. 7 (AP). A 6-weeks course of instruction will be given 10 members of the 45th military police company. They left last night for the MP school at Camp Gordon, Ga. Nine of the men are from Atoka, the other is Pfc. Leslie B. Glass of Cement. The other men are Pfc. Eldon L. Hodges, Sgt. First Class Joe K. Williams, Sgt. Frank A. Bryant Jr.; Sgt. Bobby W. Mitchell; Sgt. Clarence D. Wilson; Cpl. Oliver P. Ray; Cpl. Forest C. Roundsville; Pfc. Oscar H. Foote and Pfc. Herbert R. Mansell. Pvt. John B. Mitchell, Mangum, company B. 245th heavy tank battalion, was shifted to the 45th division band. Sgt. Alan K. Slover, Minco, Service Battery, 158th artillery was moved to the new 45th replacement company and then sent back to his original outfit. Capt. Luther Sumter, Pawhuska, headquarters 145th anti-aircraft battalion, was transferred to the 160th artillery. Capt. Donald P. Denny, Ada, formerly of the 171st artillery battalion headquarters, now is assigned to the 145th ack-ack.

Sep 28, 1950: Published in “The Daily Ardmoreite” entitled: 45TH DIVISION TAKES TWO POW; BOTH ARMADILLO. Camp Polk, La., Sept. 28. (AP). Soldiers of the 45th division from Oklahoma have brought in their first prisoners of war; two prize armadillo. The capture climaxed a week's hunt which carried Sooner GIs from one end of Kisatchie national forest to another. Hunting parties were organized throughout the division. GIs armed with sticks, tow-sacks and other motley equipment spent a lot of off-duty time determined "to bring 'em back alive. "Object of the hunts are the timid armadillo in the Camp Polk area which sleep in daytime and prowl at night. The unusual animals; recognized chiefly because of bony sectional shells protecting their bodies; have had it easy since Camp Polk closed its gates in 1946. They moved right into the heart of the camp area, living under barracks and in abandoned sheds. When the 45th division moved in, their privacy ended. Many of the Thunderbirds never had seen an armadillo and the shell skinned animal was quite a curiosity. The 45th Division News gave the hunt a big sendoff. Cpl. Albert E. Kaff, Oklahoma City, editor, announced that the first Thunderbird who reported capture of a live armadillo would get his picture, along with that of his pet in the next issue. The next morning when members of the service company

of the 180th infantry, Okemah, were in the midst of calisthenics, someone yelled "Armadillo!" Three men broke ranks in pursuit. Sgt. Eugene Harjo finally made the capture. A few minutes later another capture was made by Cpl. Robert E. Nicholson, Cleveland. Then 16 men from battery D, 145th ani-aircraft artillery, led by Sgt. James R. Watson, Picher, finally caught one of the critters seven miles from their company area. Pfc. Wayne H. Brewer, Miami, Pfc. Melvin T. Wyrick, Miami, and Pvt. Melvin O. Collins, Picher, cornered the animal. The 45th division has one recruit who quit a successful business at 40 to enlist in the fight to help the world remain free. He is Charles C. (Pop) Jordan of Walters. Jordan has a 19-year-old son fighting in Korea, and the father explained his enlistment in this way: "It isn't just the young men who should be in the army. There's lots of things an older man can do." Jordan is now working in company E, 179th infantry supply room. But he is working for a transfer into transportation work. In 1932, Jordan started a transport system in Chicago hauling perishable goods over the country. He sold it in 1943 and "retired" to California. He moved to Walters two years ago and has been doing contracting since. He signed with the Walter national guard unit Aug. 16 to go into service with the men he knew at Walters. There's at least two other old-time soldiers in the division. First Sgt. Jim S. Vestal of company G, 179th infantry, Marlow, will complete 21 years in the 45th next December. In civilian life Vestal has been a grocery clerk, mechanic and truck driver. Vestal has had chances to become an officer but said "I always figured I could do more for my men as a first sergeant." Sgt. Jack (Bump) Hadley of battery “C”, 158th artillery, formerly of Weatherford, is another of those twice-in-a-decade Thunderbirds. Hadley first joined the division in 1936 and has been with it ever since except during the war years when his battalion was shipped overseas ahead of the 45th.

Oct 04, 1950: Published in “The Oklahoma City Times” entitled: ARTILLERYMEN GET SOME FOOT ACTION IN RETREAT PARADE. (Oklahoman-Times Service). Camp Polk, La., Oct. 4. The artillerymen who usually ride are getting a bit of walking these days. Tuesday the 160th artillery battalion of the 45th division gunners held a retreat parade, following one by the combined 158th artillery and the 145th anti-aircraft battalion. The 45th division band played for each. The men were drawn up

on a fairly level piece of ground east of the fieldhouse, one of the few level spots in Camp Polk, and marched past a reviewing stand. In the 160th, commanded by Lt. Col. Ira Le Masters, Pawhuska, are units from Tulsa, Chandler, Hominy, Haskell and Sperry. The 158th, commanded by Lt. Col. Charles W. Cleverdon, Oklahoma City, comes from Chickasha, Anadarko, Duncan, Weatherford and Minco. The 145th ack-ack is from Pawhuska, Nowata, Fairfax, Vinita and Miami. It is commanded at present by Maj. Edmond Kennedy, Pawhuska.

Oct 10, 1950: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: 45TH DIVISION NEWS. Politics Works For Maj. Box. Camp Polk, La., Oct. 10 (AP) Maj. Dwain Box put to work his political savvy learned in the Oklahoma legislature and elected his candidates in the division headquarters officers mess. "Boss Box" a former Oklahoma legislator, moved quickly when nominations were opened for club officers. In the twinkling of a motion, his entire slate was in office. Maj. Box personally moved the election by acclamation of each of his candidates. Then his party "whip," Lt. Col James B. Bratton, division inspector general, quickly seconded the motions. The officers are Lt. Col. William Rowe Cook, president; Lt. Col. William Van Stuck, vice president; and Lt. Quenton Huistine, board member. Also on the brighter side of army life, GI's were treated over the weekend to a party in Beaumont, Texas. The Thunderbirds had to shell out $4.75 for a train ticket, plus a few bucks for meals and a room. Otherwise no pass. A special train took the Oklahomans to Beaumont Saturday afternoon, and they were free on the first weekend on a special services excursion. Even the fun was in a rather military manner. Maj. Morris B. Haskell, special services officer, sent two men to Beaumont as an advance party to scout the city. The patrol was made up of Sgt. Dale Palmer, Altus, and Cpl. Buddy Powell, who met with Howard Hicks, secretary of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. From this meeting came plans for two entertainment-packed days, including: Dances (girls provided) at the YWCA, silver ballroom of the Edson hotel, Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, the American Legion hall, and the LaSalle hotel. Highschool football game (for 75 cents). Weiner roast and picnic. Or if the GI happened to be an independent (or lazy) soldier, he ditched the planned entertainment for a movie, walk in the park, or other activity. More

such jaunts are planned, says Maj. Haskell. One will be to New Orleans, considered by soldiers as a pleasure mecca. Mail call is an important daily event at Camp Polk. And Sgt. Avery Keesee, W. O. Lloyd Mogg and Lt. Col. Charles W. Cleverdon, all of Oklahoma City, are bragging about their big letter. All are former employes of the federal housing administration, and the epistle is 15 pages long; from each of their former co-workers in the Oklahoma City office. Cleverdon commands the 158th artillery battalion, while Keesee and Mogg are members of the division supply section. SGT. JAMES E. HINSON TO TAKE SPECIAL COURSE. Sgt. 1/c James E. Hinson, headquarters battery, 158th field artillery, 45th division, is one of the enlisted men selected to take a 15-week course in artillery vehicle maintenance at Fort Sill. The course already is under way. Sgt. Hinson reported to Camp Polk, when the Chickasha battery was called to active duty. Sgt. Hinson is the son of Mrs. C. E. Hinson, 618 South 13th.

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although the dust and dampness come at different times each day. Mrs. Vera Boland, post theatrical director who likes to talk of a 30-year background in theatrical work is rounding up a volunteer cast for the first soldier show at Camp Polk, called "Pass in Review." Wonder where they found that title. It will include a few Louisiana girls; no impersonations from GIs. It is not true as some of his buddies allege, that Pvt. Jimmy Hill, Company E, 179th infantry, Walters, lit on his head when he fell out of a second story window in his barracks and was not injured. "Junior" claims he was practicing for his avocation of being rodeo clown. Major Dwain D. Box, legal assistance officer of the 45th in addition to other duties, wrote Washington for all military poop available to use as references, etc. Back came a packet including "How to Figure Your Income Tax." Nice reference but they were for the years 1944 and 1945. Sgt. Adnell O. Acers, 3401 NW 21, Oklahoma City, who not so long ago was a band instructor at Taft, is trying to line up some barbershop singers, a men's chorus and a duo piano team, half of which he offers to be. (That's the piano team, not the chorus). Seems Acers is sort of behind the high C. He has accepted two singing engagements without having any singers. Acers found his way over to a Louisiana State college at Natchitoches—oh, the heck with it. We changed the name of that town to Smith, anyway, during the 1941 maneuvers. Anyway, it is a nice place and Acers, a fair piano hand or even with two hands, got a big reception there and promised more entertainment. Now he is trying to arrange it. There are too many Capt. Williams around here and it can be confusing when they are shuffled around. Capt. Elijah Williams, Lawton, was with the 700th ordnance company. Now he is the division maintenance officer, which is a staff, not a unit job. Capt. Dennis Williams, Seminole, former head knuckle buster of Company B, 120th engineers, now is assistant division engineer, another staff job. (Seems like some character—no precision engineer—got the two mixed up in an incorrect news item). The Camp Polk library under Mary Tellier Mathis, Frederick native and former El Reno school teacher, now has books all over the place for Thunderbirds to read. There are 3,000 uncrate and others waiting. Miss Mathis has one problem after another. First it was no books, now it is not enough time to fill shelves and answer demands for books at the same time and worst of all—her library is adjacent to the post cleaners and some GIs can't read signs and keep

leaving dirty clothes bundles on the library counter. The new recruits in the 180th infantry regiment can be impressed properly any time Maj. Fred Snyder, the regimental plans and training officer and former Edmond city manager, wants to impress them. All Snyder has to do is get Col. James O. Smith, Okmulgee, the CO, to put on a firing demonstration. The chunky, hard-looking colonel can fire at least 12 types of weapons one after the other and make a fair to excellent showing on each.

Oct 18, 1950: Published in "The Enid Daily Eagle" entitled: NO TITLE. Lt. Ed Brockert has been named commander of headquarters battery, 158th Field Artillery battalion. Lt. Ted Savage was commanding officer of the Chickasha, Okla., battery when it was mobilized. He now is attending a field artillery school at Fort Sill. Sgt. Richard L. Smith of Duncan is in Brooke general hospital in San Antonio suffering fractures of the vertebrae and is paralyzed from the waist down. He was flown from Camp Polk yesterday after being seriously injured in an auto accident Sunday. The car he was driving overturned 90 miles from the camp. Sgt. Smith is in Battery "A", 158th Artillery.

Nov 09, 1950: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: NO TITLE. Battery "B" of the 158th field artillery battalion is making its mark at Camp Polk. Men in the battery come from the Anadarko area. Their master sergeant, Leon T. Carruth recently won a commendation from Gen. Mark Clark for an excellent three-hour class in dismounted control. The battery was selected to fire the salute for four-star Gen. Lawton Collins on his recent visit to Camp Polk. During an inspection recently the outfit's barracks were rated the cleanest and best kept on the post. Men of the battery won the artillery baseball tournament and now are sending boxers into the 45th fight championships. A large number of Anadarko residents have visited the battery the last several weekends.

Dec 21, 1950: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: FORWARD CHICKASHA. Chickasha and Grady county citizens who had a part in sending the truck load of presents and decorations plus about $350 in cash to the local battery

will be interested in two letters which reached us Wednesday afternoon. One is from Ed. Brockert, commanding officer of the Chickasha guard unit and the other from Lt. Col. Charles W. Cleverdon, the top "brass" of the 158th field artillery battalion. Frank Stauffer, who headed the gift committee, Alva Lowe, G. B. Hurley, Joe Mosley and John Hamman were the "big wheels" chiefly responsible for the gesture of good will and affection from the community. From Lt. Brockert: Camp Polk, La., Dec. 15, 1950: "It was indeed a pleasant surprise to see Joe and John coming last Friday night to see us, and a greater surprise to see the many nice presents and decorations they had brought with them. When I wrote and asked for a few decorations for the men, I really didn't realize I was asking that such an undertaking as this was going to take place. I'll have to admit when Chickasha folk are asked for something, they always go all out, not just part way, and I can assure it was not in vain. "I am sure Mr. Mosley and Mr. Hamman have described to you in detail the incidents that took place while we had them as our guests, but I'm sure they didn't tell you of it all. In the field last Wednesday at noon, Gen. Muldrow, division artillery commander, told me he had met Joe and John and once again expressed his personal feeling of gratitude to the Chickasha folk for being so very generous in their giving to the not only Chickasha men in this battery, but all of the "outsiders" from the many states all over the nation now associated with the Chickasha battery. "Seven Chickasha men are now on seven day furloughs in and around Chickasha, and tonight seven more are leaving at midnight. Two of these are from Duncan, however, the remaining five being Chickasha residents. Among those leaving are M/Sgt. W. G. Spangler, SFC Charles Gentry, Cpl. Edwin Enri, Cpl. Robert Romo and Cpl. Glen Hopkins. "Once again, may I express my utmost gratitude to the citizens of the best little town in America, Chickasha, for opening up their hearts and pocketbooks . . . the reason I say pocketbooks is because I know that many folk gave when their tidings could have been used on themselves rather than for this cause. This kind of giving is truly American." From Lt. Col. Cleverdon: "It is a pleasure to be able to join Lt. Brockert in expressing my gratitude through you to the kind people of Chickasha for their open-hearted Yuletide remembrance to our men of Headquarters Battery. "This generous action

will go far toward assuaging the disappointment these men suffered as a result of the recent policy cancelling Christmas leaves." — dv.

Jan 05, 1951: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: ENGAGEMENT OF MISS MURIEL PYBURN AND LT. ROBERT HUGH HAMMACK TOLD. Of interest to friends in this area of Lt. Robert Hugh Hammack, son of Mrs. S. A. Hammack of Abilene, Tex., and the late Mr. Hammack, is the announcement of his engagement. The bride-elect is Miss Muriel Julia Pyburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pyburn, jr., of Abilene, Tex. The engagement will be formally announced at a tea to which the bride-elect's mother will be hostess from 2 to 6 p. m. Sunday in the family home at Abilene. Guests will be received by the hostess, Miss Pyburn and Lt. Patricia Strawn, cousin of Lt. Hammack. The bride-elect's sister, Margaret, and Miss Loretta Dennis will preside at the guest book. Seasonal flowers will be used in decoration for the reception rooms. The bride-to-be will wear a gown of toast crepe with gold trim. Miss Pyburn was graduated from Loretto Academy. She attended Texas Western college and was graduated from Hotel Dieu school of nursing. She is pediatrics supervisor at Hotel Dieu. She is a member of the Chi Omega sorority. The prospective bridegroom Lt. Robert Hammack received his education in Clinton schools and was graduated from highschool while in the 45th division. He has since completed two years of study in the University of Maryland. He entered service with Clinton's National Guard headquarters battery 158th Field Artillery in 1939, and has made the army his career. He is stationed now at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where he is studying radar.

Jan 27, 1951: Published in “The Tulsa Tribune” entitled: NO TITLE. Battery “B”, 158th Artillery from Anadarko, made up a small pot for the best pistol shot in the unit when they went to the range recently. Sgt. 1 c Joe Duncan, communications chief took the $11 pot with a score of 262 out of a possible 300. Lt. James C. Styron, jr., battery commander, was second with 252.

Mar 21, 1951: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: HOMECOMING. Photo Caption: It’s been a different kind of Homecoming at Southwestern State

college during the past few days. Former students of the college now in the 45th division at Camp Polk have been flocking back to the campus to pay farewell visits to classmates and faculty before leaving for foreign service. Above, Sgt. Charles Gambrill, Dill City, looks at the campus with Cloma Dennis, Hollis, left, the "girl he left behind him," and Elaine Tautfest, Weatherford, whose brother, Sgt. David Tautfest, is with Sgt. Gambrill in “C” Battery of the 158th field artillery.

Apr 12, 1951: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: LETTER TO THE PEOPLE. The following letter was received last week from one of Minco’s 45th Div members mailed from the Panama. April 3, 1951, Dear Austin: We are having a fine voyage. We were very fortunate in getting on one of the best troop ships available. The food is wonderful and we have plenty of lounging space for reading, writing letters, playing cards and other types of amusements. Also there are numerous coke machines scattered over the ship. We have movies nightly. All in all there is nothing that we could ask for to make the voyage more pleasant. We are now nearing the Panama Canal. We were supposed to have arrived at 0800 this morning, but due to a high head wind yesterday we are a few hours late. Will reach the Canal some time this morning. Col. Cleverdon the troop commander aboard the ship and also the commanding officer of the 158th Field Artillery has suspended all training aboard the ship today so that everyone will be able to see the canal. We will be looking forward to receiving the Minco Minstrel when we arrive in Japan. Bunah I. Hardy. Note from Editor: We sure will continue to send you the papers. Also enjoyed your letter and card received from the boys.

Jun 05, 1951: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: THUNDERBIRDS GET AIR MAIL, EVEN IN FIELD. Camp Strong, Japan, June 5. (AP). With just a little cooperation from the 45th division artillery light air section, the 158th artillery battalion was receiving air mail service today; even in the field. When the artillerymen are on an overnight bivouac, away from the regular mail run, pilots of the 158th's liaison section make it a point during their routine flights to fly over the area and drop mail to the outfit. The "operation Mail Hop" is flown by 1st Lt. Gordon W. Jones, Chickasha, and 1st Lt. David M. Fulcher, Detonti, Ark. Meanwhile,

the men of the Tahlequah Vocational School class of 1948 hold reunions every few nights here at Camp Strong. Sometimes the reunions are in the service club, at times the men get together in an army barracks. The reunions always have a 100 percent attendance. Otherwise, they never would have a quorum; for there were only two men among the 13 students who graduated from the Indian school at Tahlequah in 1948, and both are members of the 45th infantry division now stationed in northern Japan. The alumni are Cpl. Lindy Waters, Oklahoma City, a member of the 45th division artillery, and Pvt. Calvin Scott, Tahlequah. Waters was a member of the National Guard in Tahlequah and later in Oklahoma City. He entered the army when the division was federalized last September. Scott was among the first group of selectees to join the division last fall.

Jun 10, 1951: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: 45TH DIVISION ENGINEERS BUILD 17-HOUR ROAD. Hokkaido, Japan, June 9. (UP). Six 45th infantry division engineers from Oklahoma have built a new road over soft ground and wooded thickets in record time. The 1 1/2 mile, two-lane road to the 179th regimental combat team's new tent camp was finished in 17 hours last week; starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 a.m. the next day. The six engineers, equipped with two bulldozers, pushed their way through open fields and forests to reach the camp site. They worked straight through the night, watching the color of the ground to make sure they didn't rake all the topsoil off. The speedy roadbuilders, all from the 120th combat engineers, were Sgt. Bob Martin and Sgt. Jesse Putnam, both of Stillwater, Sgt. Bill Harlan, Pfc. Lewis Ficher and Sgt. Bo Pearce, all of Seminole, and Sgt. Floyd Hollingsworth of Hollis. Five hundred men from the 45th division's three regimental combat teams will be selected each day for special trips to Sapporo, largest city on Hokkaido. Each team will pick one day a week to send its 500 men on the trip, Maj. Art Clark, Tulsa, division special services officer, announced. A different group was to be chosen each week until all have made the trip. Then the process starts over again. Clark said the new system will not interfere with the regular three-day trips to the resort hotel at Noboribetsu, except that the 279th RCT will now be included in the jaunts. The 279th had been excluded because of superior recreational facilities at their former Camp Crawford station.

Meanwhile, it was announced that a pup tent camp had been named after Maj. Norton C. Worley, plans and training officer of the 179th regiment of the 45th division. And a lot of 45th infantrymen's gripes about sleeping in squad tents at Camp Monte Strong came to a sudden halt last week. In setting up a new camp, a group from the headquarters battery 158th artillery, came across the foundations of some former Japanese Army barracks and saw that the Nipponese bunks consisted of nothing but wooden planks.

Jun 14, 1951: Published in “The Blackwell Journal Tribune” entitled: RECORDINGS FROM HOME FOR 45TH. Camp Crawford, Japan, June 14, (U.P.). The 45th division infantrymen in Japan can listen to the equivalent of a disk jockey program straight from home; including request recordings. The soldiers' relatives write to Sapporo armed forces radio, giving the title of the record they want played and, if they wish, a short message from home. The programs are broadcast three times weekly. After they're over, the Sapporo AFRS here sends tape recordings of the broadcasts to the Thunderbirds whose favorite records were played. Requests for dedications should be addressed to the Sapporo AFRS, 8005th Army Unit, APO 309, San Francisco, Calif. A lot of 45th division infantrymen are still fighting the battle of the dust in their tent camps. For instance, the grass in the tent camp area occupied by the 279th regimental combat team is thin and the dust from newly built roads is thick. Members of the 279th RCT are the 279th infantry, 160th artillery and Company C of the 120th combat engineers. Things are a little better for the 179th RCT. Units in the 179th RCT are the 179th infantry, the 158th artillery battalion and Company A of the 120th combat engineers. The 45th’s other RCT, the 180th, is remaining in Camp Strong. Its units are the 180th infantry, 171st artillery and Company “B” of the 120th combat engineers. Men in the 179th and 279th RCTs have spent two weeks living in a pup tent city while squad tents were put up for them in their new summer camp. The 158th artillery claimed some sort of record when it moved. The men pulled up stakes at Camp Strong at 7 a.m. one day and by 1 p.m. had moved nine miles and put the tents back up again. In some ways, it wasn’t easy to pull out. Only a few days before, members of the battalion had beautified their area and the service battery won a $30 prize as a result. Battery “C” got a $20 consolation

prize. The 158th got a better deal than the 160th artillery. The 160th men had to live in pup tents until engineers completed the squad tents. Battery "B" of the 145th anti-aircraft battalion was in the same fix. The 160th's area was surrounded by rolling hills and the cement foundations of an old Japanese imperial marine camp. Members of the 179th and 279th infantry regiments were scheduled to march 12 miles from their bivouac areas to the new tent camps in a few days. Members of Company "C" of the 279th infantry regiment have a new battle cry: "have no fear, Charley's here!" Charley is a pug-nosed Indian doll with a tomahawk in one hand and a scalp in the other. He's kept on top of the company's guides. Charley is an appropriate mascot for "C" company, since the group's home national guard station was the Chilocco Indian station in Oklahoma. The doll is a gift from Corporal Victor B. Childers of Fairfax, Okla., now on special duty from Charley company with the division band. Childers bought Charley in Leesville, La., while the 45th infantry was training at Camp Polk. Charley had to move off the guidon for a few hours recently. A battalion parade was scheduled, and officials decided that "he isn't authorized."

Jul 01, 1951: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: HAS NEW MENAGERIE. Hokkaido, Japan, June 30. (UP) Members of Battery "A", 158th field artillery, had to leave their menagerie behind when the 45th division sailed to Japan, but Cpl. Arthur D. Meazell, Duncan, with the help of nature, has started a new one. The battery left a skunk, goat, duck, armadillo and a pig at Camp Polk, La. Two weeks ago Meazell bought two white mice. Now he has eight.

Jul 05, 1951: Published in "The Mangum Star" entitled: 45TH DIV NEWS. Pet-loving members of the 45th division have taken up in Japan where they left off in the United States. Members of Battery "A", 158th artillery, owned a skunk, goat, duck, armadillo and pig when they were at Camp Polk, La. They had to leave their menagerie behind when they came overseas. Cpl. Arthur D. Menzell of Duncan, Okla., started another one here; one that's already growing. Two weeks ago he bought two white mice. Now he has eight.

Sep 27, 1951: Published in "The Minco Minstrel" entitled: PFC. IDLE TO ATTEND WELDING SCHOOL. U. S. 45th Inf Div., Hokkaido, Japan. Pfc. Bernard D. Idle, Box 244, Minco, Okla., in training with the 45th Infantry division here, has been selected to attend an army service school. The classes in Welding will be held at Eta Jima School, Honshu, Japan from Sept. 17 to Oct. 29. Upon completion of training school, he will return to duty with his unit, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, of the 45th Division.

Feb 15, 1952: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: ANADARKO 45TH GI TOSSES HELMET LINER INTO SHERIFF'S RACE. With the 45th Division, Korea (AP) Sfc. T. L. Stuart may have established a distance record for throwing political hats. He tossed his helmet liner across the Pacific into the Caddo County sheriff's race at Anadarko, Okla. Stuart, 32, was on the Anadarko police force a year between hitches of active duty with the 45th Division, in World War II in Company I, 179th Infantry, and now "B" Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion. He's due discharge in August.

Mar 03, 1952: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: NAIL PUT ON SPOT. 45th Division, Korea, March 3: Kim, a young houseboy at one of the Thunderbird division's forward observation posts, can't be tripped up on Army rank. From private to general, he knows who's who. During a recent operation, the bunker of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, was filled with visiting brass, including several majors and a few light colonels. Kim said not a word. Even when Brig. Gen. Hal Muldrow, division artillery commander, was visiting, he made no comment. But after Kim saw the two stars on the helmet of Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, division commander, Hobart, Okla., when he dropped by the bunker during the operation, Kim was all eyes. Just as the general was leaving, Kim turned to Sgt. Dawson Nail, Weatherford, Okla. "No. 1 GI," he said. "What could I do but agree," the sergeant said. "After all, that's one way of referring to General Styron."

Mar 06, 1952: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: ARMY ADOPTS BUNK DEVELOPED BY WEATHERFORD THUNDERBIRD. With 45th Div. Korea, March 6 (UP)

Thunderbirds in Oklahoma's 45th division in quiet sectors of the front sometimes hardly realize there's a war going on. Other times they get jolted back to reality in a hurry. Take, for instance, the case of Sgt. 1-c Lester D. Friesen of Weatherford. Friesen is relatively comfortable in his fancy bunk at Battery "C", 158th field artillery battalion. But he's worried about what other artillerymen in the division are thinking of him. Friesen and his buddies in the ammunition and maintenance tent used wooden boxes to make double bunks that look a lot like Pullman berths in the rough. The extra-wide double deckers even have shelves on the ends for toilet articles. "After an inspection, every unit in division artillery had to build them," he said. "I'm afraid the whole artillery will be after me now for creating the extra work."

Mar 13, 1952: Published in "The Weatherford News" entitled: WITH WEATHERFORD'S BATTERY "C" IN KOREA. Tommy's art pays off in candy bars. With the U.S. 45th Infantry Division in Korea: A letter and a cartoon mailed to a candy company have brought candy bars to spare into the food box of two 45th "Thunderbird" division artillerymen in Korea. They are Cpl. Joe Summars, Sayre, and Pfc. Tommy Phillips, Weatherford, members of Battery "C", 158th Artillery Battalion. They read an advertisement that candy bars taste better when chilled. Phillips drew a cartoon of soldiers eating chilled candy bars while standing in snow in chilled Korea. In the background is a sign advertising the candy: "Try it Chilled." They mailed the cartoon to the company. In three weeks they had an answer from the vice president of the company, telling them that the cartoon would be used in future advertising and that a carton of the candy was on its way to the two artillerymen. Photo Captions: U.S. Army Photo by Cpl. Jack Gunter. With the U. S. 45th Infantry Division in Korea; Seated around their new-style double decker, members of Battery C, 158th Field Artillery battalion, discuss how they started a lot of work for other members of the 45th "Thunderbird" division's artillery. Inspecting officers liked their bunks, built from ammunition boxes, so well that they were ordered for all artillery units. The group above, left to right, include Cpl. George Deffenbaugh, Jr., Weatherford, Okla.; Cpl. Ray Pebley, Weatherford; Pfc. Donald E. Hare, Tuscon, Ariz., and Pfc. Angelo Curro, the Bronx, N. Y. U.S. Army

Photo by Cpl. Jack Gunter. With the U. S. 45th Infantry Division in Korea: Cpl. Andrew G. Wood, Jr., Weatherford, catches a few spare moments from his busy schedule with Battery C, 158th Field Artillery battalion of the 45th "Thunderbird" division in Korea, to read a couple of pages in a magazine. The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wood, Weatherford, he is sitting in front of the ammunition bunker, bundled against the Korean cold. U.S. Army Photo by Cpl. Jack Gunter. With the U. S. 45th Infantry Division in Korea; Big gun poised ready to fire on a moment's notice, Sgt. 1|c Thurman H. Bilbrey, member of the 'Thunderbirds' Battery C, 158th Field Artillery battalion, stands watch on the 105 millimeter howitzer. To help pass the time, he reads a magazine. Bilbrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bilbrey, 610 North Seventh, Weatherford. U.S. Army Photo by Cpl. Jack Gunter. With the U. S. 45th Infantry Division in Korea: The bunks of Battery C, 158th Field Artillery battalion have set the style for double-deckers throughout the 45th "Thunderbird" division artillery. Sgt. 1/c L. D. Friesen, bottom bunk, from Weatherford, originated the idea of building them from ammunition boxes. On upper bunk, left to right, are two other nightly occupants of the special double-deckers, Pfc. Henry E. Szydlowsky, Harrison, N. J., and Pfc. William H. Hoff, Teaneck, N. J.

Apr 03, 1952: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: BRAGGING BACKFIRES ON SOLDIER OF 45TH. 45th Division, Korea, March 27 (UP) His bragging recently caught up with an amateur cook in Battery "B", 158th artillery battalion of the 45th "Thunderbird" division. Sgt. 1-c Bobby Allan, Anadarko, Okla., was musing aloud about the delicacies he had cooked up while a baker back home. Mess Sgt. Ira D. Hart, of 1120 M St., Lawton, Okla. ever eager for new cooking talent, challenged the Howitzer section chief to prepare some goodies for the battery. Allan started his work early one evening. He decided to make apricot turnovers. At 3:15 the following morning, he had 150 turnover ready.

Apr 07, 1952: Published in "The Anadarko Daily News" entitled: WILSON IS REPORTED INJURED IN KOREA. Word has been received here that Billy Wilson, serving with Battery "B", 158th field artillery in Korea, was wounded accidentally in the leg while removing a shell from a gun. His condition is reported improved.

Wilson is the son of Mrs. Edna Vickrey, Anadarko. 12 CITY GI's COMING HOME. Group Left March 28 To Return To State. Names of 12 Anadarko men with the 45th Division, now enroute home from Korea, were announced today from the division's headquarters. The men left the 45th March 28 to return to the United States under the National Guard "phase out" program. Most of those listed had been assigned to Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery. All had been on active duty with the 45th since September, 1950. Men returning, with their unit and next of kin: M-Sgt. Robert T. McClure, chief of firing battery, Battery "B", 158th FA., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClure and husband of Mrs. Shirley McClure, 607 West Georgia. Sfc. Alford M. Black, supply sergeant for Ambulance Co. 120, Medical Battalion, son of N. W. Black, route four, Apache, and husband of Mrs. Alford Black, 923 North Sunset Drive. Sfc. Thomas D. Stroud, section chief of Battery "B", 158th FA., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stroud, 310 West Kansas, and husband of Mrs. Dawn M. Stroud, 329 West Broadway. Sfc. Thomas L. Stuart, supply sergeant for Battery "B", 158th FA., son of T. L. Stuart, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Sgt. Gerald L. Headley, gunner for Battery "B", 158th FA., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Headley and husband of Mrs. G. L. Headley, Box 395, Anadarko. Sgt. Lionel L. O'Donley, cook, baker assistant, mess sergeant for Battery "B", 158th FA., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. O'Donley and husband of Mrs. Carol O'Donley, route one, Anadarko. Sgt. Richard H. Sandt, ammunition sergeant of Service Battery, 158th FA., husband of Mrs. Ann Mae Sandt, 101 East Kentucky. Cpl. Robert Lee Abney, wire driver for Battery "B", 158th FA., son of J. W. Parton and Mrs. Eunice L. Parton and husband of Mrs. Virginia Pauline Abney, 513 East Virginia. Cpl. Dillard H. Acton, truck driver for Battery "B", 158th FA., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Acton and husband of Mrs. Emma Jo Acton, 308 West Main. Cpl. Richard R. Bell, assistant gunner for Battery "B", 158th FA., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bell, Anadarko. Cpl. John Emhoolah, Jr., artillery forward observer and driver for Battery "B", 158th FA., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Emhoolah and husband of Mrs. Geneva Emhoolah, Riverside Indian School, Anadarko. Pfc. George Forest Smith, truck driver for Battery "B", 158th FA., son of D. F. Smith, Anadarko. For their service overseas, the men have been awarded Japan Occupation medals and Korean Service ribbons.

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from Public Information Office Headquarters of 45th Infantry Division, APO 86, San Francisco, Calif., that the following Minco and northern Grady County boys are enroute home from Korea. All were serving with the Service Battery of 158 F. A. B. N. and had been on active duty since Sept. 1950. Chief Warrant Officer Bunah I. Hardy, assistant S-4 (supply and transportation) officer of the 158th Artillery battalion, was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service just prior to his departure from Korea under the 45th Div. "phase-out" rotation plan. Col. Joseph Cathey, executive officer of the 45th Div. Artillery, made the award during an hour-long ceremony paying honors to departing Thunderbirds from various artillery units. CWO Hardy, whose wife Earline and daughter Geraldine live in Minco, has spent over six and a half years of active duty with the 45th Div. During World War II, he participated in the South African, French, Italian and German campaigns with the Thunderbirds, then on activation of the 45th again in September, 1950, has trained with the division at Camp Polk, La., and Hokkaido, Japan, and was in Korea for three and a half months with Sv. Btry., 158th F. A. His most recent decoration makes his ninth decoration for outstanding service with the 45th Division. Capt. Edward C. Wegener, whose wife and mother live in Minco recently left the 45th Inf. Div. in Korea to return to the United States under the Army's "phase-out" program for National Guardsmen. Captain Wegener served as communications officer in Headquarters 158th Field Artillery Battalion. M. Sgt. Jerry V. Froneberger, Minco who was with the division served as Bn. Motor Sgt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Froneberger. SFC William H. Dooley, Minco, while with the division in combat served as Mess Steward. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dooley. His wife Betty Sue lives at 4308 N. Wall, Okla. City. Cpl. Arthur E. Danley, Minco, while with the division served as Bn. Parts Clerk. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Danley. His wife Alicia lives at 1702 South 13th St. Chickasha. Cpl. Bernard Dell Idle, Tuttle, while with the division, he served as Bn. Mechanic. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Idle, Minco. His wife, Pauline Idle, lives at Tuttle. Cpl. Dewey H. Lowry, whose wife, Barbara, lives in New Castle, Okla., served as supply sergeant in Headquarters Co. of the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion.

Apr 17, 1952: Published in “The Richmond Independent” entitled: IN ACTION. Photo Caption: In a front-line bunker in Korea, two forward observers lot the position of enemy gun emplacements a short distance away. Sighting through a periscope is Sgt. Van. D. Lee, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Armon A. Lee of Route 3, Hydro, Okla. Lt. Robert L. Kemper, 23, son of Paul L. Kemper of 3634 Garvin avenue, Richmond, and Mrs. Vivienne Dutro, 410 E. Prospect, Watsonville, relays firing instructions to friendly artillery units in the rear. Both soldiers are members of the 45th Division's 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Apr 20, 1952: Published in “The Oakland Tribune” entitled: MILITARY SERVICE NOTES: AWARDS, PROMOTIONS, LEAVES. Photo Caption: Forward observers of the 45th Division's 158th Field Artillery in Korea: Lieut. Robert L. Kemper (right), and Sgt. Von D. Lee, of Oklahoma, team up to relay firing instructions to artillery units in the rear. Kemper is the son of Paul L. Kemper, 3634 Garvin Street, Richmond, and Mrs. Vivienne Dutro, 410 East Prospect Street, Watsonville.

May 08, 1952: Published in “The Tuttle Times” entitled: NINE THUNDERBIRDS DUE HOME IN "PHASE OUT". The following information was received this week from the Public Information Office Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division at San Francisco, Calif., listing the following boys due to leave soon on the phase out program in Korea. Sgt. Marshal Weldon Key, son of Marshal Key, who served as Mechanic and Motor Sgt. with the 158th FA BN. He was awarded the Japan Occupation medal, the Korean Service ribbon and U.N. ribbon. Cpl. Jack E. McComas, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McComas, who served in the 158th FA BN as Btry Mechanics. Cpl. McComas was awarded the Japan Occupation medal, the Korean service ribbon and the U. N. ribbon. Pfc. Alan K. Slover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Slover, in the 158th FA BN he served as Assist. Truck driver, Ammo & Machine Gunner. His wife Dorothy Slover lives at 1616 N. W. 4th st. in Oklahoma City. Cpl. Slover was awarded the Japan Occupation medal, the Korean Service ribbon, U. N. ribbon and 2 Campaign Stars. Pfc. Charles A. Lacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lacy, served as AMMO Section with the 158th FA BN. He was awarded the Japan Occupation medal, the Korean Service ribbon and the U. N. ribbon. Pfc. Kenneth L. Allen, son of

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Allen served as AMMO Truck Driver while in Korea. Pfc. Allen is eligible to wear the Japan Occupation medal, the Korean service ribbon, the United Nations ribbon and 2 Battle Stars. Pfc. Ray B. Harris, son of Mrs. Zettie M. Harris served in the 158th FA BN as a Truck Driver. He is wearing the Japan Occupation medal, the Korean service ribbon and the United Nations ribbon. Sgt. George L. Englebretson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Englebretson, Tuttle served with the 158th FA BN as Battalion Ammunition Sgt. He has been awarded the Japan Occupation medal, The Korean Service ribbon and the U. N. Ribbon. Cpl. Carl William Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson, Tuttle, served as Battalion Mechanic with the 158th. He also received the Japan Occupation medal, the Korean Service ribbon and the U. N. ribbon. Cpl. James B. Jackson, Jr., son of Mrs. James B. Jackson, Tuttle, served with Service Btry 158th FA BN, he served Bn. Mechanic and is eligible to wear the Japan Occupation medal, the Korean ribbon and U. N. Ribbon and 1 battle star. His wife is Mrs. Vonille Jackson also of Tuttle. The Thunderbirds have been on active duty since September 1950. They received training at Camp Polk, La and in Japan before moving to Korea in December 1951.

May 15, 1952: Published in "The Anadarko Daily News" entitled: 158TH GRANTED COAT OF ARMS. 45th Division, Korea, May 15 (AP). The 158th Field Artillery of the 45th division finally has been granted a coat-of-arms after six years work. The crest is in the form of a red and gold shield, topped by the famous Thunderbird Indianhead. The shield has symbols representing all of the European campaigns in which the 158th took part. The battalion is now under its fourth commanding officer since work on the crest was started. The list of commanders has included Col. Grover Wamsley, Anadarko; Lt. Col. R. D. Funk, Oklahoma City; Lt. Col. Charles W. Cleverdon, Oklahoma City, and Lt. Col. H. V. Logsdon, Lawton, the present commanding officer. Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: CITY MAN'S ARTILLERY GROUP GETS CREST. 45th Division, Korea, May 15 (AP). The 158th Field Artillery of the 45th division finally has been granted a coat-of-arms after six years work. The crest is in the form of a red and gold shield, topped by the famous Thunderbird Indianhead. The shield has symbols representing all of the European campaigns in which the 158th took part. The battalion is now under its fourth

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Jul 20, 1952: Published in "The Buffalo Courier Express" entitled: NEWS OF THE SERVICES. Two Buffalo soldiers recently were promoted while serving in Korea with units of the Eight Army. Joseph R. Campagna, 389 Prospect Ave., was made a Captain, assigned to the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. John M. Bartosiewicz, 204 Detroit St., was promoted to Corporal while serving with the 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division.

Aug 27, 1952: Published in "The Staten Island Advance" entitled: APO POSTSCRIPTS. News about Staten Island Servicemen; Where They Are, What They're Doing. By the Mail Clerk. Veterans of Korean action, two Islanders have returned from the Far East to await Army discharges. Sgt. (1st cl) Louis W. Eib, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eib of 347 Neckar avenue, and husband of Mrs. June Eib of 224 Center street, Richmond, served with the 45th Infantry Division's 279th Regiment. Pfc. John M. Jacquin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Jacquin Jr. of 50 Park Hill avenue, Clifton, was with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Both trained at Camp Polk, La., and Hokkaido, Japan, before entering Korean action last December. Photo Captions: Sgt. Eib & Pfc. Jacquin.

Sep 16, 1952: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: CAPT. HORST NAMED BATTERY COMMANDER. apt. A Thunderbird officer from Weatherford today was named commander of "C" battery of the 158th field artillery battalion of the 45th Division. Capt. Herman H. Horst, 723 North Fifth, Weatherford, was appointed to the post by Maj. John R. Northrup, battalion commander.

Sep 17, 1952: Published in "The Enid Morning News" entitled: 158TH F. A. CHIEF NAMES LEADERS. Oklahoma City, Sept. 16 (UP). Maj. John R. Northup, commander of the 158th field artillery battalion of the 45th Division, Tuesday named Capt.

James D. Bell, Anadarko, as his executive officer. Northup also appointed Capt. Herman H. Horst, Weatherford, as commander of C battery, and 1st Lt. Edward M. Slover as commander of the service battery stationed at Minco. Lt. Col. Fred Snyder, commanding officer of the 179th infantry regiment, named Lt. Col. Wayne N. England as commander of the first battalion at El Reno and Maj. Milton C. Worley, Lawton, as second battalion commander.

Nov 18, 1952: Published in “The Duncan Daily Banner” entitled: 45TH GUARD UNIT TO BE REACTIVATED HERE. A 45th Division National Guard unit will be reactivated in Duncan this month. Eight enlisted men and two or three officers, all Korean War veterans, have indicated they will join the unit. Louis A. Scott, commander of the unit here when it was called into federal service in September, 1950, has volunteered to handle arrangements for setting up the unit. Scott said it will be Battery “A” of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; same unit stationed here before the division went on active duty. Other units of the battalion already have been activated at Chickasha, Anadarko, Weatherford, and Minco. Only holdup to activation of the Duncan unit is locating a first lieutenant or captain to take command. The Armory at Fuqua Park will be used for training and equipment storage. Scott said equipment is ready for issue to the unit. The unit will have an authorized full strength of five officers and 32 enlisted men. Scott's announcement ties in with Gov. Johnston Murray's proclamation setting aside November 22-29 as Thunderbird Thanksgiving Week in Oklahoma; Mayor Raymond Sharp of Duncan has proclaimed Thanksgiving Day, November 27, as Thunderbird Day in Duncan. A motion picture heralding the exploits of the "Fighting Forty-Fifth" will open at the Ritz Theater here Thanksgiving Day. On the afternoon of November 26, day before Thanksgiving Day, an airplane will drop 5,000 leaflets over the city publicizing Thunderbird Thanksgiving Week and Thunderbird Day in Duncan. Fifty of the leaflets will be a free pass to the movie "Thunderbirds," which traces the Oklahoma division from its pre-induction days in 1940 through its participation in World War II.

Nov 20, 1952: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD UNIT REORGANIZES IN MINCO. The National Guard Unit of Minco had their Federal recognition the 7th of November and passed with flying colors. This Guard Unit had been selected as a Unit of the old 158th Field Artillery Battalion as Service Battery. This Unit is considered the back bone of the 158th as it controls and maintenance for this Battalion. The names of the men in this community who composed the initial roster were as follows: 1st Lt. Edward M. Slover as C. O.; WOJG Henry E. Wade; SFC Richard W. Garner, Sgt. Marshal W. Key, Cpl. James L. Yoder and Pfc. Charles B. Thompson. First drill after Federal recognition was held the following Monday night (10 November). The drills from now on will be held every Monday evening at 1900 hours to 21 hours, (7:00 o'clock until 9:00 o'clock), at the Minco Armory, two blocks North of Main Street on Highway 81 and two blocks west. The Armory is open every day through the week from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. Every person from 17 to 36 years of age, or 36 years old having previous service, mentally and physically fit may join this organization to better themselves, their family, their community, and their country. Remember: YOU back us and we will keep our community and country safe and free. Service Battery 158th Artillery Battalion, Minco Okla.

Jan 05, 1953: Published in “The Gulfport Biloxi Daily Herald” entitled: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS PRESENTED SON. First Lieutenant Charles L. Warner of Pascagoula was posthumously awarded the nation's second highest award, the Distinguished Service Cross, last Friday. The award was made to his four year-old son, Charles L. Warner, II, at the family's home in Pascagoula. Major General Charles D. W. Canham, a Mississippian, who is deputy commanding general of Third Army, flew to Pascagoula from Atlanta to present the medal at a ceremony attended by a number of friends and members of the family including the lieutenant's widow, his one-year-old daughter, Patricia, and his mother, Mrs. Roy Kehtel. Lt. Warner was awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in Korean action while serving as a forward observer for the 158th Field Artillery. First Lieutenant Charles L. Warner, 0-64284, Artillery, United States Army, a member of a field artillery battery, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action

against the enemy in the vicinity of Tumyongdong, Korea. Late on the night of June 13, 1952, Lieutenant Warner, an artillery forward observer, was with an infantry company occupying a strategically located hill. Suddenly the company was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage followed by a fanatical attack by a numerically superior hostile force. Despite the fact that he had been wounded early in the action, Lieutenant Warner remained at his post, adjusting artillery fire which inflicted heavy casualties upon the foe. With wave after wave of screaming hostile troops assaulting the friendly positions, Lieutenant Warner's radio was destroyed by enemy fire, but he continued to call in fire directions, using the company's radio and relaying his adjustments through the infantry battalion. Wounded again, he still refused evacuation, but remained throughout the night in a shallow trench, relaying every request for supporting fire. Early the following morning it was discovered that he had received fourteen wounds, and he was ordered to a rear area for medical treatment. As he was being placed on the stretcher, a direct hit by a hostile mortar round killed him instantly. The extraordinary heroism and completely selfless devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Warner throughout this action reflect great credit on himself and are in keeping with the most esteemed traditions of the military service. Signed Paul D. Adams, Brigadier General, General Staff, Chief of Staff." During World War II, Lieutenant Warner served as a technical sergeant with the First Marine Division in the South Pacific. After the war he attended Mississippi State College and upon graduation in May 1951, was given a commission in the Army, having taken training in the R.O.T.C. He was called to active duty in August 1951 and went to Korea in March 1952. Photo Caption: Distinguished Service Cross: Major General Charles D. W. Canham, (left) deputy commanding general of Third Army, pinned the nation's second highest award, the Distinguished Service Cross, on four year old Charles L. Warner II, of 356 Krebs Avenue, Pascagoula. He is the son of First Lieutenant Charles L. Warner who was killed in Korea last June. On the right is Mrs. Melvina D. Warner, the lieutenant's widow. (U. S. Army Photo).

Jan 07, 1953: Published in “The La Grande Oregon Evening Observer” entitled: HOME SWEET HOME. Photo Captions: "My humble home," Dick Hesselgesser calls

this Korean bunker. The logs, sandbags, and ammunition boxes help keep Chinese lead and shrapnel away from the men. Stove pipe indicates a "homemade" stove. Mess gear hang to one end of the bunker. BIG HANCHO: Dick Hesselgesser and his friend "Hancho" take advantage of some late fall sun. "Hancho" is Korean for big boss. The South Korean is probably a labor crew sergeant, and has charge of 15 or 20 laborers. Dick is with the 158th Field Artillery battalion in Korea. Korean Mountains Beautiful, But It's Cold, Says Local Vet, "It's cold over here," was the way Dick Hesselgesser put it when he wrote to his mother about Korea. Dick, a student at EOC for 3 ½ years is now serving with the 158th Field Artillery battalion in Korea. A native of Yakima, Wash., Dick left the United States July 7 and arrived in Korea August 1, 1952. Letters to his mother told how beautiful the mountains were with the many different colors of the leaves. He said that it reminded him of the Columbia gorge. Now of course the snow has covered almost everything. Dick is a clerk in his battery and has charge of records and reports. He said that he misses all of his friends in La Grande, and that he will be glad to get home again and finish his schooling at EOC. Dick tells his mother of the high respect he has for the South Koreans. He says they are a very intelligent people. He now has served five months in Korea, and will have some five to seven months yet to serve before rotation will bring him home. His Mother is Mrs. Lee Hesselgesser of 1806 Rudkin Rd., Yakima, Wash.

Jan 18, 1953: Published in “The Buffalo Courier Express” entitled: PROMOTED IN KOREA. Area service men recently promoted while on duty in Korea include Thomas L. Lennon, 205 Irving St., Olean; Stanley J. Swogier, 2521 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda, and Richard M. Randall, 58 Beattie Ave., Lockport. Lennon, a forward observer in Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division, was promoted to first lieutenant. Swogier is a gunner in the 10th Field Artillery Battalion, Third Infantry Division. He was advanced to sergeant. Randall, a member of Company F in Third Division's 15th Regiment, became a corporal.

Jan 21, 1953: Published in “The Richmond News Leader” entitled: NEWS OF THE MILITARY. Sergeant Yancey Spends Rest Leave in Japan. Sergeant Harold T. Yancey,

son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Yancey, of Route 12, recently spent a five-day rest and recuperation leave in Japan. He is a section chief with Battery A, of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Sergeant Yancey, a former paratrooper, has been in Korea since May. He attended Glen Allen High School.

Feb 15, 1953: Published in “The Norman Transcript” entitled: HARRIS, LAST 45TH MAN IN KOREA, HOME. The last member of Oklahoma's 45th (National Guard) division to serve in Korea was home Saturday. He is Maj. Neal Harris, 217 E. Acers St., who reached the United States and his Norman home last week. A member of the division since 1936, Harris is on a 30-day leave, waiting reassignment. He does not know where he will serve the remaining one year of his three year tour of duty. When it is completed he hopes to return to the practice of law here. ROK Troops Praised: The major had praise for Republic of Korea troops. His field artillery battalion was used to support ROK troops when the 45th Infantry was not in the front lines. "The ROKs are brave and fearless in battle," he said, "They can do the job of defending their country if we furnish the material to do it with." For his service, Harris was awarded a letter of commendation from the Seventh ROK Division. Meritorious Service Rewarded: Harris commanded several 45th Division units while in Korea. At one time he was battalion commander of the 145th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion. He also served as executive officer of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion and later as commander of the 171st Field Artillery Battalion. In addition to the ROK commendation, he was awarded an oak leaf cluster for the bronze star and a commendation ribbon with medal pendant for meritorious service. When the 45th Division was ordered to Hokkaido, Japan, in March 1951, Harris remained at Camp Polk, La., where he served as battalion commander of the Fourth Training Battalion. He rejoined the division in July of that year. Rest Period Planned: During World War II, the major served until 1940 with the 45th, then was transferred to the 77th Field Artillery Regiment. That regiment served in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Mar 03, 1953: Published in “The Rapid City Daily Journal” entitled: CUSTER. Cpl. Howard R. Hough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Hough of Keystone, was released from active duty recently at Camp Carson, Colorado. Hough served six months as a cannoneer with the 158th Field Artillery Battlion’s Battery “C” in Korea.

Mar 14, 1953: Published in “The El Paso Herald Post” entitled: FOUR GET MEDALS AT BLISS. Three officers and a non-commissioned officer were cited for Korean service today at Ft. Bliss. The awards were presented by Col. Earl W. Heathcote, commander of the Anti-aircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center during a battalion parade of RTC troops. Capt. Herbert C. Byrd, an infantry officer, received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star for his outstanding service as battalion operations and training officer while a member of the 25th Infantry Division. The Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant was presented to Lieut. Donald R. Perkins, Artillery, for meritorious service in Korea as an anti-aircraft artillery platoon leader in the forward part of the combat zone. Lieut. Andrew C. Dunkle, Artillery, was also awarded the commendation ribbon for meritorious service in Korea. He distinguished himself as a radar officer while serving with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. The Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant was presented to Sgt. Charles W. Wingfield. Sergeant Wingfield performed meritorious service in connection with action against an armed enemy while serving as supply and administrative non-commissioned officer with the Corps of Engineers.

Mar 26, 1953: Published in “The Weatherford News” entitled: BATTERY “C” RECEIVES HIGH COMMENDATION. Battery “C”, Weatherford National Guard unit, has been officially commended for having been the first unit in Oklahoma to recruit up to full strength since reorganization of the 45th Infantry Division, it was learned this week. The battery has been commended by both the battalion commander and the division artillery commander. Battery “C” was reactivated on November 6, 1952 and reached full strength on December 8, being the first unit in the state to do so. Captain Herman Horst, who commanded the battery when it was called to active duty at Camp Polk, in Japan and later in Korea, is the commanding officer now. Copies of the commendation follow: "It is a pleasure for me to pass on to you and

the men of Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS) the 45th Division artillery commander's commendation and to add my congratulations and appreciation for a creditable accomplishment, I am confident that the outstanding record and standards established by your organization will remain a challenge to the other units of this battalion and division in the future." (Signed) John R. Northup, Lt. Col., Arty, Okla. NG, commanding. The following commendation was received from the division's artillery commander, Brig. Gen. Otwa T. Autry: "I have been shown official correspondence which indicates that Btry “C”, 158 FA Bn (NGUS), Weatherford, was the first unit in the 45th Infantry Division to reach authorized maximum enlisted strength. And further official records show that since the date of reactivation, 6 November, 1952, the unit has consistently maintained high strength, and has maintained the maximum strength since 8 December, 1952. "I wish to add my commendation as division artillery commander to those of the division commander and battalion commander and congratulate the commanding officer and men of Btry “C” for such an outstanding accomplishment. "This achievement reflects great credit and pride on your battery, battalion, the 45th Division Artillery and the 45th Infantry Division as a whole." (Signed) Otwa T. Autry, Brig. Gen, Okla. NG, commanding.

Mar 31, 1953: Published in “The La Crosse Tribune” entitled: COULEE REGION IN UNIFORM. Sgt. Bennett H. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Anderson, R. 2, Kendall, recently left the 45th Infantry Division for return to the U.S. under the Army's rotation program. The 45th arrived in Korea in December, 1951, and captured "T-Bone" hill in June's see-saw hill battles. Sgt. Anderson, a wire team chief in Headquarters Battery of the division's 158th Field Artillery Battalion, had been in Korea since March, 1952. He wears the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action. A former student of Kendall High School, the sergeant entered the Army in August, 1951.

Apr 09, 1953: Published in “The Oconomowoc Wisconsin Enterprise” entitled: CAPT. NEILSON ARRIVES IN KOREA RECENTLY. With the 45th Infantry Division In Korea; Army Capt. John M. Neilson, whose wife, Mary Alice, lives at 1146 Oak, Lawton,

Okla., recently arrived in Korea and is now serving with the 45th Infantry Division. The captain is the son of Mrs. W. H. Neilson of Delafield, Wis. The 45th arrived in Korea in December 1951 and captured "T-Bone" hill in June's see-saw hill battles. Captain Neilson, who was previously stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., has been assigned as motor officer in the division's 158th Field Artillery Battalion. A veteran of World War II, he wears the Bronze Star Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

May 05, 1953: Published in “The Anaheim Bulletin” entitled: OUR ANAHEIM SERVICE MEN. John T. Reed, whose grandparents live at 610 E. Cypress, Anaheim, is serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. He is a forward observer in Battery “B” of the division’s 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Before arriving in the combat zone last October, Reed served with the 44th Infantry Division’s 209 Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Cooke, Calif.

Jun 08, 1953: Published in “The Contra Costa Times” entitled: KOREA VET RETURNS. With the 45th Infantry Div. in Korea; PFC John G. Jegi, whose wife, Kathryn, lives at 345 Leavenworth, San Francisco, is returning to the US under the Army's rotation program after nine months in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division. His mother, Mrs. Evelyn Jegi, lives at 2836 Bonifacio, Concord, Calif. Private First Class Jegi was a cook in Headquarters Battery of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Jegi attended the University of California. He entered the Army in June, 1951.

Jun 18, 1953: Published in “The Belleville Daily Advocate” entitled: BRONZE STAR MEDAL IS AWARDED TO RICHARD E. BJORK. With the 45th Infantry Div. in Korea. The Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement was recently awarded to 2d Lt. Richard E. Bjork, whose wife, Marilyn, lives on Marilyn drive, Belleville, Ill. Lieutenant Bjork, a forward observer and motor officer with Battery “C” of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, distinguished himself while acting as an artillery forward observer during a fierce enemy attack last Dec. 24. By his heroic service and gallant leadership during the savage encounter, the Communist forces were

shattered and only a minimum of casualties were inflicted by the enemy. The Belleville officer was presented the award by Lt. Col. John H. Carter, 158th Battalion commander, during a brief ceremony in the combat zone. Bjork entered the Army in March, 1951, and was commissioned upon graduation from the Officers Candidate School at Fort Riley, Kans. He arrived in the Far East last November and has also been awarded the UN and Korean Service ribbons. A 1948 graduate of Horace Mann High school in Gary, Ind., Bjork, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bjork, Gary, was an employee of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad in Gary, before entering the Army.

Jun 21, 1953: Published in “The Sioux City Sunday Journal” entitled: AREA SERVICEMEN. Kingsley, Ia.: Stanley E. Heeren, son of Mrs. Emilie Heeren of Kingsley, has been promoted to corporal while serving with the 45th infantry division in Korea. Cpl. Heeren is a truck driver with the 158th field artillery battalion. He has been in Korea since last August. Akron, Ia.: Marlin Borchers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borchers of Akron, has been promoted to corporal while serving with the 45th infantry division in Korea. Cpl. Borchers is a truck driver with the 158th field artillery battalion. He entered the army in February, 1952, and has been in Korea since last August.

Jun 22, 1953: Published in “The Salisbury Evening Post” entitled: CHARLES EDWARDS WINS PROMOTION. With the 45th Infantry Div. in Korea. Charles L. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Edwards, Route 3, Mooresville was recently promoted to private first class while serving in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division. PFC Edwards, a switchboard operator in Headquarters Battery of the division's 158th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army last September and arrived in Korea in March. He has been awarded the UN and Korean Service Ribbons. In civilian life he attended Mount Ulla High School and was later employed by the Mt. Ulla Flour Mills. The 45th Infantry Division, originally an Oklahoma National Guard unit, has been in Korea since December 1951. It has participated in heavy combat action including the battles for "T-Bone Hill" last summer.

Jun 29, 1953: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD BRASS TO VISIT DRILL SESSION. Members of the local National Guard field artillery battery have received instructions to put that extra gleam to their boots and brass. They are expecting a visit from some of the "top brass" in the division at their weekly drill session tonight. Maj. Gen. Hal L. Muldrow, division commander, has indicated he will make a personal appearance at the meeting. And generals never fail to travel with other field grade officers from major to colonel. There is also the possibility of another special guest; Lt. Col. John R. Northrup, commander of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, which is composed of units at Chickasha, Duncan, Minco, Anadarko and Weatherford. The "brass" will probably make an inspection of the armory building and observe instruction in the unit's training sessions.

Jul 11, 1953: Published in “The Enid Morning News” entitled: 45TH F.A. STAFF TO MEET SUNDAY. Top-ranking staff officers of the five artillery battalions of the 45th Division will convene in Enid at 1 p. m. Sunday at the National Guard armory, Sixth and Elm, Brig. Gen. Otwa T. Autry announced Friday. The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss problems of the coming 45th summer camp, to be held at North Fort Hood, Texas, from August 9 to 23. Expected at the meeting are battalion commanders, operations and training officers and full-time adjutants and administrative assistants of the five artillery battalions. Included are the 145th anti-aircraft battalion of Pawhuska, the 158th field artillery battalion of Oklahoma City, the 160th field artillery battalion of Chandler, the 171st field artillery battalion of Ada, the 189th field artillery battalion of Cherokee and the local staff of the 45th division artillery headquarters. Northwest Oklahoma units of the National Guard will converge on Enid early August 9 for the trip to Fort Hood. Train movements will leave Enid at 3:15 a. m. and truck movements will leave at 4:30 a. m. The 45th Division band, under the direction of Prof. Milburn E. Carey of Phillips university will be flown to camp from Vance air force base at 7 a. m. the same day.

Jul 12, 1953: Published in “The Sacramento Union” entitled: IN THE SERVICE. PFC. Lawrence F. Williams, son of Mrs. Jean H. Williams, 3765 Seventh Avenue, is a clerk

in the operations section of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division, in Korea. He is a reporter for the division newspaper.

Jul 17, 1953: Published in "The Southeast Missourian" entitled: WITH THE MEN IN SERVICE. Claude E. Wilhite, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilhite of Chaffee, was promoted recently to the rank of private first class while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea, an Army dispatch dated June 23 reported. Pfc. Wilhite, a cannoneer in Battery C of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, arrived in Korea in March. He has received the Korean Service Ribbon.

Jul 20, 1953: Published in "The Asheville Citizen" entitled: WNC SERVICEMEN. James R. Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Howell of Whittier, recently was promoted to private first class with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. A mechanic in Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, he arrived in Korea in May. He holds the Korean and UN Service Ribbons.

Jul 25, 1953: Published in "The Southeast Missourian" entitled: WITH THE MEN IN SERVICE. Jerome A. Brockmeyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brockmeyer of Illmo, was promoted recently to private first class while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea, it was announced in Army bulletin mailed from Korea July 4. Brockmeyer, a cannoneer in Battery "B" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, arrived in Korea June 1. He entered the Army in Sept. 1952. Published in "The Syracuse NY Post-Standard" entitled: NO TITLE. George F. Schuler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schuler, 119 Hudson st., has been promoted to sergeant while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Sgt. Schuler, a gunner in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, arrived in Korea in September and has been awarded the UN Service Ribbon and the Korean Service Medal. A former employe of University Hospital, he completed basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Jul 26, 1953: Published in "The Elmira Star-Gazette Sunday Telegram" entitled: NOTES ON AREA SERVICEMEN. James R. Dandrea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carmine Dandrea of 455 W. Sixth St., has been promoted to private first class in Battery "A"

of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division in Korea, where he arrived last month.

Jul 27, 1953: Published in “The Daily Record” entitled: RECORD’S SERVICE ROUNDUP. Harry Thompson In Korea with 45th. Harry Thompson, whose wife, Maxine, lives at 901 E. Pope St., Dunn, N. C., was recently promoted to sergeant first class while serving in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thompson, Route 2, Hollsopple, Pa., arrived in Korea last January from Fort Bragg, N. C., and is a mess sergeant in Battery “C” of the division's 158th Field Artillery Battalion. A veteran of more than 12 years of Army duty, he wears the American Defense Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with four campaign stars, The Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. The 45th Infantry Division, originally an Oklahoma National Guard unit, has been in Korea since December 1951. It has participated in heavy combat actions including the battles for "T-Bone Hill" last summer.

Jul 31, 1953: Published in “The Anadarko Daily News” entitled: FORMER CITYAN NAMED ACTING CHIEF FOR MILITARY DISTRICT. A former Anadarko man has been appointed acting chief of the Oklahoma Military District, effective August 1, 1953, it was announced today. Col. Charles E. Thompkins, Oklahoma City, succeeds Col. Pete T. Hefner, Jr., who is retiring from military service. Well known to Anadarko from about 1924 until 1940. His wife is the former Miss Eva Hodges, also of Anadarko. In 1924 when the 158th Artillery was activated, he was assigned to serve with the division. He remained as instructor until about 1940. Col. Thompkins military career of 38 years includes services in Mexico, both World Wars and more than 25 years of duty in Oklahoma. He has been in continuous active military service since September 15, 1915. He began his army career with the fourth field artillery in 1915 and went into Mexico with that regiment in 1916 as part of the Pershing Punitive Expedition. He served as a chief of a 75mm gun section with the 15th field artillery in the Second Division during World War I and participated in all major engagements of the American Forces in France. During the period between World War I and II, Col. Thompkins was detailed as sergeant instructor with the

field artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard and from 1921-1940, was stationed consecutively at Wewoka, Kingfisher, Anadarko, and Oklahoma City. He served as instructor of field artillery units of Oklahoma's 45th division. Col. Thompkins, commanded an artillery group of four field artillery battalions in the Pacific theater during World War II. Following VJ-Day he was assigned as commanding officer of the US armed forces in Fiji, with headquarters at Nandi Air Base. His decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, French Croix de Guerrero with palm, and theater ribbons for World War I and II. In September 1947, he was assigned to duty with the Oklahoma Military District, with station at Oklahoma City, and gas served as executive officer of the Oklahoma Military District. He is making his home with his wife and their two sons, Ray and Tommy, at 603 Northeast 17th street, Oklahoma City. Published in "The Okemah Daily Leader" entitled: TOMPKINS NAMED AS ACTING CHIEF OF STATE MILITIA. Col. Charles E. Tompkins has been named acting chief of Oklahoma military district to succeed Col. Pete T. Heffner, jr., who retired today. Appointed by the president, Col. Tompkins will assume his duties Saturday continuing 38 years of service in Mexico, both world wars and 25 years duty in Oklahoma. He began his army career with the 4th Field Artillery in 1915 and went into Mexico with that regiment in 1916 as a part of the Pershing Punitive Expedition. He served as chief of a 75 mm gun section with the 15th Field artillery of the Second Division during World War I and participated in all major engagements of the American forces in France. His active federal service has been continuous since Sept. 5, 1915. During the period between World Wars I and II, he was detailed as Sergeant-Instructor with the Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard and from 1921-1940, was stationed consecutively at Wewoka, Kingfisher, Anadarko and Oklahoma City. His duty during this period involved instruction of Field artillery units of Oklahoma's 45th Division. Colonel Tompkins commanded an artillery group of four Field Artillery Battalions in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Following VJ-Day he was assigned as commanding officer of the US armed forces in Fiji, with headquarters at Nandi air base. His decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star French Croix de Guerre with palm, and theater ribbons for World War I and II. He was assigned to duty with the Oklahoma Military District, with station at Oklahoma City, in September,

1947, and has served as executive officer of the Oklahoma Military District. Colonel and Mrs. Tompkins with their two children, Ray and Tommy, reside at 603 N. E. 17th Street, Oklahoma City.

Aug 08, 1953: Published in "The Florence Times" entitled: MILLARD F. REESE, OF SHEFFIELD, PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN IN KOREA. With the 45th Infantry in Korea: Millard F. Reese, whose wife, Marguerite, live at 2264 Jackson Hwy., Sheffield, Ala., recently was promoted to captain while serving in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division. The 45th Division has been in Korea since December 1951. An Oklahoma National Guard unit called to active duty in 1950, it was the first national guard division to enter combat after World War II. Commander of Battery "B" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Captain Reese is a veteran of 10 years Army service. His decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal and Korean and UN Service Ribbons. He received a bachelors degree from Eastern Kentucky State College and later did graduate work in dentistry at the University of Louisville. He is a member of Delta Sigma Delta fraternity and Pi Omega Pi and Tau Sigma Pi, both honorary societies.

Aug 15, 1953: Published in "The El Paso Times" entitled: FOUR BLISS MEN DRAW DECORATIONS. Three officers and a non-commissioned officer were cited for Korean service Saturday morning at Ft. Bliss. The awards were presented by Col. Earl W. Heathcote, commander of the Antiaircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center during a parade of RTC troops. Capt. Herbert C. Byrd, and infantry officer, received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star for his outstanding service as battalion operations and training officer while a member of the 25th Infantry Division. The Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant was presented to Lt. Donald R. Perkins, Artillery, for meritorious service in Korea as an antiaircraft artillery platoon leader in the forward part of the combat zone. Lt. Andrew C. Dunkle, Artillery, was also awarded the Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service in Korea. He distinguished himself as a radar officer while serving with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. The Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant was presented to Sgt. Charles W. Wingfield in the fourth award of the morning. Sgt.

Wingfield performed meritorious service in connection with action against an armed enemy while serving as supply and administrative non-commissioned officer with the Corps of Engineers. Several hundred spectators attended the parade and presentation ceremonies.

Aug 20, 1953: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: LOCAL GUARDSMEN COLLECT HONORS DURING ’53 CAMP. By Mal Elliott. Fort Hood, Tex.; The 45th Division soon will be coming home from its first summer encampment since release from active duty in 1952. And the people of Texas and regular army inspectors at North Fort Hood will not soon forget the reorganized Thunderbirds. Ever since they arrived here, the Sooner Guardsmen have been chalking up outstanding records in every part of their training. Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, the unit from Chickasha, has been at the top on the daily inspection sheet for two days straight. SFC Dale Hoover Jr., battalion survey chief, received a pat on the back from many of the high-ranking brass and was commended for his presentation of a class for all battalion personnel on basic intelligence. It's been hard work for all the 45thers; this effort to cram six weeks basic and some advanced work into 14 days. But the reward came for the work. The men went on a two-day drill on service practice. In other words, after a week and a half of drill, KP, guard duty, classes and what have you, they finally saw what they have been working for; to fire the 105 mm howitzers. Lt. Aubrey E. Roper, commanding officer of the Chickasha unit, was in charge of the OP (observation post) during the two days of events during which time the battalion played host to a number of field grade and general officers. Among them were Gen. Hal Muldrow, division commander, Gen. Otwa T. Autry, commander of division artillery, several visiting generals and others. But the Thunderbirds are not bothered by the "brass." They thrive on showing the higher-ups their high-spirited type of operations. Six generals and a few outranked colonels and majors stopped to visit a 158th class while touring the camp in their staff cars. The procession of cars, with their white-starred red bumper tags flashing, came through Headquarters' Battery area. Lt. Roper and a sergeant jumped to their feet to see if the generals would stop, hoping to alert the men in the area to be on their toes. Their enthusiasm and

concern (See Page 6, No. 2). NOTE: This continuation not available due to Microfilm damage. Published in “The Weatherford News” entitled: BATTERY “C” TO START BACK HOME SATURDAY. By Sgt. Corbin Sarchet III. Winding up their two weeks of summer training at Fort Hood, Texas, this Friday, Weatherford's National Guard unit, Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery, will begin the long trip home Saturday, arriving back in Weatherford Sunday afternoon. Final activity of the unit which is commanded by Capt. Herman Horst has been two days of howitzer service firing. After two weeks of specialized training in operation and service of the weapon, the practice firing will come as the final test in the ability of the unit to deliver accurate artillery fire. Besides artillery training, basic military skills were also studied by members of the unit. The first week of the camp was devoted to developing the elementary skills, marksmanship, and sense of the military life. Highlights of the camp were the firing of the salute for Governor Murray upon arrival at the camp last Friday and participation in the Governor's Day review in which the entire 45th Infantry Division took part last Saturday morning. Battery “C” also took part in an overnight bivouac last week and two formal retreat ceremonies as part of their regular activity. Before embarking on the return trip home, members of the unit will be paid for the two week camp. Photo Caption: Four members of the gun section of Weatherford's Battery C swab out the barrel of their 105 mm howitzer in preparation for range firing which will wind up the unit's summer camp this week at Fort Hood, Texas. Manning the ramrod, left to right, are Pvt. Teddy Barry, Cpl. Ronald Hensley, Pfc. Frederick Pittman and Sgt. Andrew G. Wood.

Aug 21, 1953: Published in “The Rutherford Courier” entitled: JAMES D. HALE GETS AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL. Flew 20 Missions Over Enemy Lines as Artillery Observer. First Lieut. James D. Hale, Jr., of Smyrna, former employee of The Courier, has been awarded the air medal for meritorious achievement as an artillery observer pilot in Korea. The official citation accompanying the medal said that Lieutenant Hale, serving with the 158th Field Artillery, 45th Infantry Division, "distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, in Korea, from 20 May 1953 to 5 June 1953." The citation continued: "Serving as an Air Observer,

Lieutenant Hale participated in 20 consecutive flights over enemy territory. Despite the hazards posed by hostile fire and unfamiliar mountainous terrain, he directed artillery fire on enemy emplacements and troop concentrations with exceptional skill. Lieutenant Hale's fire direction contributed materially to the efficient accomplishment of his unit's combat mission, and his commendable record reflects high credit on himself and the military service." Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hale of Smyrna, he worked for The Courier and attended Middle Tennessee State College before enlisting in the Army and being assigned to Officer's Candidate School. He is married to the former Miss Bloma Ross of Smyrna.

Aug 31, 1953: Published in “The Jersey Journal” entitled: WITH HUDSON SERVICE MEN. Computer: Peter J. Distefano, whose wife, Anna Belle, lives at 1318 14th St., North Bergen, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Distafano, at 5412 Madison St., West New York, was promoted to sergeant by the 45th Division in Korea. He is a computer in Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Sep 24, 1953: Published in “The Evansville Press” entitled: SERVICE NEWS. LaVern R. Kaffenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kaffenberger, Mt. Vernon, was promoted to corporal while serving with the 45th Infantry Division. A radar operator in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, he entered the Army in March, 1952, and arrived in Korea in September. He is a graduate of Mt. Vernon High School and holds the Korean and U. N. Service ribbons.

Sep 29, 1953: Published in “The Bloomington Indiana Daily Herald Telephone” entitled: PRICE CITED FOR SERVICE IN KOREA WAR. Ribbon With Metal Pendant Awarded: Roy G. Price, 1204 South Park, a veteran of the Korean conflict, has been awarded the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service in Korea. Entering military service, U. S. Army, on June 21, 1951, he was relieved of active duty on June 12, 1953, and is employed at the Hoosier Stone Mill in Bloomington. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Price, also of the Park Avenue address, and attended the Bloomington Public Schools. Citation Surveyed: The citation awarding the decoration reads: "Corporal Roy G. Price, Artillery, U. S.

Army, Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division, is cited for meritorious service, in Korea, from 22 August 1952 to 20 April 1953. "Serving as Cook, Corporal Price's untiring devotion to duty was an inspiration to the men around him. Many tiring hours were spent under adverse conditions to insure that the men of the battery were fed hot, tasty meals. His training, knowledge, and ability were such that he was able to perform his tasks with the utmost efficiency. The thorough culinary knowledge possessed by Corporal Price was passed on to the new replacements, greatly improving their effectiveness. This exceptional performance reflects great credit on Corporal Price and the Military Service."

Sep 30, 1953: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: WILLIAM D. ANDERSON JR. William Anderson Is on Okinawa Isle. 1st Lt. William D. Anderson, jr., of Clinton, is now on duty on Okinawa with the Ryukyus Command’s 29th Regimental Combat team. Anderson, whose wife, Betty, lives at 1220 Court, was previously stationed in Korea with the 158th Field Artillery battalion. A 1952 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, he holds the Purple Heart and the Commendation Ribbon. Anderson entered the army in February, 1952, upon his graduation from the university. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson sr., live at 1000 East Nona, Altus.

Nov 27, 1953: Published as “Far East Command General Order No. 342” entitled: AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec III, WD Bul 40, 1942) and Executive Order 9260, 29 October 1942 (sec I, WD Bul 54, 1942), and pursuant to authority contained in Department of the Army radiogram, 10 July 1950, the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers: Lieutenant Colonel JOHN H. CARTER, O410471, Artillery, United States Army, 24 October 1952 to 10 October 1953. Entered Federal service from Georgia. Signed by MG L. D. Carter, CofS.

Dec 21, 1953: Published in “The Rock Island Argus” entitled: IOWANS IN SERVICE. Army Pvt. Lavern H. Ebel, 22, whose wife, Lois Faye, lives on rural route 4, Davenport, will spend Christmas north of the 38th parallel in Korea with the 45th Infantry division. Pvt. Ebel, son of Lewis H. Ebel, 798 West Adams street, Marengo, Iowa, is a cannoneer in the 158th Field Artillery battalion's Battery “C”. He has been overseas since August. Army Pvt. Randall L. Huebbe, 20, whose wife, Barbara, lives in Bettendorf, Iowa, also will spend Christmas north of the 38th parallel in Korea with the 45th Infantry division. Pvt. Huebbe, son of Mrs. Marjorie M. Weber, Davenport, is a radio-telephone operator in the 158th Field Artillery battalion's Battery “C”. He has been overseas since October.

Dec 24, 1953: Published in “The Richmond Independent” entitled: CHRISTMAS IN KOREA FOR CPL. FRANK PEIXOTO. 45th Div., Korea: Cpl. Frank S. Peixoto, Jr., whose parents live at 765 Thirty-fourth street, Richmond, will spend Christmas north of the 38th parallel in Korea. On security duty with the 45th Infantry Division, he will have the opportunity to attend special religious services and share the traditional holiday feasts. Corporal Peixoto, a supply sergeant in Battery “A” of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army in November 1952 and was last stationed at the Eta Jima (Japan) Specialist School. He was formerly a parts clerk for International Harvester.

Dec 27, 1953: Published in “The Lafeyette Sunday Advertiser” entitled: 45TH DIV., KOREA. PFC Joseph Pickens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pickens, Route 3, Box 35, Opelousas, will spend Christmas north of the 38th parallel in Korea. Pickens, a cannoneer in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, arrived overseas in September. He entered the Army last February and completed basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Feb 01, 1954: Published in “The Syracuse Post-Standard” entitled: THOSE IN SERVICE. Second Lt. Francis P. Murphy, Jr., whose wife, Angela, lives at 3300 Court st., East Syracuse, recently spent a seven-day rest and recuperation leave in Kobe, Japan. Murphy is normally stationed in Korea as an assistant supply officer with

the 45th Infantry Division's 158th Field Artillery Battalion. His parents live at 600 Seeley rd., Syracuse.

Jan 07, 1954: Published in "The Montclair New Jersey Times" entitled: SERGEANT ROBERT E. TARRANT: son of Mrs. R. J. Tarrant of 21 Trinity Place, is serving in Korea with Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Forty-fifth Infantry Division, as a reconnaissance sergeant with a forward observer team. An Immaculate Conception High graduate of 1950, he captained the basketball team there and left for overseas last February. After five weeks additional training at Ita Jima, Japan, where he finished at the top of his class, Tarrant arrived in Korea on April 10 and saw some of the heaviest fighting of the entire campaign. He is due to return to this country in the Spring and expects to be discharged during the Summer.

Jan 11, 1954: Published in "The Oakland Tribune" entitled: OAKLAND AREA SERVICEMEN PROMOTED AND GRADUATED. Pfc. Lawrence F. Franks, son of Mrs. Dorothy K. Franks, 1605 61st Avenue, is currently serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Franks, a radar operator with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army in December, 1952, and completed basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas. A former student at San Francisco City College, he was a correctional officer at San Quentin State Prison before entering the Army. Pfc. John M. Berdak, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Berdak, 1413 88th Avenue, currently is assigned as a cannoneer with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, a unit of the 45th Infantry Division, in Korea.

Jan 12, 1954: Published in "The Kansas City Star" entitled: NEWS OF THE ARMED FORCES. Cpl. Delbert D. Lewis, 4005 Jackson avenue, is serving with the 158th field artillery battalion of the 45th infantry division in Korea.

Jan 22, 1954: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: GUARD TO HOLD STAFF SCHOOL. Chickasha will be host to a unit week-end staff school conducted by officers of 158th Field Artillery Battalion Saturday and Sunday in the local armory. Lt. Aubrey Roper, commander of the local National Guard unit which

is a member of the battalion, will be host to 11 officers from the five units in Duncan, Minco, Anadarko and Weatherford. All officers and commanding officers of the five batteries will sit in on classes concerning staff administration, planning, training, combat orders, missions of field artillery, etc. Attending locally will be Lt. Roper, M-Sgt. Gordon Spangler and M-Sgt. Malcolm Elliott. Lt. Col. John R. Northrup, battalion commander, and Lt. Col. Don S. Matthews, regular army instructor, will attend along with staff officers from Oklahoma City. Other officers include: Major Edward C. Wegener, battalion plans and training officer of Minco; Lt. Edward M. Slover, Service Battery commander, of Minco; Capt. Herman H. Horst, "C" Battery commander of Weatherford; Capt. Robert E. Shipman, "B" Battery commander of Anadarko; Capt. Lewis A. Scott, "A" Battery commander of Duncan; Lt. James D. Pierce, Duncan; Lt. David Tautfest, Weatherford; and Lts. Chester Bishop and Lloyd B. Cordell, both of Oklahoma City.

Mar 01, 1954: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: INSPECTION NEAR FOR GUARD UNIT. Chickasha's National Guard unit will stand its first federal inspection since reorganization Tuesday night in the armory, according to Lt. Aubrey Roper, commander. An inspecting officer from Fourth Army and his staff will spend Tuesday afternoon and night checking the artillery battery's records, the armory building and status in general. Tuesday night, training and troops will be inspected during drill. Lt. Col. John R. Northrup, 158th Field Artillery Battalion commander of which the Chickasha unit is a part, and his staff will also attend the drill. Among the officers expected are Maj. Edward C. Wegener, Minco, and Lts. Lloyd B. Cordell and Chester Bishop of Oklahoma City. Lt. Col. Don S. Matthews, regular army instructor headquarters at the Chickasha armory, will observe the inspection.

Mar 17, 1954: Published in "The New London Day" entitled: NEWS OF AREA SERVICEMEN. Sgt. Harris H. Bogue to Return to States. Sgt. Harris H. Bogue of Mystic will return to the States sometime in April with the 45th "Thunderbird" Infantry division. Bogue, a cook in the 158th Field Artillery battalion, is one of 1,000 combat veterans of the former national guard division who will dock in New

York harbor. A veteran of 14 years' army duty, he arrived in the Far East during March, 1953, and wears the bronze star medal, good conduct and combat infantryman badge.

Mar 26, 1954: Published in “The Dothan Eagle” entitled: 5,000 WITNESS RUCKER SHOW. Viking Division Flexes Its Muscle On 'Wiregrass Appreciation Day'. By Al Stanton, Eagle Staff Writer. Camp Rucker; Vikings of the 47th Infantry Division flexed their muscles in an impressive show of strength for the benefit of more than 5,000 Wiregrass citizens attending "Wiregrass Appreciation Day" here yesterday. Army personnel staged the show even as preparations were underway to move troops and equipment to Ft. Benning, Ga. Visitors from Wiregrass towns thronged about the post to witness equipment displays, a division troop review and a spectacular shooting exhibition by an Infantry rifle platoon which brought out its big guns for a barrage, Music by the division's famed band and a talent show wound up the day. Army officers said more units will start moving away in April in the program to close the installation by June. An Infantry battalion was to go to Ft. Hood, Texas, today for maneuvers and will go to Ft. Benning from there. Small artillery units will leave April 3-7. Weapons Parade: The Army said yesterday that about 1,200 families will move to Ft. Benning and that civilian workers are transferring in small numbers to Redstone Arsenal and other bases. Spectators sat awestruck in warm sunshine and a stiff breeze as the rifle platoon paraded its weapons on Camp Rucker's hills. Following an exhibition of small arms, the men brought out portable flame throwers, mortars and followed up with 155 MM howitzers. The big guns exploded shells on distant hills and the men showed spectators how they raked foxholes with air burst fragments. The day opened with guided tours of the post and displays of equipment used by an Infantry Division. Visitors were told the use, specifications and cost of communications equipment, guns and other material on display. Small boys were invited to sight four 50-caliber electrically-fired machine guns mounted on a half track. Medals Awarded: Just before 10,000 troops paraded before the stands, Maj. Gen. R. W. Stephens, commanding officer of the 47th Division, pinned the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award, on 2nd Lt. Bromfield B. Nichol of Pensacola for

extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy in Korea on the night of June 5, 1953. Nichol, no longer on active duty, served with A Co., 14th Tank Battalion, 40th Infantry Division in Korea. The Legion of Merit went to Lt. Col. John H. Carter of Savannah, Ga., for exceptional meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service as commanding officer of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea. At noon, Gen. Stephens was host at a luncheon for his guests, which included W. K. Hoft, president of Dothan Chamber of Commerce, Mayor and Mrs. Douglas Brown of Ozark, Mayor Fred Taylor of Enterprise, W. E. Hilboldt of Ozark, Lomax Searcy of Enterprise, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. J. A. Elmore, assistant division commander, Col. Rollins S. Emmerich, 164th Infantry Regiment Commander, Col. Elmer B. Kennedy, executive officer, division artillery, Col. Elwood H. Spackman, deputy chief of staff, and others. Photo Caption: GEN. STEPHENS AWARDS DSC TO LT. B. B. NICHOL
Lt. Col. J. H. Carter (Right) Got Legion Of Merit.

Mar 28, 1954: Published in "The Waco Tribune Herald" entitled: LT. DUNN IS BACK HOME AFTER YEAR IN KOREA. Lt. Charles Robert Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dunn, 2726 Live Oak Avenue, has returned from Korea where he served a year with 158th Field Artillery. He is a graduate of Texas A&M College.

May 07, 1954: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled : LOCAL BATTERY WINS FIRING CONTEST AT SILL. Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, the local National Guard unit, has won a battalion rifle firing contest held at Fort Sill. Rain and wind on the firing range cut all scores considerably but Chickasha won the meet with a team score of 577. "B" Battery of Anadarko was second, Service of Minco third and "C" Battery of Weatherford fourth. "A" Battery of Duncan forfeited. The Headquarters Battery team will represent the battalion in a Division Artillery contest. The winner of that will compete with three regimental teams for the division championship and go on to represent Oklahoma and the 45th in a national rifle shoot. SFC Don DeVilbiss was high man on the local team with 156 of a possible 200, M-Sgt. Leonard J. Gray was second with 143, SFC Roy Duncan third with 146 and Cpl. Richard Matoy fourth with 122.

Aug 05, 1954: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: LOCAL GUARD UNIT GOES TO CAMP. Minco's National Guard unit held its last regular meeting Monday night before going to Ft. Hood, Texas Sunday for the annual two weeks summer training camp. The 33 man Service Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion, spent Monday nights two hour drill preparing for the trip. Saturday they will stay all night at the Armory and get up and get ready to leave Sunday morning in time to reach Duncan by 9:30 a. m., where they will meet the rest of the convoy units will converge at Duncan from Weatherford, Minco, Anadarko and Chickasha. The unit will travel in two one-quarter ton trucks and three one-half ton trucks. The National Guardsmen will be put through 14 days of intensive training including classes on basic subjects, training on operations of the battalion as a combat unit, etc. At an overnight bivouac and firing problems, the men will learn the real purpose of their work, firing the 105 mm howitzers.

Aug 14, 1954: Published in “The Fort Smith Times Record” entitled: OKLAHOMA GUARD HONORS POTEAU WOMAN. North Fort Hood, Texas (UP). Oklahoma's National Guardsmen were to parade before their commander, Gov. Johnston Murray Saturday in a review winding up the first week of their summer camp. Among high brass scheduled to appear with Murray on the reviewing stand was Maj. Gen. Hayden Boatner, acting commander of the Fourth Army. However, a woman, Mrs. Jack Hancock, of Poteau, Okla., was chosen the guest of honor for Saturday's review. This year's encampment was named "Camp Hancock" in honor of her lieutenant husband, who was the first Thunderbird to be killed in Korea. Murray was greeted on his arrival here Friday by a 19-gun salute, an honor guard, a battery of 105 howitzers and the division band. Brig. Gen. Hal Muldrow, 45th commanding officer, met Murray at the Temple, Texas, airport and escorted him to the post where he was presented with the 19-gun salute. Then the honor guard from the second battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, the division band and the battery of 105 howitzers from the 158th Field Artillery Battalion honored the governor and his party which included Lt. Gen. Raymond McClain, retired, Oklahoma City. Lt. Aaron E. Holt of Durant, Okla., commanded the honor guard. Lt.

David L. Tautfest of Weatherford, Okla., was in command of the saluting party. The guardsmen were to be issued weekend passes following Saturday's review.

Sep 03, 1954: Published in “The Buffalo Courier Express” entitled: WHATS DOING? P.M. 6:00-Headquarters Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion, dinner, Hotel Statler.

Sep 15, 1954: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: 45TH TO PARADE AT CEREMONY OF COLORS RETURN. Everyone loves a parade. And so do the men of Oklahoma's Thunderbird Division. As a matter of fact, the Thunderbirds hold the honor of being known to make a success of any parade. Visitors to the state fair will thrill to the spectacle of a military extravaganza Sept. 25 when the Thunderbirds pass in review in a ceremony dubbed "Operation Colorback" by the division. Chickasha's National Guard unit, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, and 100 other units over the state will take part. Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens will be on hand with his top-ranking generals as the flags the division carried in Korea are returned to their rightful owners. The actual ceremonies in which Gov. Johnston Murray hands the colors to Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow, a 45th commander, were designed especially for the event because no precedent existed. The Thunderbirds will begin arriving on the new multi-million dollar fairgrounds at Oklahoma City that Saturday morning. They will immediately begin pitching a pup tent city where they'll sleep that night. Late that afternoon, the 100 companies will fall in parade formation and march across the grounds to the area in front of the grandstand. The 5,000 Oklahoma soldiers will be lined up facing the grandstand. After the colors are handed back to each of the major units, the division will pass in review, furnishing a sight seen by few Oklahomans who haven't been members of a major military unit. Closing the event will be a fireworks display.

Sep 16, 1954: Published in “The Anadarko Tribune” entitled: LOCAL ARMY UNIT JOINS FAIR PARADE. A 40-member marching unit from Anadarko’s Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, will join Oklahoma Thunderbirds in an all-state

review at opening of the new Oklahoma State Fair on September 25. The Anadarko parade unit will be led by the commanding officer, Capt. Robert Shipman, executive officer Lt. Doyle Weber and administrative officer, WO Buck Shaffer. Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, accompanied by top brass of the Army, will review the troops and witness ceremonies for return of the flags the 45th Infantry Division carried into Korea. Gov. Johnston Murray will present the colors to the Division Commander Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow. The ceremonies will take place at the state fairgrounds grandstand where 5,000 of the citizen soldiers will fall in parade formation and march across the grounds, lining up in front of the grandstand for the event. After the colors are handed back to each of the major units, Oklahoma's own 45th will pass in review, furnishing a sight seen by few Sooners who haven't been members of a major military unit. Closing the event will be a fireworks display, depicting a "History of the Thunderbirds" in pyrotechnics. The Thunderbirds will begin arriving on the new multi-million dollar fairgrounds early Saturday morning and begin pitching a "pup tent city" where they'll sleep that night.

Sep 19, 1954: Published in "Pawhuska Journal-Capital" entitled: PLANS COMPLETE FOR "OPERATION COLORBACK" FOR OKLAHOMA'S 45TH INFANTRY DIVISION. Oklahoma City: The "big push" will begin here Friday as Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division launches "OPERATION COLORBACK". From some 70 towns and cities across the state, the division's companies will begin rolling to the state capitol where they'll take part in launching the new Oklahoma State Fair. Most units will roll from their armories early Saturday morning so that all the Thunderbirds will be on the grounds by mid-afternoon Saturday. Once on the multi-million dollar fairgrounds, they'll pitch pup tents, kitchen tents and other installations required for an overnight bivouac "in the field." Starting about 6:30 p.m., the Thunderbirds will begin marching onto the racetrack in front of the huge grandstand. There they'll draw up in parade formation, awaiting the arrival of the "big brass." As the lead automobile bearing Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens rolls into sight of the division, a battery from the 158th Field Artillery, its guns set up in front of the grandstand, will fire a 19 gun salute. That salute will be in honor of Secretary Stevens as the highest ranking member of the official party. After the secretary,

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Sep 23, 1954: Published in “The Healdton Herald” entitled: THE BIG "PUSH" WILL BEGIN FRIDAY, SEPT. 24TH. Oklahoma City, Sept. 22: The "big push" will begin Friday as Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division launches "Operation Colorback." From some 70 towns and cities across the state, the division's companies will begin rolling to the state capital where they'll take part in launching the new Oklahoma State Fair. Most units will roll from their armories early Saturday morning so that all the Thunderbirds will be on the grounds by mid-afternoon Saturday. Once on the multi-million dollar fairgrounds they'll pitch pup tents, kitchen tents and other installations required for an overnight bivouac "in the field." Starting about 6:30 p.m., the Thunderbirds will begin marching onto the racetrack in front of the huge grandstand. There they'll draw up in parade formation, awaiting the arrival of the "big brass." As the lead automobile bearing Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens rolls into sight of the division, a battery from the 158th Field Artillery, its guns set up in front of the grandstand, will fire a 19 gun salute. That salute will be in honor of Secretary Stevens as the highest ranking member of the official VIP party. Then, after the secretary, Governor Johnston Murray and others of Murray's guests are in place on the reviewing stand, Maj. Gen Hal Muldrow will begin the ceremonies.

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Sep 26, 1954: Published in “The Tulsa Sunday World” entitled: 'OPERATION COLORBACK'. Maj.-Gen. Hal Muldrow, commander of Oklahoma's 45th National Guard division, returns U. S. and unit colors to the 158th Field Artillery battalion Saturday night after receiving them from Army Secretary Robert Stevens in ceremonies at Oklahoma City. All 45th battle flags, left in Korea when National Guards came home and the division designation was given temporarily to a regular Army unit, were formally returned by Stevens. U. S. RETURNS 45TH COLORS: Stevens Hails Valor of Oklahoma Guard. Oklahoma City, Sept. 25 (AP) The battle streamers won by Oklahoma's 45th National Guard Division in two years were returned Saturday by Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens in stirring ceremonies opening the mammoth State Fair. Thirty generals, including several former 45th commanders, were in the reviewing stand for the formal presentation of colors relinquished to a regular Army division which kept the 45th designation when National Guardsmen completed their tour of duty in Korea. This was "Operation Colorback," the big moment for some 5,000 Thunderbirds, now rebuilding to full strength, who came from all over the state and pitched pup tents on the new multi-million-dollar fairgrounds opened for the first time Saturday. The troops, and their families in the grandstand, heard Secretary Stevens praise the 45th as "one of the toughest fighting outfits of our Eighth Army" in Korea. Stevens also read a letter from President Eisenhower in which he said: "These bright emblems are decked with the honors of many battles; of Bloody Ridge, Salerno, Anzio and the Siegfried Line during World War II, of Old Baldy, Pork Chop Hill and Heartbreak

Ridge in Korea." The entire division stood at rigid attention as Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow, Norman, gave each unit its streamers bought with the blood of some 5,000 Thunderbirds who died in battle. Medal Honors Present. A few of the 45th's nine Medal of Honor winners witnessed the presentation. Secretary Stevens reviewed the history of the division, mobilized for federal duty with the United Nations in November, 1950, and said his high opinion of the 45th was shared by military men all over the free world. He quoted the late Gen. George Patton as saying it was "second to none in the annals of United States history." Patton's comment came after the Sicilian campaign of World War II when Patton rode into Messina with the 45th to find that, although he was supposed to have taken the city, he found the Oklahomans waiting. It was just such valor and fighting spirit that earned the many citations and awards symbolized by the unit standards which the Army returned. They represent eight campaigns in World War II, four in Korea, 18 presidential unit citations, numerous meritorious citations and the Croix de Guerre which France awarded the entire division. The Army recognized these battle flags as indispensable to esprit de corps when it left them with the regular division which continued the fight when the guardsmen came home from Korea. Gov. Johnston Murray, commander-in-chief of the state militia, also took the occasion to present Oklahoma Commendation Medals to seven officers and 11 enlisted men. Murray Expresses Pride: Murray, expressing pride that the 45th was the first National Guard unit in the line in Korea, declared: "We know, from the empty chairs and faded photographs, at what price in blood these streamers were purchased." The governor lauded the spirit of the cities and towns represented by the 45th's 106 units. "Twice," he said, "most of these same towns have seen their units march away, twice they have seen them come home with glory, and in between times they have shown their love for freedom and those excellent qualities of the citizen soldier, by creating units again. "I would remind you that taking more than 100 young men from a single small town has twice made a terrific impact on that town. But the men, with encouragement of their townspeople have answered the call. "That, gentlemen, is a spirit unequalled in America." Gov. Murray also mentioned the nine Thunderbirds who won the nation's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, and added: "I, as one who has Indian blood himself, am doubly

proud that of those nine men, among the more than 20,000 who have passed through this division in combat days; four Medal of Honor winners had Indian blood."

Sep 30, 1954: Published in “The Indian Citizen Democrat” entitled: GUARDS TO GET COLORS BACK FROM FAR EAST. The "big push" will begin Friday as Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division launches "Operation Colorback." From Atoka and 69 other towns and cities across the state, the division's companies will begin rolling to the state capitol where they'll take part in launching the new Oklahoma State Fair. Most units will roll from their armories early Saturday morning so that all the Thunderbirds will be on the grounds by mid-afternoon Saturday. Once on the multi-million dollar fairgrounds, they'll pitch pup tents, kitchen tents and other installations required for an overnight bivouac "in the field." Starting about 6:30 p.m., the Thunderbirds will begin marching onto the racetrack in front of the huge grandstand. There they will draw up in parade formation, awaiting arrival of the "big brass." As the lead automobile bearing Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens rolls into sight of the division, a battery from the 158th Field Artillery, its guns set up in front of the grandstand, will fire a 19 gun salute. That salute will be in honor of Secretary Stevens as the highest ranking member of the official VIP party. Then, after the secretary, Governor Murray and others of Murray's guests are in place on the reviewing stand, Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow will begin the ceremonies. That's the point at which the national and regimental colors the division carried into battle in Korea will be returned. Governor Murray will hand each set of colors to General Muldrow who then will present them to their proper custodians, the regiments and battalions of the Thunderbird Division. After that part of the ceremony is completed, Governor Murray will give the order "Pass in Review." At that point, the division will begin the march-by, members saluting as they pass the stands. Just as the y last unit marches off the grounds, a tremendous fireworks exhibition will be set in motion. Speaking for Governor Murray, Major General Roy Kenny, state adjutant general, invited Oklahomans to attend the ceremonies. "...At that point the division will be sincere invitation to watch and take part in these ceremonies as

we honor the men and the colors of our Thunderbird Division." Admission to the grandstand is free.

Dec 18, 1954: Published in “The Reading Eagle” entitled: NEWS ABOUT BERKS GIs AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES. Subject: Cpl. Charles A. Hartman. Service Details: He serves as a supply clerk in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea. Military History: He entered the Army in April 1953 and completed his basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, before going overseas in July. Recent Activity: He spent a rest and recreation leave at Camp Hakata, Japan. Personal Information: He is the husband of Mrs. LaRue Hartman (of 102 S. Church St., Robesonia) and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hartman (of 241 Franklin St., Womelsdorf). Published in “The Tulsa Daily World” entitled: GUARD SIGNS 1,149 ROOKIES. Prizes Planned for Ambitious Members. A recruiting drive called "Colorback," recently concluded by units of the 45th (Thunderbird) division, resulted in 1,149 new recruits for the Oklahoma National Guard. Although recruiting is a year-round activity of the National Guard, the intensive drives are occasions for competitive effort and attractive prizes. Leading company-sized unit of the division was the Heavy Mortar Co., 279th Infantry, Muskogee, with 39 new recruits. Only one unit, Headquarters Co., 120th Medical battalion, reached the "Colorback" goal of attaining full allotted strength. Winner of the grand champion recruiting prize, Corp. David V. Russell, will be awarded a new automatic shotgun. His total was 30 recruits. Winners Determined: Although the drive ended Nov. 15 after a two and one-half-month run since Sept. 1, due to two ties among the leading prize contenders, the area recruiting boards had to comb the records to determine who were actually the winners. After thorough study of the ties still existed, with the following results: Grand champion recruiter, Corp. David V. Russell, 120th Medical battalion, Oklahoma City. Area 1; Champion, Sgt. William E. White, Headquarters battery 160th field artillery battalion Chandler, with 21 recruits. Runner-up recruiter, Sfc. Milton C. Robison, Co. F, 279th infantry, Tulsa, with 15. Tie in Second Area: Area 2; Champion, a tie between Pfc. James C. Sullivan, 45th military police Co., Atoka, and Sfc. Howell M. Orr, Heavy Mortar Co. 279th infantry of Bacone College, Muskogee, with 22 recruits. The tie between the two top runners in this area eliminated the runner-up

spot. Area 3; Champion, Sgt. Leo E. Holmes, Co. F, 179th infantry, Lawton, with 21 recruits. Runner-up recruiter, a tie between Pvt. Erno M. Cook, Battery "C" 158th field artillery battalion, Weatherford, and Pvt. Donald W. Carlisle, Ambulance Co. 120th Medical battalion, Oklahoma City, with 15 each. All prizes are donated by senior officers of the 45th division who comprise the three area recruiting boards. President of the three area boards are Brig.-Gen. Otwa T. Autry, Enid, area 1; Col. James O. Smith, Okemah, area 2, and Brig.-Gen. Fred A. Daugherty, Oklahoma City, area 3. Each area champion recruiter will receive a prize of his own selection worth $50 and runner-up recruiters in each area will receive a prize worth $25.

Apr 08, 1955: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: THUNDERBIRDS GET NORMAN CHAPLAIN. By Elwin Hatfield. The 45th Infantry division has added its sixth chaplain with the commissioning of a former marine corps line officer. Now a captain in the national guard, Samuel L. Botkin will serve as a chaplain in the 279th infantry regiment. Chaplain Botkin and his family live at Norman where he is studying for a doctor's degree at the University of Oklahoma. His commissioning gives the division one-third of the chaplains it's allowed under present regulations, according to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles H. Richmond, division chaplain who lives here. "We need 12 more chaplains for our Thunderbirds," Chaplain Richmond explained. Serving the 179th Infantry regiment is Chaplain (Maj.) Luther Saltzgiver, El Reno, who in civil life is chaplain at the federal reformatory there. The 180th Infantry regiment has Chaplain (Maj.) Dallas Boren of Wewoka while the 279th had Chaplain Botkin and Capt. Bill Pharr, pastor of the First Christian church in Britton. Division artillery has Chaplain (Capt.) Finton McMahon, Hominy. Oklahoma has also commissioned some other Sooners, including the following lieutenants: Dennis H. Williams, platoon leader in Co H, 279 Inf, Sapulpa; Joe Edward Beck, recon & survey officer, Btry "A", 158 FA Bn, Duncan; Dan Gene Bigbee, platoon leader, Co E, 179 Inf, Walters; Ocle R. Combs, forward observer, Btry. "A", 158 FA Bn, Duncan; William C. McCoy, platoon leader, Hq. Co., 179 Inf., Edmond; Melvin L. Pollard, platoon leader, Co. F, 279 Inf., Tulsa; Robert L. Stockton, platoon leader, Amb. Co., 120 Med. Bn, Oklahoma City; Foster C. Yerrinton, motor officer, Hq. Co., 120 Med. Bn., Oklahoma City, and Lance G. Young, platoon leader, Hq. Co., 3 Bn., 180 Inf.,

McAlester. Here in Oklahoma City, Lieut. Charles Wyman Jones has transferred from 45th QM Co. to the division signal company as photo officer. He was serving as truck platoon leader in QM. Warrant Officer Victor H. Meyer has been transferred from the 179th Co. M at Kingfisher to Co. L at Watonga as a unit administrator. James J. Petree, a lieutenant in the 145 AAA Bn, has transferred from Btry A at Nowata to Btry B at Fairfax. He's a platoon leader. From the 180th comes word Lieut. Roy H. Wells, also a platoon leader, has moved to the Tank Co. at Durant from Tishomingo's Co H. The 279th reports Lieut. Ralph J. Zerwas has been promoted from assistant operations officer to adjutant in Tulsa's 2nd Bn while Lieut. Dave C. Mueller has moved to Stillwater's 1st Bn as communications officer from a post as platoon leader in Co D at Cushing. Cpl. Kenneth E. Holden of the 145 AAA Bn's Btry D (Miami) is attending food service school at Fort Hood, Texas. His cooking course ends May 27.

Jun 13, 1955: Published in “The Duncan Daily Banner” entitled: R. K. ARNOLD JR. NOW BATTERY EXECUTIVE OFFICER. R. K. Arnold Jr., 1310 North 13th, has joined Battery “A”, 158th Field Artillery, Duncan National Guard unit, as executive officer. Arnold, a first lieutenant in the field artillery, served as an officer in combat in the Korean War. He received his commission through the University of Oklahoma ROTC. He is an attorney here.

Jul 07, 1955: Published in “The Weatherford News” entitled: SERVICE NOTES. Maj. George W. Nikkel of Weatherford, arrived at Fort Carson, Colo., recently to become plans and training officer for the 43rd Field Artillery Battalion, 8th Infantry "Golden Arrow" Division. Major Nikkel came to Carson from Stuttgart, Germany, where he was executive officer of Seventh Army Special Troops. During World War II he was with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the 45th Infantry Division. With the 158th, he took part in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns, including Naples-Foggia, Anzio beachhead and Rome-Arno. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star, European-African-Middle Eastern campaign area medal with four stars and bronze arrowhead, Army of Occupations medals for Germany and Japan, and the World War II Victory medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nikkel,

Weatherford. Maj. and Mrs. Nikkel live at 2411 N. Farragut Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. His son, 1st Lt. Roy G. Nikkel, a recent returnee from Japan, is attending the Transition School at Fort Bliss, Tex. The lieutenant's permanent duty station is Fort Baker, Calif., with the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Command.

Jul 30, 1955: Published in "The Wichita Falls Record News" entitled: DUNCAN GUARD UNIT TO GO TO FT. HOOD. Duncan, Okla., July 29 (Special) Duncan's 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Battery "A"; 61 strong; will train at Ft. Hood Aug. 7-21. Three officers and 58 enlisted men will make the trip. Battery "A" is a unit of Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division. Officers from the Duncan National Guard unit who will go to Ft. Hood include 1st. Lt. R. K. Arnold Jr., commanding officer; Second Lt. Ocie Combs, and Second Lt. Joe E. Beck. Pvt. Thomas Adkins, unit administrator, said two men will go to Ft. Hood August 5 as part of an advanced detachment. The remainder of the unit will travel in the unit's own vehicles, Pvt. Adkins said. Two master sergeants, I. B. Jones, chief of the firing battery, and Glendon Webb, chief of detail, will make the trip, along with five sergeants first class. They are Jerry Atkins, Jessie Bell, Walter Fulton, Sam A. Rowlett, and Raymond Travis. Bell is chief cook and Fulton is supply sergeant. Unit sergeants are Patrick H. Andrews, Dean Bearden, Kelver Dowlen, William A. Oliver, Wayne Sharp, and Dale C. Williams. Bearden is the unit's fire director computer, Dowlin is the recruit instructor, Oliver is chief of section, and Sharp is motor chief.

Aug 07, 1955: Published in "The Anadarko Daily News" entitled: "B" BTRY. 158 FA BN ON WAY TO ANNUAL SUMMER ENCAMPMENT. By Buddy Bedoka. At 0545 this morning "B" Btry. 158 FA Bn., unit of the 45th Infantry Division, will leave the city and join with "C" Btry. enroute to North Fort Hood, Texas, for summer field training. The 45th Infantry Division, the first national guard division to enter the Korean war after being called to active service in September of 1950, is making its third summer camp since returning from Korea. "B" Btry. will take 70 enlisted men and five officers to Fort Hood this summer. The following is a list of the men going to Fort Hood: 2d Lt Ira D. Hart, Jr., 2d Lt Albert D. Weber, 2d Lt Louis (Buddy) Bedoka, 2d Lt Frank B. Wilson. CWO-2 Vincent B. Shaffer, M-Sgt Stephen A.

Armstrong, M-Sgt Billy G. Pulis, M-Sgt Bobby J. White. SFC Arthur W. Rames, SFC Charles G. Smith, Sgt. Richard R. Bell, Sgt. Chester L. Carlton, Sgt. Charles V. Harrington, Sgt. Louis D. Ridle, Sgt. Johnny K. Rife, Sgt. Edward W. Seyler, Sgt. Leon Trotter, Sgt. Max V. Upchurch. Cpl. Billy T. Beebe, Cpl. Carl R. Gossett, Cpl. Bernard W. Hammert, Cpl. Allen M. Hart, Cpl. Jerry L. Leach, Cpl. Henry D. Leuch, Cpl. Clay R. Marcum, Cpl. Charles E. Schoonover, Cpl. Marlin W. Shears, Cpl. Joe E. Steverson, Cpl. Eddie F. Trotter, Cpl. James S. Wall. PFC Douglas L. Armstrong, PFC Edward J. Blakley, PFC Boyce D. Braswell, PFC Gerald A. Coleman, PFC Vernon O. Crumm, Jr., PFC Roy L. Cyrus, PFC Kenneth G. Farris, PFC James L. Garrett, PFC Jim C. Gomez, PFC Jerry L. Gray, PFC Otho W. Lamar, PFC Charles G. McVey, PFC Frank S. Smith, PFC James R. Smith, PFC James S. Smith, PFC Neil T. Spradlin, PFC James H. Wall, PFC Kenneth D. Williams. Pvt 2 James M. Beck, Pvt 2 James H. Blalock, Pvt 2 Bobby D. Callahan, Pvt 2 William M. Dice, Pvt 2 Robert K. Douglass, Pvt 2 Jimmy L. Dyer, Pvt 2 Winfred D. Gilbert, Pvt 2 William J. Graves, Pvt 2 James S. Hawley, Pvt 2 Robert T. Helm, Pvt 2 Willard D. Marcum, Pvt 2 Jack A. Mann, Jr., Pvt 2 Doyel D. Perry, Pvt 2 Garvin D. Sneed, Pvt 2 Larry K. Upchurch, Pvt 2 Carl J. Upton, Pvt 2 Charles R. Walston, Pvt 2 Elmer L. White. Pvt 1 Donald R. Carpenter, Pvt 1 Jackie G. Gibson, Pvt 1 Jesse L. Jaques, Pvt 1 Leon L. Kubala, Pvt 1 Billy C. Lee, Pvt 1 Clayton F. Lee, Pvt 1 Delbert E. Mahan, Pvt 1 Rondal W. Metheny, Pvt 1 Walter T. Montgomery, Pvt 1 Robert E. Parton. The unit will travel to Fort Hood by trucks, going to Chickasha, Rush Springs, Marlow, Duncan and follow US 81 into Texas and will return by the same route. The unit will return here about 10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 21.

Sep 13, 1955: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: 13 GUARDSMEN GAIN CITATIONS. Thirteen members of Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, have been commended and received awards for maintaining perfect attendance at weekly drills throughout 1954-55. Chief Warrant Officer Gordon Spangler, local unit administrator, today released the names of the men receiving the awards. Officers with perfect attendance included: Lt. Col. John R. Northup, battalion commander; Maj. Edward C. Wegener of Minco; Capt. Robert Shipman of Oklahoma City; Lt. Lloyd B. Cordell of Oklahoma City; Lt. Chester Bishop of

Oklahoma City; Lt. Aubrey E. Roper, commander of the Chickasha unit; and CWO Gordon Spangler. Enlisted men who made all of the 48 weekly drills were: SFC Dennis R. Roper, Cpl. Marvin Cooper, M/Sgt. Luther Chapin, Cpl. John Adams, Cpl. John Hayes and Cpl. James Lanman.

Nov 10, 1955: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: FIVE CHICKASHA THUNDERBIRDS. Were among 36 officers and men of the 45th Infantry Division who attended a special communications instructor course this week at Chandler. Attending from Chickasha were Second Lt. Earl B. Spriestersbach Jr., Sgt. Elbert J. Bottoms, Sgt. Bobby L. Jones, Cpl. Delbert E. Tate and Pvt. William D. Spangler, all of Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Nov 23, 1955: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: NEW ARMY RATINGS STUDIED BY GUARDSMEN. National guard administrators from the five batteries in 158th Field Artillery Battalion were in Chickasha today for a class on the new Army ratings. Lt. Chester Bishop, battalion adjutant, instructed the men in a class on the new specialist ratings. Cutover to the new ratings will be Dec. 1. Attending the class at the Chickasha armory were CWO Edward Smith, "C" Battery of Weatherford; CWO Buck Schafer, "B" Battery of Anadarko; CWO Gordon Spangler, Headquarters Battery of Chickasha; M-Sgt. Clyde P. Jamieson, "A" Battery of Duncan; and Sgt. Buddy Halley, Service Battery of Minco.

Feb 11, 1956: Published in "The Enid Daily Eagle" entitled: 45TH RIFLE TEAMS IN SUNDAY SHOOT. Tomorrow, the nine-member rifle team of the headquarters battery 45th division artillery, will join with five other 45th division rifle teams in shooting competition at their home towns in Oklahoma. According to Brig. Gen. O. T. Autry, of Enid, 45th artillery commander, the riflemen with the best score will represent the artillery and shoot against the infantry and special troops in the division match in March at Oklahoma City. Seven of General Autry's staff officers will check each of the six rifle teams here, and elsewhere in the state. Maj. James E. Tindle, will observe headquarters battery 45th division artillery firing here. Members of the headquarters battery team are; Leo D. Dance, team captain; Olof

Bengtson; George E. Carr; Billy W. Davenport; Robert L. Hayes; Larry M. Herschberger; Robert E. Lowe; William H. Hughes; and Buddy R. Reed. Col. Robert C. Dunnington, Cherokee will observe the 145th anti-aircraft battalion firing at Miami; Capt. Ellis H. Nickell, Cherokee, will check 189th field artillery battalion at Alva; Capt. Jewel W. Ridge, Enid, the 158th field artillery battalion at Duncan; Capt. Franklin E. Smith, Enid, the 169th field artillery at Tulsa; and Capt. Robert F. Hume and Lt. William N. Tingler, Enid, 171st field artillery at McAlester.

Jun 09, 1956: Published in "The Enid Daily Eagle" entitled: ENID TROOPS WILL TRAIN AT FT. HOOD. Approximately 400 men from Enid will leave here on August 4 for North Fort Hood, Texas, for a 14-week field training exercise. They will be but a part of Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma National Guard that will take part in the summer exercises. The field training camp has been designated Camp Wamsley in honor of the late Col. Grover C. Wamsley, of Chickasha, former commanding officer of the 158th Field artillery regiment, forerunner of the present 158th Field Artillery Battalion, of the Thunderbird division. The training period will continue until August 19. The 400 men from Enid will make the 425-mile trip to North Fort Hood by truck.

Jun 13, 1956: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: TRAINING SLATED FOR GUARDSMEN. Exercises to Be Held at Fort Hood, Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma National Guard, will conduct field training exercises at North Fort Hood, Tex., from Aug. 5 to Aug. 19, it was announced today by Maj. Gen. Roy W. Kenny, adjutant general of Oklahoma. Sgt. Sam Lax, who is in charge of the local National Guard unit, said that approximately 30 national guardsmen from this area will attend the camp. The field training camp has been designated Camp Wamsley in honor of the late Col. Grover C. Wamsley of Chickasha, former commanding officer of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment, forerunner of the present 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Col. Wamsley's distinguished military record included service in both World War I and World War II. Col. Wamsley aided in the organization and early training of the 45th Division during the difficult period following World War I, when the lack of public interest in national defense provided

little fiscal support for either the National Guard or the federal military establishment. Inducted into federal service with the 45th Infantry Division in 1940, Col. Wamsley continued to support the active National Guard program as the bulwark of the military reserve until his death on Jan. 18, 1950. The Clinton guardsmen will travel to Fort Hood by chartered commercial buses except for one officer and seven men who will take vehicles belonging to the National Guard.

Jun 14, 1956: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: SUMMER CAMP NAMED CAMP WAMSLEY. Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma National Guard will conduct field training exercises at North Fort Hood, Texas during the period 5-19 August 1956, it was announced today by Maj. Gen Roy W. Kenny, Adjutant General of Oklahoma. The field training camp has been designated Camp Wamsley in honor of the late Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Chickasha, Oklahoma, former Commanding officer of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment, forerunner of the present 158th Field Artillery Battalion which is organic to the Thunderbird Division. Colonel Wamsley's distinguished military record included service in both World War I and World War II. Colonel Wamsley aided in the organization and early training of the 45th Division during the difficult period following World War I, when the lack of public interest in National defense provided little fiscal support for either the National Guard or the Federal military establishment. Inducted into federal service with the 45th Infantry Division in 1940, Col. Wamsley continued to support the active National Guard program as the bulwark of the military reserve until his death on January 18, 1950. Published in “The Walters Herald” entitled: FORTY-FIFTH TO SUMMER CAMP AUGUST 5-19. Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma National Guard will conduct field training exercises at North Fort Hood, Texas, during the period 5-19 August 1956, it was announced today by Maj. Gen. Roy W. Kenny, Adjutant General of Oklahoma. The field training camp has been designated Camp Wamsley in honor of the late Col. Grover C. Wamsley of Chickasha, former commanding officer of the 158th Field Artillery regiment, forerunner of the present 158th Field Artillery Battalion which is organic to the Thunderbird Division. Colonel Wamsley's distinguished military record included service in both World War I and II. Colonel Wamsley aided in the organization and

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Jul 18, 1956: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: 370 GUARDSMEN TO SPEND NIGHT OF AUGUST 4 HERE. The Armory area in Fuqua Park will be night bivouac area on August 4 for some 370 National Guardsmen from Anadarko, Weatherford, Chickasha, Minco and Oklahoma City. All are members of units of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the 45th Guard division. The Guardsmen will set up camp at the Armory, eat in Duncan that night and be ready to leave early on the morning of August 5 for Fort Hood, Tex., and two weeks of annual field training. The artillery battery in Duncan will be a part of the battalion when it leaves here on August 5.

Jul 19, 1956: Published in "The Duncan Eagle" entitled: 7 NATIONAL GUARD MEN PROMOTED LAST WEEK. Seven members of Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, who have been promoted Raymond L. Travis, 915 1/2 Park, was promoted from sergeant first class to master sergeant. He will serve as chief of the firing battery. Dale Williams, 910 Park, was promoted from sergeant to sergeant first class to serve as chief of section. Specialists' third class promoted to sergeant and their new duties were: Gerald Elam, 84 East Mulberry, motor sergeant; Billy H. Williams, 407 North E, wire chief; and Dale F. Springer, 902 Ash, Ronald E. Walker, 312 South 7th, and Hershel Wilson, 04 Maple, all to gunners.

Jul 29, 1956: Published in “The Wewoka Times” entitled: GUARD TO LEAVE FOR CAMP TRIP. Wewoka’s two companies of the Oklahoma 45th national guard will leave at 2 a.m. next Sunday for Fort Hood, Texas, where they will conduct two weeks of field training exercises. Going from Wewoka will be 75 enlisted men, five officers and one warrant officer of battery A of the 171st field artillery and 38 enlisted men and four officers of the medical company. First Lt. James Sturdivant is commanding officer of the artillery company and Capt. Roy E. Lyles commands the medical unit. The group will go to Fort Hood in two groups. The field artillery unit will leave Sunday by truck convoy and join the rest of the Oklahoma field artillery at Atoka. The medical company will have a rendezvous at Durant. The field training camp at North Fort Hood has been designated Camp Wamsley in honor of the late Col. Grover C. Wamsley of Chickasha, former Commanding officer of the 158th field artillery regiment, forerunner of the present 158th field artillery battalion. The highlight of the military ceremonies and traditions of the camp will be the “Governor’s Day” review on Saturday, Aug. 11. Before the guardsmen are given their first break of the camp over the weekend they will pass in review before Gov. Raymond Gary, commander-in-chief of the Oklahoma national guard. This event, to be attended by many parents and well wishers from all over Oklahoma, will see more than 7,000 veterans and rookies on dress parade. The Wewoka guardsmen will return home Sunday, Aug. 19.

Aug 02, 1956: Published in “The Brownwood Bulletin” entitled: BEGINS TRAINING. Oklahoma City (UP). The main body of Oklahoma's 45th National Guard division left today for its annual two-weeks summer camp training at North Fort Hood Tex. The unit, representing every section of the state, left by bus or motor convoy. The guard camp at Fort Hood has been designated Camp Wamsley in honor of the late Col. Grover C. Wamsley of Chickasha, former commanding officer of the 158th Field Artillery regiment. Gov. Raymond Gary and his official party will attend the governor's day review, Aug. 12. Gary then will fly directly to Chicago for the Democratic national convention. The first contingent left by train last Sunday for training at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Tex.

Aug 09, 1956: Published in “The Healdton Herald” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD IN FIELD EXERCISES AT TEXAS POSTS. More than 7,000 National Guardsmen of the 45th Infantry Division from 78 separate stations throughout Oklahoma are engaging in summer field exercises in Texas July 29 through Aug. 19, Maj. Gen. Roy W. Kenny, Adjutant General of Oklahoma, has announced. The first contingent of the Thunderbird Division was due to pass through Oklahoma on Sunday, July 29, by train on their way to Ft. Bliss, near El Paso, Texas. This movement will include all elements of the 145th Anti-Aircraft Battalion from northeastern Oklahoma. Guardsmen from Fairfax, Pawhuska, Nowata, Miami and Vinita will brave the heat of the Rio Grande Valley from July 29 through August 12 while engaging in live Anti-Aircraft firing. The majority of the Thunderbird Division were to commence the southward move on Thursday, August 2, with the advance elements making ready at North Fort Hood. The main body was to arrive at Ft. Hood on Sunday, August 5, by bus and motor convoy. The field training camp at North Fort Hood has been designated Camp Wamsley in honor of the late Colonel Grover C. Wamsley of Chickasha, former Commanding Officer of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment, forerunner of the present 158th Field Artillery Battalion which is organic to the Thunderbird Division. As a component of the ready reserve, the National Guard Division is completely equipped to accomplish all training and housekeeping chores incident to their two-week tour of intensive field training exercises. Housekeeping and small arms firing are the usual occupations of the first week of "Camp." This year, however, a new note has been added. Each man in the Division will have an "opportunity" to check his skill as a soldier against the Army Training Tests which will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the first week. These tests include proficiency in all arms as well as tactical employment of small units and the individual. During the second week, tactical problems of all elements will be the main interest. The Infantry will practice small unit maneuvers while the Artillerymen unlimber their pieces for some real live firing. At some time during the two weeks, each soldier will participate in a good old bunion massaging march coupled with a bivouac in the traditional "Camping Out" manner that has been familiar to the National Guardsmen in Oklahoma since before the Indian Territory became a state. Highlight of the military ceremonies and traditions of the camp

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Aug 12, 1956: Published in “The Lawton Constitution and Morning Press” entitled: GARY REVIEWS OKLAHOMA GUARDSMEN AT FORT HOOD. North Fort Hood, Tex., Aug. 11 (UP). Nearly 7,500 Thunderbirds passed in review here Saturday before their commander in chief, Gov. Raymond Gary. Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow, commanding general of Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division, joined Gary and a stand full of generals as the khaki clad troops passed by. Governor Gary arrived by plane early Saturday amidst appropriate honors by the division band and a 19 gun salute, fired by Weatherford's Battery “C”, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, commander by Lt. David L. Tautfest. The annual review of the state's governor is held as the division completes the first week off to rest and relax for their final week of training. Daugherty Leads Troops. Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Daugherty, Oklahoma City, assistant division commander was the commander of troops for the review. Leading the parade was the 180th Infantry, commanded by Col. John Smith, Okemah, senior regimental commander in the division. Following were the 279th Infantry, commanded by Col. John Hillman, Okmulgee, and the 179th headed by Col Fred Snyder, Edmond. Artillery units, commanded by Brig. Gen. O. T. Autry, Enid, followed the infantry. Then came the 145th Tank Bn., 700th Ordnance Bn., 120th Medical Bn., and special troops of the division. The marching troops were followed by division vehicles, some of which pulled artillery. Liaison planes and helicopters of the division light aviation section flew over the parade ground, as the last vehicle

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Aug 14, 1956: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: SKUNKS CAUSE LOCAL GUARD UNIT TROUBLE. Sunday, Chickasha's National Guarders will return home from their two-week summer encampment at North Ft. Hood, Tex. The past week and a half hasn't been without unscheduled incidents for the citizen-soldiers. Spec. 3/c Charles Fields and Pvt. Billie Bust and several others made a hasty retreat from six skunks while on guard duty. Members of the local unit, Headquarters Battery of the 158th Field Artillery battalion, on Aug. 8 were in charge and on the firing range. Pfc William D. Buchanan and Sgt. Glenn M. Chenoweth qualified for marksmen ratings with the carbine rifle. Pfc. Buchanan scored 124 and Sgt. Chenoweth 121. Spec. 3/c Charles E. Ellison and Spec. 3/c Elvis M. Patterson fired score of 174 and 150 to qualify for expert ratings with the M-1 rifle. Pfc. Alvie H. Carter shot a 148 for a sharpshooter rate.

Aug 16, 1956: Published in “The Anadarko Tribune” entitled: Photo Caption: IT'S INSPECTION TIME for Anadarko’s 158th field artillery battalion now on training duty at Fort Hood, Tex. Here Lt. Ira Hart, Jr., unit commander, far left and Sgt. B. W. Hammert, platoon leader, far right, are inspecting a group of Anadarko's national guardsmen on the two-week training tour in the heart of Texas. It's hot there, too, but training doesn't stop. It goes on night and day. The troops are, from left to right first row, V. O. Crumm, Jerry Laffoon, Glenn McVey, Delbert Johnson; second row, from left to right, Bill Rogers, Ross Hess and James R. Smith; third row, from left to right, Jack Mann, Jr., Lewiss Griffis and Eugene Jones.

Aug 27, 1956: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: MEMORY LANE. (From Old Files Of The Clinton Daily News). 25 Years Ago: The Oklahoma National Guard’s 158th and 160th Field Artillery Regiments fired $33,842.30 worth of ammunition at their annual summer camp at Fort Sill. Clinton’s National Guardsmen took part in the camp. The 45th Division, of which the local unit is a part, was one of the few in the nation which was training as a division at that time. Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh were being honored in Japan for their feat in circling the Pacific Ocean by airplane. The Japanese were giving highest government honors to the pair and planning a nation wide broadcast of a Lindbergh speech. Joe McBride of Elk City had two flat tires, and lost a hub plate, a cap and a door handle while making a trip to Clinton. McBride recalled that a black cat had crossed the path of his automobile earlier in the day. Oklahoma’s ice permit law was held unconstitutional by the United States circuit court of appeals in Denver. The court held that competition in the ice business was sufficient to protect the public from excessive prices. Gov. W. H. Murray was planning to attend the 45th Division’s summer camp at Fort Sill. The troops were to pass in review before Murray to honor him as the division’s commander-in-chief.

Aug 30, 1956: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: SERVICE BATTERY NEWS. August 19th the 158th Service Btry returned to home station after two successful weeks of summer camp at North Fort Hood, Texas. Those making the encampment for the first time were: Privates Donald P. Bosler, Ross Burchfield, Ronald Coley,

Jerry Hoover, Robert D. Kuhlman, James D. Pendley, James R. Watkins, Jesse R. Balke, Gary L. Davis, Albert R. Hurley, John D. Kitzmiller, David P. Mitchum, William T. Reynolds, Larry W. South, Jerry L. Verser, Francis L. Walker, Thomas V. Hayter, J. D. Crow, Warren H. Vandiver. Those having made previous encampments are: Sergeants-first class Bobby Hefner, Bobby D. Tumelson, Ronald D. Douglas; Sergeants Eldon E. Englebretson, James L. Halley, Robert C. Miller, Jimmie D. Thomas, William A. Woodworth, Jr.; Specialists-second class Jerry D. Jolly, Ernest L. McMullen. Specialists-third-class Joe W. Fehmer, Delbert L. Handke, Jimmie L. Coley, Wesley Burchfield, Calvin E. Konce, Patrick L. McComas, Charles B. Thompson, Gerald L. Walje; Private-first-class Rowen L. Brown, Gilman F. Burris, Hubert D. Foster, Robert L. Jester, Benny L. Locke, Gene L. Madden, Edward M. Roberts, Clifton L. Rorebeck, Bobby G. Sanders, Bob Valderas, Lynn R. Watson, Gary D. Wood, John W. Woods. C. W. O. Henry E. Wade; 2nd Lt. Richard W. Garner, 2nd Lt. Robert E. Clark and Capt. Frederick J. Rice. Two members for the 158th Field Artillery Battalion Headquarters Staff, Major Clenard Wegener and 1st Lt. Barty Chappell both from Minco. The next meeting for the local Guard Unit will be at 8 p. m. Monday, Sept. 3.

Nov 04, 1956: Published in “The Clinton Daily News” entitled: WEATHERFORD WILL CELEBRATE ACTIVATION OF RESERVE UNIT. A Monday night open house party in Weatherford will celebrate activation of a new Army Reserve unit in that community. The celebration will begin at 7:30 p.m. at 208 West Main. Col. Robert Johnston, chief of the Oklahoma Military District, and members of his staff will attend the ceremony to mark activation of the 95th Replacement Company. Mayor Ed Berrong will represent Weatherford along with First Lt. David Tautfest, commander of Battery “C” 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Weatherford's National Guard unit. First Lt. Charles I. Kramer will be commanding officer of the new company which will have the duties of receiving, processing and forwarding replacements coming into the 95th Division. The Army Reserve's 95th Division has units in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Other officers of the new company are First Lt. William Savage, executive officer; First Lt. Donald Veatch and Second Lt. Thurman Bilbrey, platoon leaders and M-Sgt. Marion Davidson, first sergeant.

Other guests will include Lt. Col. Ernest Stocks, commanding officer, Second Battalion, 378th Infantry Regiment, with headquarters in Clinton; Capt. William King, unit adviser, and M-Sgt. Charles Dixon, unit administrator.

Feb 14, 1957: Published in "The Minco Minstrel" entitled: SUNDAY TO BE OPEN HOUSE AT GUARD ARMORY. The Governor of the State of Oklahoma, the Honorable Raymond Gary, has proclaimed that 17 Feb. 1957 be designated as "Muster Day" in honor of all those who have served the National Guard in the past. In compliance with the proclamation, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion will hold open house from 1:30 p. m. to 2:30 p. m. 17 February 1957 at the Minco Armory. We cordially invite everyone to visit us at that time.

Mar 28, 1957: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: GUARD TRAINING PLAN TO CHANGE STARTING APRIL 1. A Reserve program affecting National Guardsmen after April 1 was explained today by Roland K. Arnold Jr., commanding officer of 158th Field Artillery Battalion, headquartered in Duncan. Before April 1, a man in the age group 17-18 ½ may enlist in the Guard for three years, be deferred from draft, but will remain as active member of the National Guard until the age of 28. He will not be required to enter active duty, but if he prefers, he may take six months or 11 weeks of training. Neither of these periods is mandatory, Capt. Arnold explained, if the enlistment is before April 1. If the Guard enlistee signs up after April 1, he will be draft exempt but have to take a minimum of 11 weeks of training, and will remain in the Guard until the age of 28. This Reserve program does not apply to current members of the National Guard, but is mandatory to persons enlisting after April 1. Other information on enlistment of young men of other ages may be obtained by contacting Sgt. Preston Jameson at the Duncan Armory, Phone No. 3620. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion has nine vacancies for enlisted men.

May 02, 1957: Published in "The Minco Minstrel" entitled: MINCO SERVICE BATTERY HAS PROMOTIONS. The following promotions are now in effect in the Service Battery of the 158th F. A. Bn., Minco: SP-2cl Gerald Danley, Battery Supply

Sgt., has been promoted to Sgt First Class; Pfc. Albert Hurley, Battery Clerk, has been promoted to Specialist Third Class. Sgt. Robert Miller is at the present time on temporary duty in Fort Chaffee, Ark. He has volunteered for 6 months active duty. Sp-3cl Robert Kuhlman has taken over Sgt. Miller's duty as Battery Motor Sgt. Service Battery spent April 27, and 28 at Riverside Indian School reservation bivouacking with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. During the weekend of May 11 and 12 they will be on the firing range at Ft. Sill. For the month of April this Battery attained a total of 96% in attendance, which is the highest achieved so far this year. Next regular drill will be 6, May.

Jul 04, 1957: Published in "The Anadarko Tribune" entitled: TWO ANADARKO GUARDSMEN LEAVE FOR FORT CHAFEE. John A. Hammert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hammert, 805 West Georgia, and Otho W. LaMar, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. LaMar, 403 East Oklahoma, left this morning for Fort Chaffee, Ark. There they will receive six-months training under the Reserve Forces Act of 1955. They are both members of the local 45th National Guard, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Jul 17, 1957: Published in "The Clinton Daily News" entitled: MEMORY LANE (From Old Files Of The Daily News), 25 Years Ago. "Prosperity has always returned. It will again." This was the philosophy John D. Rochefeller, oil king, uttered as he celebrated his 93rd birthday on his estate at Pocantico Hills, N.Y. Clinton supporters of William C. Rogers, Moore, in his fight for the congressman-at-large race, planned a rally to organize a Will-Rogers-for-Congress Club here. A. J. Wise, Clinton, had been named temporary chairman of the committee. Boots were being shined, uniforms pressed and all paraphernalia placed in readiness for the annual federal inspection of First Battalion, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery, located in Clinton. Capt. George D. Hann, in charge of the local unit, was directing preparations.

Aug 01, 1957: Published in "The Chickasha Star" entitled: GUARDSMEN LEAVE SATURDAY FOR 15 DAYS AT FORT HOOD. Headquarters Battery of the 158th Field

Artillery Battalion of the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th Infantry Division with headquarters in Chickasha, will leave for 15 days training at National Guard camp at Fort Hood, Tex., on August 3, according to First Lieutenant Wayne H. Wornom, company commander. All National Guardsmen are required to spend at least two weeks each year in active duty training in modern warfare techniques. Guardsmen spend the two weeks doing the jobs they are trained to do in their own home company and with that company as it makes up its integral part of the 45th Division. Training schedules naturally are quite rugged and very comprehensive during the two weeks, since as citizen-soldiers, the guardsmen spend only one evening a week and his two-week summer camp to learn what the regular army man spends many months learning. Seventeen officers and 64 enlisted men from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion will make the trip.

Aug 04, 1957: Published in "The Anadarko Daily News" entitled: DARKO GUARD UNIT LEAVES FOR FT. HOOD. Anadarko's 89 National Guardsmen left Saturday for North Fort Hood, Texas, for the annual two-week training camp of the 45th Thunderbird Infantry Division. Battery "B", 158th FA Bn, the local unit, was among nearly 8,600 Oklahoma National Guardsmen making the annual invasion of Texas in two different convoys originating in 78 different state points. The local unit, under command of 1st Lt. Ira D. Hart, Jr., joined a convoy which originated at Enid and moved south through Kingfisher, Chickasha, Lawton, and Waurika. It was scheduled to bivouac overnight at Mineral Wells, Texas. Gen. Otwa T. Autrey, Enid school superintendent; was commander of the column. Composed of 1,000 vehicles each, the two convoys will converge on Fort Hood about noon Sunday. The roaring of motors and the rattling of military equipment marks Oklahoma's 45th Division's trail south across the Red River this weekend for its annual encampment at North Fort Hood, Tex. An estimated 5,000 troops from the state's 78 posts moved out before daylight Saturday in two large military convoys, one forming on each side of the state. The remaining 3,000 soldiers will leave Sunday morning on commercial buses for their invasion of Texas. Bivouac Saturday Night. The east convoy will bivouac at McKinney, Tex., Saturday night and the west column at Mineral Wells,

Tex. The troops will start arriving at North Fort Hood around 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The last company is expected to get there by 5:30 p.m. Maj. Gen. Hall Muldrow Jr., Norman, the division's commander, arrived Saturday at the post with his staff and advanced elements to set up training headquarters and be ready for the troops when they arrive. The camp this year is named Camp Graves, in honor of the late Col. Graves, Enid attorney, who formerly commanded the 180th Field Artillery Regiment. He died in 1938. Photo Caption: From college campus to National Guard summer camp two weeks by Jayne Ogie, left, and Judy Burwester... State College students being wished a pleasant camp will be a fast switch for these two Southwestern of Anadarko. The two lads completed the summer session at SWC Thursday and left for North Fort Hood, Texas, Friday with Weatherford's Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the 45th Division. They are Clarence Bradeley, Weatherford, left, and J. W. Bean, Broken Arrow. (Photo From Southwestern State College).

Aug 15, 1957: Published in "The Walters Herald" entitled: GUARDSMEN CLOSE BIVOUAC THURSDAY; QUIT SATURDAY. North Fort Hood, Texas. Members of Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division Thursday moved back from the bivouac areas, where they had been conducting unit combat practice, and will complete their final two days of summer camp field training in their tent area here. Men of the division moved into the woods and fields Monday morning, where combat exercises were held on small unit levels. The men lived under combat conditions during their four days in the field, putting to practice as platoons the things they had learned during the individual training phase last week. Camouflage, light and noise discipline were enforced to add realism to the training. Friday morning the men will be paid, then will clean and check in their equipment. Saturday morning they will begin the long trek back to Oklahoma. Units will begin the homeward movement at 4:50 a. m. Saturday by bus and military vehicles. Moving out of camp first will be the 245th Tank Battalion from Hobart, Hollis, Mangum and Altus. The first unit to arrive home will be "A" Battery of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion from Durant, scheduled to arrive at 7:00 Sunday morning. The final unit to reach its Oklahoma destination will be the 120th Medical Battalion, which will arrive in Oklahoma City

at 11:30 a. m. Sunday. "I feel that our training program this summer has been the best since the 45th Division was reorganized following the Korean war," said Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow, commander of the division. "The weather has been hot and the men had to work hard to complete their heavy schedule here. But the morale of the guardsmen has been high. They have worked with vigor and enthusiasm. I feel that we have accomplished a lot this summer," the general said. The first week of camp, the division concentrated its training program around individual training of the soldier, with a special emphasis on qualifying all of its members in firing their assigned weapons. Those who failed to qualify the first time, returned to the ranges to try again; and so on until they qualified. Mixed with the known distance range firing was transition firing, which consisted of surprise targets popping up at unmarked distances, in order to train the guardsmen at recognizing targets, and quickly firing at them. The artillerymen spent their first week on fundamentals. This week they fired the big guns while on bivouac. Members of the 245th Tank Battalion, the three regimental tank companies and the tankers of the 45th Reconnaissance company jumped the gun on their normal firing procedure this year, and began service firing last week. They had completed their sub-firing practice at Fort Sill during the spring, and their early start on service firing enabled them to reach a more advanced stage in their summer camp training. The highlight of the encampment was the annual division review before the commander-in-chief of the Oklahoma National Guard, Gov. Raymond Gary. The governor and his party arrived at Fort Hood Saturday morning, and stood in the reviewing stand as more than 7,000 members of the division marched by. As each unit passed the reviewing stand at "eyes right," Maj. Charles Wheeler, Oklahoma City, related its combat history. That history was also written above the left pocket of many of the guardsmen who wore ribbons earned both in World War II and Korea. A special feature of this year's summer encampment was the completion of the final two weeks of the first national guard Officer's Candidate School ever to be conducted in Oklahoma. Thirty-six candidates participated in the course which began early this year during weekends in Oklahoma City. The course will be climaxed here Friday with graduation ceremonies. Lt. Gen. J. H. Collier, commander of the Fourth Army, will be commencement speaker. Of the 36 expected to complete the course, two are

under 21 years of age, and will have to wait awhile before receiving their commissions. Highlights of the summer camp included pistol and rifle matches to determine division champions, and to select teams to represent the division at the annual national championship matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. The pistol team was here only long enough to get a taste of Fort Hood before departing for Camp Perry. The men arrived Tuesday, and Wednesday morning were on their way to the national meet. Riflemen were selected at the end of the first week of camp, and will go to Perry for the national rifle matches next month. The men had a break in the weather during the first week of camp. After arriving here in 103 degree heat, the men experienced an early afternoon rain the following day, which dropped temperatures below the fort's normal heat level for the next two days. Several of the men attended specialist schools during the summer training periods here. Schools were conducted in supply, chemical warfare, and intelligence.

Mar 06, 1958: Published in “The Tuttle Times” entitled: SERVICE BATTERY NEWS. This Unit received annual general inspection 27 Feb 58 conducted by Lt. Col James A. Bladgett Fourth Army I. G. Lt. Col Bladgett inspected each enlisted man in ranks at the first formation. Then ordered that 30 minutes be spent in dismounted drill given by the Battery N. C. O.'s. The last hour of drill was used in class instruction. Instructors were SFC James Halley, Battalion Supply Sgt.; SFC. Martin Honeycutt, Battalion Motor Sgt.; SFC Jerry Jolly, Mess Steward; SGT Bill Woodworth, Ammunition Sgt. All officers and enlisted men were present for duty at the I. G.'s Critique after drill Lt. Col Bladgett complimented the men of Service Battery on an outstanding drill. Visiting officers and E. M. present were Lt. Col James A. Bladgett 4th Army I. G., Lt. Col Thomas P. Ewring, 45th Division Artillery Army Advisor, Lt. Col. John R. Northup, Comanding Officer 158 FA BN. Major Charles L. Xainer, 158 FA BN, Army Advisor, Capt. Fred J. Rice BN S-3, Capt. Chester Bishop BN S-2, Capt Jack Riddle Hq Div Arty, Capt. Jewel W. Ridge, Div Arty S-4, 1st Lt. Richard Damn, BN Adjutant, Sfc. Paul Calvin, BN, Sgt Advisor, Sfc Jack Mc Night, Div. Arty Sgt. Advisor.

Apr 03, 1958: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: NORTH GRADY UNIT NOT UP IN STRENGTH. Service Battery No. 158th Field Artillery, Minco, with Lt. Robert Clark in charge is reported not in full strength. Lt. Clark states, "We are short about 7 members in the unit." Boys wanting to enlist may join by seeing Lt. Clark. From a national standpoint, the strength of the 45th division in Oklahoma is 7,000 when it should be around 9000 or 60% of full division strength of 15,000. Gov Gary and commanding officers of the 45th division are preparing a case for retention of the division. Wilburn M. Bucker, secretary of Defense, in a letter to the governor outlined the army's plan in the next 2½ years which will reduce the number of combat division's from 27 to 21. There will also be 6 combat support divisions headquarters with at no division units. The governor and the officers want to make every effort to retain the 45th in Oklahoma and will present the case in support to the Secretary of Defense. The north Grady unit is vitally important to the folks from several standpoints. The revenue and the being close to home are two advantages. Too in case of at war, the unit is called to service as a group. With no unit, boys are called to service individually here and there to serve in this category or that category with no choice of what branch they shall serve.

May 22, 1958: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: ROBERT E. CLARK FOR REPRESENTATIVE. Robert E. Clark of Minco is a candidate for the newly-created post of State Representative No. 3 from Grady County. Minco has a vital stake in this election, since Robert Clark is the only one of the six candidates who lives in extreme northern Grady County, and representation has too long been dominated by men from other sections of the county. In a statement today, Mr. Clark said: "I know many worthwhile things can be done for our county in the Legislature, and would like to do them, for instance: "Attract new industry to furnish employment for Grady County men and women. "Create opportunity for talented young people in Grady County, so we can keep our future leaders here at home, instead of exporting them like surplus crops to more prosperous areas. "Save our 45th Division! Its economic value to Grady County is great and its value as an emergency disaster force cannot be equalled. As one of its present officers, I know better than other candidates how to defend Oklahoma's own. "Stop soil erosion by

modern conservation methods, with which I've had personal experience. Save and rebuild the topsoil, while boosting scientific research to develop new agricultural methods and new crops adapted to Grady soil. "Increase upstream flood control to stop water where it falls. The water is needed here, on thirsty Grady croplands, not flooding some downstream river-bottom! "Welfare programs and old age pensions are public services demanded by the people, and should be efficiently administered with dignity and consideration, never used as a weapon for political advantage!. "Schools can be greatly improved by adopting recommendations of foremost educators and by a determination by the folks at home to do their part. Oklahoma College for Women will have my support at all times. "More and better major highways can be built with the road-user taxes we are paying. I believe both Highway 81 and the Lawton-Oklahoma City Freeways, should be made 4-lane across Grady County. "Taxes of all kinds should be kept at the lowest possible levels. But we can get more and better services for the money we now are spending, simply by closer supervision and more businesslike management." Clark has lived in Minco for 12 years, operating a dry-cleaning shop with his wife, and doing soil conservation work. He is 32, a good family man and father of two daughters aged 11 and 4. He was raised in a Christian home and is a member of the Baptist Church. He takes active interest in school affairs; is a member of the PTA, a former Scoutmaster; and aggressively sponsors youth activities and independent athletic events. "I am a war veteran, and proud of it", says Clark. "I know the problems of discharged servicemen and will try to help them." Clark is now commanding officer of Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, 45th Division. His command is one of only 14 in the entire 45th with superior rating. He places more personal interest in present and future service than in his own past "war record." Clark has always been civic-minded. A charter member of the Kiwanis Club, he is presently its secretary. He was one of the founders of the Minco Community Improvement Association, and is active in the American Legion. Clark's business background, his practical experience in soil conservation, his Army and National Guard service, and his unquestioned personal integrity make him an ideal man to represent all of Grady County.

Aug 21, 1958: Published in “The Enid Daily Eagle” entitled: GUARDSMEN MOVE BACK FROM BIVOUAC; HEAD HOME SOON. North Fort Hood, Texas. Members of Oklahoma’s 45th Infantry Division today moved back from the bivouac areas, where they had been conducting unit combat practice, and will complete their final two days of summer camp field training in their tent area here. Men of the division moved into the woods and fields Monday morning, where combat exercises were held on unit levels. The men lived under combat conditions during their four days in the field, putting to practice as platoons the things they had learned during the individual training phase last week. Camouflage, light and noise discipline were enforced to add realism to the training. The practice enemy, dressed in the army’s “aggressor” uniform, kept the Thunderbirds on their toes as they maneuvered through the woods into the bivouac areas. Friday morning the men will be paid, then will clean and check in their equipment. Saturday morning they will begin the long trek back to Oklahoma. Units will begin the homeward movement at 5 a. m. Saturday by military vehicles and buses. Moving out of camp first will be the 158th Field Artillery battalion. Units traveling by military vehicles will camp overnight at Mineral Wells or McKinney, Texas. “I feel that our training program this summer has been the best since the 45th Division was reorganized following the Korean war,” said Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow, commander of the division. The first week of camp, the division concentrated its training program around individual training of the soldier, with a special emphasis on the firing of weapons. Members of the 245th Tank battalion spent most of the first week on bivouac in firing practice. Other units went to the field daily from the main tent camp. During the second week all units were in the field on combat maneuvers. A special feature of the summer encampment was the completion of the final two weeks of the national guard officer candidate school, which began in Oklahoma City last September, climaxing it with two intensive weeks at summer camp. The course will be climaxed here Friday with graduation ceremonies. James C. Styron, Hobart, Okla., retired major general, and Korean war commander of the 45th Division, will be commencement speaker. Thirty candidates are expected to complete the course and receive their second lieutenant’s commissions. A highlight of the summer camp included rifle

matches to determine the division champions and to select a team to represent the division at the annual national championship matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

May 24, 1959: Published in “The Anadarko Daily News” entitled: GUARD ENDING FIELD TRAINING AT RIVERSIDE. Three batteries of National Guardsmen today are ending a two-day training session here. All members of the 2nd Battalion, 158th field artillery were drilling at Riverside Indian school Saturday and Sunday, the third of three such weekend drills for the unit. Maj. Don Bell, who commands the battalion which is just 24-days old Sunday, said most of the troops would be taking part in "MOS classes," Army terms for on the job training. Some 150 men with their equipment were to take part in the two-day problems. A part of that was an overnight bivouac. Maj. Bell explained that Guardsmen have three weekend drills each year. The first two for the unit here were spent at Fort Sill where each man fired his individual weapon. Units represented today and Saturday include Battery “A”, Minco, and Battery “B”, Weatherford, plus Headquarters Battery, from Anadarko.

May 31, 1959: Published in “The Anadarko Daily News” entitled: SALUTE. Photo Caption: Two members of the National Guard firing squad which helped honor the dead of four wars here Saturday are shown firing their M-1 rifles in salute. Here are Sp-3 Bill Haynes and Pfc Elmer Haynes, both of Anadarko. The two guardsmen are brothers and members of Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. A parade and ceremonies at the courthouse, Washita river and Memory Lane Cemetery were held here Saturday.

Aug 13, 1959: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: MINCO GUARD UNIT LEFT SATURDAY. The 158th Field Artillery left Minco Saturday morning for a two week summer camp at North Ft. Hood, Texas. It was a hurry and wait ordeal until 8 o'clock, then it was a kissing line up on Pontotoc Ave. The women patiently waited in a line of cars. Paul McClure, old granddad, was about the most thrilled. He was all interested in his new grandson, who was all eyes. Paul was later up town hunting in his billfold for an order from his wife and he could not find it. Excluding

the ratings Gene Koonce was busy with a pencil and paper checking this and that in and out. Butch Hurley had one eye open with the question "where and what?" Cary Davis started Friday and was as ready as a race horse. Bill Woodworth came to the armory with his hat on straight, but in the clamor wound up with it on the back of his head yelling, "Attenchun". Bob Clark checked the C-rations to find only half enough. He said, "Don't let this stop us, we'll cut 'um half into, we've got to go; don't forget all those records either." The big guns and small ones, large and small trucks and the entire unit vacating the armory. They were in a big hurry to leave and you know yourself how big a hurry they will be in to get home.

Feb 21, 1960: published in “The Anadarko Daily News” entitled: GUARD OBSERVES MUSTER PROGRAM. Anadarko National Guardsmen will observe "Muster Day" early Sunday with an all-day drill at the Armory. Local Guardsmen will assemble in their newly issued "green" uniforms for an inspection in ranks, then attend the churches of their choice in mass. After church they will return to the armory to complete the all-day drill. The public is invited to visit the armory although no formal open house is scheduled. According to 1st Lt. Ira D. Hart Jr., commanding officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, the local guard unit. "Muster Day" is a revival of the custom of the colonial militia which was mustered once each year on the village green to count the number of men who would be available to bear arms in an emergency. The custom was revived in 1956 and the date, Feb. 22, was chosen in honor of George Washington, who served as a colonel in the Virginia militia. The Anadarko Guardsmen will be joining with over 470,000 fellow Guardsmen in some 5,000 units.

Mar 31, 1960: Published in “The Walters Herald” entitled: WALTERS RIFLE TEAM DIVISION CHAMPS. Walters national guard small bore rifle team successfully defended its 45th Division shooting crown Sunday by smashing last year's scoring record in the firing contest in Oklahoma City. Nine teams were entered in the contest, which was held during the day Sunday at the indoors range at division headquarters, and Walters fivesome came out ahead with a combined score of 1,364. This was a strong 24 points better than the runner-up team from “B”

Battery 158th Field Artillery from Duncan, which collected a total of 1,340 points. The winning team score was three points better than the 1,361 total fired last year. M-Sgt Ronald Golden was high individual in the shoot, with a mark of 283 out of a possible 300 score. Other scores by Walters riflemen were: Sp4 Ralph Hoodenpyle 271, Sfc. Jimmy Ray Fletcher 271, Sfc. Charles Ray 271, Lt. Jesse Sheppard 268. Sp4 Donald Logan, sixth member of the team fired a 257. Sp4 Lloyd Fletcher was team captain and M-Sgt. A. J. Vardell was team coach. The Walters rifle team has won three trophies this year, for squadron, separate battalion and division championships. In all three championship events Golden has been high man, and in each has received a trophy. Members of the champion team received medals for division honors. Photo Caption: SHARPSHOOTERS: Members of the division championship rifle team are pictured here, left to right: M-Sgt. Ronald Golden, Sfc. Jimmy Ray Fletcher, Sp4 Lloyd Fletcher, Sp4 Donald Logan, M-Sgt. A. J. Vardell, Sp4 Ralph Hoodenpyle, Sfc Charles Ray and 1st Lt. Jesse Sheppard. The trophies before them were not all theirs.

Jun 02, 1960: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: GUARDSMEN SLATED FOR WEEKEND TESTS AT LAKE HUMPHREYS. Batteries of 45th Division artillery from Chickasha and Pauls Valley will join Duncan National Guardsmen at Lake Humphreys this weekend for a series of tests and overnight bivouac. Lt. I. B. Jones, commander of Battery "B", 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, located here, and between 150 and 200 guardsmen are expected for the weekend training. Guardsmen will practice reconnaissance, survey and selection, and occupation of battery positions. The camp will be set up on the north side of the lake starting at 9 a.m. Saturday. Serving as referee for the tests will be Lt. Col. Robert C. Dunnington, 45th Division executive officer from Cherokee.

Jul 28, 1960: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: BURT AND OWENS RECEIVE PROMOTIONS IN GUARD UNIT. Charles M. Burt, 1205 Sycamore, and Neal Owen, 25 East Sycamore, have received promotions in Battery "B" of the First Howitzer Battalion of the 158th Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard here.

Burt will serve as motor sergeant for the battery. Owen, a Halliburton employe, was also promoted to sergeant.

Aug 21, 1960: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: LOCAL GUARDSMEN HOME FROM TEXAS. Duncan's National Guardsmen returned home Saturday from North Fort Hood, Tex., after completing the annual 45th Division encampment. Guardsmen arrived at the 158th Field Artillery armory here about 3:30 p.m.

Aug 31, 1960: Published in "The Shawnee News Star" entitled: GOP CONGRESS NOMINEE NAMES CAMPAIGN HEAD. Washington, (P). Appointment of Dawson (Tack) Nail, formerly of Weatherford, Okla., as manager of publicity for the campaign of Clyde A. Wheeler jr., Republican candidate for Congress in Oklahoma's 6th District, was announced here Tuesday. Wheeler recently resigned as a White House aide to make the race against the Democratic nominee, former Rep. Victor Wicker-sham of Mangum. Wheeler, of Laverne, Okla., formerly was secretary to Rep. Page Belcher, (R-Okla), and an assistant to the secretary of agriculture. For the last five years Nail has been a member of the editorial staff of Broadcasting Magazine and is now associate editor of the publication. He will take a leave of absence from broadcasting. Nail is 32, a native of Greenfield, Okla. He formerly was on the staff of the Weatherford News. He attended high school in Guthrie, was a student at Southwestern State college, Weatherford, served overseas with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, then received a master's degree in business journalism at Oklahoma State university in 1955. In 1953-54, he was on Oklahoma State's athletic staff, serving as director of intramural sports for men. Later he was recreational director at Hobart and taught and coached at Perry high school.

Sep 30, 1960: Published in "The Chickasha Daily Express" entitled: GUARD BATTERY SEEKS RECRUITS. Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, the local National Guard unit, will open a recruiting campaign Saturday, according to Capt. Earl Spriesterbach Jr., battery commander. The guardsmen are attempting to secure 18 enlistments of young men in the Chickasha area to bring the unit up to its authorized reduced strength. Spriesterbach emphasized that young men of draft

age and their parents are welcome to attend the National Guard drill meetings at 7:30 each Monday night at the Armory to become familiar with training program. Guardsmen working on the recruiting committee are Capt. Chester Bishop, chairman and CWO Gordon Spangler, co-chairman, M Sgt. Dennis Roper, M/Sgt. Leon Lehew, M/Sgt. Frank Melott, SFC Jerry Elston, SFC Ralph Leonard, SFC Clarence Shellito, Sgt. Kenneth Lehew, Sgt. Thomas Hickey and Sgt. Charles Bitsche. The group has plans for several programs underway to promote the Guard in the community. One objective is to offer parents of young men, information concerning service obligation and proposing the Guard as a means for the young men to serve their military obligation while living or staying in their home community.

Oct 29, 1960: Published in "The Abilene Report News" entitled: RETIRED COLONEL RETURNS. “How Abilene’s Grown!’, notes 45th Division Ex. By Lane Talburt. Reporter-News Staff Writer. On April 26, 1943, thousands of officers and soldiers of the 45th Infantry Division boarded 47 troop trains in Abilene to end months of extensive war training at Camp Barkeley. On Oct. 28, 1960, several hundred Thunderbird veterans returned for their 15th annual reunion to find Abilene a completely changed city. “It's sure grown; how it has grown!" exclaimed retired Col. George (Nick) Nikkels of Lawton, Okla. Nikkels came to Abilene with the 45th Division on Feb. 23. 141, as a first lieutenant and achieved the rank of Captain while training here. His second visit Friday for the convention came shortly after his retirement last May 31 to complete 35 years of active service in the Army. The ex-colonel said he and his wife almost did not recognize Abilene because of the many changes among them the modern freeways which skirt the city. He stated he was especially amazed at the vast residential expansion here, “They have built almost out to Old Camp Barkeley," Nikkels said. The former Thunderbird’s service record with the 45th extended back to 1924 when he joined the 158th Field Artillery of the 45th Division at Weatherford, Okla. Nikkels recalled that the division artillery was horse-drawn in those early days. His section was finally motorized in 1933. When the Thunderbirds were activated on Sept, 16, 1940, Nikkels was on the regimental staff of the 158th Artillery at Hobart, Okla. The division went into preliminary

training al Fort Sill, near Lawton, almost immediately, and came to Barkeley in February 1941. Col. Nikkels said his family resided on Mulberry St. and at 700 Grape St. while he was stationed here. He recalled vividly the many days and nights spent in training in the hills near Buffalo Gap. When the division pulled out of Abilene on April 26, 1943 the infantry headed for Ft. Devens, Mass., and finally for Norfolk, Va., where the soldiers were shipped overseas. After fighting in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns with the Thunderbirds, Col. Nikkels broke his leg accidentally late in 142 and was shipped back to the United States. His ties with the 45th Division were formally severed at that time. The colonel was retired from active duty on May 31, 1960, while stationed in Germany. After serving nearly 22 years.

Nov 15, 1960: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: EARL GREEN GETS EXTENSION POSITION. Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Green, 921 S. 10th, are moving to Coalgate where he will become assistant county agent in Coal County. Green has been a rancher here. Green also is an officer with "B" Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, National Guard, here. He has been serving as the executive officer and will transfer to a Coal County unit.

Nov 20, 1960: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: GUARD TO DRILL AT LAKE DUNCAN. National Guardsmen move into the field today for a day-long drill in the Duncan Lake area. Lt. I. B. Jones, "B" Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery commander, said members of the Duncan unit will participate in the drill. Such drills are staged on the third Sunday of each month.

Feb 10, 1961: Published in "The Enid Daily Eagle" entitled: GUARD OFFICERS ATTEND INSPECTIONS. Staff officers of Enid's 45th Division Artillery Headquarters attended the annual general inspections for several 45th Division units this week, which are being inspected by IGs (Inspectors General) from Fourth Army headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Officers and units visited this week include: Lt. Col. Clee Fitzgerald, 120 Engineer Battalion, Stillwater, Company A, Monday, and Company E, Tuesday. Col. R. C. Dunnington, Battery "B", Second

Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, Weatherford, Wednesday, and Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, Second Howitzer Battalion, 145th Signal Battalion, Oklahoma City, Monday, and Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, Second Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Thursday. Major F. E. Smith and Major Bob Hume, Headquarters & Headquarters Battery, Second Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Thursday. Capt. Bob Wentworth, Company A, 145th Signal Battalion, Oklahoma City, Monday, and Headquareters & Headquarters Battery Second Howitzer Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Anadarko, Thursday. Major James E. Tindle and S/Sgt. Charles E. Drechsler Jr., full-time division artillery staff assistant, attended the entire afternoon and evening sessions of all units of the Second Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, Battery "A", Minco, Tuesday; Battery "B", Weatherford, Wednesday; and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Anadarko, Thursday.

Feb 20, 1961: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: LOCAL GUARD UNIT TO STAND FEDERAL INSPECTION TUESDAY. The local National Guard unit will undergo its annual general inspection at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The unit will be inspected by an officer from the office of the inspector general, Fourth Army headquarters, Fort Sam Houston. The public is invited. The local unit is Battery "B", First Howitzer Battalion, 158th Field Artillery.

Mar 17, 1961: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: GUARD BATTERY TO TRAIN AT LAKE. A portion of Lake Duncan will be taken over Sunday by Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery, of the 45th National Guard, while members participate in a multiple-drills practice. First formation for the local unit will be at 7:30 a.m. at the Armory. The unit will go to the lake and set up in position at 8:30 a.m. Then they will move to a new position, eat, and have a practice fire mission before returning to the Armory about 4 p.m.

Mar 30, 1961: Published in "The Minco Minstrel" entitled: LOCAL GUARD UNIT WEEK END DRILL. This week the local guard unit, Battery "A", Second Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, attended a weekend drill at Riverside Reservation near

Anadarko, Oklahoma. The drill began Saturday morning 25 Mar 61 at 0730 hrs with the movement to the training area. Arriving at their camp site at 0830 hrs the guardsmen set up their installations, emplacements, individual shelters, kitchen, etc, from 0900 hrs until 1100 hrs. At 1100 hrs Lt. Naylor conducted a class on Squad Tactics. Kenneth seemed to feel right at home while giving this instruction, since it is normally an infantry subject and he has had considerable experience in that branch. The class concluded at 1200 hrs and the noon meal was served. As usual there were no complaints about the meal as this unit probably has one of the best fed crews in the division. This might be credited to a much experienced and well trained cook section. At 1300 hrs the RSOP training began and the battery moved to a new position. The time required for the movement into position and laying the battery ready to fire was something over 20 minutes. The main objective of this type training is to shorten the time required for the unit to move into position and be ready to give fire support. At approximately 1500 hrs another movement was executed and this time it took only about 12 to 15 minutes which is better than the first but still short of the 6 minute mark the unit is working for. At 1600 hrs the troops moved back to the original bivouac site and enjoyed some organized activities by defeating Hq & B battery's tug-of-war teams in the traditional “A” battery fashion. After working up an appetite at the athletic events of the evening the men were most anxious to start on the steak served at the evening meal. After the meal the men were given free time. At 0530 hrs Sunday, a new day began for the citizen-soldiers and if you haven't witnessed the 1st Sgt awaking these troops at 0530 in the morning, you have missed a treat. The morning was a repeat of Saturday's RSOP training and the battery returned to home station at 1300 hrs Sunday. After the equipment was cleaned and maintained, drill concluded at 1500 hrs. If is comes handy just ask, Sgt. Crist, Sgt. Foster, Sp4 Howery, PFC Bourassa or PFC Coley how in heavens name did Hq Battery's flag come to be erected in our area Sunday morning. You would think Hq Btry would watch their flag closer than that wouldn't you. NEW MEMBERS: Ret Larry L. Malcom is now a member of this unit and plans to enter 6 months active duty in October 1961. Sgt. Eldon R. Ventris finally got his release from the USAR and is now a full-fledged member. SFC. Calvin Koonce, Unit Correspondent.

May 18, 1961: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: NO TITLE. Sp4 Larry W. South, Minco, Okla., has been promoted to Sp5 E-5, effective 15 May 61, as was announced by Lt. Clark, Commander of the local Guard Unit. Sp5 South is a member of the Battery's cook section, headed by SFC Jerry D. Jolly. Larry has for some time served as a cook and since his promotion will be assigned as First Cook. PFC Donal R. McKinney has joined Btry “A” 2d How Bn 158 Arty as a cannoneer. Don has seen 4 years service with the U. S. Navy and 3 years inactive service with the Naval reserve. Members of Battery “A” 2d Howitzer Battalion 158th Artillery at Minco were chosen to represent the 45th Infantry Division in the Armed Forces Day ceremonies conducted by the ROTC at Norman, Okla 16 May 61, by firing the 15 gun salute. Capt Dan Williams of Hq 2d How Bn 158 Arty, supervised and guided the salute mission and later complimented the members of the salute team for a job well executed. The local unit drill Sunday 21 May 61 in preparation for annual summer encampment which begins 30 Jul 61. This will be the last drill for the Battery until 17 July 61. SFC Calvon E. Koonce, Unit Correspondence.

Jul 10, 1961: Published in “The Kingfisher Free Press” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD ELEVATES HOMIER TO RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL. Delbert Homier of Kingfisher, deputy commander of the 45th Division's First Battle Group, 179th Infantry, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. The announcement was made last week by Maj. Gen. Roy W. Kenny, adjutant general of Oklahoma. The effective date of the promotion was May 15. Homier enlisted in the guard as a private in Kingfisher's Headquarters battery, Second Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, on Sept. 28, 1931. He went into federal service with the unit in 1940 at Fort Sill. During World war II, Homier served in Panama, Germany and France, receiving his commission as a second lieutenant in Germany in 1944. Following World War II, Homier assumed command of Company M, 179th Infantry, the Kingfisher guard unit, on June 17, 1948. Homier again entered federal service with this unit in September of 1950, and later served as company commander of Company L, 179th Infantry, in Korea. After his release from active duty, he was appointed training officer of the Third Battalion, 179th Infantry in 1953, and promotion to major followed in 1956. Promotion to deputy commander of the First Battle Group, with

headquarters at Perry, came on May 1 of this year, and this brought the advancement to lieutenant colonel. Homier and his family reside here. He is employed in the U. S. property and fiscal office, Oklahoma City.

Jul 27, 1961: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: GUARD UNIT DEPARTS FOR ANNUAL SUMMER ENCAMPMENT. The local National Guard Unit, Battery “A”, Second Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, will depart home station for annual summer camp after drill Saturday night 29 July 61. The motor march will conclude at approximately eleven o'clock Sunday, 30 July '61, at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas. For the past 7 years the 45th Infantry Division has attended summer camps at North Fort Hood, Texas. Reports indicate that living quarters, recreation facilities and training areas will all be much better at Chaffee. An expanded recreation program awaits the thunderbirds this year at their annual summer camp. With an influx of Oklahoma visitors expected the middle weekend due to the short distance, the bolstered recreation program will give the thunderbirds events to participate in and entertainment for the visitors. During the first week softball, volleyball and horse shoes will be available with tournaments in those events and swimming set for the middle weekend. Minco's Artillerymen will spend the second week of camp in the field firing their 105mm howitzers. The Unit will begin their return movement Saturday morning 12 Aug. '61 immediately after they receive their pay. Although the men will get home early and be permitted to stay at home Saturday night, they will have to return to the armory Sunday to clean and maintain equipment as summer camp will not be complete until Sunday afternoon. SFC Calvin E. Koonce, Unit Correspondent on August 5, the Editor of this Newspaper will fly to Camp Chaffee to witness the review of Minco members of the Armed Forces.

Aug 03, 1961: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: 158TH MINCO GROUP OFF TO FT CHAFFEE. Last Saturday Battery “A”, Second Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, of the National Guard, Minco, left for Camp Chaffee for a 14 day program. This Saturday the inspection and parade will be the day feature with Gov J. Howard Edmondson present. Austin Vandament, editor of this newspaper will cover the story leaving and returning by airplane. More than 6,600 members will take part in

the 45th Infantry Division which has a long record of service in World War 11 and the Korean war in 1952. Major General Daugherty in charge will command the group. Photo Captions: Pictured are Lt. and Commander of the Minco group Bob Clark and Warrant Officer Buck Wade. They are both officers of many years training. Caption left photo: Lt. Bob Clark. Caption right photo: Warrant Officer Buck Wade.

Aug 09, 1961: Published in “The Daily Oklahoman” entitled: THUNDERBIRD ARTILLERY TOSSES SHELLS AT OLD TANKS. Fort Chaffee: Pointed crown of an 800-foot Potato Hill on the eastern part of the military reservation plain, here was not a good place for sight-seeing Tuesday. On its slopes, almost to the observation posts by plain sight, although scopes and field glasses with graduated scales were used for better sensing of fire. Hulks of old tanks were targets, visible from most yards to the rear howitzers fired at unseen targets with shells whistling over observation posts, which were backed by concrete dugouts. As usual safety factors were important. There was a minimum and a maximum range. The spread of allowed distance from right to left in the impact area is rather small. In shape it compares to an open fan with the small end at the gun positions and the open end in the target area. Four 105 millimeter battalions, which normally are in direct support of infantry battle groups, the 155 millimeter howitzer battalion and two 8-inchers in general support tossed shells into the confined area. If often was difficult for battalion officers firing problems to sense effect of their battery fire in the fountains of dust. Battalion commanders kept logs which included data by officers firing a problem and their own idea of what fire direction should have been. After a mission, school takes place immediately. The 1st Howitzer Battalion, 160th Artillery, commanded by Lt. Col. Clee Fitzgerald, Stillwater, fired problems set up by officers and chiefs of section, who were upper-grade sergeants. Crews from Cherokee in "Bravo" battery, 1st Rocket Howitzer Battalion, of the 198th Artillery, acted like old hands with 8-inch weapons capable of hurling nuclear warheads as easily as high explosives they used Tuesday. Capt. Richard Humphreys and his men, like those of "Able" battery from Woodward, are impatient to get Honest John rockets with which they are supposed to be equipped. A demonstration team from

Fort Sill gave them instructions last week and let them get some familiarity with the rocket, then took it back to the Oklahoma post. The 45th's largest weapons, the 8-inch howitzers, this week will be restricted to 120 rounds of ammunition although that is enough to get in some real practice. There does not seem to be a shortage of the less expensive 105 millimeter variety. No first sergeant's whistle needed Tuesday morning to rout out men of "Able" battery, 2nd Howitzer battalion of the 158th from Minco. They moved into position late the night before without pup tents and near dawn a quick shower stirred them up. This battery, commanded by Capt. Robert E. Clark, a veteran of the recent legislative campaign, claims full strength and ability to fire four pieces, in contrast to some others not fully manned. Eight men off Lt. Kenneth Naylor's football team are on the roster. As training goes on Fourth Army evaluators raid almost every action of Thunderbirdmen. As of Tuesday the score was 90.7 percent of ratings excellent or superior.

Aug 10, 1961: Published in “The Minco Minstel” entitled: [Photo 1 Caption]: HIGH EXPLOSIVE round is sent screaming into the Fort Chaffee, Ark., target area by Minco's artillerymen of Battery “A”, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery. The "red-legs" spent three days on the range and were the only battery in the division to man four 105-mm howitzers. They were also the only unit to fire at night. Pictured is left corner, Harold Clark, Tuttle; right corner, Charles Howery; standing, Bob Bourassa. (45th Inf Div Photo) [Photo 2 Caption]: CAPTAINS BARS brought a grin to the face of Capt Bob Clark, Minco, commander of Battery “A”, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery. Capt Clark's promotion came through while he was attending summer camp at Fort Chaffee, Ark., so Lt. Col. Lavern Weber, division G-1, picked up a pair of bars and went out to the artillery firing range to pin them on the surprised officer, who is also a state representative. (45th Inf Div Photo). Commendation Given Pfc Salyer. Pfc. Willie L. Salyer of Minco was awarded a 45th Infantry Division commendation Friday by Maj. Gen Fred Daugherty for his work as a medical aidman in headquarters, second howitzer battalion, 158th Artillery.

Aug 22, 1961: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: LOCAL GUARD RECRUITMENT DRIVE OPENS. Duncan's local National Guard unit of the 45th

Infantry Division today kicked off a recruiting drive to pick up 40 men in response to President Kennedy's appeal for a stronger reserve force. 1st Lt. Junior D. McLemore, commander of “B” Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery, said that young men 20 years old or older should act now if they want the six-months active duty training program. "After Sept. 1, we won't be able to enlist anyone for the 6-months active duty program who is 20 years old or older," he explained. "Men wanting to take advantage of this short-term program must act immediately." Lt. McLemore said the local unit's drive would concentrate on enlisting men who have already served on active duty. "This year we are tackling battery level training and we need experienced men. Those who already have had basic training." However, this does not exclude those without prior service who wish to join the National Guard. Under present strength the local unit is authorized 98 men. Division officers have asked for a 5 percent increase in strength "which would allow us to recruit more than our present ceiling," McLemore said. Men under 20 may still be enlisted for the six-months program after Sept. 1, but their entry into active duty will be delayed. Anyone desiring more information on the National Guard may contact Spec. 4 Donald Jones at the local armory Monday through Saturday.

Aug 24, 1961: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: RECRUITING DRIVE UNDERWAY BY LOCAL GUARD UNIT. Minco's local national guard unit of the 45th Infantry Division today kicked off a recruiting drive to pick up 25 men in response to President Kennedy's appeal for a stronger reserve force. Capt. Robert E. Clark, commander of Btry “A” 2d How Bn 158th Arty, urged young men 20 years old and older to act now if they wanted to take the 6 months active duty training program. "After September 1, we will not be able to enlist anyone for the 6 months active duty program who is 20 years old or older," he explained. "Men wanting to take advantage of this short-term program must act immediately," he warned. Capt. Clark said the local unit's drive would concentrate on picking up men who have already served on active duty. "This year we are tackling Battery level training and we need experienced men, men who already have had basic training." Under the present strength, the local national guard unit is authorized 88 men. Division Officers have asked for a 5 percent increase in strength, "Which would allow us to

recruit more than our present ceiling," explained Capt. Clark. Men under 20 may still be enlisted for the 6 months program after September 1, added Capt Clark, but their entry into active duty will be delayed. Drill this Monday night (21 Aug 61) saw the local guardsman cleaning & maintaining equipment, since almost all of the unit's equipment was used during summer camp that was just completed. The artillerymen were seen swabbing the tubes of their 105 mm howitzers, cleaning other section equipment and cleaning their individual carbines. At the closing formation Capt Clark mentioned that the emphasis will be placed on drill attendance in the future. He also announced that the next drill for the unit will be 10 Sep. 61, when the Battery goes to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma to fire their carbines. SFC Calvin E. Koonce, Unit Correspondent, Btry "A" 2d How Bn 158th Artillery.

Dec 18, 1961: Published in "The Enid Daily Eagle" entitled: LT. COL. MELVIN COFFIN NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF 45TH. Lt. Col. Melvin T. Coffin, Waukomis, has been appointed executive officer of the 45th Infantry Division Artillery in one of five staff changes announced today by Col. Robert C. Dunnington, Cherokee, Division Artillery commander. Coffin was previously operations and training officer of the division artillery. This was the first assignment change announced by Col. Dunnington, since his elevation to division artillery commander earlier this month on the retirement of Brig. Gen. O. T. Autry with 35 years of active service with the Thunderbirds. Other changes include the assignment of Lt. Col. James E. Tindle, staff assistant, to be operations, training and information officer for the Oklahoma National Guard Headquarters in Oklahoma City. Tindle, who lives with his family at 3817 W. Cherokee, reported to Oklahoma City today. Maj. Franklin E. Smith, 1705 S. Johnson, was named training officer succeeding Col. Coffin. Smith will take over the duties of full time staff training assistant at the Enid National Guard Armory, 600 E. Elm, early in 1962. He is now mathematics teacher at Enid High School. Maj. Larry E. Stephenson, Edmond, will assume command of the First Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, Chickasha, effective today. Stephenson has served as intelligence officer for Division Artillery for the past several years. In civilian life Stephenson works for the U.S. Treasury Department, Savings Bond Division. Leaving the post of battalion commander for the First Howitzer Battalion, 158th

Artillery, will be Maj. Robert E. Shipman, Oklahoma City, who was assigned as Division Artillery intelligence officer, succeeding Maj. Stephenson. This change is also effective today. The new executive officer for the Division Artillery, Col. Coffin, is a veteran of 25 years service in the Oklahoma National Guard after enlisting first as a private in 1937. He has been active in the Army and National Guard since that time, serving in five campaigns in Europe during World War II and in three campaigns in Korea. Coffin was awarded the Bronze Star for valor, the Army Commendation Ribbon and other decorations and awards. He is a graduate of the field artillery battery officers course, field artillery officers advanced course, senior officers nuclear to weapons employment course and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Coffin lives with his wife in Waukomis. They have one son, Tom, a freshman in the College of Veterinary Medicine, Oklahoma State University, and a daughter, Linda, a freshman at Waukomis High School.

May 24, 1962: Published in "The Custer County Chronicle" entitled: GUARDSMEN GUARD BOXES. Elements of National Guard Units at Clinton and Weatherford were standing by ballot boxes in Custer and Washita counties this morning. Their orders say the Guardsmen will be on duty around-the-clock until further notified, probably when an expected recount of votes in the Tuesday Democratic run-off is called. Battery "B", Second Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of Weatherford have five men assigned to three shifts at Arapaho. Company B, 179th Infantry of Clinton has five men assigned to three shifts at Cordell. Their orders say no one is to touch the ballot boxes until the recount is started.

Jun 10, 1962: Published in "The Arizona Republic" entitled: "VENCER-AN ARIZONA FIGHTING MOTTO. By Sterling Ridge, In 1919, Horse-Drawn 75-mm "French 75s" were proudly displayed by the men of the Arizona National Guard's newly formed Battery "B", 1st Field Artillery Regiment. In 1933, Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Arizona National Guard, celebrated becoming motorized by trekking to Camp Tuthill in Flagstaff in four Chevrolet trucks and one station wagon for summer maneuvers. At 0100 hours this morning, 415 men of the 1st Howitzer Battalion, 180th Artillery, Arizona National Guard, moved out for summer

encampment at Fort Huachuca Electronic Proving Ground. Over 80 vehicles will be used, ranging from huge tractors to 12 spotless 155-mm howitzers to small command jeeps. Scarlet and yellow are the colors used for artillery and three arrows on the group's coat of arms are from the badge of the former 158th Field Artillery Regiment denoting the organization's historic association and also the three campaign honors awarded during World War II. The radiant star on the shield is taken from the Arizona state flag and represents the organization's origin in the area. "Vencer"; to defeat or conquer, is the proud motto the Arizonans carry with them wherever they go. And, according to a Sixth Army officer acting as an observer during 1961 maneuvers, "this is one of the finest artillery outfits in the country, regular army or National Guard." After doing themselves proud last summer with four superior ratings out of five and several firsts, the men of Col. William A. Jones' battalion will be hard pressed to repeat. Not too hard though, was the opinion of Capt. John L. Johnson Jr. of battalion headquarters in Mesa. "We missed one superior rating by .17 of a point and had to settle for excellent. As to camp, our 'hip-shoot' maneuvers this year and an orientation day for Arizona Officer Candidate School cadets should equal what we did last year." In 1961, Arizona artillerymen became the first guard unit to use computers to achieve first-round accuracy with their fire. It was only the third time the U.S. Army's fabled "White Plan" had been seen in action. "WHITE PLAN IS out this year," explained Captain Johnson. "Last year we used the Proving Ground's indoor computer during the shoot and this year we hoped to get a crack at small mobile computers the army has, but no luck." Instead of repeating what has already been done, "hip-shooting" of emergency shoot tactics will be tried. The maneuver puts artillery batteries on the move, sends a fire mission via radio, and in 12 minutes the deadly 155-mm howitzers will be laid and expected to hurl destruction toward the target. The night march to camp will be the second in a row for the battalion, and if the same performance is achieved, it will be the second success. Casa Grande's Battery B, commanded by Capt. Alvin J. Busby, will be the first unit through the gates at Fort Huachuca with a scheduled arrival time of 7:38 a.m. The other units from Chandler, Tempe and Mesa will follow. Chandler's Battery A will be under the command of Capt. Raul G. Navarrete; Battery C of Tempe, Capt. James S.

Sturdevant; Headquarters Battery of Mesa, Capt. Emmett C. Aepli, and Service Battery of Mesa, Capt. Albert K. Crandell. When the last jeep is through the gate at 8:43 another two-week summer encampment will be under way officially and the proud Arizonans who carry "Vencer" as their motto will be trimming down to fighting shape for any emergency that arises. Photo Caption: Col. William A. Jones of Mesa, 1st Howitzer Battalion commander.

Jul 10, 1962: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: MEMBERS OF 45TH SET FOR CAMP IN LOUISIANA. Trips usually begin early and the one for Duncan's National Guard unit will be no exception as 43 enlisted men and two officers of the local battery leave at 6:30 a.m. Friday for North Fort Polk, La. Members of Battery “B”, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, will have all their gear loaded and ready to roll as they and their fellow Thunderbirds of the 45th Division prepare to use more than 11,000 gallons of gasoline on the long trek to Fort Polk. Approximately 6,800 officers and men of the 45th will camp at Polk from Friday to July 29. The move to camp will be the biggest and longest for the 45th since it was mobilized for the Korean War in 1950. Under command of Maj. Gen. Fred A. Daugherty, Oklahoma City, the division will put heavy emphasis on platoon and battery-level training at camp. The local battery is commanded by Capt. William C. McCoy, of Duncan. Executive officer for the battery is 1st Lt. I. B. Jones. Enlisted men making the trek will be M. Sgt. James D. Spruill, Staff Sgts. Cuin A. England, and G. L. London; Sgts. Arrie J. Burgin, Charles M. Burt, Kenneth W. Mathes, Harold D. Pogue, Alvin D. Stogsdill, and James H. Trammell Jr.; Spec. 5s Donald G. Jones and Jimmy D. Lane; Cpls. Larry D. Boyd, Wylie S. Fuller, James M. Hines, Franklin D. Saunders, and Billy D. Strange. Also, Spec. 4s Phillip C. Duncan, Terry L. Garrett, Jerry D. Huffman, Charles V. Hunt, Herman W. Morrison, Gerald R. Patton, Jimmie W. Roe, Tommy R. Rowelett, Joe D. Wade, and Johnnie M. Wilson; Pfcs. Charles W. Allen, John D. Bryant, Fred R. Dunham, Bobby G. Graybill, Billy C. Groves, Vernon R. Heath, Jessie E. Kephart, Edward E. Little, Gary R. Nelson, Chester R. Powers, and Robert J. Tyson; and Pvts. John W. Harper, Cecil L. Holland, Herman E. Jones, Jessie D. Martin, Gerald D. Thompson, and Charles S. Turner. The Thunderbirds will spend both weeks in the field, but during the middle weekend they will take a break and

return to the main post to get ready for the annual Governor's Day Review on July 21. After passing in review before Gov. J. Howard Edmondson, commander-in-chief of the division, the Thunderbirds will take the weekend off before returning to the field for the final week of training. This year's encampment will be named in honor of the late Col. Walter M. Harrison, long-time Oklahoma newspaper editor. Each year the division remembers one of its deceased members by naming the summer camp in his memory. Units leaving Friday will bivouac that night at Ardmore, Antlers, and Sherman, Texas. Saturday, the Thunderbirds will move on two routes to Marshall, Texas, where the entire division, minus some men who will have gone to Polk as an advance party, will spend the night. At Marshall, the 45th will camp at the Harrison County Airport. A special treat is in store for the Thunderbirds that night. The Marshall Chamber of Commerce is providing free movies at a nearby drive-in theater. The 45th will cause somewhat of an economic boom for Marshall grocers. For the Saturday night and Sunday morning meals, the 45th is buying 2,300 pounds of ground beef, 10 tons of ice, 760 dozen eggs, 1,800 pounds of potatoes, 760 pounds of bacon, 510 pounds of lettuce, 204 pounds of tomatoes, 360 pounds of coffee, 612 cans of peaches, 510 pounds of cookies, and 741 loaves of bread. Sunday morning the division will start moving on two routes to Polk, arriving there at noon. For the return trip home, some artillery units will leave at noon Friday, July 27, and the remainder of the division will leave the next morning. All division units are scheduled to arrive in their home towns by Sunday evening, July 29. Photo Captions: GETTING READY: Personal field gear was being crammed into duffle bags in a hurry at the Local Armory Monday night (top photo) as members of Duncan's Battery “B” of the 45th National Guard division prepared for summer camp. Shown are Pfc. Edward E. Little, left, and Sgt. Kenneth Mathes. In the middle photo, Spec. 4 Phillip Duncan, left, and Pfc. Charles Turner make sure the food container isn't left behind. In the lower photo, Pfc. Chester Powers, standing, and Sgt. Kenneth Mathes find loading the trucks a hot job.

Jul 23, 1962: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: OPEN-AIR MESS HALL. Photo Caption: Four Duncan men in “B” Battery, First Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, take time out for food at North Fort Polk where they and other 45th

Division members are in their second week of summer camp. These men, like all other artillerymen in the division, are spending both weeks in the field. Enjoying the mess-kit banquet are, left to right, Sgt. Kenneth Mathes, 505 S. 9th; Sp. 4 Jerry Huffman, 813 Cherry; Pfc. Bobby G. Graybill, 208 E. Hackberry, and Sgt. Frank Saunders, 1009 Beech. They and others in the Duncan unit are due home Sunday.

Jul 25, 1962: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: ON THE JOB. Photo Caption: Sp. 4 Johnny M. Wilson, Duncan route 3, is shown taking part in perimeter defense for Battery "B", First Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery at the 45th Division's artillery area at Fort Polk. "B" Battery of Duncan starts home Friday.

Sep 16, 1962: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: PRESIDENT KENNEDY. has asked for standby authority to call up 150,000 reserves, if necessary, during the time Congress is not in session. Congressional approval of such authority seems to be immediately forthcoming. Marlow and Duncan, along with many other communities in the state, would be directly affected by such a call up. Marlow's National Guard unit, Troop C, 2nd Rec. Sqdn., 245th Armor, 45th Infantry Division, has a total of 76 men. Duncan's National Guard unit, Battery "B", 2nd Howitzer Btn., 158th Artillery, 45th Infantry, has a total of 71 men. Duncan, in addition, has two army active reserve units, consisting of approximately 100 men. There are a total of National Guard units in the state of Oklahoma, consisting of 8,600 men. The Air National Guard has 18 units in the state, totaling some 1,700 men. There are also some 120 units of active army reserves in Oklahoma, with a total of 6,000 men. In addition to this, there are 30,000 men enlisted in control groups which are not attached to any particular unit. If the international situation becomes more aggravated very likely some of these men will be called. Let us hope such a call will not become necessary. Sam Whitaker in The Marlow Review.

Oct 08, 1962: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: LOCAL CITIZEN SOLDIERS ROLL FAST IN ALERT. Within one hour and 20 minutes, Duncan's citizen soldiers were ready to roll for emergency action Sunday as Oklahoma's Thunderbird division underwent a surprise practice alert. Fifty-eight National Guard enlisted

men and three officers of Battery “B”, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery responded to the alert which began here at 7:55 a.m. By 9:15 a.m. the unit had reported to the armory, loaded its gear and weapons, opened communications network, and moved out to a simulated disaster area. The number turning out for the alert here represented 89 per cent of the total strength. Maj. Gen. Fred Daugherty, division commander, issued the alert at 5:55 a.m. in Oklahoma City. Capt. William C. McCoy, commander of the local unit, received the call at 7:55 a.m. The alert, "Operation Minuteman III," was the third for the 8,400 Thunderbirds in 77 Oklahoma communities in the past 18 months. The average time for all 103 units to leave for simulated emergency areas after receiving the alert was 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Mar 13, 1963: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: THE MOMENT. Photo Caption: Pfc. Johnny Radcliffe of Duncan had just brought his carbine off his shoulder to present it for inspection of Lt. Col. William McFayden of Ft. Sam Houston when this photograph was taken at the Armory Tuesday night. Occasion was annual inspection for the local National Guard unit, Battery “B”, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, 45th Division. Staff Photo by Jimmy Diecker.

Mar 28, 1963: Published in “The Minco Minstrel” entitled: 45TH INFANTRY DIV. HAS NEW LOOK. Photo Caption: Reorganization of the Oklahoma 45th Infantry Division under the U. S. Army's new streamlined R. O. A. D. concept will go into effect 1 April 1963. The 45th Div will have three separate brigade headquarters, six infantry battalions, two tank battalions and separate artillery and technical support units. No communities are losing guard units in the reorganization, said Maj Gen Daugherty, Commanding General of the 45th Inf. Div. There will be 100 units in 87 communities under the new concept. Under the present pentomic organization, there are 102 units in 87 communities. The 2nd Howitzer Battalion 158th Artillery commanded by Lt Co Fredrick J. Rice, will have its organizational designation changed to "1st Battalion 171st Artillery. The new battalion will be composed of HH&S Battery at Anadarko, "A” Btry at Minco, "B" Btry at Weatherford and a new addition to the battalion "C" Btry at Watonga. The

Watonga unit was formerly an Infantry Platoon. The new Battery “A”, 1st Battalion, 171 Artillery" is located in the smallest community in the state of Okla to have a National Guard Unit. This unit located in Minco, is year in and year out one of the best, if not the best, in the 45th Inf. Div. Members of this outstanding unit live in such communities as Tuttle, Union City, Amber, Blanchard, Okla City, Edmond, El Reno, Norman and Minco, Okla. The reorganization will bring very little change to the local unit as far as manpower and equipment are concerned. Battery “A”, located in Minco, now has 3 Officers and 73 Enlisted Men assigned. Under the reorganization, this leaves openings for 18 men. Capt. Robert E. Clark, commander of the local unit, says, although our strength is good compared to other units in the state, we are still very badly in need of men to fill remaining vacancies. Unit Correspondent. LOCAL GUARD UNIT GETS "SUPERIOR RATING". Results of the Annual General Inspection 27 Feb 63, of Battery “A”, 2nd Howitzer Battalion 158th Artillery of Minco, Okla. was received 25 March 63. This Inspection was conducted by Col Darrah, of 4th US Army Headquarters and the results reflected a "Superior" rating which is the best possible grade. Unit Correspondent.

Apr 10, 1963: Published in “The El Reno Daily Tribune” entitled: EL RENO GUARD UNIT CHANGES ARE MADE. El Reno’s national guard unit has been completely reorganized, with its name, commanding officer, duties and equipment changed, it was announced Wednesday. The unit, formerly the combat support company, is now Battery “C”, First Battalion, 158th artillery, and has been converted to a firing battery of 105 towed howitzers. New commanding officer is Captain Bill M. Penwright, Calumet, who succeeds Captain Ernest A. Hellwege, who has been transferred as S-1 for the First battalion, 179th infantry, at Edmond. The changes, under the reorganization of army divisions, calls for a 94-man group, compared with the 199-man company previously authorized. The newly organized group has three officers, its total allowed, and 78 enlisted men, leaving the unit 13 enlisted men short of its authorized strength. Officers Leave: Officers leaving under the reorganization are First Lieutenant Harold F. Reherman, who along with Captain Hellwege has been transferred to Edmond; First Lieutenant Jack Tisdal, transferred as executive officer to the 45th administration company in Oklahoma City; First

Lieutenant Orgel Ware, transferred to battalion headquarters, 158th artillery, Chickasha, and Second Lieutenant Aaron L. Byrum, transferred to company C, 120th engineers, Stillwater. Remaining are Second Lieutenant Ray W. Standifer, executive officer for the El Reno unit, and Second Lieutenant Wayne D. Fees, assistant executive officer. Staff Sergeant Richard E. Wrede has been named administrative supply technician for the local group, succeeding Sergeant First Class Paul M. Gassen, who has been transferred as administrative supply technician for Company B, First battalion, 179th infantry, at Kingfisher. New Equipment: The unit is authorized six howitzers, including two which already have arrived from Hominy, and will retain its kitchen equipment, five two-and-a-half ton trucks to pull the howitzers, and is to receive new communications equipment and to have carbines instead of the M-1 rifle. The battery here has turned in its four 4.2 mortars, and M-56 assault gun, which has been returned to the army as obsolete; 10 jeeps and trailers and two three-quarter ton trucks. The trucks will go to a new aviation company in Tulsa. The El Reno battery is to be retrained and Major Chester Bishop, S-3 for the battalion along with army advisors will conduct the howitzer training. Lieutenant Colonel Larry E. Stephenson, Chickasha, is the commander of the new battalion. Photo Caption: BIG GUN: A 105 towed howitzer, received by El Reno's newly organized Battery "C", First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, is inspected by the battery's administrative supply technician, Staff Sergeant Richard E. Wrede, at the national guard unit's quarters in Thunderbird coliseum. (Tribune Staff Photo).

Apr 12, 1963: Published in "The Duncan Banner" entitled: 45TH UNIT HERE HAS NEW NAME AND WEAPONS. Duncan's national guard unit has undergone a change of name and change of weapons under the Army's reorganization of divisions. The local unit, a part of Oklahoma's 45th Division, is now Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery. Formerly it was Battery "B", 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery. The unit now maintains three 105 mm. howitzers instead of two 155 mm. howitzers. Capt. Junior D. McLemore, unit commander, said the change is almost complete. Other units of the battalion are Headquarters, Chickasha; Battery "A", Pauls Valley, and Battery "C", El Reno. The El Reno unit is new in the battalion.

May 29, 1963: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: DUNCAN GUARD UNIT TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION. Duncan's National Guard unit, “B” Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery, has been selected as one of the units to demonstrate an RSOP (reconnaissance, selection, and occupation of position) and emplacement of the 105 m.m. howitzer at the 45th Division's annual summer encampment, Aug. 3-17. A film to prepare members for the role was shown at a recent meeting. New members of the unit are Joe B. Mathes, 108 Hickory; Robert J. Awtrey, 1210 Willow; Roy E. Hare, 1308 Cypress; Charley M. Bingham, Duncan route 1, and Richard M. Harrison, 909 Duncan. Mathes, Hare, and Awtrey have former service. Bingham and Harrison will enter 6-months active duty training soon.

Jul 30, 1963: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: FORTY-EIGHT DUNCAN GUARDSMEN PREPARING FOR SUMMER TRAINING. Forty-six enlisted men, two officers, and ten pieces of rolling equipment will leave Duncan at 7 a.m. Saturday as a part of the Oklahoma 45th Division's mass migration to Ft. Chaffee, Ark. for two weeks of summer camp. The local National Guard unit held a final drill Monday night. Men will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday for last-minute instructions and roll call. Duncan's Battery “B” of the 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, will meet the Chickasha Guard unit there at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, and will join the rest of the Division in Norman at 11:40 a.m. Almost 7,900 men of the Thunderbird Division will attend the two-week camp at Ft. Chaffee. Maj. Gen. Fred A. Daugherty, commander, said that both weeks of camp will be spent in the field. Training will be conducted with emphasis on platoon and battery-level performance. Duncan's Battery “B” has been selected to demonstrate placement and firing of the 105 howitzer for the entire Division. Gov. Henry Bellmon, commander-in-chief, will review the division Saturday, Aug. 10. Men from the local unit are expected to arrive back in Duncan about 3 p.m. m. Aug. 17. Photo Caption: LAST-MINUTE BRIEFING: Members of Duncan's National Guard unit receive final briefing in preparation for two weeks of summer camp at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., beginning Saturday. Front, left to right, Spec. 5 Herman Morrison, Staff Sgts. Cuin England, Dale Stogsdill, Kenneth Mathis, and Jimmie Lane. Standing are Maj. Chester Bishop, Chickasha, and Lt. I. B. Jones. (Staff Photo).

Aug 20, 1963: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: DUNCAN BATTERY PLACES FIRST AT GUARD ENCAMPMENT. Duncan's Battery “B”, 1st Howitzer Battalion of the 158th Artillery learned today they placed first over 18 batteries in the 45th Division of the Thunderbirds of Oklahoma in overall training during the two-week summer encampment at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., recently. The group scored a total of 89.3 points in overall training at the summer National Guards camp to take top honors. They fired approximately 500 rounds of 105 Howitzer ammunition during the two-week period. The unit is open for any new enlistments. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the National Guard Armory here.

Aug 20, 1964: Published in “The El Reno American” entitled: SIGHTING. Photo Caption: sighting his 105 mm howitzer during two weeks of annual field training with the 45th Infantry division at Fort Chaffee, Ark., is gunner Sergeant Delbert Meade of El Reno, member of “C” Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery.

Sep 12, 1963: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: GUARD, RESERVE UNITS TO TRAIN ON POST RANGES. Two reserve units will be training at the Artillery and Missile Center this weekend. From Dallas will come the 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines; a Marine Corps artillery reserve unit. They will take part in a firing exercise on post Saturday and Sunday. Assisting in the exercise will be the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, under the command of Maj. W. F. Skidmore. Sunday, the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, located in Chickasha, a unit of the 45th Thunderbird Division, Oklahoma National Guard, will spend the day firing on the post's small arms ranges.

Nov 27, 1963: Published in “The Chickasha Daily Express” entitled: TEN YEARS AGO. Americans had something to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving; the shooting war was over in Korea; Attorney S. I. McElhoes met with members of the United Front Committee in a session expected to produce a course of action in the committee's fight for lower natural gas rates in Chickasha. The commission had ordered granting of a $2,137,606 increase to Consolidated Gas Utilities Corporation. An important addition was made to the National Guard unit. An L-19

liaison plane and a new liaison pilot, Lt. Gordon Jones, a Chickasha officer, were assigned to 158th Field Artillery Battalion to drill with Chickasha's Headquarters battery. Chickasha entered into an agreement with the North American Compress Company for the storage of cotton in Borden park.

Jan 10, 1965: Published in “The Sunday New Mexican” entitled: MUSEUM PERPETUATES NEW MEXICO MILITARY. By Bill Feather. AP State Capital Correspondent. Is grandpop's Rough Rider memory, uniform gathering dust and attracting moths in the attic? Is mom getting fed up with keeping dad's old dress uniform sword out of reach of the kids? The New Mexico National Guard will be happy to provide a permanent home for these items. The home is the state National Guard Military Museum, established five years ago. It now is housed in one of the buildings of the old Bruns Hospital area at State National Guard headquarters, off Cerrillos Road. The man behind the military museum is Lt. Col. O. L. Green. He received approval in early 1960 from Maj. Gen. John P. Jolly, the adjutant general, to start the museum. Green serves as curator today. "I wanted to get something started for the 200th Coast Artillery Corps, to perpetuate their memory, and also the memory of other units of the New Mexico National Guard," Green said. "But as I got into the thing, I realized we couldn't narrow it down. We naturally wanted to embrace all military matters related to New Mexico connection.” The museum started with Green’s small personal collection. Today he has catalogued more than 1,200 items related to New Mexico Military history. Most of these items have been acquired through Green making personal contact with present or former guard members or New Mexicans with a military background. He also has obtained a number of large weapons, including field artillery pieces, anti-aircraft guns and rockets through military surplus property lists. There still are many gaps in the collections, that will be more difficult to fill as time passes. The collection is fairly complete from the present back to the period immediately following World War I. It includes uniforms, regimental colors, battery guidons, weapons and documents of military significance. However, Green said his is seeking the battalion colors of the 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion which was inducted in 1940 from the New Mexico National Guard. He also seeks the regimented colors of the 120th Engineers.

Another need is for pictures of individual batteries of the 200th Coast Artillery taken at Ft. Bliss in April, 1941, and the 515th Coast Artillery Regiment, which was formed in The Philippines. Any publications, orders, bulletins or memorandums of the 200th would be welcome." The museum also lacks a wool Melton uniform, which was used in the late 1920s and early 1930s. One of the prizes of the museum is an escort wagon, used by the cavalry and horse-drawn field artillery units before World War II. This was donated by Lake Tarpley of Vaughn, and was pretty dilapidated when acquired. The manual training class at Albuquerque High School took the hardware from the wagon and, working from photographs, recreated a brand new wagon which is on display today. Green would like to locate items connected with the Civil War, Territorial Militia, the Spanish-American War and World War I. These needs would include uniforms, weapons, accouterments, publications, documents or letters relating to the military. "I feel there are lots of mementos in the state that relate to the Civil War period in New Mexico and these could be located if people would get into their attics and basements and dig them out," Green said. The museum has no funds for purchase of materials. It will accept items on a gift or loan basis. He said items can be turned over to fulltime employees at any National Guard armory in New Mexico, and transportation will be arranged to Santa Fe. Or Green can be contacted at the military museum, Box 4277, Santa Fe. Green is well-versed in New Mexico military history, particularly as it relates to the National Guard and its predecessors. The militia had its start in New Mexico about 1606, with the formation of the "Neighbors," which was made up of Field Artillery Regiment. Spanish colonists who banded together to protect themselves from hostile Indians. This type of militia organization continued until the time of the United States occupation in 1846. The first Territorial Militia was established in 1846 under the American occupational government and consisted of infantry and cavalry units. Green said that shortly before statehood the 1st New Mexico Infantry and 1st New Mexico Cavalry and 1st New Mexico Infantry units were established, along with a small organization of the 1st New Mexico Field Artillery. These units continued until World War I. Then the infantry and cavalry units were converted into the 143rd, 144th and 145th Machine Gun Battalions. The 1st New Mexico Field Artillery was assigned to the 146th Field Artillery Regiment.

When the New Mexico National Guard was reactivated after World War I, there were three units formed. These were the 111th Cavalry, the 120th Engineers Battalion, and Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery. Just before World War II, Battery "A" of the 158th was converted to the 104th Anti-Tank Battalion, then redesignated as the 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion. It went through the war with that designation, Green said. The 102nd Engineers Battalion went through World War II as a member of the 45th Infantry Division. The 11th Cavalry, probably best known of the New Mexico Guard units, first was redesignated as the 207th Coast Artillery Corps. But, Green said, an Eastern state guard unit also carried a 207th designation, so the unit was changed to the 200th Coast Artillery Corps. It was as the 200th it made American military history during the battle for The Philippines in late 1941 and early 1942. During the Japanese invasion, cadres were taken from the 200th and the provisional 515th Coast Artillery Regiment was formed. Today's designations of New Mexico Guard units perpetuate the memory of the 11th Cavalry, the 120th Engineers, the 200th Coast Artillery Corps and the 515th Coast Artillery Corps. The main unit today is the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. Under this unit are the 200th and 515th ADA groups. Then there is the 120th ADA Battalion of the 200th Group.

Aug 05, 1965: Published in “The El Reno American” entitled: CITY’S GUARD UNIT PREPARES FOR TRAINING. Five officers and 63 enlisted men of Battery “C”, 158th Artillery, 1st Battalion, of the 45th division are completing preparations and will leave El Reno at 4 a.m. Saturday in convoy for two weeks of summer maneuvers at Fort Chaffee, Ark. The men will move out with the entire division the following Monday for a week of tactical maneuvers on the Fort Chaffee training reservation during which they will engage in live firing of 105 howitzers at a range of approximately four miles. The following Friday, Aug. 13, the battery will move back to Fort Chaffee to participate in a Governor's day dress review of 9,000 troops. The men will have the rest of the weekend off. Again the following Monday, Aug. 16, the reserve battery will return to the field for more tactical maneuvers and live artillery firing. Saturday, Aug. 21, Battery “C” will form a convoy and return home to El Reno. Their arrival is scheduled for 5 p.m. that day. Officers making the trip are

Captain Bill M. Penwright of Calumet, First Lieutenant Ray W. Standifer, jr., of Midwest City, Second Lieutenant Willie L. Basler, jr., of El Reno, Second Lieutenant Charles E. Johnson, jr., of Oklahoma City, and Second Lieutenant John A. Snyder of Yukon. All enlisted men in Battery "C" are from El Reno unless otherwise indicated. Reserves with the rank of sergeant first class are Carol L. Hardwick and Richard E. Wrede of Calumet. Staff sergeants, in class E-6, are Charles F. Gill, Frederick D. Kappus, Dennis H. Meyer and Malcom L. Willingham of Yukon. Sergeants, E-5, are James W. Barker, Carl G. Clinkenbeard, Michael E. Conner, Roscoe K. Gardner, Jerry A. Golden, Max A. Good, Joseph H. Kupka of Yukon, Jason B. Marquardt and Eddie G. Nichols. Specialists, E-5, are Gerald E. Scott of Dallas, Tex., and David A. Langley. Specialists, E-4, are James W. Barker, Steve Biller, Roy D. Brown, Dale L. Cason, Rex A. Coit, jr., Donald L. Culver, Benny J. Green, Oceola Hollingsworth, Donald R. Kennedy of Bethany, Arthur A. Link, Clyde G. Miller of Calumet, and Lester W. Schwab. Corporals, E-4, are Kenneth L. Bright of Calumet, Joe H. Howarton, Phil D. Ivester, Gordon D. Miller, Jerry D. Overholser, Stephen E. Turner of Oklahoma City, and Daniel P. Warren, jr. Privates first class, E-3, are Charles W. Brandley, Ross L. Bright, Arleigh E. Calvert, Joseph E. Conner, Donald L. Corn, Linn E. Denwalt, Samuel W. Fuston, Lester L. Miller, jr., Alva W. Hale of Hydro, Michael F. Ogilvie, Richard R. Ozmun, Dressel A. Powell, Doyle E. Powell, Travis A. Rolette, Malcom J. Ronspiez, Ronald O. Shrum, Donald J. Trombetto and Harry J. Wright. Privates, E-2, are James Z. Brown of Calumet, David H. Cochran, Gerald L. Daughety of Calumet, Richard L. Meyer, Michael A. Turnbow, Paul J. Warren, Roy A. Wilson and John Sinesh and Robert A. Smithwick, both of Calumet. Photo Caption: Private Arleigh Calvert of El Reno loads howitzer equipment into convoy truck in preparation for transporting Battery "C" of the 158th Artillery, 45th Division, to Ft. Chaffee, Ark., for two weeks of summer camp. The 68 men in the battery will participate in live firing and field maneuvers and a special Governor's day dress parade during the camp.

Jul 27, 1968: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: GUARD TRAINING SET. Lawton. About 450 men from Lawton's 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard, will be among more than 1,600 guardsmen from

Oklahoma's 45th Artillery Group who will arrive at Fort Sill Saturday to begin two weeks of annual field training. In addition to the 158th's battalion, the 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery from Enid, 475 strong, and the 1st Battalion, 171st Target Acquisition also from Enid, consisting of 725 men, will be present for training.

Aug 07, 1969: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: GUARDSMEN TO PAUSE FOR SATURDAY REVIEW. Men of the Oklahoma Army National Guard's 45th Field Artillery Group will pause Saturday to parade in a group review at Camp Eagle at Fort Sill. The annual mid-camp parade, composed this year of 1,700 artillerymen from western Oklahoma, will be viewed by families and visiting military and civilian leaders. The ceremony will be at the camp, 14 miles from the main Fort Sill headquarters. Of primary interest in the 9:30 a.m. program is awarding of medals for outstanding performance by individuals and units during the past year. Reviewing officer Maj. Gen. William Garrison (Ret.), Oklahoma City, former U.S. Army Inspector General, will present awards. He will act as an official representative for Gov. Dewey Bartlett. Parade Adjutant Maj. Lonnie M. Bray, Enid, said other notables expected Saturday are Maj. Gen. L. E. Weber, Oklahoma City, adjutant general of Oklahoma, and Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow (Ret.), Norman, former commanding general of the 45th Infantry Division and former commander of the Division's Field Artillery Group. Also in the reviewing stand Saturday will be Mrs. John Simeon Powers, Chickasha, widow of 1st Lt. John Powers, an artillery battery commander of Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, at the time of his death in an accident in 1949. The camp is named in his honor. Opening the parade Saturday will be the Oklahoma Army National Guard band. First unit to pass in review will be the drill team manned by the Communications Platoon and the Counter Battery Radar Platoon of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 171st Artillery, Guthrie. Static exhibits and mobile displays will be offered on the 175-mm self-propelled guns and the 8-inch howitzers, basic weapons of the artillery group. Awards presented Saturday will be: A National Guard Bureau Maintenance Efficiency Award to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery, Enid, Capt. Loren E. Franke, commander. An Outstanding Unit Award to Headquarters and

Headquarters Battery, 45th Field Artillery Group, Enid, Capt. Robert A. Cruce, commander. A State Armory Improvement Award to Battery A, 1st Target Acquisition Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, Mangum, Capt. Billy B. Buchanan, commander. Battalion Armory Improvement Commendations to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, Capt. Francis P. O'Leary, commander; Battery A, 1st Target Acquisition Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, Mangum, Capt. Billy B. Buchanan, commander, and Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery, Cherokee, Capt. John H. Reddish, commander. Oklahoma Meritorious Service Medals will go to Maj. Hugh J. Reed and Capt. Merlin Paris, both of Alva, Oklahoma Guardsmen Medals will be presented to CWO 4 Dale O. Ward, Lawton, and CWO 3 Charles F. Hamer, Cyril.

Jun 12, 1970: Published in "The Fort Smith Southwest Times Record" entitled: VISITING COMMANDER. Photo Caption: Lt. Gen. William R. Peers, chief Officer of Reserve Components, U.S. Army, discusses Oklahoma Army National Guard annual training at Fort Chaffee, Ark., with LTC. Joe Wheeler, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, 45th Field Artillery Group. Peers visited the artillerymen Wednesday. (Oklahoma Army National Guard Photo)

Jul 27, 1971: Published in "The Fort Smith Southwest Times Record" entitled: SOONER GUARDSMEN OPEN ANNUAL CAMP. Men of the Oklahoma Army National Guard literally unlimbered their big guns early Monday as 2,600 Guardsmen moved into their first full week of annual training at Ft. Chaffee, Ark. For men of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery; 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery, and the 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, it was to be a busy Monday as all three units of the 45th Field Artillery Group moved men and equipment to the field. Reviews of firing techniques including dry firing, erection of target acquisition bases and the big guns began. The action quickly got hot for the Guardsmen. The 158th started slinging out live rounds Tuesday. The 189th will start firing Tuesday. Men of the 90th Support Brigade and other smaller units got their operations into full swing, many of them in support of the artillery. While men of the 120th Supply and Service Battalion's 205th Signal Company, Oklahoma City, strung wire for artillery

communications, MPs from the 45th Military Police Battalion's 745th MP Company, Oklahoma City, monitored main post streets and roads to the field. Radar units borrowed from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol are being used by the MPs for the first time at this year's summer camp. Men of the 120th Supply and Service Battalion, headquartered in Ada, had one of the more delicious chores of the day as they were to begin baking bread. The results will be put to use in the post mess halls. With full training waiting until Monday, Guardsmen none-the-less spent a busy Sunday un-packing and erecting equipment. Men not detailed for such duty had classes to attend or found themselves cleaning up their post areas. Photo Caption: GETTING UP IN THE WORLD is Cpl. Jim Johnson of Duncan, a member of Battery “B”, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard. Cpl. Johnson's high position wasn't all his idea, but part of his job as a lineman for Battery “B”, which along with other members of the battalion, was busy preparing for a move to the field Monday. Some 2,600 men of the Oklahoma Army National Guard are beginning two weeks of intensive annual training at Ft. Chaffee, Ark. (Staff Photo by George Tapscott). Published in “The Fort Smith Southwest Times Record” entitled: GUARDSMEN TRAIN WITH M-16. Ft. Chaffee, Ark. Oklahoma Army National Guardsmen were getting acquainted with a new friend Monday, the pride of the New Action Army, the M-16 rifle. Live firing of the weapon was scheduled for Tuesday as elements of the 90th Support Brigade started a 16-hour block of instruction designed to fully qualify each Guardsman on the M-16. Old M-1 rifles, long used by the Guard, have been replaced by the brand new rifles. Oklahoma Army National Guardsmen, members of the 189th, 171st and 158th Field Artillery Battalions, did not break their cannon firing routines Monday as they had already qualified on the smaller weapons, doing so on their regular weekend drills during the year. Target of their shells was battered Potato Hill, the name given a prominent knoll which cuts up in the middle of the Ft. Chaffee impact area. Guardsmen, using 155 mm and 8-inch howitzers, splattered the hill from miles away. The live firing started Monday for the men of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery with the action to start Tuesday for the 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery. Both battalions are slated to continue firing after dark Thursday night. The weather gave Guardsmen a break this week as temperatures cooled off to the high 80s and

low 90s and the weatherman hinted of rain. It was quite a change from the 100 plus warmth Guardsmen had to contend with earlier this summer. Photo Caption: GINGERLY UNLOADING big 8-inch projectiles for giant howitzers from an ammunition truck, Oklahoma Guardsmen of the Battalion, 158th Field Artillery use a block and tackle device to make their work easier. Guardsmen from the battalion working as crewmen are Sp4 Bobby Morrow, Lookeba; Sp4 Orville Barringer, Hinton; PFC Lloyd Bates, Cyril, and Sp4 Ralph Subia, Eakly. (Oklahoma Army National Guard Photo).

Jul 30, 1971: Published in "The Fort Smith Southwest Times Record" entitled: HALL WILL REVIEW NG AT FT. CHAFFEE. Ft. Chaffee: Stepping off to the strains of military music, 2,600 men of the Oklahoma Army National Guard will march past visiting dignitaries, families and friends Saturday when the Guard holds its annual Governor's Day Review. The parade, the third held in three summer camps, the Guard has had this year, is a highlight of the two weeks of training at this Arkansas Army post. This training period has been for the men of the 45th Field Artillery Group, 99th Support Brigade, Special Headquarters Brigade and other headquarters elements. Awards will be presented to numerous units and individuals during the ceremonies, which are open to the public. Adjutant's call is at 9 a.m. with the parade starting shortly thereafter. Expected on the reviewing stand as the khaki-clad Thunderbirds pass in review are Gov. David Hall, commander-in-chief of the Oklahoma Guard; Maj. Gen. L. E. Weber, adjutant general of Oklahoma; Maj. Gen. Wesley Franklin, deputy commanding general of the 5th U.S. Army at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., and the family of the late SP 4 Michael Dean Zangari. Zangari is the Guardsman killed in the line of duty for whom this 1971 camp is named. He joined the Oklahoma Guard in September, 1962, as a private in Company A, 145th Signal Battalion, and spent most of his Guard career as a radio operator. An Oklahoma Cityan, Zangari was killed during a Guard summer camp in 1967. Providing music for the review will be the 145th Army Band. Commander of the troops will be Brig. Gen. Edward M. Frye, Stillwater, commanding general of Special Headquarters Brigade. In the event of inclement weather, the awards ceremonies are scheduled for Theater No. 1 on the Ft. Chaffee main post. Two Guardsmen are to receive

Oklahoma Star of Valor citations for heroism during "Operation Haylift", an operation carried out by the Guard in February, 1971. Working in a blizzard, SFC James N. Fletcher, Woodward, a technician with Battery B, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, and SFC Harold L. Lyon Jr., operations sergeant for Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, from Woodward, rescued several civilians missing in rangelands around Woodward and believed in danger of freezing. They started their effort shortly after midnight searching nine miles by truck and walking five miles through snow four to five feet deep before locating the trapped persons. The Eisenhower Trophy, presented to the most outstanding unit in each state annually by the chief of the National Guard Bureau, topped a list of several awards won by the 245th MP Company from Marlow and Walters, part of the 45th MP Battalion. Representatives of the unit, which had its summer training at Ft. Sill, will receive the award. The company also won the National Guard Supply Efficiency Award. The Governor's Trophy presented annually to the outstanding Oklahoma Guard unit will be given to Battery “C”, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Chickasha. Receiving the Pershing Award, presented to the unit with the highest average qualification score in individual weapons, will be Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 45th MP Battalion, McAlester. Winner of the Army Commander's Unit Maintenance Efficiency Award is Battery B, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery from Weatherford, Clinton and Woodward. Other Oklahoma Army National Guard supply efficiency awards will go to 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Lawton; Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 245th Transportation Battalion, Ardmore, and the 745th MY Company, Oklahoma City, part of the 49th MP Battalion. Recognition of exceptional care, maintenance, beautification and improvement of armories will go to the winners of armory improvement awards. Three levels of competition are recognized: battalion, major command and state. Winning on all three levels was the communications platoon and counter radar platoon of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, Clinton. The 445th MP Company, 49th MP Battalion, McAlester, was a battalion and 99th Support Brigade winner. Other winners included Battery “C”, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Chickasha; Battery A, 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery, Blackwell; Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 120th Medical Battalion, Oklahoma City, and the

2120th Supply and Service Company 120th Supply and Service Battalion, Wewoka. Seven Guardsmen are to receive Oklahoma Guardsmen Medals for outstanding service. They are MSG Fred C. Gerlack, Enid; CMS Billy J. Ferguson, Midwest City; CW1 Robert J. Coffman, Ada; CW3 Raymond D. McCollom, Oklahoma City; W3 Dennis R. Roper, Chickasha; CW3 John M. Mitchell Jr., Altus, and CPT Joe R. Reid, Ardmore. Receiving Oklahoma Commendation Medals for service will be PFC DeWayne L. Rose, SSG Ronald E. Goodrich, SSG Howard K. Arnett and MSG Raymond H. Anderson, all of Woodward; CW2 Charles R. Price, CW2 Den V. Cox and 1st Lt. Morris H. Roberts, all of Altus; Major Vale D. Jesperson, Alva; Major Carl R. Johnston, Bartlesville; Major Vernon E. Askew, Oklahoma City and LTC August L. Guild, Oklahoma City. Other Superior Unit Awards, which will be presented apart from parade ceremonies, will go to those units judged superior during the previous training year. Photo Caption: TOURING OPERATIONS of Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, 45th Field Artillery Group, Oklahoma Army National Guard, Thursday was Brig. Gen. J. S. Timothy, Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans-Reserve Forces, Continental Army Command. Gen. Timothy will be at Ft. Chaffee until Friday night, where he is reviewing the Thunderbirds' training. (Oklahoma Army National Guard Photo).

Aug 04, 1972: Published in "The Frederick Daily Leader" entitled: OKLAHOMA GUARDSMEN TO "STRUT" SATURDAY. Many Tillman County residents will be part of the 8,000 Oklahoma Guardsmen that will "strut their stuff" before families and dignitaries at Fort Sill and Fort Chaffee, Ark., Saturday at the annual Governor's Day Review. The review marks the midpoint and highlight of the summer encampment and when it's over, most Guardsmen will have the rest of the weekend off. Gov. David Hall, Lt. Gov. George Nigh and Attorney General Larry Derryberry will fly to Fort Sill and then to Fort Chaffee. Gov. Hall will troop the lines to start the parade of Guardsmen at each camp. The ceremonies begin at 8 a.m. at Fort Sill and 10:15 a.m. at Fort Chaffee and are open to the public. A host of dignitaries including U.S. Rep. Ed Edmondson and U.S. District Judge Fred Daugherty, Oklahoma City, former 45th Division Commander, will attend the parade at Fort Chaffee. Also scheduled to attend the ceremonies are Lt. Gen. Patrick Cassidy,

commander of the 5th U.S. Army, and Maj. Gen. L.E. Weber, former adjutant general of Oklahoma who was named Director of the Army National Guard last fall. On the reviewing stand with Gov. Hall will be Maj. Gen. David C. Matthews, state adjutant general. Commander of troops at Fort Chaffee will be Brig. Gen. Harry Barnes, Ardmore, and troop commander at Fort Sill will be Lt. Col. James M. Bullock, Chandler. Units included in the Fort Chaffee parade will be the 45th Infantry Brigade, 45th Support Center, 445th MP Co. of the 45th MP Battalion, and the 120th Engineer Battalion which is training at Camp Gruber near Braggs, Oklahoma. At Fort Sill will be the 45th Field Artillery Group including 189th and 158th Field Artillery and Headquarters Battery and Battery of the 171st Field Artillery. Also, the 205th Signal Co., and elements of the 120th Supply and Service Battalion and 245th and 745th MP Companies. Several awards will be presented to units at Fort Sill and Fort Chaffee. The Governor's Trophy, a distinguished unit citation was won by HHC, 1st Bn., 270th Infantry, Tulsa. The Eisenhower Trophy will go to HHD, 120th Medical Battalion, Midwest City. The National Guard Bureau Maintenance Award will be presented to the Military Police Co., located at Marlow and Walters. Four units have on the Oklahoma Army Guard Supply Efficiency Award. They are the 120th Engineer Battalion, Okmulgee; the 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry, Tulsa, the 145th Army Band, Oklahoma City, and the 245th MP Co. Armory Improvement Awards will go to Battery C, 1st Battalion, 171 Artillery, Kingfisher; 445th MP Co., McAlester; Battery B, 1st Bn, 160th Field Artillery, Minco; Detachment 1, Co. A, 120th Engineers, Stillwell; Headquarters and Headquarters Battery Field Service, 1st Bn, 158th Artillery, Altus; Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 245th Medical Co., Midwest City, and Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 180th Infantry, Durant. Also many units are to be awarded Superior Unit Awards to be presented before the parade.

Aug 11, 1972: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: SILL OFFICERS SERVE CHOW TO TROOPS. Captains, majors and colonels pulling KP duty and serving chow to men in the field is an unusual sight. But that was the scene Wednesday night at Fort Sill when staff officers of Headquarters, 1-158th Field Artillery Battalion, acted as KPs. The National Guard officers performed the menial

task in payment of a bet they lost to the Duncan guard unit, B Battery, 1-158th FA. Six weeks ago, they bet the battery officers that they would not be "up to strength," or have the required number of men, by summer camp time. However, the battery came through recruiting 13 men for their unit. Since their unit was only eight men short of full strength they transferred five men to Headquarters in Lawton. Battalion commander Col. Norman Duckworth, who was assigned to carry food-laden trays to the battery NCOs, said this was his first KP duty since 1956 when he was a private first class at Ft. Hood, Tex. Nine officers served the food in the field mess at the battery's campsite on Fort Sill's west artillery range and suffered from good-natured joking from the NCOs and enlisted men who screamed for more food and faster service. The officer KPs included Col. Duckworth, Maj. Jerry Simmons, Cpt. Donald Allen, Cpt. Ken Bray, Maj. Merrill Burruss, Cpt. Freddy Ricks, Cpt. Bob Jantz, Cpt. Don Houston and Lt. Richard Edde.

Aug 14, 1973: Published in “The Tulsa Daily World” entitled: UTILITY EXECUTIVE IS NAB DIRECTOR. Norman E. Duckworth, manager of the Sand Springs office of Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., Monday was named Tulsa metropolitan director of the National Alliance of Businessmen. Duckworth, 39, succeeds John R. Carter of Amoco Production Co., and will hold the office one year on paid leave of absence from his company. C. C. Ingram, named NAB chairman last Wednesday and chairman and chief executive officer of ONG, announced his appointment Monday. His assignment will be to head up the organization's efforts in 29 counties to find jobs and provide training for the disadvantaged, needy youths, ex-offenders and Vietnam-era veterans through its JOBS program. Duckworth also is president of four community groups: Sand Springs Chamber of Commerce, Council of Indian Nations Area Chambers, Junior Achievement of Greater Tulsa, Inc., and Sand Springs Salvation Army Advisory Board. He is a lieutenant colonel commanding the Lawton 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the Oklahoma National Guard.

Aug 15, 1973: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: CITY GUARD UNIT TO TRAIN AT SILL. A Lawton National Guard unit will train at Fort Sill this weekend. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, will be qualifying with the M-16

rifle, .45-caliber pistol, M-60 machine gun, .50-caliber machinegun and M-79 grenade launcher. Commander of the unit is Lt. Col. Norman E. Duckworth. The 2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery, at Fort Sill is the host unit for the National Guard battalion.

Feb 28, 1975: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: GUARD, RESERVE TRAIN AT SILL. Simulated warfare, parachute jumping, and firing the 155mm self-propelled howitzer is on tap for reserves and national guard this weekend at Fort Sill. Approximately 460 local members of the Oklahoma National Guard plan classroom activities in Snow Hall this weekend. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery is an eight-inch self-propelled howitzer unit based in Lawton. Company A, 2nd Battalion, 12th Special Forces, from Oklahoma City will conduct parachute exercises and simulated warfare in the Blue Beaver Valley on the West Range. Two helicopters from Fort Sill's 178th Aviation Company will support the operation. Wichita Falls, Tex., national guardsmen will fire six 155mm self-propelled howitzers at the Rabbit Hill firing point this weekend. Fort Sill's 1st Battalion, 18th Field Artillery is hosting the guardsmen from C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery. The 450 Texans will bivouac in the field and conduct reconnaissance, selection, and occupation of position exercises.

Mar 13, 1975: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: 1,600 GUARDSMEN DUE TRAINING HERE. Approximately 1,600 national guardsmen from Oklahoma, Wyoming, and Arkansas plan activities at Fort Sill this weekend. Oklahoma City guardsmen from the 700th Support Battalion will conduct small arms weapons qualifications at the Tower Two machine gun range and pistol range in the vicinity of White Wolfe crossing. The 667 men will fire M-60 machine guns and 45-caliber pistols. Also scheduled for small arms qualifications on the East Range are 150 guardsmen from the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery based in Lawton. They will join 310 other area soldiers for 8-inch self-propelled howitzer exercises in the Kerr Hill area. Firing 105mm towed howitzers in the Kerr and Daly Hills area will be 460 guardsmen from Chandler, The 1st Battalion, 160th Field Artillery, will also conduct reconnaissance, selection and occupation of positions exercises. Wyoming and

Arkansas guardsmen will be busy with classroom training this weekend. Thirty guardsmen from Headquarters Battery, 115th Field Artillery Group, based in Cheyenne, are set to receive communications instruction from Fort Sill's Communications Electronics Department, Field Artillery School. Ten soldiers from the 39th Support Brigade at Little Rock, Ark., will receive on-the-job training from Fort Sill's Battery, D, 57th Signal Battalion. They will work with radio and teletype equipment. Surveying firing points on Fort Sill ranges this weekend will be 30 Altus guardsmen from Battery B, 1st Target Acquisition Battalion, 171st Field Artillery. The Oklahoma National Guard began pinpointing the 1,032 firing points located on the post's East, West, and Quanah Ranges last November.

Apr 10, 1975: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: GUARDSMEN WILL TRAIN HERE. Some 900 national guardsmen from Chandler and Lawton plan activities at Fort Sill this weekend. Guardsmen from Chandler will hold reconnaissance, selection and occupation of position (RSOP) exercises with 105mm towed howitzers in the Kerr and Daly Hills area. The 450 soldiers will bivouac in the vicinity of their training. Lawton's 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, will also train in the Kerr Hill area. They will be conducting RSOP exercises with 8-inch self-propelled howitzers. About 450 Lawton soldiers will also undergo small arms weapons qualifications with M-16 rifles, .45 caliber pistols, M-60 machine guns, and grenade launchers. The 450 local guardsmen will bivouac on the range.

May 08, 1975: Published in "The Sequoyah County Times" entitled: 4 NATIONAL GUARD UNITS MERGE. Realignment of our Oklahoma Army National Guard units to form a new Honest John artillery battalion was completed May 1, Maj. Gen. John Coffey, state adjutant general, announced today. The realignment will not cost the Oklahoma Guard any units, nor will it cost any Oklahoma town its guard unit, he said. In fact, the guard could pick up eight more people under the new change. The new Honest John Battalion will be designated the 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, and will be composed of units in Healdton, Marlow, Walters and Oklahoma City. The battalion will be a sister unit to the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which has 8-inch self-propelled Howitzers. The unit has approximately 300

men and is made up of personnel from units formerly known as the 205th Signal Company, Oklahoma City; Detachment 1, 1345th Transportation Company, Healdton, and the 245th Military Police Co. of Marlow and Walters. Headquarters for the new Honest John Battalion will be in Oklahoma City, as will the unit's service battery. Battery “A” will be located in Marlow, Battery “B” in Walters and Battery “C” in Healdton. The Honest John is a surface-to-surface or surface-to-air missile with a longer range than the present 16 miles offered by guard artillery. It is an artillery weapon, and is mobile and launched from a trailer, guard officials explained. Maj. Gen. Coffey said the unit is the guard's first full Honest John battalion. The guard had an Honest John Battery several years ago, he said. "I think it will be good for Oklahoma," he said. "It fits the towns it will be located in real well." Coffey said one of the primary reasons leading to Oklahoma getting an Honest John battalion is that the Oklahoma Guard is located close to Ft. Sill, making training easier. Ft. Sill has its own Honest John battalion and the missiles can be used there for training. The guard units involved in training with the Honest John missile are located close enough to Ft. Sill to train at that post several weekends during a training year, he said.

May 11, 1975: Published in “The Okmulgee Daily Times” entitled: NATIONAL GUARD FORMS NEW BATTALION. Realignment of four Oklahoma Army National Guard units to form a new Honest John artillery battalion was completed May 1, Maj. Gen. John Coffey, state adjutant general, announced. The realignment will not cost the Oklahoma Guard any units, nor will it cost any Oklahoma town its Guard unit, he said. In fact, the Guard could pick up eight more people under the new change. The new Honest John Battalion will be designated the 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, and will be composed of units in Healdton, Marlow, Walters and Oklahoma City. The battalion will be a sister unit to the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which has 8-inch self-propelled Howitzers. The unit has approximately 300 men and is made up of personnel from units formerly known as the 205th Signal Company, Oklahoma City; Detachment 1, 1345th Transportation Company, Healdton, and the 245th Military Police Company of Marlow and Walters. Headquarters for the new Honest John Battalion will be in Oklahoma City, as will

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Jun 12, 1975: Published in “The Indian Journal” entitled: GUARDS SUMMER CAMP TRAINING. The Oklahoma Army National Guard’s summer camp training, already underway for some units, will cover a four state area and 10 different camps. Multiple summer camps in multiple places have become almost commonplace for Oklahoma Guardsmen in recent years. Training has changed from the days when nearly everyone in the guard went to summer camp at the same place at the same time. Summer camp sites range from Red River Army Depot at Texarkana, Texas, to Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah, Fort Sill and Fort Chaffee, Ark. The brunt of the Oklahoma Guard will be going to summer camp from late June through August. At least two large guard contingents will go to Fort Chaffee at separate times. The Guard’s Class 20 of Officer Candidate School is presently closing out its year of training with a summer camp in Oklahoma City and at Camp Gruber near Muskogee. That annual training will be finished June 15. Men of the Guard’s 120th Engineering Battalion will be taking Army Training Tests, as will those of the 158th Field Artillery, 160th Field Artillery, 145th Cavalry and the 700th Support Battalion. Guardsmen in Oklahoma’s top-rated 45th Infantry Brigade will undergo a 48 hour field training exercise at Fort Chaffee. Regulations and policies in force at recent Guard camps will again be used this year. Guardsmen will be allowed to take private cars and wear civilian clothes after duty hours. A pass policy allowing Guardsmen to go off post after duty hours will be followed, where applicable.

Ft Chaffee, Ark., 28 June-12, July. 745 Military Police Company, Oklahoma City and Det. 445 Military Police Company, McAlester.

Jul 13, 1975: Published in “The Fort Smith Southwest Times Record” entitled: SOONER NG ROLLS INTO CHAFFEE. More than 5,600 Oklahoma Army National Guardsmen rolled into Ft. Chaffee Saturday to begin two weeks of summer training which will include simulated battles and a "possible" missile firing. The first unit to arrive was the Guard's 445th Aviation Co. from Lexington. The company has a fleet of more than 38 helicopters which will come into play when combat maneuvers begin Monday. Also arriving Saturday was Oklahoma's newest Guard unit, the 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which mans the "Honest John" missile, a truck-mounted ground-to-ground weapon. A spokesman for the Oklahoma Guard said no missiles were brought to the fort Saturday but there is a "possibility" that one or more will arrive from Ft. Sill, Okla. during the second week of training. He said the missile or missiles "might" be fired if the fort is large enough to do it safely. A missile has been fired at least once at Ft. Chaffee several years ago without incident. The Sooner Guard units are being quartered in "tent city" a canvas community complete with showers and kitchens on the fort's west side. They, like the 600 men in the 120th Engineer Battalion which finished their two-weeks and headed home Saturday, are living in the tents because the barracks are housing Vietnamese refugees. Maj. Gen. John Coffey Jr., state Adjutant General, said the movement of the Guard convoys to the fort was conducted without mishap. Among the units which will be training here the next two weeks are the 45th Infantry Brigade, commanded by Brig. Gen. J. C. Daugherty. The brigade is the largest single unit in the Oklahoma Army National Guard with more than 4,000 guardsmen in units headquartered at Tulsa, Perry, Chandler, Oklahoma City and Durant. Also here is Battery B of the 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, 45th Field Artillery Group, headquartered at Altus, Okla. The guardsmen will spend today settling into their quarters and making final plans for the training exercises.

Jul 25, 1975: Published in the “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: MORALE OF SOONER GUARD TROOPS HIGH. Fort Chaffee, Ark. (AP). Morale of Oklahoma

National Guard troops is “the highest I’ve ever seen,” says Oklahoma Gov. David Boren, who commanded the 2120th Supply and Service Company until his inauguration as governor last January. Borden wound up a two-day visit with Oklahoma guardsmen in summer training at Ft. Chaffee Thursday. When he arrived in the working area of his old unit, the government was presented with a cake decorated with a brim made of icing. The broom was the symbol of Boren’ s campaign promise to “sweep out the old guard” when he ran for governor last year. Boren, spent Thursday visiting various units of the 45th Infantry Brigade and other Oklahoma guard units, said he was impressed with the attitude and morale of the troops. He said the National Guard is “is more important than ever before. “With the regular Army reduced, the National Guard is no longer just a standby force,” he said, “but it’s the first echelon of our national defense.” Boren watched the first firing by an Oklahoma National Guard unit of the Honest John rocket during his visit. The unit, second battalion, 158th Field Artillery, was formed in May with headquarters in Oklahoma City and units in Marlow, Walters and Healdton. As the governor was ending his two-day visit, most of the 5,000 Oklahoma guardsmen were winding up a three day field training exercise.

Aug 15, 1975: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: RESERVE TRAINING NEARLY COMPLETED. Training for the many reservists and national guardsmen who have traveled to Fort Sill this summer is nearing an end. Almost 800 Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers arrived on post over the weekend (Aug. 9-10) to close out summer activities. Waging a "mock-war" on Fort Sill's range is Lawton's 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which is participating in an Operational Readiness Training Test. The 435 national guardsmen have been bivouacking on the range as they prepare for the test with their 8-inch self-propelled howitzers. Helping to determine where the howitzer rounds impact is Battery C, 1st Target Acquisition Battalion, 171st Field Artillery. Five officers and 149 enlisted guardsmen from Kingfisher, Watonga and Guthrie are using their sensitive electronic devices to measure exact distances to objects by monitoring sound waves or sighting flashes in the target area. Moving into the classroom, the 4158th USAR Rear Area Operations Center from Shreveport, La., is preparing a new pilot program for 60

officer students representing 20 states who arrive at Fort Sill's Dan T. Moore Hall Saturday. Fort Sill's 212th Field Artillery Group is providing classroom instruction and on-the-job training for 74 soldiers from the 434th Field Artillery Group based in Chicago. Reservists are working with their counterparts in the unit in addition to attending classes at I-See-O, Burleson and Snow Hall. Again manning Fort Sill's Area Confinement Facility are 45 reservists from the 336th Military Police Detachment, Rochester, Minn. Minnesota soldiers have been working at the facility for the past four weeks. The last group of reservists expected at Fort Sill for annual training arrives Saturday. About 650 U.S. Marine Corps reservists from Birmingham, Ala., will train for two weeks before the close of the 1975 season. Approximately 7,500 reservists and national guardsmen have trained at Fort Sill this summer.

Dec 15, 1975: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: RECRUITING AWARD GIVEN. Danny Crow of the Army National Guard's 158th Field Artillery Battalion here has received the recruiter of the month award presented by Col. James Bullock, commander of the 45th Field Artillery Group. It was the second month in a row the battalion has received the honor.

May 01, 1976: Published in "The Lawton Morning Press" entitled: APACHE MAN RECEIVES RECRUITER BADGE. M. Sgt. Jerry V. Wilson, Apache, has been awarded the Army National Guard Recruiter Badge. He received the commendation during an informal ceremony at the Oklahoma Military Academy. Sgt. Wilson is a member of Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. To qualify for the award, Sgt. Wilson attended 16 hours of instruction at the Oklahoma Military Academy.

Jul 26, 1976: Published in "The Henryetta Daily Free Lance" entitled: GUARD VEHICLES TAKE TO A HIGHWAY ENROUTE TO SUMMER ENCAMPMENT. Oklahoma Army National Guard jeeps and trucks will be moving down Oklahoma highways Saturday, July 31 transporting men and equipment to Arkansas and two weeks of intensive summer training. The guardsmen of the 45th Field Artillery Group commanded by Colonel Lonnie Bray, of Enid, and the 45th Support Center

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Jul 31, 1976: Published in “The Okmulgee Daily Times” entitled: OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARDSMEN LEAVING TODAY FOR SUMMER TRAINING. Oklahoma

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Sulphur, Holdenville, Wewoka, and Konawa. The 445 Aviation Company of Lexington will also attend.

Mar 20, 1977: Published in “The Sunday Oklahoman” entitled: ARMY GUARD BATTALION CONVERTING. Sooner unit first with missile, by Lisa John. Ft. Sill, An Oklahoma Army National Guard battalion is the first in the Army to test the TOW light anti-tank missile developed to meet the Warsaw Pact's armor threat in Europe. On April 1, the 2nd Battalion 158th Field Artillery will be converted from an Honest John rocket battalion to the 2nd Battalion, 180th Infantry. Lt. Col. Clarence Warner, battalion commander from Norman, said the battalion must be combat ready in 15 months because of the high priority of the TOW missile training. The four-foot long missile is an armor-piercing round with a range from 65 meters to 3,000 meters and a velocity of 200 meters a second when fired. It will be mounted on quarter-ton jeeps. Warner called it the "best and heaviest anti-tank weapon." He also said it was accurate, portable, easily camouflaged, lethal and requires no special maintenance. The TOW missile was developed in the late 1960s and used on a limited basis at the end of the Vietnam War and in the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, Warner said. He said Department of Defense officials believe the most economic and efficient way to set up the TOW unit is through the reserves. The TLAT battalion is organized with a headquarters and headquarters detachment which offers maintenance, administration, supply support and five TOW companies. Each company has 12 TOW launchers. Training units totaling over 500 reserves will be located in Oklahoma City, Kingfisher, Watonga, Shawnee, Marlow, Minco, Healdton and Walters. "A training ground is not really a great problem. You can train anywhere," Warner said. The missile itself costs $2,900. It is not actually fired during most of the training. By putting an infra-red radiating source on the target, the instructor can check accuracy of the hit, Warner said. Summer camp for the battalion this year will probably be held at Ft. Benning, Ga., with future training possibly in Europe, he said.

Jul 31, 1977: Published in “The Sunday Constitution” entitled: AREA GUARD UNITS SCORE HIGH MARKS AT CAMP. Rain Cools Chaffee's Rolling Hills. Story, Photos By

Mark Kingsolver Ft. Chaffee, Ark. (Staff) Longtime members of the National Guard say summer camps here are hot and muggy, and at times during the last two weeks that generalization held up. But most of the 380 men belonging to the National Guard from Southwest Oklahoma, who left their families and jobs to train in the rolling hills and dense forest of western Arkansas, would agree that the 1977 camp was among the coolest and wettest in memory. The weather at Ft. Chaffee each summer is always of major concern to the members of the National Guard simply because if the usual trend holds; hot and muggy with mosquitoes and chiggers; two weeks in the Arkansas hills eating Army food, sleeping under a tree and completing military maneuvers can make the prospect of returning home seem like a dream. This year sprinkles of rain cooled the troops at times during the first week, and by the middle of the second week the temperature had fallen to the low 80s. In short, there were a few more smiles this year spread around the deactivated post, which is reincarnated each summer to accommodate the National Guard. About 3,100 men; and a few women; from all over the state come here each summer to undergo training in the field as the climax to a year of weekend training sessions. As usual, Southwest Oklahoma's 1st Bn., 158th Field Artillery, with batteries from Lawton, Chickasha, Duncan and Anadarko, performed well, lending more credence to their self-appointed motto: "We Set The Standards." Training with and evaluating the guard's 1st Bn., 158th FA were 30 members of Fort Sill's 6th Bn., 9th Field Artillery. The Fort Sill soldiers trained side by side with the local National Guard until Tuesday of the final week, when they became the evaluators. The affiliation program was begun this year to give the troops and the guard a chance to learn from each other. The guard and the Fort Sill artillery are close in the testing scores each year. The 158th is ranked at the top of this country's National Guard units. The guard; with the new recruits, offshoots from the Vietnam War and veterans with more than 20 years service and usually experience with other arms of the military; train in the field for about a week, before the testing begins. The Fort Sill "umpires" set up a computerized system which keeps track of hits, misses and the time involved, combine it all and give the artillery battalion a score. The various battalions from Anadarko, Duncan and Chickasha; “A”, “B” and “C” batteries of the 158th; supply the crews for the eight-inch howitzers. Two batteries from Lawton

serve as headquarters and service units, coordinating the logistics and supply functions for the battalion. The work, again this year, ended with the 158th posting a superior score. Photo Captions: A gun crew with the Duncan-based “B” Btry., 1st Bn., 158th Field Artillery (FA), fires an eight-inch howitzer at a target on "Potato Hill" eight miles away. Members of National Guard Headquarters Btry., 1st Bn., 158th FA, Lawton, load up communications equipment at the end of the artillery tests. S. Sgt. Walter Coates, Lawton, tends the survey control computer which helps members of the Guard zero-in on their targets. "Never do things the hard way," is the thinking of these National Guard truck drivers who don't like the prospects of cleaning trucks by hand back at the post. Only the eyes of Sgt. John Harris show as he lies in wait at a sentry post. Harris is a Fort Sill Fireman and a member of the Lawton's Headquarters Btry., 1st Bn., 158th National Guard FA.

May 19, 1985: Published in “The Altus Times” entitled: GUARD NOW IN TRAINING. More than 1,000 Oklahoma Army National Guard troops from western Oklahoma have said goodbye to their spouses and children this week as they treked to Fort Sill for their two weeks of annual training. Convoys of camouflage-colored Army vehicles left local armories Saturday, bound for the sprawling U.S. Army reservation located near Lawton. The 1,000 troops involved in the May 18-June 1 encampment at Fort Sill come primarily from the 45th Artillery Brigade, headquartered in Enid, and commanded by Col. Tom Alsip, Chandler. Two of the Brigade's three battalions will be participating in the late May camp: the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, and the 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery. The 158th is headquartered at Lawton and has units at Anadarko, Duncan and Chickasha. The 189th, headquartered at Enid, has units in Cherokee, Blackwell, Alva, Woodward, Watonga and Tonkawa. Providing medical support to the artillery troops while they train will be members of the 145th Medical Company, Broken Arrow. About 500 troops from the third battalion in the Brigade, the 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, will also be training at Fort Sill. Their annual training, however, begins on June 8 when they start their ARTEP (Army Training and Evaluation Program). If successful in passing their ARTEP, the battalion will be nuclear-certified. With its other two battalions already carrying this designation, that will make the 45th Artillery Brigade one of only a

few in the nation with all three of its battalions nuclear-certified. The 171st is headquartered in Altus, and has batteries in Mangum, Hollis, Weatherford, Clinton, Elk City and Hobart.

Nov 10, 1985: Published in "The Altus Times" entitled: MILITARY NEWS. Pvt. David W. Cox of Martha has begun basic training and Pvt. Michael L. Banks, Altus has begun advanced individual training at Fort Sill. They are among a group of 50 Oklahoma Army National Guard members that assembled at National Guard Headquarters in Oklahoma City from across the state for final processing before departing for their basic training stations. Cox is the son of Thomas J. Cox and Della F. McQuain and is assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard. Banks is the son of SFC Louis and Patsy Banks and is assigned to Battery C, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard. Air Force SMSgt. Robert E. Galle, son of Loretta M. Galle, Anaconda, Mont., has arrived for duty with 1842nd Electronics Engineering Group, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Galle, a telephone, cable and antenna maintenance manager, was previously assigned at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. His wife, Kathryn, is the daughter of Paul A. and Lillian M. Jones, Martha. The sergeant received an associate degree in 1982 from Community College of the Air Force. Air National Guard A1C Deborrah K. Ward, daughter of Wallace I. and Lucille M. Castle, Altus, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force administrative specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Ward is scheduled to serve at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base. She is a 1974 graduate of Altus High School.

May 26, 1986: Published in "The Altus Times" entitled: NATIONAL GUARD GROUPS TRAINING. Hundreds of Oklahoma Army National Guard troops said goodbye to their spouses and children last week as they headed for two weeks of annual training. The soldiers are all members of the 45th Artillery Brigade, headquartered in Enid. Units of the Artillery Brigade are scattered all across the western half of Oklahoma. The Brigade's three battalions will all train during the May 17-31 timeframe, but each battalion at different locations, stretching from Oklahoma to Florida. The Oklahoma Guard's Field Artillery Brigade holds the distinction of being

the only National Guard Brigade in the United States to be fully nuclear-certified. Much of the training at this annual training will be involved in maintaining their nuclear certification. The 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, will train at Camp Blanding, Fla. Members of that unit will be undergoing their Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) test. Units of the 171st are located in Altus, Mangum, Hollis, Weatherford, Clinton, Elk City and Hobart. The 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery, undergoing their two-weeks of training at Fort Sill, will be taking on internal battalion-level ARTEP test. That will prepare them to test for nuclear-recertification during next year's annual training. Units of the 189th are located in Enid, Blackwell, Cherokee, Alva, Woodward, Watonga and Tonkawa. Training at Fort Chaffee, Ark. on May 17-31 is the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. That unit's primary emphasis during this annual training period will focus on becoming nuclear-recertified during their ARTEP test. Units of that battalion are located in Anadarko, Duncan, Chickasha, and Lawton. The bulk of the Oklahoma Army National Guard will be training at Fort Chaffee, Ark. June 14-28. That's when four of the five battalions of the 45th Infantry Brigade will participate in their annual training. Those battalions include the 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry, headquartered in Stillwater, and based in north central Oklahoma; the 1st Battalion, 180th Infantry, headquartered in Durant and based in southeast Oklahoma; the 1st Battalion, 160th Field Artillery, based in Chandler, and located in central Oklahoma, and the 700th Support Battalion, located in Oklahoma City and Norman. The Brigade's remaining battalion, the 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry will be training at Fort Bragg, NC on Aug. 17-31. The Brigade's Troop E, 145th Cavalry, will train at Fort Hood, Texas, July 12-26. Also training at Fort Chaffee, Ark. on June 14-28 will be units from the Oklahoma Guard's 45th Troop Command. Those units are primarily support-oriented units and most come from east central Oklahoma.

Aug 07, 1987: Published in the “Wichita Falls Times” entitled: NEW ARTILLERY SYSTEM SHOWN. Oklahoma City (AP): The Oklahoma Army National Guard has drawn commendations from Gov. Henry Bellmon for being the first guard unit in the country chosen to deploy an advanced rocket artillery system. Bellmon took part in the unveiling on the south steps of the Capitol of one of 29 Multiple Launch

Rocket System units the Oklahoma guard will receive in the coming months. The system was described as "the next generation of field artillery" by Maj. Gen. Don Ferrell, adjutant general of Oklahoma. Each of the battalion of 29 rocket launchers packs the firepower of an entire battalion of conventional artillery, officials said. "It's a very awesome weapons system," Ferrell said. The MLRS battalion is currently based at Ft. Sill, near Lawton. Oklahoma Army National Guard detachments that will receive the new rocket launcher are located at: Duncan, Chickasha and Marlow. The system represents a total investment of $160 million and will require 76 full-time personnel to maintain, officials said. Bellmon praised the Oklahoma guard for "conducting itself in such a way that resulted in being selected to receive the rocket launchers". The first launcher for the system was rolled out of the LTV Missiles and Electronics Group factory in Camden, Ark., on July 10. The MLRS was developed as a joint effort of the United States, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom. The 158th Field Artillery battalion of the Oklahoma Army National Guard was chosen as the initial unit to receive the advanced artillery rocket system. Published in “The Tulsa World” entitled: GUARD UNVEILS 'AWESOME' ROCKET WEAPONS SYSTEM. Oklahoma City (AP) Gov. Henry Bellmon took part Thursday in the unveiling of one of 29 Multiple Launch Rocket System units to be deployed by the Oklahoma Army National Guard, ushering in a new era of rocket artillery. The Oklahoma Guard is the first armed services reserve component designated to receive the MLRS. The system was described as "the next generation of field artillery" by Maj. Gen. Don Ferrell, adjutant general of Oklahoma. Each of the battalion of 29 rocket launchers packs the firepower of an entire battalion of conventional artillery, officials said. "It's a very awesome weapons system," Ferrell said. The MLRS battalion is based at Fort Sill, near Lawton. Oklahoma Army National Guard detachments that will receive the advanced rocket launcher are in Duncan, Marlow and Chickasha. The system represents an investment of $160 million and will require 76 full-time personnel to maintain. Bellmon commended the Oklahoma guard for "conducting itself in such a way" that resulted in being selected to receive the rocket launchers. The first launcher for the system was rolled out of the LTV Missiles and Electronics Group factory in Camden, Ark., on July 10. The MLRS was developed as a joint effort of the United States, France, Germany,

Italy and the United Kingdom. The 158th Field Artillery battalion of the Oklahoma Army National Guard was chosen as the initial unit to receive the advanced artillery rocket system. The MLRS can fire its 12 rockets in less than a minute at targets 30 miles away, devastating an area up to 60 acres. Officials say its "shoot-and-scoot" tactics will enable the MLRS to complement cannon artillery. The MLRS, described as a defensive weapon, is designed to be operated by three people. But officials say a single soldier can perform its firing mission. The tracked carrier vehicle that carries the rocket launcher-loader system is capable of 40 mph speed. It carries 12 rockets, preloaded and sealed in two six-round launch pod containers.

May 18, 1988: Published in “The Lawton Morning Press” entitled: NATIONAL GUARDSMEN STUDYING MULTIPLE LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM. By Stephen Robertson, Staff writer. If all goes as planned, local National Guardsmen will finally have their chance to fire the Army's most advanced artillery in August. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, began switching over to the Multiple Launch Rocket System late last year, leaving behind their 8-inch self-propelled howitzers. The battalion is the first reserve unit in the nation to be equipped with the MLRS. The first shakeup occurred when the battalion was reorganized to accommodate the new system. Previously, the headquarters and service batteries were stationed in Lawton, while firing batteries were located in Duncan, Chickasha and Anadarko. With the new system, the combined headquarters and service battery and one firing battery are located in Lawton. A second firing battery is divided between Chickasha and Marlow, and a third between Walters and Duncan. The Anadarko unit was shifted to the 1st Battalion, 171st Artillery, which has its headquarters in Altus. Scheduling training for the battalion has not been an easy chore. For the first time, the firing batteries are attending separate annual training sessions. Previously they all attended camp at the same time. The sessions are also longer than in the past. To keep on schedule, the battalion had to have three weeks of annual training this year instead of two. “A” Battery from Lawton was the first to attend the three weeks of individual training at Fort Sill, and it has completed three of 15 weekend drills with instructors from Fort Sill. A second battery is completing the annual training this week, and the third firing battery has finished one of two

weekends of training it will complete before entering annual training. Increasing the annual training to three weeks was a concern of battalion officers, who feared the longer commitment would be a burden on the Guardsmen and their employers. "So far it's working out real well," said Maj. Larry Haub, the battalion's executive officer. "So far we haven't had any major problems with it. The employer support we've got is what made that work." “A” Battery, the furthest advanced in the training, now has six of its nine MLRS launcher-loaders; the rest are to arrive in July. The battery hopes to have its first live fire exercise on Aug. 25, when each launcher will fire two missiles. The conversion to the MLRS system doesn't mean just a change in equipment. Guardsmen are learning an entirely new system, as well as new tactics to take advantage of the equipment. "These guys are coming out here and putting it all together now," Haub said. The battery commander has significantly more firepower than before; each battery has three platoons of three launchers; before, the battery commander was in charge of four 8-inch howitzers. Each MLRS launcher is manned by a crew of three — a driver, a gunner and a launcher chief — compared to the 13-person crew of the 8-inch gun. Computers are everywhere. The battalion fire direction center relays fire missions to the battery fire direction center, where a computer picks out the appropriate launcher to fire the mission, then relays it to the launcher. A computer on the launcher, which has its own survey computer, then calculates the direction and trajectory of the firing. With the 8-inch howitzers, the battery command center calculated the orders for the firing mission. That's all done by computer now. 1st Lt. Bill Freeman, battery operations officer, said the Guardsmen are adjusting to all the electronics they have to deal with. "It's new, but we're learning," he said. "Everybody seems to be enjoying it." "It's all new to us, but we're doing our best to learn it," said Staff Sgt. Don Epperson of Carnegie. Epperson, a platoon sergeant, has been with the battalion 18 years. The 8-inch howitzers were a good system, he said, but the MLRS is better: more firepower, fewer people, quicker response. The MLRS emphasizes shoot-and-scoot tactics: fire, then quickly move to another position. (Staff photo by Mary Barton). Pvt. David Clowers, left, and Staff Sgt. Jeff Blackwood practice loading a pod of six Multiple Launch Rocket System rockets onto a launcher during Oklahoma National Guard weekend drill at Fort Sill.

Aug 05, 1988: Published in “The San Antonio Express” entitled: AREA OBITUARIES. Knowlton served 29 years in Army. Retired Lt. Col. Homer Clay Knowlton, 69, was chief of the medical services division of Santa Rosa Medical Center from 1973 to 1983. In an earlier, musical career in the Army, he organized and conducted a symphonic orchestra as a recruiting tool. In Europe he worked with the Voice of America with a weekly broadcast. Knowlton died Tuesday with cancer diagnosed in 1976. Born in Dallas and reared in Snyder, Okla., he earned bachelor and master's degrees in music from the University of Oklahoma. In college he played the trombone, but he was also proficient on the piano as a youngster. Early in World War II, Knowlton joined the Army, applied for a commission and spent three months in Washington before being sent to Lake Charles, La., to organize a symphonic orchestra. He recruited musicians from New Orleans to Baton Rouge and rehearsed his orchestra for six months before performing for two years along the Gulf Coast. The orchestra was used to help enlist women and mechanics in the Air Force. After the war ended, Knowlton was sent to Europe to form a new orchestra to work with the Voice of America. They broadcast a weekly show and played concerts at the capitals of Western Europe. "When the Voice of America was reduced, he changed careers and spent the rest of his Army time in hospital administration in the Medical Service Corps," said his wife, Mary Ellen Wankum Knowlton. "He retired in July of 1967 with almost 29 years of Army service and went to Jonesboro, Ark., to be a hospital administrator for four years. We met there and were married in 1971 in North Little Rock, Ark." The couple came to San Antonio in December 1971. On retiring from Santa Rosa in 1983, Knowlton had a third career in mind as a short story writer. One of his published articles won a prize in a quarterly magazine. Knowlton's cancer worsened and he had surgery to remove his voice box in 1985. By last June the cancer had spread to his lungs. "He was a very talented man with many interests," said his wife. "A loving father, he was active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he served as an usher and a member of the vestry for several years." Additional survivors are three sons, Patrick Clay Knowlton of Houston, William Scott Knowlton of San Antonio and Brian Clay Knowlton of San Antonio; two daughters, Diedre Ann Knowlton of Riverside, Calif., and Maria Ann Knowlton of San Antonio, and a sister, Mary Howard of Bastrop.

Services will be at noon Friday in St. Paul's Episcopal Church with the Rev. John Beebe officiating. Entombment will be in Sunset Memorial Park with Sunset Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. NOTE: Lt. Col. Homer Clay Knowlton, composed “The 158th Field Artillery March” as a young sergeant stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Aug 28, 1988: Published in “The Durant Daily Democrat” entitled: OKLAHOMA GUARD UNIT BECOMES FIRST TO TEST FIRE THE MLRS. Fort Sill (AP) An Oklahoma Army National Guard battalion has become the first non-active unit of the U.S. Army to test fire the high-tech Multiple Launch Rocket System. "This is the first time the weapon has been fired by Guard personnel in the U.S.," Capt. Gary Bray, battery commander of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, said. "We're the first and only Guard unit to have the MLRS. This battery has just completed a sixth-month training cycle here at Fort Sill." Gov. Henry Bellmon and Maj. Gen. Donald Ferrell, adjutant general of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, were among numerous dignitaries on hand to see the $2.5 million weapon demonstrated at the Quannah Range northwest of Cache. "This is a historic occasion," Bellmon said. "It speaks well for the performance the Oklahoma Guard has given in peacetime and wartime on." The MLRS is a highly mobile automatic rocket system manned by a three-man crew that can shoot a complete 12-rocket load in 11 1/2 minutes. Six training rockets were fired by the launcher, which sits atop the chassis of a tracked Bradley Infantry Fighting vehicle. The Oklahoma unit began receiving the launchers last September to replace its howitzers. The Army has described the MLRS as the flagship of field artillery for the 21st century. It is part of the Army's "shoot and scoot" philosophy to avoid detection by enemy radar. The weapons rockets reach a speed of Mach 2 just 30 feet out of the launcher and can reach targets 26 miles farther away than a 155mm Howitzer can fire. The rocket's warhead explodes 630 meters above the ground, dispersing numerous anti-personnel and anti-material "bomblets" that saturate a 200-meter area. Accuracy is one plus of the MLRS, said Lt. Col. Bill Francis, public affairs officer for the Oklahoma Army Guard. He said the sophisticated, computerized weapon system is more accurate than a 155mm howitzer, which must have its fire adjusted. "It is a much more accurate weapon

than tube artillery," Francis said. "MLRS fire does not have to be adjusted. You don't have to bracket (fire one round long and another short to determine range to target)." MLRS also has the capability to incorporate alternate warheads.

Nov 11, 1990: Published in “The Altus Times” entitled: 5 OKLAHOMA UNITS IN LATEST CALLUP. Oklahoma City (AP): Oklahoma reserve combat units have had their first call to arms as the Pentagon bolsters its deployment in the four-month-old Persian Gulf crisis. "I'm excited in going and there's a little fear in going," said David Hudson, a gunnery sergeant in the Marine Reserves 4th Tank Battalion's newly activated Anti-Tank Company in Broken Arrow. "I think the biggest fear is not knowing what's going to happen." The Defense Department included five Oklahoma National Guard, Army Reserves and Marine Reserves units Monday in what it called the largest single-day deployment since President Bush authorized the use of civilian soldiers in the Mideast conflict. In all, 26,625 were included in Monday's callup. But many of the state units have had been notified of the call-up last week. Children in Broken Arrow have had time to line the National Guard Armory in Broken Arrow with messages of support. "It's been a case where everyone wants to do something for them but they don't know what to do," said Larry Boles, father of Guard member Dawn Boles. Family and friends of 145th members are organizing a phone chain and plan to print a newsletter to keep each other informed of everything that goes on before and after the company leaves town, Boles said. "Right now, we just want the families to know we are available to help them any way we can," said Boles. The Oklahoma units officially called to duty Monday were the National Guard's 145th Medical Company in Broken Arrow and 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery in Fort Sill; the Army Reserves' 44th Medical Hospital in Oklahoma City; and the Marine Reserves' Broken Arrow Anti-Tank Company and Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines. The Marines told the Anti-Tank Company to report Nov. 28 and Battery F to report Nov. 29. "We've been training for this, but I can't believe they're really doing this," Lt. Col. Paul Boensch, commanding officer of the 44th Medical Hospital, said Monday. "The younger troops look at it as an opportunity for a great adventure, and the older troops see it as deja vu from Korea or Vietnam," Boensch said. Officials at Fort Sill are lining up

meals and bed space for what promises to be a busy weekend. Arkansas National Guard's 142nd Field Artillery, a unit comprised of nearly 1,100 combat-ready soldiers, will mobilize Wednesday and report for active duty Saturday at Fort Sill, officials say. Fort Sill spokesman Daran Neal said the Arkansas unit would be the largest to come through Fort Sill for training since Operation Desert Shield began Aug. 7. "We always have a plan in case anything like this ever happens," Neal said. "We'll be working on all the logistics all week to get them housed and get meals." The new call-up, for the first time, included reserve combat units. Since the start of Operation Desert Shield on Aug. 7, a total of 77,126 reservists have been called up; most in non-combat roles such as transportation and cargo handling. It is the biggest call-up of reservists since the Berlin crisis of 1961.

Nov 17, 1990: Published in “The Wichita Falls Times Record News” entitled: WALTERS ARMY GUARD UNIT PLACED ON ALERT FOR CALL-UP. Walters, Okla. The Oklahoma Army National Guard unit in Walters, part of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery headquartered in Lawton, was placed on alert Thursday for possible call-up in support of Operation Desert Shield. Other units of the Lawton-based Guard group, in Duncan, Marlow and Chickasha were also put on alert, according to officials in Oklahoma City. Ten percent of the assigned strength of the units will report to armories to begin checking records and equipment, officials said. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery is the first National Guard artillery unit to be equipped with the Multiple Launch Rocket System. Their mission is to provide rocket fire support to ground forces on the battlefield. In addition, the 145th Medical Company based in Broken Arrow also was placed on alert Thursday. Members of the Headquarters Detachment 120th Medical Battalion headquartered in Midwest City were already on alert.

Nov 20, 1990: Published in “The Kentucky New Era” entitled: ARMY, MARINES CALL 26,000 RESERVISTS. By Robert Burns, Associated Press Writer. Washington (AP): The Army and Marine Corps are ordering to active duty 26,000 additional reservists, many for combat roles, as the military reaches into hundreds of communities nationwide to bolster its Persian Gulf deployments. The callups

announced Monday were the largest on a single day since President Bush authorized the use of citizen-soldiers in the gulf crisis in August. It also was the Army's first call to arms for reserve combat units, which some critics have said may not be adequately prepared for desert warfare against Iraq. Since the start of Operation Desert Shield on Aug. 7, a total of 77,126 reservists have been called up; most in non-combat roles such as transportation and cargo handling. It is the biggest call-up of reservists since the Berlin crisis of 1961. The Army said Monday it ordered 20,129 National Guard and Reserve members from 41 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia to report for active duty Wednesday. The Army had put those units on alert for possible call-up last Friday. The Pentagon initially said the Army units included three National Guard combat brigades totaling about 12,000 troops; the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) of Georgia, the 155th Armored Brigade of Mississippi and the 256th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) of Louisiana. But today it said they were not included. Maj. Doug Hart, a Pentagon spokesman, said he had misunderstood the makeup of the Army units being activated, and that while they included some combat reservists; such as the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard; they did not include elements of the Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana brigades. Elements of those three brigades were alerted last Friday that they would be called up soon, but none has been officially ordered to active duty, Hart said today. Each of those three brigades is a "roundout" unit for a regular Army armored or mechanized division, but none was called up in the initial deployment of more than 230,000 forces to the gulf. It's still not certain that the three brigades will be sent to the front lines; they are scheduled to undergo desert warfare training in the United States before a deployment decision is made. Reservists normally train one weekend per month plus one two-week exercise a year. The Marine Corps said it was ordering 6,496 reservists to active duty for Desert Shield. Most are expected to be deployed to the gulf as part of Marine reinforcements totaling about 45,000 men. About 45,000 regular Marines are already in the gulf area. The Marine reserves, from units in 23 states and the District of Columbia, will report for duty starting Saturday with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C. That unit is expected to deploy to the gulf. The missions of the Marine reserves in the latest call-up include

air defense, mechanized and infantry operations, close air support, radar and artillery. Bush has authorized a maximum call-up of 125,000 reserves from all services. The reserve forces total more than 1.1 million men and women.

Nov 25, 1990: Published in "The Durant Daily Democrat" entitled: RESERVE TROOPS ARRIVE FOR TRAINING AT LAWTON, Okla. (AP); More than 1,000 Army reservists from Oklahoma and Arkansas began arriving at Fort Sill on Saturday for training after being activated for the Persian Gulf crisis. It was the largest one-day influx at the southwest Oklahoma post since the crisis began Aug. 2, and it sent Fort Sill officials scurrying to find beds and food for all the newcomers. "We scramble a lot but whenever they get here, we're ready for them," post spokeswoman Sheila Samples said Saturday. By mid-afternoon, the arrivals included: The 158th Field Artillery from Lawton, with 94 vehicles; The 44th Medical Company from Midwest City, with 17 vehicles; The 145th Medical Clearing Company from Broken Arrow, with 20 vehicles. Four more units were due to arrive later Saturday from Arkansas. They were the 224th Maintenance from Mountain Home, Ark.; Headquarters Battery of the 142nd Field Artillery out of Fayetteville, Ark.; the First Battalion of the 142nd Field Artillery out of Harris, Ark.; and the Second Battalion of the 142nd Field Artillery out of Fort Smith, Ark. The arrivals were expected to total 1,100 new soldiers, Ms. Samples said. Their stay at Fort Sill will depend on their specialty. "They train in their specialty and of course they'll all have to qualify in rifle training and have nuclear and biological warfare training," said Ms. Samples. "They'll get intensive training to be sure they're combat-ready... They are not validated to leave here until we are confident they are field ready," she said. The medical units might finish training before field artillery companies, she said., Many of the reservists got warm send-offs from their hometowns. Thousands of well wishers lined the streets of Broken Arrow at 7 a.m. Saturday to cheer the 145th Medical Clearing Company's convoy as it departed for Fort Sill. It took just over five minutes for the police escort, 20 military transport vehicles and two rented buses to roll down Main Street on their way to the Broken Arrow Expressway and then to Lawton. The National Guard's 145th Army Band and the Broken Arrow High School Band played pop and patriotic music while some bystanders waved

small American flags. Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce officials estimated the crowd near downtown at 3,000 to 4,000 people. Dozens more lined bridges along the expressway. Guests of honor included Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., who said the majority of his constituents still hope for a peaceful resolution to the Persian Gulf crisis. “Most hope there won’t be an invasion,” Synar said. “They support (President Bush), but are hopeful of getting this settled without the loss of American lives.” A smaller send-off was organized in Chickasha, home town for about 85 members of the Lawton-based Battery “C”, First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. About 500 people turned out to seem them off, officials said. Published in “The Sunday Oklahoman” entitled: ARMY RESERVISTS CROWDING FORT SILL TO UNDERGO TRAINING. Fort Sill (AP) More than 1,000 Army reservists from Oklahoma and Arkansas began arriving at Fort Sill on Saturday for training after being activated for the Persian Gulf crisis. It was the largest one-day influx at the southwest Oklahoma post since the crisis began Aug. 2, and it sent Fort Sill officials scurrying to find beds and food for all the newcomers. "We scramble a lot but whenever they get here, we're ready for them," post spokeswoman Sheila Samples said Saturday. By mid-afternoon, the arrivals included: The 158th Field Artillery from Lawton, with 94 vehicles; The 44th Medical Company from Midwest City, with 17 vehicles; The 145th Medical Clearing Company from Broken Arrow, with 20 vehicles. Four more units were due to arrive later Saturday from Arkansas. They were the 224th Maintenance from Mountain Home, Ark.; Headquarters Battery of the 142nd Field Artillery out of Fayetteville, Ark.; the First Battalion of the 142nd Field Artillery out of Harris, Ark.; and the Second Battalion of the 142nd Field Artillery out of Fort Smith, Ark. The arrivals were expected to total 1,100 new soldiers, she said. Their stay at Fort Sill will depend on their specialty. "They train in their specialty and of course they'll all have to qualify in rifle training and have nuclear and biological warfare training," Samples said. "They'll get intensive training to be sure they're combat-ready... They are not validated to leave here until we are confident they are field ready," she said. The medical units might finish training before field artillery companies, she said. Many of the reservists got warm send-offs from their hometowns. Thousands of well-wishers lined the streets of Broken Arrow at 7 a.m. Saturday to cheer the 145th Medical Clearing Company's convoy as it departed for

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Nov 28, 1990: Published in "The Altus Times" entitled: The STATE MILITARY UNITS INVOLVED IN CRISIS. By The Associated Press. Here are the Oklahoma military

units that have had members either activated or placed on alert for Operation Desert Shield as of Tuesday: ARMY RESERVE: 701st Personnel Service Co., Ada, on alert, 44th Medical Evacuation Hospital, Oklahoma City, activated. OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: 745th Military Police Company, south Oklahoma City, on alert, 245th Medical Company, Midwest City, on alert, 1045 Ordinance Detachment, Fort Sill, on alert, 2120th Supply and Service Company, Wewoka-Konawa, Headquarters Detachment 120th Medical Battalion, Midwest City, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, 145th Medical Company, Broken Arrow. AIR FORCE RESERVE: 72nd Aerial Port Squadron, 119 members, activated. OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD: The following units have contributed 66 volunteers (46 still on duty): 137th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight, Oklahoma City, 137th Tactical Airlift Wing, Oklahoma City, 138th Civil Engineering Squadron, Tulsa. NAVY RESERVE: About 10 members of the Naval Material Transportation Office Fleet Detachment 311, Oklahoma City are being recalled to active duty for 90 days. Two members of the Office of Information, Detachment 411, Oklahoma City. Advanced Base Functional Component, Small Supply Unit 211, Oklahoma City. MARINE CORPS RESERVE: Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines, Oklahoma City, Anti-Tank Company, 4th Tank Battalion, Broken Arrow. ARMY: Fort Sill, III Corps Artillery, 6th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, 230th Finance Support Unit, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 5th Battalion, 18th Field Artillery, 3rd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery, 47th Field Hospital, 47th Combat Support Battalion. AIR FORCE: Altus Air Force Base: Military Airlift Command De-Contamination Unit, 443rd Military Wing, Strategic Air Command Refueling Wing Tinker Air Force Base. AWACS: Vance Air Force Base. Thirteen members of the Security Police Squadron and four support personnel.

Dec 18, 1990: Published in “The Altus Times” entitled: NG UNIT PREPARES FOR SAUDI. Altus resident excited, nervous about operation. By Catherine King, Times Staff Writer. Fort Sill: The 1 Battalion 158th Field Artillery National Guard Unit from the area are preparing for deployment to the Middle East. The unit loads MLRS rockets which consists of two pods with six rockets and are nicknamed "six packs." The practice pods are filled with cement to protect against any accidents. Jason

Whiting of Altus belongs to this unit. He said he is excited and nervous at the same time. "I got into the National Guard because my father was a career Air Force and a lot of my family is military. It's a family tradition." Whiting is a 1990 graduate of Altus High School and plans to attend OSU Technical School in Okmulgee to study electrical engineering or aeronautical engineering. He is the son of retired MSgt. Ralph and Sandy Whiting, also of Altus. Major James Doyle, 53rd training, officer operations, is the officer in charge of the unit. He is proud of his people. He said, "I know my men and my men know each other. We have great command control and the families are all closely involved." According to Doyle, the guardsmen are very well equipt to work with the equipment because of their surroundings. Many of the men have worked on farms or around heavy equipment. They already know safety procedures and how to work with it. He also said "There is a lot of common sense in this unit. Many of the men were in the regular army or have worked hard in their communities." Whiting said "I hope I get to see all of my family at Christmas. We are supposed to have a couple of days off and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas." Photo Caption: Jason Whiting, a member of the 1 Battalion 158th Field Artillery National Guard Unit in Lawton, gives some of his thoughts about the group's preparation for deployment to the Middle East to Altus Times staff reporter Catherine King. Several members of the state media were on hand Monday morning at Fort Sill to observe local guardsmen readying themselves for Operation Desert Shield. In the bottom photo, an instructor is going over the fine points of loading the MLRS rockets. (Staff photos by Susan Dotson).

Jan 27, 1991: Published in “The Telegraph” entitled: MIDEAST MILITARY HONORS. Following are addresses of area military personnel, stationed with Operation Desert Storm: James L. Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle of Stapleton: Major James L. Doyle, Operation Desert Storm, HHS 1/158 F.A. M.L.R.S., APO New York, N.Y. 09635.

Feb 14, 1991: Published in “The Wayne County Journal Banner” entitled: OPERATION DESERT STORM. Pfc Shannon R. Woodrome, U.S. Army. Pfc Shannon R. Woodrome was deployed to join forces in Saudi Arabia Thursday, Jan. 3. Woodrome

is the grandson of Noel and Joyce James of Piedmont. His sister, Adrienne Woodrome also lives in Piedmont. Pfc Woodrome was a member of the National Guard out of Walters, Okla., and was attending college in Lawton, Okla., when he was activated. Woodrome took advanced training in Multiple Launch Rockets Systems at Fort Sill, Okla. His address is: Pfc Shannon R. Woodrome, Operation Desert Storm, "B" Battery, 1st BAT, 158th FA (MLRS), APO New York, NY 09635.

Mar 14, 1991: Published in "The Wayne County Journal Banner" entitled: PIEDMONT COUPLE'S GRANDSON WOUNDED IN OPERATION DESERT STORM. PFC Shannon R. Woodrome was wounded recently while serving in Operation Desert Shield. Woodrome is the grandson of Noel and Joyce James of Piedmont. His sister, Adrienne, is a senior at Clearwater High School. PFC Woodrome was a member of the National Guard unit from Walters, Okla., and was attending college in Lawton, Okla., when he was activated. He was deployed to Saudi Arabia in January with the 158th Division Artillery out of Fort Sill, Okla. Woodrome was trained in the Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS). Woodrome was injured while driving a large truck hauling rockets into Iraqi territory right before the ground invasion. The sand was very thick and visibility was low, so driving was very difficult. Several of the trucks rammed into each other when the lead truck stopped suddenly. Woodrome was thrown out of his truck through a hole in the cab. He was unable to move after hitting the ground and the truck, which weighed 10 tons and was carrying 10,000 pounds of rockets, ran over his legs. Both of his knee caps were broken. Woodrome was flown by Medi-Vac to Saudi Arabia where surgery was performed on his knees. According to his grandmother, he has pins in one of his legs. Woodrome was in four hospitals in Saudi Arabia. He was then flown to Germany to a hospital and then finally back to Ft. Sill, Okla. He will undergo surgery later to remove the pins. After this is done, PFC Woodrome will then have extensive therapy. Currently Woodrome is on 30 days convalescent leave and is staying with his other grandmother in Oklahoma. Then he has to go back and have more surgery. If you would like to write Woodrome, his address is: Shannon Woodrome, 105 E. Willow, Duncan, Okla. 73533.

Jul 28, 1991: Published in “The Durant Daily Democrat” entitled: GULF WAR CHANGED SOLDIERS. By Robert Dvorchak, AP National Writer. Daniel Leary felt uneasy as the first planeload of U.S. combat troops headed for a distant desert last Aug. 7. On their day-long journey halfway across the world to draw President Bush's line in the sand, Leary and his 209 fellow paratroopers readied for war. They double-checked weapons and gas masks. They swallowed as much water as they could. And they smeared on camouflage makeup, which later dripped from their sweaty faces in 130-degree heat. "It was so quiet, you could have heard a pin drop. Nobody knew what to expect. Not knowing was the worst," said Leary, 35, a master sergeant with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. A year ago, these warriors, the vanguard of a 541,000-strong force, were the only ground deterrent between Saudi Arabia's oilfields and Saddam Hussein's armored divisions. On the day they landed; Aug. 8; Iraq claimed Kuwait as its own. Ultimately, six weeks of bombing and a 100-hour ground war liberated Kuwait, and it transformed those on the battlefront. Seven months to the day after stepping off that first jet, Leary headed home to Fayetteville, N.C., to a wife and four children who had kept up the Christmas tree for a belated holiday. "This experience has truly changed everybody in one way or another," said Leary, a Los Angeles native. "I pray a little more. I spend a little more time by myself. I appreciate my wife's cooking." To be sure, there are some nagging thoughts about Saddam Hussein remaining power. "You kind of wonder. It feels the job wasn't quite completed," Leary said. But the image of the military got a big boost from the triumph of Desert Storm. In addition to the parades and star-spangled celebrations, paratroopers are in demand at air shows and events; something that never happened a year ago. It has been like a coming of age. "I think they have better appreciation of the things they have," said Col. Ron Rokosz, 45, of Chicago, commander of the division's 2nd Brigade and also on the first plane in. "They're more confident in themselves. If we get into a future situation, we'll live with it. We'll adjust. Where are they going to send us that's worse?" The transformation was due not so much to the heat of combat; the 82nd didn't have a single hostile casualty, and U.S. combat deaths were relatively light; but to what its members stomached in Saudi Arabia. Before the victory over Iraq, there were battles with uncertainty, an interminable wait through Thanksgiving

and Christmas, non-stop training, pesky flies, prepackaged meals, odorous outhouses, sandstorms, and Scud threats. All this in an Islamic culture that the soldiers didn't necessarily understand. At first, some paratroopers darkly called themselves "speed bumps" because, as light infantry, they had no heavy armor to stop Saddam Hussein's tanks if they came south. But the first forces, originally ordered to secure airfields so comrades could follow, were more than a tripwire. The 2,500-man 2nd Brigade was not only the first U.S. ground force in Saudi Arabia. Its soldiers were the first U.S. ground troops to invade Iraq, driving in unopposed the day before the ground war. The brigade, operating with a French armored division on the far western flank, secured a highway used as an invasion route. Paratroopers took about 2,000 prisoners in three days and met almost no resistance. Their 250 body bags were unneeded. "It was like studying for a test we never got to take," said Cpl. Baxter Morrison, 22, of Fayetteville, N.C. "I got in my seat, they gave me the paper and we got an A without actually taking the test. But even though I didn't fire my weapon, I did my part. We did the job." The 82nd Airborne is the Army's contingency force, designed to be on the way to any troublespot in the world within 18 hours. The 1st Battalion of the 2nd Brigade even has a business card: "No mission too tough. Our work is permanent. You call, we fall. Service anywhere in the world in 18 hours." Paratroopers say they volunteer twice: once to join the Army, and again to go airborne. They punctuate salutes with shouts of "Airborne!" or "All the way." And they have their own word — "hoo-ah" — to spice conversations. (It roughly means the same as "right on" did to an earlier generation.) No matter how hot it got, or how light the duty was, paratroopers always wore their combat helmets and never once donned cloth hats. The helmets kept them in a "go to war" mindset. But all that is over now. Members of the 82nd are home, waiting for their next assignment. Pfc. Scott Ramsey, 22, has marched in several victory parades, including one in his hometown of Ripley, W. Va., on the Fourth of July. And like other paratroopers, he is back in jump training to be ready for that next mission, whatever it may be. Except that this time, there's a difference. "Everybody that went over there has matured and grown up," Ramsey said. "I have a different outlook on life, a new meaning of what's really important, like my family and friends, being able to have a free life in America. It's great to be

home." Photo Caption: PROUD TO BE HOME: PFC David Reynolds of Durant, is surrounded by nephews, nieces and sister, Cathy Sheffield, as he arrives at Fort Sill. Reynolds and his unit returned to a hero's welcome Thursday night. Gov. David Walters was on hand to offer his personal congratulations. He is a member of the National Guard's 158th Field Artillery, a Multiple Launch Rocket System, deployed to Operation Desert Storm in January. He is the son of Albert and Carolyn Reynolds. (Photo by Polly Reynolds)

Nov 11, 1991: Published in “The Durant Daily Democrat” entitled: VETERANS HONORED THROUGHOUT NATION, STATE. By The Associated Press. Veterans Day ceremonies scheduled for today will pay tribute to missing and disabled veterans and also honor Oklahoma's troops who served in the Persian Gulf War. Fort Sill officials say the Gulf war makes their ceremony especially poignant this year. Color bearers wearing Gulf War uniforms will join those in uniforms from the Korean and Vietnam wars, and color guards in World War I and World War II dress, at the post cemetery Monday. Maj. Gen. Fred Marty will speak, and veterans will place a wreath at the post's Veterans Monument. In Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma National Guard commander who led the First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery during the 100-hour land battle to free Kuwait will speak at the 45th Infantry ceremony. Lt. Col. Larry Haub's unit received special commendation for its work in the ground war. The ceremony will feature a helicopter flyover, a demonstration by the Tinker Air Force saber team and a salute from a Hotchkiss gun from the time of the Spanish-American War. Gov. David Walters will attend the 45th Infantry ceremony. Oklahoma Chief Justice Marian Opala will speak at the Oklahoma Veterans Memorial across the state Capitol. Visitors to a traveling exhibit at the Omniplex Science Museum in Oklahoma City can chart the progress of wartime medical advances and, in a chronicled history that covers Colonial times through the Gulf Ward, see how war affects troops' lives. The 2,000-square-foot exhibit is sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans. "In the Line of Duty: America's Disabled Veterans".

Feb 18, 1993: Published in “The Altus Times” entitled: NEWS BRIEFS. The biennial reunion of the 207th Field Artillery Battalion, World War II, will be held at the Howard Johnson Motel, Lawton, Aug. 19-21. The unit was originally the 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma National Guard. It was mobilized with the 45th Division on Sept. 16, 1940. Battery size units came from Kingfisher, Weatherford and Duncan, and Mesa, Ariz. Reservations can be made with the Howard Johnson Motel, 353-0200, by July 1, or call Walter Horton, 355-8155 or Howard Karnes, 372-7187.

Dec 02, 1993: Published in “The Hattiesburg American” entitled: ENGAGEMENTS. Arrington – Thronson. D.C. Thronson and Shirley Thronson, both of Hattiesburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Darlene Thronson of Pryor, Okla., to Joe Don Arrington of Duncan, Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Arrington of Comanche, Okla. Wedding vows will be exchanged 2 p.m. Dec. 11 in First Baptist Church, Pryor. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. The bride-elect is a graduate of Runnelstown High School and attends Rogers State College. She also attended Petal High School and William Carey College. She is an administrative clerk with the Army National Guard Bureau, Logistics Support Center 3 in Pryor. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Charlie Houston of Comanche. He attended Comanche High School and Cameron University. He is self-employed and is a battery commander for the 1/158th FA Army National Guard Units, Oklahoma Army National Guard, Lawton, Okla.

Jun 09, 1994: Published in “The El Paso Times” entitled: MISSLE FIRING PLANNED. The Army Tactical Missile System will be fired for the 100th time at White Sands Missile Range. The weapon is a conventional long-range guided missile fired form a mobile platform. It will be fired by soldiers of the 1 / 158th Field Artillery Oklahoma National Guard unit. Times staff reports.

Nov 18, 1994: Published in “The Tulsa World” entitled: POWELL UNDECIDED ON '96. By Dwayne Hartnett, World Senior Business Writer. Retired Gen. Colin L. Powell said he will wait until he finishes writing his memoirs before deciding whether to

run for president in 1996. "Once I've finished with my memoirs, I'm sure I'll be involved in service to my country in some way, whether I'll seek elected office; I haven't decided," Powell said following a speech that kicked off the 1994-95 Tulsa Business Forums series. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff added: "I'm not doing anything toward that end at this time." The assumption behind his denial is he is running. Powell's answers after his keynote address at the Performing Arts Center and a luncheon at the nearby Adam's Mark Hotel clearly indicate he enjoys the speculation. Asked if he knew any generals that were presidential caliber, he said, "Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the man that signed me into the Army as a first lieutenant, was a general with the ability to be president. "And, General (George) Marshall was, too. Although he chose to help his country as a statesman rather than as a politician." Powell filled the statesman role when he joined former President Jimmy Carter, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and members of the Clinton administration in negotiating a peaceful solution to the situation in Haiti. Powell recounted the talks that led to the ouster of Raoul Cedras, chief of the Haitian armed forces, and a peaceful invasion by American troops. "We were on the telephone with President Clinton and he told us the troops were on the way, and we had to get out of there. I looked around and Col. Cedras was out of place, and the first thing I did was look for the M-16 I had seen when we came into the room," Powell recalled. "I wanted to be the closest one to it." Cedras returned and accused the group of trying to keep him in place while troops invaded. "I looked him straight in the eye — one military man to another — and said, 'I need to hear it from you. We've got youngsters coming in here tomorrow morning, and I need to know they won't meet resistance.'" "And, there wasn't any real resistance," he said. Powell warned that it will take some time before Haiti is a real democracy and that as many as 3,000 troops are going to be needed to assure proper changes are made. He was less optimistic about Bosnia. "That war has been going on since the 15th century, and I think it will last another two years because no Western world country has any interest in fighting a ground war there, and you can't win just from the air," Powell said. Powell surprised many in his audience when he said he agreed in principle with cutbacks in the military but questioned several specific scenarios. "When they talked about doing away with the 45th Brigade, I was

opposed immediately, because the 158th Field Artillery out of it was one of the most proficient units in the Operation Desert Storm campaign. "There is no need to have as many people in the military and as many bases as we've had the last 25 to 40 years, because that great threat to the world — the Soviet Union and communism — no longer is a great bear." "We still need a strong military and the way to do that is fund it properly for research and pay our young men and women accordingly so we can continue to attract the best of the best." Powell admitted he has had second thoughts about retirement. "The morning after I had retired with all of the pomp and ceremony at Fort Meyer, I went into the kitchen and said good morning to my wife. "She said, 'The sink's stopped up.'"

May 30, 1996: Published in "The Fort Smith Southwest Times Record" entitled: FORT CHAFFEE PICKED FOR ROCKET TRAINING. The state-of-the-art weapons were fired off in front of spectators at the fort in a Wednesday demonstration. By Scott Smith, Times Record staff. State-of-the-art weapons filled the clear sky over Fort Chaffee Wednesday as local and area residents of all ages joined officials in celebrating the coming of the new weapons system to the area. The public demonstration was one of several events recognizing Fort Chaffee for being named an official training site for the Multi-Launch Rocket System. Maj. Cissy Lashbrook, Arkansas Military Department public affairs officer, said the event was the first live-fire exercise in the area. The event honored the 142nd Field Artillery Brigade of the Arkansas National Guard, which was recently selected to receive the MLRS, she said. The first battalion of the 142nd Brigade will receive nine MLRS units next year and is scheduled to fire them at Fort Chaffee, Lashbrook said. Members of the Oklahoma National Guard's First Battalion of the 158th conducted the demonstration in front of a captivated crowd of about 400 soldiers and civilians, who also attended a lunch and ceremony held at Fort Chaffee's parade field Wednesday. Maj. Melvin Thrash, adjutant general with the Arkansas National Guard, said the demonstration ceremony was held for a number of reasons. "We're not only celebrating the arrival of the MLRS, but we're celebrating the fact that Fort Chaffee will remain open as a training site," he said. "Within a year, we will have the MLRS system in our inventory." Battery A of the 142nd is located at Bentonville,

Battery B is at Springdale and Battery C is at Rogers. Each battery will receive three MLRS units, which operate from an all-terrain track vehicle. Each unit has a launch pad that can fire 12 surface-to-surface rockets, Lashbrook said. The rockets, which can be fired at enemy soldiers and various towers and facilities, were used in Operation Desert Storm and will replace the battalion's standard 8-inch howitzer guns, she said. A three-year MLRS training program is scheduled for next year, with the first year to take place at Fort Sill, Okla. Second-year training will take place at Fort Chaffee, and during the third year of training, also scheduled at Fort Chaffee, soldiers will concentrate on battery-level training, Lashbrook said. Each MLRS is aimed and fired by a crew of three from inside the cab of the tracked vehicle, she said. The rocket most commonly used is the M77 rocket, which is 13 feet long and 9 inches in diameter, she said. Weighing 677 pounds each, the rockets house 644 M77 dual purpose grenades, which are dropped over a designated target, Lashbrook said. Officials estimated that the addition of the new rockets will boost the 142nd battalion's count of 417 soldiers to 455, Lashbrook recently said. Photo Caption: A military track vehicle, operated by members of the Oklahoma National Guard's First Battalion of the 158th MLRS, demonstrates how multi-launch artillery rockets are fired at Fort Chaffee Wednesday for local and area residents. The 142nd Field Artillery Brigade of the Arkansas National Guard will receive nine MLRS units next year, and Fort Chaffee will serve as a training site. / Scott Smith / Times Record].

Jun 08, 1996: Published in “The Tulsa World” entitled: TRAINING FIELDS OF DEADLY FIRE. Guard Battle-Ready With Rocket System, By Christina Leonard, World Staff Writer. Fort Chaffee, Ark. — Boom! A rocket blasts into the blue sky, leaving only a trail of white smoke and a brown dust cloud. Two more rockets follow close behind. Soldiers in the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery (MLRS), Oklahoma National Guard, are training for battle. The team operates one deadly weapon. “It’s the most potent killing weapon the artillery possesses short of tactical nuclear weapons,” Lt. Brad Carter of the Oklahoma National Guard said. “I would sure hate to face it on the other side.” The Multiple Launch Rocket System, a highly mobile automatic weapon, can aim and fire up to 12 rockets in less than a minute. In actual use, each rocket could spray 644 small bomblets that float gently

to the ground and explode on impact, said Lt. Col. Jim Warner, executive officer for the 45th Field Artillery Brigade, whose headquarters is in Enid. Soldiers watched proudly last week as the battalion conducted the first live-fire exercises of their MLRS at Fort Chaffee. Both Oklahoma and Arkansas National Guard members also took the occasion to celebrate the naming of Fort Chaffee as a National Guard training site for the MLRS. That means Arkansas will receive their own MLRS battalion next year. Warner said there are few close MLRS training sites because of safety precautions necessary when firing the rockets. The Oklahoma National Guard uses short-range training missiles, known as "rippers," with dead warheads that don't explode. But Warner said they have to make sure there is nobody under the warhead when it falls. The Guard closed Arkansas 96 during the exercises to ensure public safety. Maj. Cissy Lashbrook, Arkansas state public affairs officer, said Oklahoma trains at Fort Chaffee often, and keeping the post open is vital for both states. "The Oklahoma National Guard can save thousands of dollars each time they do field exercises," she said. Training with MLRS is expensive. Warner said it costs $3,500 per rocket launched on MLRS, and the battalion practiced with 78 rockets at Fort Chaffee. That's $273,000 for artillery alone. But Lashbrook said this training is important because it allows the battalions to join the active forces if deployed. Brig. Gen. John W. Hubbard, assistant adjutant general for the Oklahoma National Guard, said Fort Chaffee offers troops a European or Korean-type scenario for training. He said it's important for the battalion to train in different kinds of environments. The 1st Battalion 158th, whose headquarters is in Lawton, was the first MLRS battalion organized in the National Guard. The unit was called to active duty in Operation Desert Storm, Warner said. "This battalion fired more rockets than any other battalion — active or not," Warner said. Most observers at Fort Chaffee agreed that the MLRS is the state-of-the-art weapon of the future. Hubbard said this system is an example of weapons moving from being predominantly mechanical to computerized, which is perfect for young recruits already accustomed to computers. Through computers, the MLRS is capable of locating and orienting itself on the target. Oklahoma now has two MLRS battalions; the other has its headquarters in Altus. Each battalion has 27 launchers at a cost of about $2.1 million for each launcher and service vehicle. Even if the

weapon is never used in battle, the blaze of light shooting toward the sun is an excellent fireworks display. “It’s the sound of freedom,” Warner said, as a rocket blasted into the sky.

Jun 02, 1998: Published in “The Altus Times” entitled: AREA GUARDSMEN CONVERGE ON FORT SILL. Lawton. Two weeks doesn't seem like a very long time. But if every minute of those weeks is devoted to intense annual training, then members of the Oklahoma and Texas Army National Guard can develop, hone, and perfect their soldiering skills for an entire year. Such was the case recently, as 878 field artillery troops from the two states converged on Fort Sill Army Post for such an occasion. Participating in the annual training exercise, which ran from May 16 through June 6, were members of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade based out of Enid, 1st Battalion 171st Field Artillery unit, with headquarters in Lawton, and the 1st Battalion 171st Field Artillery unit based in Altus. The 158th Field Artillery also has units based in Anadarko, Duncan, Frederick, Marlow, and Walters, while the 171st Field Artillery has armories stationed in Clinton, Elk City, Hobart, Hollis, Weatherford, and Wichita Falls, Texas. The main objective of the training exercise, according to 45th field artillery brigade executive officer Major Wayne Rakett, of Yukon, was to improve the brigade's ability to "move, shoot and communicate." "Our main focus will be to conduct platoon and Multiple Launch Rocket System battery operations," Rakett said. "Both battalions were to then transition into battery operations under the control of brigade headquarters." The highlight of the training maneuver was an actual "live fire" exercise, where 162 M-26 reduced range practice rockets were fired from the Army's Multiple Launch Rocket System. Rakett said over the course of the exercise, troops would also be evaluated by members of the 479th Field Artillery Brigade and the 75th Field Artillery Brigade, both stationed at Fort Sill. "Our focus at annual training is generally the same, but we will change the tactical scenarios from year to year," Rakett said. "What we try to do is incorporate those tasks from the brigade all the way down to the launcher." Rakett said an 88 percent participation rate of the soldiers assigned to the brigade would appear to be a good indicator that the troops are receptive to the annual training exercise. He said the remaining 12 percent could not participate because of school

or some other type of prior obligation. "What we try to pride ourselves in is that we want the soldiers to know they are taken care of from a leadership perspective," Rakett said. "The training is demanding, but well organized. It's not a waste of time. The soldiers are normally here and they normally give 100 percent." Rakett went on to say that command readiness is always a key and that safety also is an important concern. The brigade's commanding officer, Col. Larry Haub, of El Reno, basically echoed the comments of Rakett when detailing the objective of the mission. "We feel if we can move, shoot, and communicate, we would only need about 28 days to mobilize in the event we ever go to war," Haub said. "We can perform survival tasks at the mobilization site." Haub said, as far as the field artillery is concerned, a battalion level of efficiency is important to maintain."The mission, regardless of where we go, is able to perform any task," Haub said. "The battalion must sustain and maintain itself. Where brigade readiness is concerned, I think we have to put the troops on the ground and exercise all phases of training." For 1st Sgt. Steve Phearson, of Elgin, the training he's experienced over the past several days has been, in his words, "outstanding." "We've seen some great teamwork and some great co-operation. The maintenance, the food...everything's been outstanding," said Phearson, who as a civilian is a military instructor for missile command at Fort Sill. "We've made sure we got the job done and had a good time doing it. To me, that what it's all about." "We've got a great battalion and I don't mind bragging on them. When you've got active duty folks telling us year after year that we can keep pace with them, that says something. Especially, when we only train 39 days out of the year." "Of course, no annual training would be complete without a thunderstorm, or two. The troops were inconvenienced by Mother Nature at least once, but the weather for the most part was as Phearson would say, 'outstanding.' In fact, as one soldier put it, 'If it ain't raining, it ain't training.'" Photo Captions: Top Photo: Oklahoma Army National Guard members of the 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery have spent the first two weeks of summer honing their skills at Fort Sill. Altus' Spec. Michael Davis works on the fire direction computer during two-week training. When not training with the guard, Davis works as an electrical lineman for the City of Altus. The battalion has units at Altus, Hollis, Mangum, Weatherford, Clinton, and Elk City. Bottom Photo: Sgt. Joe

Aguilar, Altus, works as an radio operator during his two-week training with the Oklahoma Army National Guard at Fort Sill.

Nov 23, 2000: Published in “The Marcellus News” entitled: REFLECTIONS. By Dave Thornton on World War II Veterans "The Way It Was" Anthony Kandlstorfer. Tony entered service in the U.S. Army on February 24, 1943 at the age of 18. After induction, he spent 13 weeks at Camp Roberts, California where he received basic training, and was assigned to the Field Artillery for additional training. At the end of this period of training, he was assigned to a 105 mm howitzer battery in the 158th Field Artillery. His unit was then sent to Camp Grant, Illinois where he was given a two day furlough. After he returned from furlough, the 158th went by train to Camp Patrick Henry, a port of embarkation on the east coast. After their ship left port, they joined a large convoy of ships heading for either North Africa or Sicily. Shortly after passing through the Straits of Gibralter, their ship struck a mine and was abandoned. The lifeboats made for the nearest shore which happened to be Oran, Algeria, fortunately in Allied hands. From there they were picked up and transported to Bizerte, Tunisia. There they joined the 45th Division, preparing to invade Sicily. However, additional training was necessary; so the 45th was then assigned to back up the 36th Division on the invasion of Italy at Salerno. The 36th landed with difficulty and were pinned down at the beachhead so the 45th was sent to reinforce them. While on the beach at Salerno, they were under constant strafing attacks by German ME-109 fighter planes. Shortly after they landed, effective support was provided by the all black 99th Fighter Squadron, flying P-38s. They shot down several German fighters and greatly reduced the strafing attacks. After leaving Salerno, the 158 joined the attack on Cassino where Allied troops were bogged down by deep mud and freezing cold. While trying to dig foxholes in the mud, Tony and some of his buddies dug into an abandoned German latrine. Around Christmas of 1943, the 158th underwent more training in preparation for the invasion at Anzio. Landing there with the 45th Division, they provided artillery support for the 157th Infantry. The invasion was stalled on the beachhead until May of 1944, under constant artillery and mortar fire from German troops dug in on the hills above the beach. The Anzio landing would go down as one of the major

Allied disasters of the European War. Eventually, the 158th was pulled out of Anzio, and on August 15, 1944, they landed in southern France. Following the Rhone River valley, they advanced up to Grenoble, France near Switzerland. As they advanced further north in France, they ran into the German offensive in the Battle of the Bulge. They were forced to retreat as German forces attempted to push the Allies back to the Meuse River. After the German offensive broke down, and they retreated back into Germany, or were captured or destroyed, the 158th advanced into Germany along the Rhine River. At Worms, they crossed the river in DUKW's (amphibious trucks known to the GI's as "ducks") and turned south to Nuremberg where their 105 howitzers participated in the siege of Nuremberg which resulted in the almost complete destruction of the city. Proceeding southward, they by-passed Munich and ended up at the Isar River, across from the Dachau concentration camp. After crossing the river, they participated in liberating some of the Dachau prisoners. When some of these released prisoners began attacking German civilians, it was necessary for them to be rounded up and returned to the Dachau camp, where food and clothing was provided. They then moved towards Innsbruck, Austria and in a short time returned to Munich, where they received the news that their war was over. With the end of the European War, members of the 158th were given the option of staying with the 45th Division, slated to go to the Pacific, probably to participate in the invasion of Japan, or of transferring to other units. Needless to say, many of them, including Tony, chose the second option. He was assigned to the 105Engineering Company which was shipped to Marseille, France. There they spent two weeks camped on the beach in squad tents. In mid September, they left by ship for the States and landed back at Camp Patrick Henry. From there, they were sent by train to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, which was so crowded they were sent on to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Since Atterbury was also full of soldiers awaiting discharge. In a month, Tony returned and was discharged on October 13, 1945, after serving over 33 months, with more than 27 months overseas. Decorations: EAME Theater Ribbon with five Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct Ribbon.

Mar 03, 2003: Published in “The Altus Times” entitled: MESSAGES FROM HOME. For SPC Nathaniel E. Cordes with the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery which was recently activated and will be deploying to the Middle East: Nathaniel, You are my hero! for what sacrifice you are about to make for us and our country. I love you and will be waiting here for your safe return. P.S. Watch out for any exploding soda cans. Love Always, Lynn. John Donald Bloomberg, E3 Navy USS Saipan LHAZ: We love you and miss you; Mom, Dad and Grandpa B. Tyler Shelby, SPC, US Army National Guard Reserves: We are so proud of you!; Love, Mom, Jay Cameron and Alyssa. Let’s see more yellow ribbons around town ... tied around a tree or wear one your lapel. M y girl and I are wearing them daily in hopes of the POWs to return home soon and safely; Kathy Hansen.

Mar 20, 2003: Published in “The Altus Times” entitled: HOMELAND HEROES. SPC Nathaniel E. Cordes. SPC Nathaniel E. Cordes is originally from Lawton and is now living in Altus with his wife Lynn. He is with the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery which was recently activated and will be deploying to the Middle East.

Mar 27, 2003: Published in “The Daily Oklahoman” entitled: FATHER-SON TEAM SHARE BOND IN SERVICE TO U.S. By Ron Jackson, Staff Writer. Fort Sill; Sgt. 1st Class Ralph Pennington is proud of the man who will stand by his side when his battery is deployed to war in Iraq. Then again, Pennington has always been proud of his son. Pennington and his stepson, Spc. Billy Holley, share a special bond as members of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery's “C” Battery. They also share the proud heritage of the National Guard, which they represent from their hometown of Chickasha. Pennington, 44, and Holley, 19, joined the National Guard because both say they are kindred spirits. Holley is the only one of five adult brothers who chose to follow in Pennington's footsteps. "We all grew up the same way," said Holley, a lab assistant at Grady Memorial Hospital in Chickasha. "If you are able, you do something to help your country. For whatever reason, I'm the only one who chose to join the National Guard. I feel proud of what I'm doing." Last year at this time, Holley was preparing to graduate in a class of 32 from Alex High School in the rural Grady County town. He later married his high school

sweetheart, Tammera. Today, he's camped on harsh terrain at Fort Sill, going through field operations and awaiting final deployment orders. Time on the war front looms near. "Being so young and going to war is a scary thing, but it also feels good," Holley said. "A lot of men younger than me have served this country. So now it's my turn to do my part. "And it is comforting to know that my father will be with me." Pennington, a veteran of the first Gulf War, has no reservations about Holley being with him in combat. Both volunteered. "I've never even thought about it, really," Pennington said with a slight shrug. "If I would want someone to go to war with, it would be my son." Pennington said he is aware of the potential dangers he and Holley might encounter. "The last time, we didn't have to worry about chemical warfare," Pennington said. "This time, I am kind of expecting chemical warfare." Holley said he and his comrades are prepared for whatever they might face. "When I first got here, I was a little nervous," Holley said. "But now we've had time to go over a lot of things, and we're feeling more and more comfortable. We've trained hard for any situation that might come our way. I don't think we'll face anything that we haven't prepared for." Photo Caption: Army Sgt. 1st Class Ralph Pennington, left, and his stepson, Spc. Billy Holley, expect to ship off together to serve in the war in Iraq. Staff writer Ron Jackson can be reached by e-mail at rjackson@oklahoman.com or by phone at (580) 666-2310.

Apr 13, 2003: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: CALL TO ARMS ALMOST GOT OVERLOOKED. It was a call to arms that almost got overlooked. When Detachment 2, 1120th Maintenance Company, did not get a mobilization order in February, panic went across 45th Field Artillery Brigade headquarters in Enid, according to the executive officer for the brigade, Lt. Col. Robert Rochell. As past commander of 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Rochell knew how important the maintenance detachment was to the mission of the National Guard unit headquartered in Lawton. So 45th Field Artillery Brigade commander Col. Ricky G. Adams and Rochell got on the phone. They carried their fight all the way through Fort Sill, the 1st Cavalry Division and the Pentagon. "Col. Adams even called the 5th Corps commander in Kuwait at that time to discuss with him why his ordnance detachment was not going with the 158, so that is how hard we have

fought," said Lt. Col. Allen Bentley, commander of the 1st of the 158th. Thanks to their efforts, the detachment was mobilized March 25 and is training at Fort Sill now. To drive home its importance, Bentley recited the following: "For want of a nail a horse lost its shoe. For want of a shoe, a horse was lost. For want of a horse, a warrior lost his transportation into battle. For want of the warrior to fight, we lost the battle." "Today our soldiers don't ride into battle on horses but in highly complex machines that take years of training and experience to sustain, maintain and fix," Bentley said. Sgt. 1st Class Merle Fishgrab, "the only man in the U.S. Army to hold the title of enlisted commander," said the 25-member detachment has an experience level of 304 years. Though the average person in the U.S. Army is a 19-year-old male two years out of high school, the average age in his outfit is 32, with a range from 20 to 56. "We're very good at what we do. Some call them the best in the world. I know I do," Fishgrab said. Fishgrab said Saturday's ceremony was not a farewell, which means a final goodbye. "I am asking you to witness a call to arms," he said, giving families and supporters present his pledge to consider the other 24 his children and defend them with his life. Preparing to deploy Sgt. Maj. John Jenson of 1st of the 158th said the detachment will mobilize and deploy to southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He said if there is one word to describe what they have to do to fulfill their mission, it is sacrifice. Not only will they leave their families, but they will get little sleep, and what sleep they do get will be on the ground in a sleeping bag. What little rest they get will be interrupted by guard duty. What food they get will be cold MREs. Their few showers will be cold water. They will work nonstop till the equipment functions. There will be no sports or TV. They will carry 45 pounds of equipment on their back 24 hours a day, Jenson said. They will keep their weapons clean and free of sand at all times, to be ready at a moment's notice. They will be required to wear protective clothing and masks in case they find weapons of mass destruction. They will work in 100-degree temperatures in the daytime and freezing temperatures at night. Vehicles, bunkers and foxholes will be their new homes. And their one response to all this will be: "Hooah. Yes, sergeant major. Can do," Jenson said. 'The Copperheads' One of those "can do" types is E-4 Elizabeth "Zippy" Zepeda, who will have been with the detachment two years in May. She is one of eight women and

17 men known as "the Copperheads." The 2001 graduate of Lawton High School works on wheeled vehicles for 1/158 FA and took three months of training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., in the summer of 2002. She said she likes the job and the work. Her mother said she enlisted in the Guard to get money for school, to which Zepeda added "and to support my country." She had already joined prior to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon but said she's honored to be able to go over as a soldier of the United States in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The five family members who came to support her included her parents, Lynda and James Poe, and three brothers, Joey Lang, James Poe Jr. and Adam Skinner. The ceremony included two PowerPoint presentations by Lawton High senior Nicholas Hays offering historical highlights of the U.S. armed forces and the National Guard in particular. State Sen. Sam Helton, D-Lawton, relayed the good wishes of Gov. Brad Henry and read a concurrent resolution passed by the Oklahoma Legislature on March 18 in support of the more than 3,600 Oklahomans in the National Guard and the Reserves who have been activated in order to protect the state and the nation. The seasoned 'Copperheads' of Detachment 2, 1120th Maintenance Company, stand ready to provide their services to 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, as they deploy together in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

May 07, 2003: Published in “The Tulsa World” entitled: GUARD’S WAR ROLE LAUDED. By Rob Martindale, World Senior Writer. Oklahoma City: Oklahoma National Guard units played key roles in the war in Iraq, the state’s adjutant general said Tuesday. Maj. Gen. Harry Wyatt III made the observation in connection with a Tuesday report that Army National Guard units based in Enid and Lawton will leave Fort Sill in mid-May after two months there as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. The units are the Headquarters, Headquarters Battery of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade at Enid, and the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery at Lawton, which were mobilized in March. The demobilization of more than 475 soldiers from the two units follows the end of major hostilities in Iraq, the Oklahoma National Guard reported. GUARD: The Oklahoma National Guard was the third-most-called Guard unit per capita. “These soldiers can be

proud of their call to arms even though they were not deployed to Central Command to take a direct part in the liberation of Iraq," Wyatt said. "They, along with their families and their employers, sacrificed as much as anyone else in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," he said. Wyatt made note of the following Oklahoma Guard units that have played roles overseas in connection with Operation Iraqi Freedom: The Air Guard's 137th Airlift Wing of Oklahoma City has been flying C-130s in the Central Command theater, including into Baghdad's airport. The Army Guard's Companies A and B, 179th Infantry, provided force protection for Patriot missile batteries throughout the theater and deep into Iraq. Company A has its headquarters in Oklahoma City; Company B has its headquarters in Alva. The 345th Support Battalion and the 1245th Transportation Company of Ardmore have been providing logistical support for Central Command. Members of a Chinook helicopter unit, Detachment 1, Company G, 149th Aviation of Lexington also are conducting aviation operations in Iraq and the Central Command area of operations. The 1st Battalion 180th Infantry of Durant remains deployed as part of the multinational force in the Sinai. The 645th Personnel Service Company of Oklahoma City, Company E, 245th Air Traffic Services of Lexington and Company B, 1st Battalion 108th Aviation of Tulsa are participating in operations in Bosnia. The 1st Battalion 171st Field Artillery Battalion of Altus, the 1120th Maintenance Company of Ada and Company D, 245th Aviation of Lexington are stationed at several Army and Air Force installations in the United States as part of Operation Noble Eagle, a U.S.-based anti-terrorism operation. "We are proud of each and every soldier and airman called," Wyatt said, "and there were thousands of other Guard members who helped get our comrades ready." Almost 3,800 troops, representing 52 percent of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, either have been alerted or mobilized as part of overseas operations or homeland security operations, a Guard spokesman said. More than 400 Oklahoma Air National Guard troops are mobilized overseas and across the United States in ongoing operations, the spokesman said. The Oklahoma National Guard was the third-most-called Guard unit per capita in the 54 states and territories, the state Guard reported.

Jun 15, 2003: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: DAR CELEBRATES LOCAL CHAPTER MEMBERS COLLECT NUMEROUS HONORS. The Duncan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held its annual Flag Day luncheon June 9 in the parlor of First Christian Church. Hostesses included Sharleen Johns, Frances Green, Eleanor Vanlandingham and Betty Eby. Frances Neeld reported on the DAR state conference held in Tulsa. Delegates included Gail Loafman, regent of the Duncan chapter; Sherry Peck, vice regent; and Neeld. Also attending the Youth Luncheon were Jessie Bryant and Elizabeth Lackey, who were first-place winners in the local chapter's American history essay contest. Both students won first place in the state DAR contest, and their essays have been sent to the regional competition. Loafman gave the regent's report on the local chapter's activities and projects. Loafman announced the death of the chapter's last 50-year member, Ruth Ann Dunlap. Several awards won by chapter members were announced. Thelma Shaklee Wiseman won first in state and then went on to win second place in the South Central Division for knitting and crochet items she entered in the American Heritage category. There are nine divisions in the United States. Loafman won first in state on her individual Historic Preservation project, and also placed first in division competition. She also won first place in state for her article on "Family" in the Women's Issues category. She took first-place honors in state for Outstanding Special Project Report, which was a report about all the historical markers in the Duncan DAR chapter's district. She also won a community service award, for which she was nominated by the local chapter. Mahatta Marsh won first in state for Constitution Week activities. The chapter as a whole was recognized for its work in historical contributions, women's issues, programs honoring the flag, veterans, conservation, the Freedom Fighters microfilm project, American history essays, commemorative events, scholarship and newspaper coverage. Guest speaker was Sgt. Keith Wheeler of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, who sketched out the history of the National Guard in the United States. He stated that 19 presidents have been members of the National Guard, which was formed in 1636. They include George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and George W. Bush. More than half of all Army combat soldiers and more than a third of support services are members of the National Guard, he said. The role of the Guard in war

and peace is guarding domestic security. Wheeler outlined the seven values a person must exhibit in order to be a member of the Guard: Loyalty, duty, respect, integrity, selfless service, honor and personal courage. Wheeler, a 1989 graduate of Duncan High School, enlisted in the Guard in 1999. Announcements included Founder's Day on June 28. DAR member Olive Stewart will be honored as Founder's Day queen. The next meeting will be Sept. 22.

Sep 03, 2003: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: FUNERAL HELD FOR LOCAL SOLDIER. Family and friends of Spec. Stephen Michael Scott gathered Tuesday in the same chapel where he was married 13 months ago to celebrate his life and do him honor. The 21-year-old Lawton man died in a non-hostile gunshot incident Aug. 23 near Al Fallujah, Iraq. He was a cook assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo. Prior to joining the United States Army in August 2002, he served in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. He was assigned to Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, in Walters, according to Guard spokesman Lt. Geoff Legler. The Rev. Margaret Scales, who officiated at the wedding and again at the funeral, said that as a little boy, Stephen tried to flunk kindergarten just so he could stay home and play with his mother every day. "Stephen Michael Scott was my best friend, closest confidante, and my hero," said his brother, Adam Forest Scott of Oklahoma City. "Stephen cared about everybody in his life, whether it was somebody he knew for a small time or a long time. Stephen always took care of the wound in you whether he felt like he couldn't or he could. Stephen will always be my hero. "Stephen grew up loving sports, mainly basketball. He was trying to excel in order to be a pro basketball player, and to be honest with you, I believe he would have made it. "Stephen also had great faith in God and Jesus and Their word, and lived by that every day. Stephen would do anything he could to help the smaller person, which was more times than not, everybody. I'm very proud of him. "I'm thankful to the Lord for the time I've had with him. "Yesterday (Monday), we passed around a basketball that was Stephen's favorite basketball. It was old and faded and worn-out. Basketball was Stephen's escape from anything that was hurting his heart or making him mad or even if he felt lonely, he would turn to

basketball and go out and play and sweat, come back and wash it all off and feel better for it," Adam Scott said. Adam Scott also read remembrances of the soldier written by another brother, Joey Scott of Johnson City, Texas, and the soldier's wife, Marie."What do you say about someone so beautiful? Our baby brother, Stephen Scott - he was a perfect gentleman, as well as the biggest hearted of all of us. ...He was always the person to lean on who would always be understanding, caring and uplifting, for any person or any situation. ... He will always be our loving Superman," Joey Scott wrote. A Superman logo made of flowers hung on the pulpit in tribute to the deceased. Marie Scott wrote: "To my favorite person in the whole wide world: You made me realize that you can love without holding back, that you have to go through life without fear, that your dreams should be your life, that life is precious and that every moment is to be lived to the fullest - to be grateful for what you have and never take it for granted, and not judge people for anything but what they have in their hearts, and that laughter is always necessary in life." Stephen Michael Scott was born July 10, 1982, in San Antonio, Texas, to Tommy Dale and Deborah Stephens Scott. He and his family moved to Oklahoma City; Arkansas; Amarillo, Texas; Buras, La., and Keizer, Ore., before coming to Lawton. He graduated from Eisenhower High School in 2001. He served in the Oklahoma National Guard from 2001 until 2002 before joining the Army in August 2002. He received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense and the Army Service Ribbon. He married the former Marie Pihulic on July 4, 2002, in Lawton. They attended the Rocky Mountain Cavalry Church in Colorado Springs, Colo. He is survived by his wife, of the home; his mother and stepfather, Deborah and Larry Bross, Guthrie; his father, Tommy Dale Scott, Amarillo, Texas; two brothers, Joseph Hobbs and his wife, Stacey Ann, Johnson City, Texas, and Adam Forest Scott, Oklahoma City; maternal grandparents, John L. Stephens and Ethel Reiner, Edinburg, Texas; paternal grandmother, lola Scott, Keizer, Ore.; a niece, Victoria Alexis Hobbs; a nephew, Levi Aaron Scott; his mother-in-law, Diane Pihulic, Lawton, and two brothers-in-law, Michael Pihulic, Cambridge, Mass., and Matthew Pihulic, Lawton. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Forest Scott. Burial was at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 1301 N.E. 14th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73117. Adam

Forest Scott delivers the eulogy Tuesday for his brother, Spec. Stephen Michael Scott, 21, of Lawton, who died in Iraq on Aug. 23. Flanking him are the soldier's wife, Marie, and another brother, Joseph Hobbs.

Jan 12, 2005: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: SUPPLIES SHIPPED OUT. Two trucks needed to deliver donations to Southeast Asia. By Ashlie Knapp, The Duncan Banner. They came. They saw. They loaded. Tuesday morning, Duncan members of the Oklahoma National Guard's 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Bravo Company, and workers at Perry Broadcasting Co. braved the cold to load supplies collected at a local radio station to be shipped to the victims of the tsunami disaster in southeast Asia. The needed items; three rooms full; were loaded into a truck by Guard members, who then drove the load to the "Feed the Children" warehouse in Oklahoma City. Local residents also donated over $1,300 to the cause. "We are so overwhelmed and proud of the response," said Stacy Crowson, account executive for Perry Broadcasting. "Everything we asked for we received... and then some." Photo Caption: (Shawn Yorks/The Duncan Banner) National Guardsmen Paul Burden, left, and Scott Johnson load a military vehicle Tuesday morning with supplies donated at KKEN radio station in Duncan.

Jan 26, 2005: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: SIGNING FOR DOLLARS. Army National Guard offering hefty enlistment bonuses. By Mitch Meador, Staff Writer. MMEADOR@LAWTON-CONSTITUTION.COM. Jesse Iuvale will receive a check for $5,000 when he completes basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT). He'll get another $5,000 when he reaches his four-year anniversary with the Oklahoma Army National Guard. That's because the 18-year-old Elgin High School senior is among the first from Southwest Oklahoma to take advantage of the National Guard's new incentive plan that took effect Jan. 1. Iuvale said there are a lot of reasons why he decided to enlist: "Do something good, pay for school, all kinds of things." He plans to major in business, probably at Cameron University, but he's checking out the University of Oklahoma campus, too. And being in the National Guard means his tuition and fees will be covered. His books will be his only out-of-pocket expense. Fast facts: The National Guard

Bureau is offering bonuses of up to $10,000 for people who enlist in one of six critical-skill job specialties. Enlistees in 24 other military occupational specialties are eligible for $6,000 bonuses. Other cash and educational incentives also are offered. Photo Caption: Taking advantage of a hefty new bonus plan, Jesse Iuvale of Elgin signs on the dotted line for Sgt. 1st Class Greg Morris, one of two Oklahoma Army National Guard recruiters assigned to 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, headquartered in Lawton. It's a deal National Guard recruiters hope will reverse a declining enlistment and retention rate. SEE GUARD, 3A (Page 3A not available at time of research).

May 30, 2005: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: LOCAL CITIZEN SOLDIERS TRAIN FOR CLOSE COMBAT. By Mitch Meador, staff writer. MMEADOR@LAWTON-CONSTITUTION.COM. Camp Gruber: While other Oklahomans are hitting the lakes this Memorial Day weekend, civilian soldiers of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade are learning how to perform as a security force if they're called upon. Two field artillery battalions from Southwest Oklahoma convoyed on Saturday to Camp Gruber, a World War II-era Army post north of Braggs. Because of the specialized nature of the training they'll be getting while they're here, however, their rocket launchers and fire direction centers did not come with them. Since January, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, with batteries headquartered in Lawton, Walters, Duncan and Chickasha, has turned its focus from fighting at a distance to up-close combat skills, according to Lt. Col. Allen Bentley, battalion commander. The battalion is also going through convoy security training and getting back to the basics of the Warrior's Creed; focusing on individual and collective close combat skills. "That's not to say we're not still firing rockets, but we're taking this year to focus on combat skills," Bentley said. "With things we see going on in Afghanistan and Iraq they're not shooting rockets, so we're training for what we're seeing going on." The 45th Infantry Brigade has just returned from Operation Enduring Freedom, and it has some of its soldiers on the ground at Camp Gruber, sharing what they've learned about convoy security and urban combat, the battalion commander said. Photo Captions: A soldier from the 171st Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Field Artillery Brigade, qualifies with the MK-19

Grenade Launcher during annual training at Camp Gruber. The MK19 fires 40 mm grenades at a cyclic rate of 300 to 400 rounds per minute. (Photo by Sergeant First Class Kendall James). Bottom Photo: Private First Class Christopher Newman, B Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, fires a 9 mm Beretta on the firing range at Camp Gruber. The unit is qualifying with weapons not typically used by the soldiers as they train to perform as a security force, rather than the unit's typical Field Artillery mission. (Photo by 1ST Fred W. Baker III).

May 31, 2005: Published in "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: TRAINING TOUGH. Local Guard soldiers test mettle in different ways in annual training. By Mitch Meador, staff writer. Camp Gruber: The bumpy gravel roads and lush green vegetation may not resemble the geography of Iraq or Afghanistan, but the dust kicked up by the vehicles lends a convincing touch. This is the route where live-fire convoy training takes place at Camp Gruber, the Oklahoma Army National Guard's training grounds north of Braggs. Taking aim from a moving vehicle with an M-16 or an M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW) is a whole new ballgame for a group of Guardsmen from Southwest Oklahoma who are more accustomed to shooting rockets from a pod. "Most soldiers have never had in their hands a locked and loaded weapon outside a firing range," said Staff Sgt. Chris Roan, an instructor from 1245th Transportation Company. Today, when soldiers from 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery go out on the three-mile course, they will have live rounds in their weapons. Since they're on the "crawl, walk, run" system of instruction, however, they begin by going through two practice runs without ammunition and a third with blanks. On Monday, their instructors deliv- (SEE GUARD, 2A) This page was not available to researcher. Photo Caption: Sgt. Robert Herrera, Pvt. Erick Hitchcock and Spec. Zach Jessen move in a squad during Urban Combat Skills training Monday at Camp Gruber. The soldiers are with the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which is headquartered in Lawton. The unit is breaking from its typical field artillery training format this annual training to focus on close combat skills that would prepare the unit for a deployment as a security force. Herrera and Hitchcock are with Headquarters and Headquarters in Lawton, and Jessen is from Battery "B" in Duncan. (Photo by 1ST Fred W. Baker III).

Jun 12, 2005: Published in “The Duncan Banner” entitled: ROCKETS TO RIFLES. Field artillery soldiers prepare for close combat at guard camp. By 1stSgt Fred Baker for the Duncan Banner. Camp Gruber: “I want to see you knock it down.” Pvt. Jonathan Anderson of Comanche laughs when he hears that command from an anonymous voice. Anderson’s never broken down a door before. But there’s a first time for everything. “Sounds like a lot of fun,” he says and laughs again. As a field artillery soldier, the Oklahoma Army Guardsman would normally spend his two-week annual training in the field firing rockets. Instead Anderson and his fellow 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Battalion soldiers are being immersed into infantry-style, close-combat training in preparation for what could be the call to serve in Iraq or Afghanistan as a Security Force (SECFOR). At Camp Gruber, near Braggs, the soldiers are training in full “battle-rattle,” wearing all of the gear similar to what they will wear if deployed, including body armor and Kevlar helmets, and carrying weapons. The additional gear weighs as much as 55 pounds. The unit is training on short range marksmanship, convoy operations and Military Occupation, and Urban Terrain (MOUT) skills. Each soldier is training on several weapons systems including the M-4 carbine, 9 mm pistol, M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon, M-240B machine gun and the 50 caliber machine gun. The training is intended to prepare the unit for close combat in an urban environment. So far it has taken them through second story windows as four-man squads. They have busted down doors, stormed into rooms, and eliminated the enemy threat. They have smashed fingers, banged-up noses, and tasted the dust of a convoy trail learning to survive while traveling with loaded weapons and engaging the enemy from a moving vehicle. They have cleared buildings, scaled walls and learned that a second thought could cost a soldier his life. Training days start about 5 a.m. and can last well after sundown. Temperatures have reached in the mid-90s with high humidity levels typical of eastern Oklahoma. They have sweat buckets. And more buckets. They are learning to fight a different fight. “Field Artillery soldiers are trained for stand-off combat,” said Lt. Col. Allen Bentley, battalion commander. “Now they are training as a SECFOR, and are going to learn to engage the enemy face-to-face.” Combat veterans from the 45th Infantry Brigade and the 90th Troop Command, fresh from recent deployments, are training the soldiers. The training is designed to

expose the soldiers to the tasks and dangers they will encounter in their deployment. The training develops skill sets needed for the soldiers to survive in a close-combat, urban-operations environment. “What happened in there?” an instructor asked after a four-man squad attempted to clear a room with an armed aggressor. “Besides getting my entire team killed?” the team leader responds. He is visibly upset. These are the lessons they are learning. “It’s upping their survivability in Iraq,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Horn of Tahlequah. He is one of the instructors for the training and serves with Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry, Reconnaissance Detachment. He recently finished a one-year tour in Afghanistan. “I think it’s probably the best training. Soldiers are all riflemen first. It’s violent,” he said. His trainers know that this is new to the field artillerymen. They still cut them no slack. “We let them have it with both barrels,” Horn said. “We know that they are new to this, but we want them to get better. If they are going to be in cities, they need to know how to fight in buildings. “We are making them constantly think on their feet. When they hit that door, and those simulators go off, the adrenaline goes up. They have to be able to keep a cool head so they don’t make mistakes. That’s the most difficult part of combat.” Sgt. Bill Straily, of Comanche, was a policeman, but never learned to shoot from a moving vehicle. He said he appreciates the demands of the training and the trainers. “It’s not just ‘get them through and get them out,’” he said. “It’s training to standard. We are learning here what we will have to apply over there (Iraq).” Bentley said that despite the newness and the rigors of the training, the soldiers are motivated and willing to accept the lessons learned. “These soldiers know it’s for real. They are treating it like it’s for real. They are like sponges. They are soaking it up,” Bentley said. “We are a nation at war. We fight the enemy we’ve got. These soldiers are dedicated to our community, our state and our nation.” The MOUT training was the most exciting for Spc. Christopher Durham, from Chickasha. He loved breaking down doors. “I’m the door-breaker,” he said. “It’s the adrenaline rush; you don’t know what’s in there. You don’t know what’s behind that door,” he said. Durham admitted it would be “very scary” should he have to perform the same task in combat. He said that with all of the gear and the physical demands of the job physical fitness should be a “number one” priority for anyone

readying for deployment. The battalion has about 400 soldiers with armories in Chickasha, Duncan, Anadarko, Walters and Lawton. The battalion was deployed in November 1990 and saw combat in Desert Storm firing more than 900 rockets onto Iraqi artillery positions. The battalion was also activated March 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit was sent to Fort Sill to prepare for deployment. It completed its combat validation, but when main-force combat ended in April the unit was demobilized in May. Photo Caption: From left, Pfc. Justin Finch, Spc. Nathaniel Cordes, Spc. Terry Wylder and Sgt. Jesse Neugerbauer move from building to building during Urban Combat Skills training at Camp Gruber. The battery combined with parts of the three other 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery batteries to form a security force company and train in Camp Gruber's Military Operations, Urban Terrain (MOUT) site. The unit is breaking from its typical field artillery training format this annual training to focus on close combat skills that would prepare the unit for a deployment as a security force. Finch is with Battery B in Duncan, and Cordes with Detachment 1, Battery B, in Marlow. Wylder and Neugerbauer are with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Lawton.

Jun 13, 2005: Obituary: Johnny L. McGlothlin. Funeral for retired Sgt. 1st Class Johnny L. "Mac" McGlothlin, 49, Lawton, will be at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Home Chapel with Don Howard, pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, officiating, assisted by Lt. Col. Paul Metcalfe, pastor, Church of the Nazarene. Sgt. McGlothlin died Friday, June 10, 2005, in Lawton. Burial with military honors will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin. He was born April 11, 1956, in Odessa, Texas. He was raised in Texas and graduated from Mineral Wells High School. He enlisted in the Army in August 1975. He attended basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He was stationed at Fort Sill and Germany. While assigned to Fort Sill, he was part of the Cuban refugee crisis at Fort Chaffee, Ark. He married Rosemary Norton on July 19, 1980. He left the service in August 1981. He worked at Miller Beer Distribution in Lawton. He also worked at Torin Manufacturing. In December 1983, he joined the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery as a part-time soldier in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. He later became a full-time active Guard and Reserve. He was deployed to Operation Desert Storm when the 158th

was activated for the Persian Gulf War from October 1990 to May 1991. His military assignments included Operations NCO, Senior Personnel Services NCO, Unit Readiness NCO, Platoon Sergeant, Communications Chief, Section Leader, Unit Armorer, Fire Direction Computer Operator, Unit Clerk, Administrative Specialist, Clerk Typist and Records Specialist. He held four military occupational series 75H Personnel Administrative Specialist, 76Y Unit Supply Specialist, 13E Fire Direction Computer Operator and 13M MLRS Crew member. He retired from the Army in July 2002. He then worked for a short time at Reynolds Army Community Hospital and the Veterans Affairs office at Fort Sill. He then worked as a civilian in support of the 158th while it was activated in 2003. His awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal - 4th Award, Army Achievement Medal - 3rd award, Army Good Conduct - 7th award, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal - 4th award, National Defense Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal - two stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal W/ "M" device - Silver Award, Oklahoma Meritorious Service Medal and The Award of Saint Barbara, patron saint of the field artillery. His family was presented with his final award, The Distinguished Center of Influence, from the 1/158th FA. Survivors include his wife, Rosemary, of the home; a daughter, Rachel Storm, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Justin Cody and Sarah McGlothlin; two grandsons: Jordan and Levi, Lawton; his father, Dale McGlothlin, Granbury, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Ronnie and Pam McGlothlin, Tolar, Texas; and Donnie and Linda McGlothlin, Killeen, Texas; two nieces: Sommer Carrol, Tolar, Texas; and Kimberly McGlothlin, Stephenville, Texas; a nephew, Donnie McGlothlin, Killeen, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, in laws and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn McGlothlin; a sister, Vicky Dale McGlothlin; and his grandparents. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Jul 05, 2005: Published in “The Oklmulgee Daily Times” entitled: ABOUT 200 SOLDIERS. Lawton, Okla. (AP). About 200 soldiers from an Oklahoma Army National Guard unit have been put on alert for possible deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The soldiers from the Lawton-based 1st Battalion, 158th

Field Artillery, were notified that they may deploy to Iraq late this year or early next year. The Multiple Launch Rocket System battalion was told it could be activated for as long as 18 months and would likely deploy as a security force, instead of in its usual field artillery capacity. The unit trained in June at Camp Gruber on weapons systems including the M-4 carbine, 9 mm pistol, M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon, M-240B machine gun and the .50-caliber machine gun. They also trained on short-range marksmanship, convoy operations and urban terrain skills. As a security force, the unit could perform patrols, provide secure escorts and guard main supply routes. The unit will be processed Saturday at the Oklahoma Military Department in Oklahoma City. The 158th, which has about 400 soldiers with armories in Chickasha, Duncan, Anadarko, Walters and Lawton, was activated in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003, but was demobilized after main-force combat ended in April 2003. The battalion saw combat in Operation Desert Storm. Published in “The Oklahoman” entitled: EYEWEAR SOUGHT FOR TROOPS. Grady County Sheriff Kieran McMullen wants to make sure members of a local Army National Guard unit have adequate eye protection if they are deployed to the Middle East. McMullen's goal is to raise $5,508 for 153 pairs of protective eye goggles for the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery unit, he said. "The U.S. military does a tremendous job of supplying, training and caring for our servicemen and servicewomen," McMullen said. "But the military has the same problem you and I have. That is that the budget only goes so far." The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery unit from Chickasha has been placed on alert for possible mobilization, said Col. Pat Scully, public affairs officer for the Oklahoma National Guard. The unit might deploy soon in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. McMullen began raising funds for eye protection after a pair of protective sunglasses saved the eyesight of his son, Spc. Shane McMullen, during a roadside bombing May 26 in Baghdad. Donations for the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery unit can be sent to: Goggles for Soldiers, c/o Grady County Sheriff's Office. 215 N Third St., Chickasha, OK 73018.

Aug 22, 2005: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: PEOPLE IN SERVICE. Graduated: Army National Guard Pvt. Jerry R. Burks II is a distinguished honor graduate of the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at the U.S. Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill. Burks is assigned to Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery at Walters. A 2005 graduate of Lawton Public Schools, he is the son of Veronica Burks and Jerry R. and Pamela J. Burks, all of Lawton. Navy Seaman Recruit James I. Taylor, son of Vicki L. Hendron of Lawton and Kenneth J. Taylor of Louann, Ark., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Taylor is a 2001 graduate of Pottsville High School of Pottsville, Ark. James B. Hill graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Hill is the son of Linda S. Crouch of Lawton and Bob Hill of Marlow. A 2000 graduate of Eisenhower High School, the cadet attends the University of Oklahoma, Norman. Promoted: Jania L. Pagan has been promoted to the rank of senior airman in the U.S. Air Force. Pagan, a health service management journeyman with four years of military service, is assigned to the 59th Medical Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Pablo and Aurea Santana of Lawton and a 2000 graduate of Eisenhower High School.

Sep 06, 2005: Published in “The Tulsa World” entitled: GUARD: Hundreds of Oklahomans are in Louisiana and more are coming. An Oklahoma Guard general is in charge of the mission, which includes Army troops. French Quarter helping local authorities recover the bodies of people who died during Hurricane Katrina and the city's subsequent flooding. No matter what their task, Booze said, he and other Guard members will follow the Golden Rule. "We will be doing what I hope someone would do for me and my family," he said. Task Force Oklahoma consists of 2,216 Oklahoma Army National Guard members in Louisiana under the direction of Brig. Gen. Myles Deering, the commander of the 45th Infantry Brigade. An additional 741 are headed to Louisiana, Wyatt said. Deering is also in charge of Task Force Orleans, made up of about 12,500 members of the Oklahoma Army and Air

National Guards; the 82nd Airborne Division of the Army, from Fort Bragg, N.C.; the 41st Infantry Division from the Oregon Army National Guard; the 48th Infantry Division from the Ohio Army National Guard; the 1st Cavalry Division of the Army, from Fort Hood, Texas; and a unit of Marines. Wyatt said Deering, an Ada native, was named the commander of Task Force Orleans because he was one of the first general officers on the ground other than Louisiana officials. With Deering in command, an Army National Guard commander is in charge of not only National Guard troops but also active-duty troops, Wyatt said. "It is something that doesn't happen a lot. But in this circumstance, I think it is a great compliment to General Deering and the Oklahoma Army National Guard," he said. Deering's assigned area is about two-thirds under water, Wyatt said, adding that boats and helicopters are being used. The area includes New Orleans' Garden District, Tulane University and Loyola University New Orleans. Deering's command center is in a Wal-Mart parking lot, Wyatt said. Oklahoma troops were some of the first to arrive at New Orleans' Superdome and convention center, where thousands of evacuees were taken, he said. About 19 missions involving C-130 transport aircraft from Oklahoma have been flown during the hurricane response, Wyatt said. The 137th Airlift Wing, based at the Will Rogers Air National Guard Base in Oklahoma City, has flown to Montana and California to pick up vehicles to take to New Orleans, he said. Oklahoma has 640 tactical vehicles and seven helicopters involved, he said. The Oklahoma Army National Guard personnel in Louisiana have 107,000 packaged meals available with 47,000 more ordered. In addition, 200,000 gallons of water have been purchased, and 80,000 gallons were shipped, Wyatt said. "We will be down there as long as it takes," he said. In Alexandria, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Proctor of Tulsa said his wife, like many military spouses, is concerned for his safety. However, he and his fellow Guard members are confident that they will operate safely. Staff Sgt. Vinson Hahn of Broken Arrow said his unit spent several days ensuring that its equipment was in perfect working order before leaving Oklahoma. Vinson said he learned of his deployment Tuesday but that many of his colleagues didn't know until Wednesday or Thursday that they would be going to Louisiana. Spc. Cassell Francis of Catoosa said her family and friends were surprised at her sudden deployment to Louisiana, but "It is a great cause, and they need us down

there." Cpl. Charles Sanders of Broken Arrow said he thought the Guard's presence would help quell some of the unrest in New Orleans. Sanders said he had visited the city several times for pleasure but knows this trip will be very different. Guard members don't know how long they will be in New Orleans. "We have an open-ended ticket," Proctor joked. Maj. Rhonda Nee, a spokeswoman for the Guard in Oklahoma City, described the Oklahomans' deployment as "indefinite." Another Guard spokeswoman, Cpt. Lindy White, said Guard members would likely be providing support for local law enforcement officers. "We are prepared for the worst," she said. White said she hoped people in New Orleans would realize that the Guard is there to help Oklahoma's "sister state." Proctor said the best thing families of Guard members can do is to go about their daily lives and "keep their homes running." Wyatt said Guard members still in Oklahoma were assisting with the relief effort. Operation Sooner Support is housing evacuees at Camp Gruber near Muskogee. Wyatt said the operation included 361 Guard personnel and members of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, the American Red Cross and other volunteer groups. An additional 553 Oklahoma Army National Guard members are serving overseas in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and other areas, Wyatt said. About 150 members of the 158th Field Artillery in Lawton left Monday for out-of-state training before heading to Iraq, he said. "These soldiers are going in harm's way," he said. "They need to be recognized. I appreciate us not forgetting those soldiers." Even with so many Guard members called up, enough are left to handle any problems that may arise in Oklahoma, Wyatt said. They can easily handle a disaster such as the tornadoes that swept across the state in 1999, he said. Photo Captions: Maj. Rhonda Nee of Oklahoma City (left) and Capt. Lindy White discuss what they will do once their Oklahoma Army National Guard units reach New Orleans. White said the troops likely will help local authorities patrol the city. Above, Oklahoma Army National Guard vehicles roll into Alexandria, La., on Monday. The troops were to be sent on to New Orleans later Monday. Top, Pfc. James Booze of Tulsa said he expects that his Guard unit will help recover the bodies of people who died during Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans' subsequent flooding. Published in “The Oklahoman” entitled: 150 SOLDIERS SENT TO IRAQ. About 150 members of the

158th Field Artillery are on their way to Iraq. While other National Guard personnel from Oklahoma are assisting in relief efforts in New Orleans, soldiers from the Lawton-based Army National Guard unit are heading to Washington state before continuing on to Iraq. "These soldiers are going in harm's way and they need to be recognized," said Maj. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, head of the Oklahoma National Guard. Published in “The Lawton Constiution” entitled: AREA GUARD MEMBERS IN NEW ORLEANS. BY MMeador@Lawton-Constitution.com. The Oklahoma Army National Guard unit headquartered in Lawton has 95 Guardsmen helping with Hurricane Katrina relief operations, in addition to the 150-plus who are deploying as a security force in support of the global war on terrorism. "We started making phone calls the afternoon of (Aug. 31) and by 6 a.m. (Thursday) we had 95 on the ground," said Maj. Doug Brown, commander of 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. "We called some of them at work. They gave their employers notice, went home and packed their bags." Headquarters Battery for the Multiple Launch Rocket System battalion is based out of the Lawton Armory. The unit has additional armories in Walters, Duncan, Chickasha and Anadarko. Another 230 Guardsmen from Altus-based 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery have deployed to the area ravaged by Hurricane Katrina, according to Lt. Col. Robert Roshell, commander of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade. "We sent a convoy of 125 vehicles from 1st of the 171st," Roshell said. Brown said 1-158 FA supplemented that with a few vehicles, and some of the "T-Bird Warriors" were in the convoy, which had police escorts through Dallas and Fort Worth. "The vast majority of our folks went out on C-130s," Brown said. Roshell said the Oklahoma National Guard was one of the first Guard units to arrive on the scene. "They're all part of a group called Task Force Oklahoma made up of over 2,000 National Guardsmen. They've been on site since (Thursday), and they have been doing an excellent job to support the city of New Orleans," Roshell said. "The morale is good. The guys are tired because they're pulling pretty long hours in a stressful environment, but they're doing what they signed on to do. These guys are deployed stateside in a peacetime mission," Brown said. "It shows the American people get a big bang for the buck with National Guardsmen, either in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Task Force Oklahoma," Roshell said.

Feb 25, 2006: Published in “The Oklahoman” entitled: TROOP’S MORALE HIGH, HENRY REPORTS. By Michael McNutt, Capitol Bureau. Gov. Brad Henry saw firsthand Friday how Oklahoma's troops are faring in Iraq. "I am happy to report that they are all in very good spirits," Henry said during a telephone conference call from Kuwait after a whirlwind tour of Iraq. "Their morale is high. They are well equipped. They believe in their mission and they're doing a great job." The Defense Department and the State Department invited Henry to tour the region to look at conditions where state soldiers are serving. Only a handful of aides knew about his trip in advance to comply with federal security regulations. Henry, a Democrat, was joined by Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, a Republican, on the 12-hour tour of Iraq. At least eight other governors have visited troops in Iraq. "This is a very, very challenging and difficult environment," Henry said. "It's just a very rugged terrain to begin with, but the cultural environment is very difficult also." More contentious areas: Henry, accompanied by military personnel, said the group made about a dozen stops, including Baghdad and Ramadi, where he saw a demonstration of equipment used to sweep roads for explosive devices as well as a "checkpoint" demonstration by Iraqi security forces. "We weren't just seeing the cupcake areas, we were in some of the more contentious areas," Henry said. The governor said he visited with "a couple hundred or so Oklahoma troops. Everywhere I went, every base, every military installation, every mission that we studied today, there were Oklahomans who were prominent," he said. First lady Kim Henry said Friday she was worried about her husband's safety. "I preferred that he didn't (go), but he felt like it was something he needed to do," she said. "He had a choice; a lot of our boys and girls over there didn't have a choice." The governor landed in Kuwait on Thursday and met airmen at Camp Arifjan. He arrived Friday in Iraq, where he met with Oklahoma troops, including members of the Oklahoma National Guard's 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery unit, which is stationed at Camp Victory and in Baghdad. He said he met with about 130 members of the National Guard unit from southwest Oklahoma. The unit, Oklahoma's only National Guard unit stationed in Iraq, is training Iraqi security forces. "We're making tremendous progress," Henry said. "It doesn't make sense to pull out without having finished the job. That's not really the American way. It's not the Oklahoma way; we do things and we do

things right and we get them done." Henry received the invitation to go on the trip about 2½ weeks ago. He left Tuesday for a briefing at the Pentagon in Washington. Henry said he felt safe and secure during his time in Iraq. His visit came two days after the bombing of a Shiite shrine, which spurred an increase in violence. Baghdad and nearby provinces were under a curfew Friday. Sidebar Map Content: Camp Arifjan: Located south of Kuwait City, Kuwait, Camp Arifjan is a U.S. Army base with elements of the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard stationed there, as well. It serves primarily as a rear line supply base, aviation depot, helicopter support base and motor pool. There are about 5,000 personnel stationed at Camp Arifjan. Ramadi, Iraq: A city in central Iraq, about 60 miles west of Baghdad, Ramadi is the capital of Al Anbar province. Ramadi is considered to be the southwest point of Iraq's Sunni Triangle. It has been a focal point of resistance to the U.S. occupation of Iraq. Ramadi's population numbers around 400,000. Published in “The Tulsa World” entitled: GOVERNOR GETS TOUR OF WAR ZONE Gov. Brad Henry visits Oklahoma troops serving in Iraq and Kuwait. By Mick Hinton, World Capitol Bureau. Oklahoma City, Gov. Brad Henry toured Iraqi war zones Friday and said he was amazed to find Oklahomans serving in so many capacities. Henry visited National Guard members with Oklahoma's 158th Field Artillery Unit stationed at Camp Victory in Baghdad. The 130-member, Lawton-based unit went to Iraq in September. It is training Iraqi security forces to take over when U. S. troops leave. Henry said Oklahoma's troops are "in very good spirits. Their morale is high. They believe in their mission, and they are doing a great job." The governor said he was not frightened during his visit, although his delegation went to areas that had been under mortar attack the night before. "We weren't just seeing the cupcake areas," he said. Henry said his group inspected sites around Baghdad, but he found the city of Ramadi to be "probably the most primitive. It was a giant bunker." Speaking with reporters by telephone from Kuwait City, Kuwait, Henry said that during a meeting in one of Saddam Hussein's palaces, he met Maj. Gen. Timothy Donovan, the second in command in Iraq. The governor learned that the general was a University of Oklahoma graduate. "So many Oklahomans are playing a key role in the Iraq theater," Henry said. He and Colorado Gov. Bill Owens were invited on the trip by the U.S. Department of

Defense and the State Department. Before the trip, the governor met with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and attended classified briefings at the Pentagon. The governor's trip to Iraq was not announced until he was there, per instructions from the Defense Department, according to Paul Sund, the governor's spokesman. Henry landed in Kuwait on Thursday and had dinner with airmen at a camp there. Early Friday, he traveled to the war zone. The governor said part of the journey was on a C-130 aircraft, "huge planes full of troops and cargo, equipment, and they go into dangerous areas." Henry said he experienced what he called the "hottest landing I've ever had on a plane." "They drop fast," he explained. "They come in at right angles, turn it quickly and land hard." Henry leaves Saturday for a 22-hour return trip to Washington for the National Governors Association winter meeting. Photo Caption: Gov. Brad Henry speaks with Air Force members during breakfast Friday at the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing dining facility in Kuwait. Henry and Colorado Gov. Bill Owens traveled to Kuwait and Iraq to get a firsthand look at conditions where troops from their states are serving. / STAFF SGT. JASMINE REIF / U.S. Air Force].

Nov 21, 2006: Published in “The Wichita Falls Times Record News” entitled: MATTER OF TRUST. I am a soldier in the 1-158 Field Artillery and am currently serving in Iraq. Our unit has under a week left in country. Our unit is home-base located in Lawton, Okla., but we have soldiers from all over the state of Oklahoma and North Texas. We have been on active duty and away from our families for over 15 months. We ran hundreds of combat missions into Baghdad and all over Iraq. We worked hand-in-hand with the Iraqi police and the people of Iraq. We have had many things on our side: luck and, I would like to think, training. We did our entire tour with countless hours in harm's way with no serious injuries or deaths. We served our country with honor and pride and would do it again if the call came to us again. Now to the real reason I am writing. After all we have done, risked and been through, how does the military and Fort Sill show their gratitude? Upon our return to Fort Sill, we will be on lockdown, not able to spend time with our families. We all live in the Lawton/Fort Sill area. It's not as if we were spread out across America. All of us are hometown soldiers. We have been told we will live in the barracks on

Fort Sill for however long it takes us to complete our demobilization process. We were told that we are restricted from driving, alcohol and even going home. We will be bused everywhere we need to be, to work and back to the barracks. We have been in Iraq for a year and have been able to come and go as we please. I leave with this question: How can the military trust us with each other's lives and the lives of the Iraqi people but not trust us to do the right thing for five days when we get home? Name Withheld.

Jan 10, 2007: Published in "The Leader News" entitled: Photo Caption: Pvt. 1st Class Mark A. Davis of Bremen is presented the Bronze Star he was awarded for his role in Operation Desert Storm with the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Maintenance Team by state Rep. Brent Yonts Jan. 8. Although Davis had been awarded the medal he had never received it. Yonts contacted the Department of the Army asking that Davis' medal be sent. Davis received the award in Yonts' office in Greenville and was accompanied by his wife, Jennifer, their two daughters, Morgan and Callie; and his parents Curtis and Mary Davis of Bremen. (Leader-News Photo/Rita Dukes).

Sep 26, 2007: Published in "The Vancouver Washington Columbian" entitled: NEIGHBORS. Dollars Corner: Wally Barker touched many lives while teaching in the Battle Ground school district and he continues to brighten lives with colorful dahlias, grown at his home north of Dollars Corner. Generations of students remember him well; he taught junior high kids for 14 years, and later, German and social studies to high school students. Several groups of those students saw Europe with their teacher as their guide. Barker was a field boss at Jones' bean farm and at Tsugawa's strawberry farm for many summers, and is remembered as a nice boss; even helping to fill the containers. He made the work fun for young pickers; teasing them, and they teased back. He served in the Army's 158th Field Artillery, 45th Infantry Division, for three years during World War II, fighting in six major European campaigns in Italy, France and Germany. Life is quieter now for Barker and his wife, Berniece, on the place he's called home since 1932. Their two sons live in the neighborhood and two daughters live out of state. Photo Caption: Dollars

Corner: Wally Barker has grown and sold dahlias at his home for more than 20 years.

Oct 05, 2007: Published in “The Lawton Constitution” entitled: MEERS MAN TO BE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME. Retired Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt. Vernon Tsoodle of the Meers area will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, according to Dana D. Batey, president of the Oklahoma Military Heritage Foundation. "It was a surprise to me," Tsoodle said of the announcement.
His nomination was prepared by retired Lt. Col. William Melton of Oklahoma City with the assistance of Tsoodle's daughter, Nancy Tsoodle, who works for the U.S. Coast Guard in Houston. It was announced earlier that retired Army Lt. Col. Jack O. Johnson of Lawton also will be inducted this year. The induction ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Gaylord University Center at Oklahoma Christian University, 2501 E. Memorial, Edmond. Dress will be formal attire or business suits. The cost to attend is $45, and checks may be mailed to the Oklahoma Military Heritage Foundation, 2501 E. Memorial, Edmond, OK 73013. A full-blood member of the Kiowa Indian Tribe, Tsoodle, 76, was born between Carnegie and Mountain View. He attended Riverside Indian School north of Anadarko and the Chilocco Indian School north of Newkirk. It was at Chilocco that he joined the all-Indian company of the Army National Guard's 45th Infantry Division at the age of 15.
He was assigned to Company C of the 279th Infantry Regiment at Chilocco and as part of that outfit attended summer camp at Fort Sill. He was later transferred to Battery B, 158th Field Artillery at Anadarko. At the time of his discharge from the Oklahoma National Guard, he had attained the rank of corporal. He married a Chilocco schoolmate, Jimmie Leah Rees, in April 1949. In September 1949 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and the following year he deployed to Korea, where he participated in the defense of the Pusan Peninsula. Tsoodle was in Hagaru-Ri, Korea, near the now-infamous Chosin Reservoir, on Nov. 28, 1950. He was acting as a machine gunner in a machine gun squad of a reinforced rifle platoon comprised of communications personnel. His platoon was in a defensive position on Hagaru-Ri airstrip. The airstrip was the only lifeline to the 15,000 soldiers and Marines who were virtually surrounded, and outnumbered 6 to-1 by

the 120,000 Chinese communist forces around them. Temperatures dropped to 40 and 50 degrees below zero during the fighting, Tsoodle recalled. Despite his platoon's receiving multiple casualties, throughout that day and night, Tsoodle manned his machine gun in an exposed position, inflicting numerous casualties on the enemy. For his aggressive actions, which inspired his platoon, Tsoodle, then a private first class, received the Bronze Star Medal. "Dad also participated in all three major battle campaigns during the Korean War: Inchon Landing, Pusan Perimeter and Chosin Reservoir," said his daughter, Nancy. During a 2005 Fires Seminar on Fort Sill, then Fort Sill Commander Maj. Gen. David P. Valcourt and retired Maj. Gen. Lee Baxter presented Tsoodle with a print of James Dietz' "Chosin Fires" painting in commemoration of his service at the "frozen Chosin." His service after the Korean War was as a field radio operator and cryptographer. In 1960 he worked as cryptographer for the military attache at the U.S. embassy in Tokyo, Japan. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. In 1966-67, he was communications chief for Marine Air Group 16, and in 1969-70 he was communications chief for Battery A, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. After his retirement from the military, he served with the Bureau of Indians Affairs at Anadarko. In 1996, realizing there was no national organization open to all tribes whose members served in the Marine Corps, he was part of a core group that established the Native American Marine Corps Veterans Organization. In 1997 he supported Promise Keepers by erecting 18 tepees for its nationwide gathering, "Standing in the Gap."

Aug 29, 2008: Published in “The Altus Times” entitled: SERVES 39 YEARS IN SERVICE. Byline: Kathy Ishcomer, staff writer. Chester Bishop, like many young men of his era, joined the military just ahead of the draft. Altogether, he spent 39 years in the service and served during two wars, World War II and Korea. Chester and his wife, Mary Lou Campbell (Brown), were married when he was only 18 and she was 16 years old. They attended junior college where they concentrated on commercial subjects, such as typing, bookkeeping, and shorthand. These skills would serve Bishop well throughout his career. When Bishop learned he was about to be drafted, he rode a bus to Oklahoma City for his physical. Just ahead of the

draft, he joined the Navy. Bishop said he chose the Navy because Oklahoma had two naval bases, one in Norman and one in Burns Flat. He thought he would be stationed in Oklahoma. However, much to his surprise, it would be four years before he returned home. Bishop was sent to San Diego for training and to attend signal school. Later, he was transferred to Treasure Island in San Francisco and assigned to the destroyer, U. S. S. Wedderburn DD 684. Bishop's wife, Mary Lou, joined him in San Francisco and the two of them vowed to make the best of a bad situation. When Chester was in town, the couple lived in hotels. San Francisco had a rule that military personnel could only occupy a room for three days at a time. This was so that every military person had a chance to stay with family during leave. When Chester had to return to his ship, Mary Lou moved in with another military wife. In spite of being strapped financially, the couple had fun. Chester earned whopping $37 per month, so he would routinely pawn their wedding and class rings for about $12, retrieve them, and do it all over again the next month. Bishop said that he and Mary" permanently borrowed" a set of silverware and plates from a restaurant so they could dine in at their hotel room. Mary embroidered a tablecloth and he would bring home food from his ship. They managed to heat the food using the hot water pipes. They enjoyed the shows that San Francisco had to offer and would occasionally treat themselves to a 35 cent waffle breakfast. Neither of them felt deprived. They were just having as good a time as possible in the midst of a war. Bishop participated in 11 major battles during World War II, including Iwo Jima, Guam, Marshall Islands, the Philippines and others. His citations and awards include the Combat Infrantryman's Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with nine gold campaign stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two campaign stars, National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal with two campaign stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Oklahoma Long Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, The Army Commendation Medal, Oklahoma Meritorious Service Medal, Oklahoma Exceptional Service Medal, Oklahoma Distinguished Service

Medal, Oklahoma Guardsman Medal and others. Bishop's eye sight didn't allow him to continue signal training became the court clerk, or yeoman. He kept the ship's log and read and interpreted Navy regulations, among other duties. At Iwo Jima, his destroyer would pull up to within a mile or so of land and bombard the island and aircraft. His ship was the target of several kamikaze attacks. Once, the kamikaze pilot missed the ship and ditched in front of the destroyer. They picked up the pilot only to discover she was a woman. Later, Bishop saw the training grounds for the women kamikaze pilots. Once, his ship was ordered to protect the harbor at Leyte Island. The destroyer would make figure 8' s in front of the harbor gates. He recalls they destroyed at least two Japanese submarines who were trying to sneak past them. As always, Bishop finds humor in any situation. When they were dispatched to Leyte Island, they had to leave without picking up provisions. The crew had to eat bologna sandwiches every day. At first, they were given two slices of bread, then it was cut down to one slice with Crisco oil on it. A few of the men had received care packages with peanut butter and jelly in them. The men rigged up a toaster by using a clothes hanger and sticking it in an electrical outlet. Bishop said if it didn't blow the circuit, they were able to toast the bread and make good peanut and butter sandwiches. Ah, good ol' American know how. But don't try this at home! Bishop recalls that when he was stationed right outside of Japan, getting ready to attack, his crew was told to be on deck and watch and report anything they saw. They weren't told what they were watching for, but just to report anything. Later, they learned that the A-bomb had been dropped and they were supposed to be looking for the mushroom cloud. He didn't see anything. After the peace treaty was signed and he was allowed to go on land, Bishop found the country to be in shambles. Most of the valuables had been taken underground, but the few remaining Japanese businessmen and women were very apologetic. They wanted the Americans to know they war was not their idea. After the war and his discharge from the Navy, Bishop worked a while in the private sector. When an opening came up at the Oklahoma National Guard for an administrative position, he took it. Altogether, he served 39 years in the military. Any time an active duty slot came open, he took it. In 1950, he was mobilized to go to Korea with the 179th Infantry Regiment. Bishop said Korea was difficult and

when he arrived, the 1st Calvary operation was in turmoil. He was sent to the line Thanksgiving, 1952. The cooks tried to make the day special with turkey and the fixings, but snow and sleet was freezing the food before the men could eat it. Jeeps were mired in the mud. The men were sleeping on hay in tents. They would sometimes sleep on top of their weapons to keep from sinking into the mud. With his usual optimistic attitude, though, Bishop found the Korea people to be wonderful. " They were wonderful, friendly, and enterprising," Bishop said. He recalls an organization called KSC, Korean Service Corp. Koreans who weren't in the military joined this organization to provide help to the American troops. The hauled ammo on their backs up mountainsides, build roads, helped with housekeeping, and anything else they could do to help the American's. Some of the people in the KSC were as young as 12 years old. He thinks they were paid about 60 cents a week for their services. Bishop served as a warrant officer for 15 years and as a personnel and administrative officer. He laughs when he recalls that he was the 2nd oldest lieutenant in the U. S. Army. He was about 43 years old when he made lieutenant. Bishop served two tours in Washington D. C. at the National Guard Bureau. In 1970, he left Field Services and went to National Guard Headquarters in Oklahoma City where he served as state personnel officer for the Army National Guard. He was also the assistant to the U. S. Property and Fiscal Officer, and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Oklahoma National Guard. Bishop retired as a bird colonel. He qualified for General, but there were no openings at the time. According to Bishop, he grew too old before an opening became available and he had to retire. After his retirement, Col. Bishop and his wife lived in Midwest City for several years. In 1993, they moved to Duke. Mary Lou's father, Claude Brown, was the banker for years at the Farmer's and Merchants bank in Duke. The Bishops have one son, Gareth, whom Bishop describes as "our hero." Gareth served in the Viet Nam War. He received two Purple Hearts for wounds he received and the Bronze Star for valor. Gareth and his wife Marsha have three sons. They are Shawn and his wife Cheryl, who have two boys, Benjamin and Brett; Christopher and Amy, who have one son, Noah; and Eric and Christy, who have two sons, Daniel and Jason. As you can see, this family is stuck on boys. Chester and Mary Lou have come a long way from their San Francisco days, where they" borrowed" silverware and plates from a restaurant, but

they still haven't lost their penchant for having fun. They belong to a travel club associated with their former church in Midwest City. The club is called NOAH, Not Old at Heart. They have two trips planned in the near future, a mystery trip and a winter trip to see the Christmas lights in Fayetteville, AK. Col. Bishop and his wife are also known for the wonderful homemade jellies they make. This couple truly are not old at heart. I hope they continue to have fun for many years to come.

Aug 13, 2009: Published in “The Oklahoman” entitled: MORE THAN 100 GUARDSMEN RETURN FROM IRAQ. In Lawton, troops given warm welcome. Lawton: Maj. Gen. Myles Deering has developed quite a shtick for his homecoming speeches over the years, playing to the fact that his words are all that stand between Oklahoma National Guardsmen and their families. Deering performed again Wednesday as he welcomed home some 120 soldiers from Ramadi, Iraq, at the Great Plains Coliseum. Similar homecomings were celebrated in Anadarko and Duncan. Sensing a moment of levity in Lawton, Deering blurted, "And now it's time for a general to shut up." The crowd erupted with cheers. Deering raised his hands in encouragement. He knew the soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Headquarters and Headquarters 271st Brigade Support Battalion, 120th Forward Support Co. had earned such respect. "You left Iraq in better shape than when you found it," Deering said. "You are a very special group of Americans." For the hundreds of relatives and friends in attendance, Deering was saying something they already knew. In the Dowen household, for instance, Wednesday was officially declared, "Jump Into Daddy's Arms Day." Rob Dowen of Fort Worth, Texas, learned what that meant when his wife, Crystal, and their two daughters; Michaela, 11, and Brighton, 7; jumped joyfully into his arms. Crystal wiped tears as she tried to describe her emotions, but her words failed. "We knew he was going to be deployed a year before he left," she said. "So we've essentially been dealing with this for two years now. I can't put into words what this means." Neither could Rob Dowen, who also served 18 years ago in Desert Storm. "In '91, I was single with no kids," Dowen said. "I was only 19." Dowen gazed down at his daughters, adding, "This has been very difficult." Carla Betts of Yukon experienced the same anxieties while her husband, battery commander Capt. Ray Betts, served in Iraq. Carla cared for their

two children, Ryan, 10, and Caleb, 8; the eldest of whom has autism. "We just started praying every day for Daddy," Carla said. "We prayed for all the soldiers to come home safe." And they did. In fact, all 800 of Oklahoma's national guardsmen return home alive this week from Iraq and Kuwait. "I was so excited this morning I left home without my purse," mused Carla, admitting she drove to Lawton without her driver's license or money. "My husband is driving home." Kory Kimble of Hydro returned to the warm embrace of his wife, Teri, and their three children; Adam, 8, Cade, 6, and Zoie, 3. The children honored Kory with a hand-painted sign decorated with their red, white, and blue hand prints. Kory Kimble appeared moved by the embraces. "The ride over here felt longer than the flight from Iraq," he said. "Being away from them was hard. That's why we purchased a webcam before I left." The Kimble children made the separation easier. Teri Kimble, meanwhile, began her first year as middle school teacher the day her husband left. "I have wonderful kids," Teri said proudly. "It was difficult, but they were understanding about what we were all going through." Maj. Gen. Myles Deering knows how to get a rise out of a crowd. Deering spoke Wednesday to a crowd of families and friends waiting to be reunited with more than 100 Oklahoma-based troops back from duty in Iraq. The general knows his words are the last things standing in the way of those reunions. It was no surprise that a crowd in Lawton erupted in cheers when Deering proclaimed, "And now it's time for a general to shut up." Similar homecomings were celebrated in Anadarko and Duncan. Military: Prayers answered as all return home alive. Photo Caption: Kory Kimble of Hydro is greeted Wednesday by his wife, Teri, and their children upon his return from Ramadi, Iraq, at the Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton.

Nov 10, 2011: Published in “The Okmulgee Daily Times” entitled: NO TITLE. Page 6: Staff Sergeant George G. Red Elk was born Jan. 29, 1948, at Lawton. He graduated from Lawton Eisenhower High School and attended Cameron Junior College. In September 1967 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. From Sept. 1968 to Aug. 1969, Red Elk served in Vietnam as a loader, gunner and tank commander with Co. D, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He received the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his actions on March 18, 1969, when his unit was conducting a sweep

through a rubber plantation. It ran into a battalion-size force of North Vietnamese Regulars. As Red Elk's tank began receiving rocket-propelled grenade fire, he maneuvered his tank toward the enemy position, engaging them with his main gun. His accurate fire routed the enemy force, killing two. As Red Elk moved the tank back on line, an enemy rocket-propelled grenade exploded overhead, severely wounding his right hand. He ignored the pain and was successful in knocking out a second rocket-propelled grenade team. He remained with his tank 45 minutes after being wounded, until he passed out. "His heroic example greatly inspired the entire unit to press on and completely overpower the hostile force," his Silver Star award said. He was discharged from the U.S. Army on Nov. 23, 1973. He served in the Oklahoma Guard's Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade in Lawton. He deployed to Saudi Arabia on Jan. 17, 1991 during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Other awards include Army Commendation Medals for Meritorious service in Vietnam and the Gulf War in the Persian Gulf.

Jun 09, 2012: Published in the "The Express Star" entitled: Photo Caption: Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Stowe (front, center), of Chickasha, stands with his mess crew next to a field kitchen mounted on a trailer at Fort Chaffee, Ark., during Annual Training earlier this summer. Another mobile kitchen is set up behind them. Stowe, a member of Headquarters Company, 271st Brigade Support Battalion, 45th Fires Brigade, has been in the military since 1977, and was a member of 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Mar 01, 2014: Published in "The Oklahoman" entitled: LONGTIME GUARDSMAN MAKES NAME FOR HIMSELF. BY CPL. Clay Beyersdorfer for The Oklahoman. Zabul Province, Afghanistan: Vernon Defoor is a soft-spoken man, a relaxed, humble Oklahoman with no desire for the spotlight. He embodies the terms even-keeled, cool, calm and collected. For a "normal guy," as he puts it, Defoor has his share of stories, as he is going on nearly 30 years of service in the U.S. Army. Three different war zones, and three (currently on his fourth) combat tours in the making; everybody knows Sgt. 1st Class Vernon Defoor, the motor pool sergeant who

oversees the maintenance of artillery systems and vehicles for Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment, Oklahoma National Guard. As much as he might want to, even he can't deny his "celebrity" status. "Well everyone knows me just cause I have been in for so long," said Defoor, an Elgin native. "I've served with people who now have kids in the unit." In 1984, Defoor joined the guard at age 17, following in the path of his brother who was a guardsman and his father, who also had been in the military. Defoor had not yet graduated high school, and was a farm hand near the Texas border. "I knew it was what I wanted to do," Defoor said. "I didn't have to give up farming completely. I signed up with the intention of just doing drill once a month, and living a normal civilian life still." Shortly after graduating advanced individual training the next summer, Defoor found a job working for the guard as a floor mechanic. He deployed in 1990 with the 1-158th to Iraq in support of Operation Desert Storm, his first of four tours in the Middle East. Defoor would deploy again to Iraq in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and then again for his first tour to Afghanistan in 2010. While each deployment was "no doubt a different experience," Defoor's mindset and values as a citizen-soldier never changed. "Being in the guard, it's different from the regular Army," Defoor said. "We bring a different skill set to the table. We have different ways of doing things, because many of us have that civilian experience as mechanics." He takes a lot of pride in the work his unit has been able to do, boasting about the capabilities and the history he has seen first-hand. "We are the only guard unit to have fired the MLRS (multiple launch rocket system) in both Iraq and Afghanistan; no other unit can claim that," Defoor said. His humility is something 1st Sgt. Lance Grant, Battery "A", 1-158th, says makes Defoor an outstanding soldier. "He will never want to talk about himself, but you ask him about one of his soldiers, he will tell you exactly how hard he works or what he has done," Grant said. Capt. Sean Bryant, commander of Battery "A", 1-158th, agreed, adding, "everybody knows Vernon." "I have a lot of respect for that man," Bryant said. Defoor prides himself on a simple set of rules to live by. "I have three simple rules: don't lie to me, don't steal from me, and be on time," he said. "I had a soldier in 2005, a young guy, who was always late. Our duty day started at 8 a.m. and he was always late. I made him come to work with me every day at 6 a.m., when I showed up every day, and

when the crews are getting ready to roll outside the wire, and showed him how important being on time was. “We did that for 45 days straight. After that, he started showing up on his own at 6 a.m. He now is out of the Army and has a great, well-paying job. We talk occasionally and he tells me how much he appreciated what I did for him.” Over the course of his deployments, he has had to miss his son’s senior year of high school and spending time with his newborn granddaughter. “If I have to deploy so my son doesn’t have to, then so be it,” Defoor said. “If it keeps them safe, that’s what I am going to do.” Defoor’s service has lasted nearly 30 years, and common wisdom says it is time to retire. He thinks otherwise. “I am going to stay in. I love what I do, I belong here.” Just a little more time for people to get to know Vernon. Photo Caption: Sgt. 1st Class Vernon Defoor, motor pool sergeant in the Oklahoma National Guard, poses in front of his unit’s insignia at Forward Operating Base Apache, Afghanistan. Photo by: Cpl. Clay Beyersdorfer is with U.S. Army Public Affairs.

Apr 30, 2014: Published in “The Henryetta Free Lance” entitled: OKLAHOMA GUARD UNIT DEPLOYS TO REPLACE SISTER BATTERY. Lawton, OK; Members of the Oklahoma Army National Guard stood center court in a deployment ceremony at the Rinehart Fitness Center on Fort Sill, Okla. today for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit deploying is Battery “B”, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, 45th Fires Brigade with some Soldiers the 171st Target Acquisition Battery (TAB) and the 120th Forward Support Company (FSC) deploying in a support role. Bravo Battery is scheduled to replace their sister unit, Alpha Battery, also of 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. Alpha Battery has spent the previous nine months in Afghanistan providing indirect fire support to coalition forces using the High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS). To prepare for their deployment, Bravo Battery has spent the last several months training in basic warrior tasks and drills, individual weapons qualifications and unit live fire exercises. "I believe our training has prepared us to continue the legacy that was established by all the Soldiers that proceeded us," said Capt. Randall Wright, commander of Battery B. "I think that we are going to continue the fine tradition of the 158th battalion and I also think that we are going to turn a

page. So I feel very blessed and fortunate to be a part of that." The unit will attend pre-mobilization training at Fort Bliss, Texas, before leaving for Afghanistan. Their total mobilization time will not exceed one year.

May 18, 2014: Published in “The Sapulpa Daily Herald” entitled: GUARD PARTNERING WITH ZOOs FOR FLAG PROGRAM. From the Oklahoma National Guard; For the past 10 years, the Oklahoma City and Tulsa zoos have been showing their appreciation to state Guardsmen and their families by hosting a special day for them at a reduced rate. On May 12, representatives from the Oklahoma Army National Guard returned the favor during an informal ceremony by presenting OKC Zoo officials with a framed U.S. flag flown recently in Afghanistan by one of its deployed units. Two days later, some of Oklahoma's finest Citizen-Soldiers duplicated the event for Tulsa Zoo officials as a way of saying "thank you" for their support and letting them know how much they truly appreciate the kind gesture. The flags were encased along with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by 1st Sgt. Lance Grant and Capt. Sean Bryant, first sergeant and commander of Battery “A”, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, currently serving in Afghanistan. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Chris Rau, state command chief warrant officer, presented the flag to Alan Varsik, OKC Zoo interim CEO, and read the certificate to the small crowd in attendance. The certificate recognized the Zoo and its employees "for their support of the United States Army, the Oklahoma National Guard, the 45th Fires Brigade" and the 1/158. The certificate goes on to read the deployed unit "would like to honor you by presenting this flag that was flown over our Battery Operations Center" in Zabul Province on Feb. 15, 2014, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. "As a Soldier, who's brought my family out here for all 10 years, we certainly appreciate the support you've given us over the years," Rau told Varsik and the others. "It [National Guard Zoo Day] definitely goes on my calendar every year." Varsik said he considers it an honor to provide the Zoo Day opportunity to the Oklahoma National Guard.

Jan 10, 2015: Published in “The Oklahoman” entitled: SOLDIERS IN STATE’S LAST COMBAT UNIT ARE WELCOMED HOME. By Graham Lee Brewer, Staff Writer.

Mustang: Spc. Justin Harper’s hands seemed giant as he held his 4-month-old daughter, Paisley, for the first time Friday morning at the Mustang Armed Forces Reserve Center. "Birthdays have been missed, anniversaries not shared," Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb said earlier to the large crowd gathered there to greet the last unit of Oklahoma soldiers returning from Afghanistan. "They have been absent in the past few months," Lamb said, "but they are active in your futures." The homecoming celebration was the first time Harper laid eyes on his first child. The words "I've waited my whole life to meet my daddy" were stitched onto Paisley's onesie. Her little legs were wrapped in camouflage pants. "I was nervous," said Harper, of Rush Springs. "But it was awesome." Hundreds of family members and friends, some holding signs of support or filming hugs with their phones, showed up to welcome home soldiers from the 45th Infantry Brigade. The unit was the last from Oklahoma that had been involved in combat and training operations in Afghanistan, where they had served since June. "This group of soldiers represent the last group of Oklahoma soldiers in the (combat) operation in Afghanistan and Iraq," said Maj. Gen. Myles Deering, pausing for a moment as the fact settled in. "And, I think that's just remarkable." “We completed the mission. ... We were there at the end. We turned off the lights.” Homecoming: More than 13,000 served in Afghanistan since ’07. "To be able to close out a chapter in history... is really an honor," said Capt. Randy Wright, one of the soldiers who returned Friday. "We completed the mission. ... We were there at the end. We turned off the lights." Wright said 10 of the soldiers under his command who returned Friday were coming home to see children who were born while they were away. For more than half of them, it is their first child. More than 13,000 Oklahoma Army National Guard soldiers served in Afghanistan over the course of Operation Enduring Freedom, which began in October 2007, said Col. Max Moss. Inset Photo: Spc. Justin Harper meets his daughter, Paisley, 4 months, for the first time, as his wife, Meagan Harper, watches. Paisley wore a special outfit for the occasion Friday in Mustang. (Photos by Steve Gooch, The Oklahoman). Main Bottom Photo: Top: Capt. Randy Wright, commander of the 158th Field Artillery Unit, bows his head in prayer Friday during an Oklahoma Army National Guard homecoming ceremony for Battery “B”, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, 45th Field Artillery Brigade in Mustang. Left:

Lindsey Adamson and her son, Destry, 2, wait for her husband, Sgt. Chris Adamson, on Friday during the homecoming ceremony in Mustang. (Photos by Steve Gooch, The Oklahoman).

May 23, 2016: Published in "The Buffalo News" entitled: SKETCHES OF BATTLEFIELD SCENES KEEP ALIVE A VETERAN'S ENDURING LEGACY. By Lou Michae, News Staff Reporter. The Army was so impressed with Norman Maffei's intelligence that he was sent to officer training school, but that did not agree with him. He had, after all, quit high school in Franklinville to escape the classroom and perform his patriotic duty in World War II. "One day, he stood up in the officer class, threw his hand up in the air and declared, 'I don't want to be an officer. I want to be a soldier and go fight,'" his daughter, Susanne Maffei, recalls. The Army obliged. Maffei was assigned to the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division, and fought in North Africa, Sicily and then the Italian mainland. He loaded and reloaded the artillery guns with shells that rocketed through the air toward the enemy. But Maffei had a much more potent weapon at his disposal; the ability to sketch battlefield scenes as they unfolded. And though he died last year at the age of 91, his art lives on. The public will have the opportunity to view his wartime sketches Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend at the Hamburg Historical Society, 5859 South Park Ave. Maffei's sketches not only bring to life the struggles of war, but include his handwritten notes documenting what he witnessed. Take for example a sketch of medics hurrying down an Italian hillside carrying a stretcher with a wounded soldier, his helmet resting upside down between his legs. The ground is littered with remnants of ordnance, and, in the foreground, there is the stilled body of a German soldier lying facedown. In the top left corner of the sketch is Maffei's note: "Back towards Pozzilli. Medics and wounded man. From F.O. (forward operating) party. Nov. 20, 1943." Maffei also had an earthy sense of humor and sketched a long line of GIs waiting to be examined by a medic putting on a pair of rubber gloves with a lubricant at his side. The faces of the soldiers at the front of the line are filled with worry. Maffei titled the sketch "The Horrors of War." Other sketches detail a variety of battle scenes: American soldiers hiding from the enemy, jeeps transporting officers, and U.S. paratroopers

jumping at night and sailing into friendly fire because ground troops thought they were the enemy. “One of those paratroopers was Jack Decker, who was my dad’s friend from Franklinville,” Susanne Maffei says. “Whenever the two of them got together, Jack would kiddingly say, ‘You’re the SOB that was shooting at me.’” Fortunately, Decker was not wounded, but the same couldn’t be said for her father. “One time when the enemy was shooting, he was shot in the leg as he and his buddies dove in their foxhole. He was sent to a hospital over there and then returned to his unit. The wound would fester up, but he would not tell the officers because he did not want to be sent home,” she says. “We found a letter from the Army offering my father the Purple Heart, but he refused it. I think he probably felt he didn’t deserve it because he’d lived.” After the war, Maffei returned to Franklinville and completed high school at Ten Broeck Academy. He went on to earn a degree from Albright Art School in Buffalo and in 1949 married Helen McElfresh. To support them and experience more of the world, Maffei joined the U.S. Merchant Marine and served until 1958. Whenever his ship docked in New York City, he hitchhiked home for visits. “My mother was a very tolerant woman,” Susanne Maffei says. “My father went around the world twice as a merchant marine and would sketch scenes and take photographs.” When Maffei returned to his hometown, he and Helen raised their daughter and a son, James, who died in 1995. Helen Maffei also died in 1995. Maffei continued as an artist, painting at night often into the early morning hours. “The neighbors would get so upset with him. He painted in a second-floor studio, and he’d have opera blaring and he’d be singing along loudly. Then when my brother and I got up in the morning, we’d have to be quiet because he had gone to bed at 5 a.m. and would sleep until noon,” his daughter says. Maffei often sold his artwork, landscapes and ships, at the Allentown Art Festival and art shows up and down the East Coast. To supplement his income, he sometimes worked as an electrician and carpenter at properties his wife purchased and would later rent or sell. When his World War II sketches go on display this coming weekend, the hope is that they will attract a buyer. “What I’m hoping is that someone, a sincere buyer, will buy the entire collection and continue my father’s legacy,” Susanne Maffei says. “It’s overwhelming, and I cannot do my dad justice by keeping it.” She says she is certain that it would please her father to

no end if his collection remained intact. Offering a final insight into the heart of this artist, the daughter says that on his gravestone, Maffei had six Latin words from an ancient saying inscribed. Translated into English, they are: “Life is short, art is long.” Photo Caption: Hometown and residence: Franklinville, Branch: Army Rank: Private first class, War zone: Europe, Years of service: 1942-45, Most prominent honor: European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Specialty: Artillery gunner. Photo Caption: Pfc. Norman Maffei, of Franklinville, made not only sketches of what he experienced in WWII, but chronicled those years with handwritten notes. Photo Caption: Hitler’s yacht, known as the Aviso Grille, is a subject of one of Norman Maffei’s sketches. Maffei’s daughter hopes his art that will be on display in Hamburg on Memorial Day weekend may attract a “sincere buyer.” Photo Caption: One of the sketches by the late Norman Maffei that will be on display Saturday and Sunday at Hamburg Historical Society depicts what he saw Nov. 20, 1943, when Army medics rushed a wounded American soldier on a stretcher down a hillside in Pozzilli, Italy.

Dec 05, 2025: Published on Facebook entitled: OKLAHOMA CITY. Leaders from the city of Weatherford, Oklahoma, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Army National Guard, gathered Wednesday to commemorate the establishment of the Weatherford Regional Training Facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new co-use facility, which is part of a broader effort to expand Oklahoma Guard presence and reintegrate units back into rural communities, will serve as an emergency management hub for western Oklahoma and will be utilized by both Weatherford emergency management officials and Alpha Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment, 45th Field Artillery Brigade. “In the early 2000s, we closed down many of our armories and pushed our force into the major metropolitan areas,” said Brig. Gen. Colby Wyatt, director of the joint staff for the Oklahoma National Guard. “When I became director of the joint staff, I made it a goal of mine to get back into these communities in a responsible way. “In partnership with the Weatherford [Emergency Operations Center] and with the commitment of the 158th Field Artillery, we were able to move a battery into this location and it makes for a good strategic location for us to provide domestic support to our state.”



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