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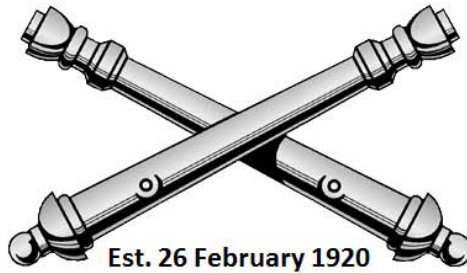
PREFACE

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Registry of the 158th Field Artillery

Jan 01, 1946: Published in the "The Anadarko News" entitled: 250 attend celebration. 45th Boys Give New Years Party Here: Over 250 ex-servicemen, servicemen, their wives and sweethearts attended the New Year's Eve celebration Monday night in the Community building. The barbecue and dance was sponsored by Battery "B" 158th Field Artillery of the 45th Division and was the big New Years celebration in Anadarko. Ellis Shirley is Toastmaster: Serving as toastmaster for the dinner was Ellis Shirley, who introduced Colonel Grover C. Wamsley. Colonel Wamsley made a short talk to the group. Rev. John R. Kelly, Baptist minister, asked the Invocation. Dr. P. H. Anderson, who served as company doctor, who made a short talk. Mrs. W. S. Keyes, wife of General W. S. Keyes, one-time commander of the division, was introduced to the group. She was accompanied here from Oklahoma City by her niece, Mrs. Dovall. The idea of the party originated on a July 1943 payday when the 45th was stationed in Sicily. 11 Plan Party: Eleven men in the original group planned the party. Seven of the 11 returned home after the war. Six of the group attended the party. They were Buck Shaffer, Emmett Robrecht, Calvin Sheets, J. D. Golden, Ellis Shirley and Wade Johnson. The other man, Steve Rosheff, St. Louis, Mo., is still in the army. "Funds for the party began when we contributed each pay day in Sicily." Ellis Shirley said. "And to complete the amount needed we received contributions from the people of Anadarko to which we want to say thank you."

Jun 23, 1946: Published in the "The Miami Daily News Record" entitled: National guardsmen leaders named. Kerr appoints 25 officers to key posts in state's 45th Division. Oklahoma City, June 22-(AP). Twenty-five officers, with emphasis on youth and combat experience, were appointed by Gov. Robert S. Kerr today to key posts in the 45th division as part of the fast moving reactivation of the national guard. Heading the list of new appointments was Col. Walter James Arnote, McAlester attorney and mayor, as chief of staff of the division, Col. Frederick A. Daugherty of Oklahoma City was named to command the 179th Infantry; Col. James O. Smith, Okemah, the 180th Infantry, and Col. Russell D. Funk, Bartlesville, the 279th Infantry. Col. John Embry, Chandler, was named executive officer at the headquarters of division artillery, and four assistant chiefs of staff to be assigned to the infantry division headquarters were also announced. They were Lieut. Col. Henry B. Roach, Lieut. Col. Jess Larson, Lieut. Col. Boylston B. Bass, and Lieut. Col. Hugh Askew, all of Oklahoma City. These officers have been tentatively selected as G-1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. Four field artillery battalion commanders were named. They were Lieut. Col. Paul E. Scheefers, Duncan, the 158th; Lieut. Col. Paul B. Bell, Oklahoma City; Lieut. Col. Joseph G. Cathey, Ada, 171st; Lieut. Col. Otwa T. Autry, Enid, 189th, Lieut. Col. Patrick H. Lawson, Marietta, will command the 120th medical battalion. Other appointments included Capt. Edward A. Johndrow, Enid, assistant inspector general; Capt. Donald E. Oldham, Guthrie, assistant finance officer.

Sep 27, 1946: Consolidated with Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery (reconstituted Aug 25, 1945 in the Oklahoma National Guard), reorganized, and federally recognized as the 158th Field Artillery Battalion with Headquarters at Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Oct 01, 1946: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 113 dated 1 October 1946: GENERAL ORDERS 113, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 1 October 1946. Section: MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT: Sangamon Ordnance Plant, Springfield, Illinois, discontinued. Section I. BATTLE HONORS. Section II. I. MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. Effective as of 10 September 1946, the Sangamon Ordnance Plant (industrial facility), Springfield, Illinois, is discontinued as a military establishment. [AG 680.1 (20 Sep 46)]. II. BATTLE HONORS. As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, WD Bul. 11, 1942), citations of the following units in the general orders indicated are confirmed under the provisions of section IV, WD Circular 333, 1943, in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation read as follows: . . 5. The 189th Field Artillery Battalion is

cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 13 September 1943 at Salerno, Italy. During the first bitter 4-day battle on 9-12 September 1943, for establishment of the Salerno beachhead, success of the venture had not as yet been assured. The most critical day of the entire operation came on 13 September 1943, when the enemy launched its heaviest counterattacks. Success was within the enemy's grasp when he annihilated infantry elements holding the vital Sele-Calore Rivers corridor. The 189th Field Artillery Battalion, in position near the junction of the two rivers, stood alone between the strong enemy force and the beaches. As the enemy moved to the attack, the 189th Field Artillery Battalion formed a defensive line manned by the antitank platoon, machine gunners, cooks, truck drivers, ammunition handlers, clerks, and spare cannoners. The Germans reached the river line and attacked in force with rifles, machine guns, mortars, tank fire, and artillery, but the 189th Field Artillery Battalion held fast. From 1800 hours until dark (2200 hours), the enemy attacked continuously in an attempt to overrun the battalion's position, but by grim determination and indomitable fighting spirit, the battalion repulsed all enemy assaults. The howitzer crews delivered almost continuous fire, mostly by direct laying and at very close range. By 2230 hours, the enemy admitted defeat and withdrew. The individual courage, gallantry, and spirit de corps displayed by the officers and men of the 189th Field Artillery Battalion exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Successful accomplishment of an infantry role by the battalion prevented a disastrous and complete break-through and made possible the ultimate success of the Salerno Campaign. (General Orders 612, Headquarters Seventh Army, 16 October 1945.) By Order of the Secretary of War: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff. Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, USA, The Adjutant General.

Oct 10, 1946: Published in the "The Indian Journal" entitled: CO. M inspection is set for 8 P.M. at guard armory. All Eufaula Citizens Are Requested To Be In Attendance: Inspection for Federal recognition of Company M, 180th Infantry, will be held at the armory tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m. By officers from the Fourth Army Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston. As soon as Company M is federally recognized, regular weekly drill periods will begin and clothing and equipment will be furnished. A large turnout of local citizens is anticipated for the inspection in order to show the inspecting officer that Company M has the full support of the community. At a meeting of all men held last Monday night, the regular weekly drill period was set for Monday nights, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The first drill period will be held October 14 and continue each Monday night thereafter. New enlistments are being received daily, officers pointed out. The company now having a strength of 23 enlisted men. All men interested in joining up should do so now while many good positions, vacancies and ratings are open. Enlistments will be taken by Curtis Grayson at the Armory any week day from 8 to 5 or at the Monday night drill period. Federal Inspectors gave to 45th Division headquarters, Friday their schedule of inspection for the week of October 7-11 when they will review units to qualify for federal recognition. This recognition indicates that the unit exists as a legal entity for pay and other National guard privileges. Units inspected October 8 are 45th Signal company, Alva; Battery C, 160th Field Artillery battalion, Haskell; and Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery battalion, Anadarko. Thursday inspections will include Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery battalion, Tonkawa; Company M, 180th Infantry regiment, Eufaula and Anti-Tank company, 179th Infantry regiment, Altus. Closing the week will be reviews of Company B, 279th Infantry regiment, Pawnee; Company A, 279th Infantry regiment, Pawhuska; Company D, 180th Infantry regiment, Shawnee and Company E, 179th Infantry regiment, Walters.

Dec 01, 1946: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Thunderbirds draw praise in national magazine article. This week in the Saturday Evening Post, the 45th Infantry Division gained another tribute for its 511 days of combat, in an article titled "The Beachhead-Happy Thunderbirds." which recounts some highlights of the division's bitter 2,000 combat miles, during which its ribbons of honor were saturated with the blood of its dead. Written by Carey Longmire, a Post correspondent who spent some time with the outfit in Europe and a number of hours poring over files of the 45th Division News; the article recounts the assault landings at Sicily, Salerno, Anzio and Southern France. It tells how the fighting 45th cut the Siegfried line, cleaned out the Nazi shrine city of Nuerberg, liberated 32,000 living skeletons at infamous Dachau concentration camp and planted its guidons in the Munich platz. It quotes Nazi Field Marshal Keaselring, as saying that the two outfits of the American army which gave him the most trouble were the 45th and the 3rd divisions. The 3rd was either on the right or left flank of the 45th most of the time from Sicily onward and was the only division to top the 45th's casualty list of 27,207 killed, wounded or missing, the article says. On two occasions the 45th weathered attacks in which entire battalions of infantry virtually were wiped out and one young officer, Felix Sparks (now a student at the University of Colorado) of Miami, Ariz., brought the pitiful remnants, out of both encounters. The first attack was at Anzio, where Sparks, then a captain, and one man of Company "E" of the 157th infantry, came out alive with most of the second battalion dead. The second was 11 months later in the snows of Alsace when five Nazi divisions were hammering the 45th. The third battalion of the 157th, then commanded by Sparks, caught the brunt of the assault. In a tank he rescued two platoons by creating such a tempest that he drew enemy attention and cleared an escape lane, stopping to pick up three wounded men enroute. After combat loading at Hampton Roads, Va., in June 1943, the 45th went to Africa for a week of assault training, then hit Sicily. In 22 days they covered 220 miles, the article said, most of them on foot, catching four day s

of concentrated hell at bloody San Stefano. Later they followed the 36th division by one day on the shell riddled beach at Salerno, on which German guns were zeroed. It was at Salerno on Sept. 13, 1943, that the 45th's artillery saved the division from annihilation when nothing stood between a concentrated large scale German push and the Mediterranean, the article said. In a bridge gap the 158th and 189th Artillery Battalions stood and fired at Germans so close that even the 155's were firing on a flat trajectory. They fired 3,650 rounds, from 5:15 p.m. until dark, in such rapid fire that captured Germans believed the big guns to be automatic, but with even truck drivers manning the pieces, the men were merely showing the teamwork and training which the then Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain had taught them. After 238 days of battle in Italy, the 45th made its fourth invasion, this time up the Rhone valley from the south, to help squeeze the vise on Germany. It hit the beach with but 28 percent of those who had seen the assault on Sicily still in the ranks, the article reports. In southern France Lieut. Clarence Coggins of the 179th infantry (a former Oklahoma A & M student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coggins, Poteau) found himself captured and then bluffed 1,000 Germans, infected by the rapid withdrawals of their forces, to surrender to him, part of the 103,367 prisoners the division captured, Coggins later was killed in Alsace. It took the 45th 20 weary months to reach the Rhine, but when it did all the assault infantry elements were across in one hour. In six months of fighting prior to that, the division had only 10 days' rest, and less than a month out before the hard, final push into Bavaria. Munich fell on the 511th combat day for the 45th, after it had taken, in total, six times more prisoners than its normal strength. Then came the war's end and tourists of congressmen and chair-bound army brass. To one of them, a colonel, a 45th sergeant gave what is a fitting summary of the division. As reported in the article, it was like this; The colonel asked: "What beach did you come over, sergeant?" The sergeant, who had been in the war long before Normandy beaches had been heard of, said: "Sir, my outfit hit so many beaches that we forgot their names. One soldier out of my old company is still alive. The rest are buried at Salerno and Anzio and the Siegfried line. Sir, I never saw Omaha or Utah beach. We were busy killing krauts. Anything else, sir?" The colonel, indignant, asked: "What's your outfit, soldier?" And the sergeant replied. "Sir. the best damn outfit in the army-the 45th division.

Jan 03, 1947: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Guard will drill. Chickasha, Jan. 2 (Special); Four batteries of the 158th Field Artillery will be in Chickasha January 13 for a mass drill called by Gen. Hal Muldow. 45th division artillery commander, Anadarko, Weatherford, Minco, Duncan, and Chickasha batteries will participate. May 21, 1947 Published in the "The Anadarko News" entitled: Dutcher is promoted to captaincy. Word has been received by Mrs. B. H. Massingale of the promotion of her brother, Richard F. Dutcher, from first lieutenant to captain, effective February 7. Captain Dutcher attended Anadarko schools, and Oklahoma A. and M. College. Prior to his enlistment at Guthrie December 31, 1941, he was a member of the 158th field artillery of the national guard here. His wife and small son are living with him at his station in Hawaii.

May 23, 1947: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Weatherford guard unit at full strength. Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion at Weatherford, Thursday became the first Oklahoma national guard unit to reach full strength. Brig. Gen. Roy W. Kenney, the adjutant general, praised the work of Lieut. Vernla W. Page, the commanding officer of the Weatherford Unit.

Aug 09, 1947: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Anadarko guard plans "short trip" on current camp. Anadarko, Aug. 8. (Special). Anadarko's national guard unit, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery, is going to war again, but only for two weeks this time at Fort Sill, instead of the five-year stretch it saw during World War II. The unit consisting of two officers and 20 enlisted men will shove off from Anadarko at 7 a.m. Sunday after an early breakfast. While Battery "B" today is composed mostly of young men who never saw military service, there are still a few with the unit who served during the war. The battery was with the group that landed in Sicily, moved up through Italy into France and across the Rhine into Germany before the war ended. Capt James D. Bell, Anadarko, is in command of the unit with veteran Buck Shaffer as his first sergeant.

Aug 12, 1948: Obituary: Clarence F Swope. Funeral services for PFC. Clarence F. Swope, 27, who was killed in action in the Anzio Beach head Feb. 18, 1944 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Moyer-Haupter funeral home with the Rev. C. F. Golden of Denver officiating. Burial will be in the Macy Cemetery. The Adolph Merley American Legion Post of Akron will have charge of the service. The body will arrive in Rochester at 11 o'clock tonight and will be taken to the Akron funeral home. The son of Charles and Myrtle Swope of New Mexico. Pfc. Swope lived near Akron before being inducted in April 1942. He was a member of the 158th Field Artillery, 45th Division, which went overseas in June of 1943. His unit landed in North Africa and participated in the Sicily and Salerno landings. After his death, he was buried in an army cemetery at Netuno, Italy, which is 30 miles south of Rome. Survivors besides his parents, include a brother, George Swope of Akron, and a sister Mrs. Rosanna Wallace, R. R. Peru.

Aug 14, 1947: Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Guardsmen leave barracks for an overnight bivouac. Their backs bending and their feet pounding, scores of 45th Division troops left the barracks in the Camp

Charles F. Barrett area today to march under field packs to the Heyl's hill area on Medicine creek for an overnight bivouac. Units starting the overnight trip at 2 p.m. included the 160th and 171st Field Artillery battalions and doughboys of the 279th Infantry regiment. Yesterday at the camp the division artillery, composed of the 158th, 160th, 171st and 189th battalions, completed small arms firing, freeing the range for the first infantry today. The 180th Infantry and 120th engineers took over the small arms range early today. The 158th artillery today was scheduled to hold a battalion mass parade on foot. Most of the rookies up to now thought a battalion mass was the mob ahead of them in the chow line. Tomorrow the 158th and 189th artillery, the 179th infantry and 120th medics go on bivouacs overnight while the 279th infantry and special troops have dry runs on rifles during studies in handling basic weapons, preliminary to firing Monday. Saturday is half-holiday and weekend passes are available allowing 50 per cent of a unit's strength absent from the camp. Tonight a boxing tournament will be staged, and swimming pools, baseball, tennis and other recreational equipment is available. In addition there is a service club and theater facilities on the post and in the guard camp.

Dec 10, 1947: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 24 dated 10 December 1947: GENERAL ORDERS 24, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 10 December 1947. Section: General. Section I. List of Units and Citations. Section II. I. General. 1. The following list of units of the United States Army to which decorations have been awarded by cobelligerent foreign governments during World War II, together with the citations therefor, is confirmed, in accordance with paragraph 2, AR 260-15. 2. Individual wear of the French and Belgium Fourrageres and the Netherlands Orange Lanyard will be in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 18, AR 260-15. II. List of Units and Citations. 3. Divisions...45th Infantry Division. French Croix de Guerre with Palm, awarded under Decision No. 843, 21 June 1945, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation: A magnificent formation whose fighting spirit and cooperation were particularly admired by the units of the French Expeditionary Corps. After their entry into the line in Italy, this division, with certain of its infantry, played a glorious part in the victory of Acquafondata from 1 to 31 January 1944...158th FA Bn (105-How)...[AG 200.6 (21 Nov 47)] By Order of the Secretary of Army: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff. United States Army Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, USA, The Adjutant General.

Jan 21, 1948: Published in the "The Anadarko News" entitled: Guard unit draws praise at inspection. Members of the local national guard unit polished up their brass, shined their shoes and straighten their shoulders last night and came out of an armory inspection with flying colors and a rating of "Satisfactory." Battery "B", 158th FA battalion, commanded by Capt. Don Bell, was given this rating by regular army officers inspecting the unit. Col. Howard W. Turner, senior artillery instructor, 45th infantry division, stated that Battery "B" has made excellent progress, being potentially a very excellent unit. "The general state of efficiency is excellent and the morale of the troops is very good," the colonel stated. Also with the inspection party were Lt. Col. Stark, Fourth Army inspector generals staff, San Antonio, Tex.; Maj. T. E. Watson, Jr., Sixth Armored division, Fort Sill; Maj. Frank Hamilton, artillery instructor for the 158th FA battalion, and Capt. Alvin H. Chance, S-3 headquarters 158th FA battalion. F-Sgt. Vincent Shaffer stated that all of the inspecting officers had nothing but praise for the unit and that all men performed well at the inspection.

Apr 09, 1948: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Commanders change. Duncan, April 8 (Special). Jimmy Morton will take over the command of Headquarters Battery of the 158th Field Artillery, National Guard, Victor Powers, who resigned, will remain as a unit officer.

May 25, 1948: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Sergeants receive commendations. Commendations for recruiting work last November were received by three Oklahoma national guard members this month. The commendations were given to S-Sgt. Charles R. Metcalf, Hq. Battery, 158 field artillery battalion; Sgt. Carl A. Sellers, Company A of the 279th infantry and T-Sgt. Homer I. Tumpkin, medical detachment of the 279th. These men were responsible for Oklahoma leading the way in the recruiting program last November.

Aug 10, 1948: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: An old buddy. Photo Caption: An Old Buddy. Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain talks with S/Sgt. Cecil E. Hoss and his fellow members of Battery "A", 158th F. A. Battalion, Chickasha, Monday noon at Fort Sill, where a composite battery of the battalion fired a 15-gun salute to the former divisional artillery commander, now chief of information of the U. S. Army. Behind Gen. McLain is Brig. Gen. Hal Muldrow, artillery commander of the 45th national guard division.

Aug 11, 1948: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: 45th Polishes Up; Plans daily parade reviews rest of week. Fort Sill, Aug. 10; (Staff) Some parade reviews that even non-military citizens like to watch, but which are a part of mass movement training for the 45th infantry division, are planned daily the rest of the week. Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, division commander, said Tuesday. Wednesday through Friday, the parades will consist of

regimental combat teams and will be held at 4 p. m. southeast of the Camp Potts-Robison area, just west of Post field. The public is invited, the general said. Wednesday it will be the 180th infantry team; Thursday the 279th Infantry combat unit; Friday the 179th infantry regimental team. The parades include the infantry regiments with their supporting artillery battalions, engineer, quartermaster and medical support. Division special troops had their parade Tuesday. Saturday morning at 10 a. m., division artillery, composed of four battalions and the headquarters battery, will have a dismounted review on the post polo field alongside of highway 277, just west of the railroad depot. W. S. Key, who commanded 45th division artillery from Battery "A", 160th regiment, through battalion regiment and the old 70th field when the pain was so bad artillery brigade, then later commanded the whole division, will take and the review from the stands, Brig. Gen. Hal Muldrow, present artillery commander, said. During the review. Gen. Muldrow will present trophies, which he personally secured, to the champion rifle team of the artillery and to individual rifle champion. The matches were a part of unit's home training during the year. On the winning team, all from Battery "B", 189th artillery, Cherokee, are S/Sgt. Jack C. White, Sgt. Jess E. Tatro, Sgt. Lester W. Burkes, Cpl. Delbert Simmons and T/5 Lloyd R. Clepper. The last man has since left the battery. Individual champion is M/Sgt Herbert E. Rawlings, Headquarters Battery, 158th artillery, from Duncan. Gen. Muldrow expressed the hope all former members of 45th artillery units would watch the review.

Sep 20, 1948: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 63 dated 20 September 1948: GENERAL ORDERS 63, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 20 September 1948. Units Entitled to Battle Credits. Ardennes-Alsace. 1. Announcement is made of units awarded battle participation credit under the provisions of paragraph 23, AR 260-15, in the Ardennes-Alsace campaign.* a. Combat zone: Euskirchen, Eupen (inclusive), Liege (exclusive), east bank of the Meuse River to its intersection with the Franco-Belgian border, thence south and east along this border to the western border of Luxembourg, thence to Metz (inclusive), east bank of the Moselle River to Epinal (inclusive), Strasbourg (inclusive). b. Time limitation: 16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945. Note. Battle participation credit for the Rhineland campaign will not be accorded during this period for operations in the area defined above. 2. When entering individual credit on WD AGO Form 66 (Officer's, Warrant Officer's and Flight Officer's Qualification Record), or on WD AGO Forms 24 or 24A (Service Record), these general orders may be cited as authority for such entries for personnel who were present for duty as member of or attached to a unit listed at some time during the limiting dates of the Ardennes-Alsace campaign. Ardennes-Alsace...158th Field Artillery Battalion...3. So much of General Orders 114, War Department, 1945, as amended by section IV, General Orders 29, Department of the Army, 1948, as pertains to the Army units listed therein, is rescinded. [AG 200.6 (8 Jan 47)] By Order of the Secretary of Army: Omar N. Bradley, Chief of Staff. United States Army Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, The Adjutant General.

Dec 26, 1948: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Reports prove National Guard units aren't idle. At Andarko, Battery "B", 158th FA, commanded by Lieut. Robert A. Mallonee, twice this month conducted military funerals for returned war dead.

Jan 31, 1949: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: State Briefs. Weatherford. Personnel of Weatherford's National Guard unit Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, will be increased from 77 to 88 after February 1, according to Captain Herman Horst, commanding officer. This is in line with general state reorganization of the military unit, he said.

Feb 13, 1949: Captain Herman C. Horst, Commanding Officer, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Weatherford, Oklahoma announced promotions: Promoted to Sergeants First Class are Richard Brandt, Albert M. Armstrong and Herald Hogan. Promoted to the rank of Sergeant are Warren L. Dibler, R. L. Lockstone Jr., Richard McPhetridge, Howard C. Richey and Nolen V. Williams. Promoted to Corporals are Donald E. Ayres, Max E. Bergner, Warren R. Heatley, Andrew G. Wood Jr., John L. Folks, Loyd W. Hedge, Billy R. Jones and David Tautfest. Promoted to Privates First Class are Harry B. Baxter, Robert E. Dawson, Lloyd D. Franklin, Earl L. Friesen and Sidney W. Hayes. New recruits to the Battery are Charles L. Kramer, who joined for officer training and David H. Lelky.

Feb 14, 1949: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Guards promoted in Weatherford. Weatherford, February 13 (Special) Promotions for 26 members of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, at Weatherford, have been announced by Captain Herman Horst, Commanding Officer. Promoted to Sergeants First Class are Richard Brandt, Albert M. Armstrong and Herald Hogan. Elevated to the rank of Sergeant are Warren L. Dibler, R. L. Lockstone Jr., Richard McPhetridge, Howard C. Richey and Nolen V. Williams. New Corporals are Donald E. Ayres, Max E. Bergner, Warren R. Heatley, Andrew G. Wood Jr., John L. Folks, Loyd W. Hedge, Billy R. Jones and David Tautfest. Made Privates First Class are Harry B. Baxter, Robert E. Dawson, Lloyd D. Franklin, Earl L. Friesen and Sidney W. Hayes. New recruits to the Battery are Charles L. Kramer, who joined for officer training and David H. Lelky.

Jan 19, 1950: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Grover C. Wamsley rites are Friday. Anadarko, Jan. 18, Special. Services will be at 2:30 p. m. Friday in the Methodist church for Grover C. Wamsley, 65, prominent Anadarko attorney who died Wednesday morning in a local hospital. In ill health for the past seven years Wamsley was stricken in his law office last September 15 and since then had not been in active practice. Wamsley began practice here in 1910 after graduation from law school at the University of Michigan. For 25 years he had been in partnership with Theodore Pruett, former state senator.

Mar 01, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 6 dated 1 March 1950: GENERAL ORDERS 6, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 1 March 1950. Section: Units Entitled to Battle Credits-Units awarded battle participation credit Anzio campaign. Section I. Units Entitled to Battle Credits-General orders amended. Section II. Units Credited with Assault Landings-General orders amended. Section III. I Units Entitled to Battle Credits. 1. Announcement is made of Army units awarded battle participation credit, under the provisions of paragraph 23, AR 260-15, in the Anzio campaign. a. Combat zone: Mussolini Canal-Sessano, Cisterna, Campoleone, Carroceto, Moletta River, and adjacent waters. b. Time limitation: 22 January to 24 May 1944. 2. When entering individual credit on WD AGO Form 66 (Officer's, Warrant Officer's and Flight Officer's Qualification Record), or in the service record of enlisted personnel, WD AGO Form 24A (Service Record), these general orders may be cited as authority for such entries for personnel who were present for duty as member of or attached to a unit listed at some time during the limiting dates of the Anzio campaign. Anzio...158th Field Artillery Battalion (45th Infantry Division)...III Units Credited with Assault Landings...3. Naples-Foggia. Paragraph 6, section II, WD General Orders, 70, 1945, as amended by section VI, WD General Orders 86, 1945, and paragraph 5, section III, WD General Orders 116, 1946, pertaining to the Salerno assault landings, is further amended as follows: Delete: 158th Infantry Regiment. Add: 158th Field Artillery Battalion...[AG 200.6 (25 Jan 50)] By Order of the Secretary of Army: J. Lawton Collin, Chief of Staff. United States Army Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, USA, The Adjutant General.

Jul 27, 1950: Executive Order 10145: Extension of Enlistments in the Armed Forces of the United States. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Act of this date, entitled "An Act to authorize the President to extend enlistments in the Armed Forces of the United States," and as President of the United States and Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, I hereby extend for a period of twelve months all enlistments in the Army, the United States Navy, and the United States Marine Corps, including the Naval Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve, and in any component of the Air Force of the United States, which shall expire at any time after the date of this order and prior to July 9, 1951: Provided, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent voluntary re-enlistments or voluntary extension of existing enlistments under provisions of applicable laws or the regulations of the Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The Secretary of Defense is hereby directed to take such steps as he may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this order. Signed: Harry S. Truman, The White House, Published in the "The Ada Weekly News" entitled: Oklahoma's major guard and reserve organization listed. Oklahoma City, July 22-(AP)-Oklahoma's major guard and reserve organizations with actual or approximate strengths and locations of headquarters, were compiled today. Many small units fall inside the listed regiments, battalions and squadrons. Some of the organizations with headquarters in this state lap over into neighboring states. The List: National Guard: 45th Infantry Division, Headquarters in Oklahoma City, Includes 179th Infantry Regiment, Edmond; 180th Infantry regiment, Okemah; 279th Infantry Regiment, Okmulgee; 45th Division, Norman; Artillery Medical Detachment, Oklahoma City; 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Chickasha; 160th Field Artillery Battalion, Tulsa; 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Ada; 189th Field Artillery Battalion, Enid; 14th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, Pawhuska; 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Stillwater; 120th Medical Battalion, Norman; 245th Heavy Tank Battalion, Altus. Also these special troop companies: headquarters, quartermaster, military police, reconnaissance, band, ordnance and medical detachment. Total strength, 8,539 officers and men. 143rd Engineer Treadway Bridge Company, Wilburton, the state's only guard outfit not connected with the 45th Division. Strength 57 enlisted men and three officers. Air National Guard: 137th Fighter Group, Headquarters at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City. Includes 125th Fighter Squadron, Tulsa; 185th Fighter Squadron, Will Rogers Field; 154th Fighter Squadron, Little Rock, Ark.; 188th Fighter Squadron, Albuquerque, N.M., flies F-51s and F-58s. Total strength about 1,700 officers and men including 130 pilots. Army: 95th Infantry Division. 22nd Armored Division. Other smaller units not connected with the two divisions. Total approximate strength of all active units, 5,000 officers and men. Navy: Nine surface divisions located as follows: Oklahoma City, three divisions; Tulsa, three divisions; Stillwater, one division; Norman, one division, and McAlester, one division. Total strength, 2,200 officers and men. Navy Air: Two training units: Associate Volunteer Aviation No. 5, Will Rogers Field and AVUA No. 2, Tulsa. Fly single and twin-engine trainers. Total strength, about 180 officers and men including some 140 pilots. Air Force: 323rd Bomb Wing, Tinker Air force base, only tactical air force reserve unit in state. Flies B-26s (twin-engine light bombers). Total strength, 1,252 officers and men, including about 135 pilots. Marines: 20th Infantry Battalion, Headquarters in Oklahoma City. Includes three rifle companies: "A" company, Oklahoma City; "B" company, Tulsa, and "C" company, San Antonio, Texas. Total strength 980 officers and men.

Aug 02, 1950: Published in the "The Anadarko News" entitled: Guard unit to start drills, seek 58 men. The Anadarko unit of the National Guard intends to increase its strength by 58 enlisted men in preparation for beginning of active duty by September 1, First Lieut. Bob Shipman, commanding officer, said today. Drills Start Friday: The 45th Oklahoma division, of which the Anadarko Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery battalion, is a part, is to enter active duty about September 1 with training to be held at Camp Polk, La. The summer camp, which had been scheduled at Fort Hood, Texas, August 6-20, has been canceled. Shipman said that three compulsory guard drills a week will begin effective Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the armory. Two drills already have been held. These drills were in preparation for the summer camp. At present, the unit has a strength of 73 men and five officers. Four more officers are expected to be recruited. The officers in addition to Shipman are First Lieut. James Styron, Hobart, son of Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, division commander; Second Lieut. Bill Balone, Second Lieut. Jack Riddle and Warrant Officer Buck Shaffer, all of Anadarko. Activation of the guard apparently will mean the loss of Caddo county treasurer and Anadarko high school football coach. Shipman is county treasurer while Riddle is head football coach.

Aug 04, 1950: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Anadarko Guard unit starts drills; seeks 58 more men. Anadarko, Aug 3, Special. The Anadarko unit of the National Guard intends to increase its strength by 58 enlisted men in preparation for the beginning of active duty September 1, First Lieutenant Bob Shipman, Commanding Officer said. Shipman said that three compulsory guard drills a week will begin effective Friday at 7:30 p.m. Two drills already have been held in the armory in preparation for the summer camp, which now has been canceled. At present, the unit has a strength of 53 men and five officers. Four more officers are scheduled to be recruited. Present officers in addition to Shipman are First Lieutenant James Styron, Hobart, son of Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, Hobart, 45th Division Commander; Second Lieutenant Bill Botone, Second Lieutenant Jack Riddle and Warrant Officer Buck Shaffer, Anadarko. Activation of the guard will mean the loss of the Caddo County Treasurer and Anadarko High School football coach, Shipman is county treasurer and Riddle is head football coach at the high school. Riddle said that plans are going ahead for the summer football camp scheduled at Craterville park late this month, but that it may have to be canceled. About 12 or 14 enlisted in the unit, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion are 18 years old. Shipman said that a civilian board, which will be in charge of the armory building when the unit leaves, has been appointed. Members are Klom Summers, president and Dr. H. H. Holliday and Carl Hall, members. The board will have charge of rental and maintenance of the building when it is vacated.

Aug 05, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Headquarters Fourth Army Special Orders Number 137 dated 5 August 1950 by Command of Lieutenant General Lutes: INDUCTION OF THE 45TH INFANTRY DIVISION, NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES, INTO THE ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE. By direction of the President and the Secretary of Defense, under authority conferred by the Selective Service Extension Act of 1950 (Public Law 599, 81st Congress), the following units and members thereof of the National Guard of the United States are ordered into the active military service of the United States effective 1 September 1950, to serve therein for a period of 21 consecutive months, or such other period as may be authorized by law, unless soon relieved: UNIT; T/O&E & Date; Auth T/O&E Strength: OFF, WO, EM, Home Station. 158 FA Bn (105mm Howitzer Trac Dr): Hq & Hq Btry; 6-26N, Apr 48; 19, 2, 147, Chickasha, Okla. Svc Btry: 6-29N, Apr 48; 3, 2, 81, Minco, Okla. Btry "A": 6-27N, Apr 48; 8, 1, 131, Duncan, Okla. Btry "B": 6-27N, Apr 48, 8, 1, 131, Anadarko, Okla. Btry "C": 6-27N, Apr 48, 8, 1, 131, Weatherford, Okla. All persons so ordered into the active military service of the United States, are, from the effective date indicated above, relieved from duty in the National Guard of their respective states, territories, and the District of Columbia, so long as they shall remain in the active military service of the United States, and during such time shall be subject to such laws and regulations for the Government of the Army of the United States so may be applicable to members of the Army whose permanent retention in the active military service is not contemplated by law. By direction of the President each officer and warrant officer of the National Guard, appointed in the National Guard, who shall have been Federally recognized or examined and found qualified for Federal recognition by a duly constituted board of officers, and shall have been assigned to a position vacancy for a commissioned officer or warrant officer in a unit ordered to active duty under this order prior to the effective date entry into the active military service, who does not hold an appointment in the National Guard of the United States in the same grade and arm or service in which he has been most recently examined and found qualified for Federal recognition by a duly constituted board of officers, is hereby tendered appointment in the National Guard of the United States in the same grade and arm or service in which he shall have been most recently Federally recognized or examined and found qualified for Federal recognition. Each person so appointed will forward oath of office with individual report prescribed by para 10, AR 130-10. Service numbers will be assigned by The Adjutant General upon receipt of report of entry into the active military service of the United States: except that if the individual is a former officer of the Army, the service number previously assigned to him will be used and entered on all records. Each of the units listed in para 1, above, is reorganized under the T/O&E and authorized strength as indicated, effective this date. Pending further orders all personnel now assigned, including the commanding general, will accompany the units upon entry into the active military service and will be retained in their present positions. Individual and organizational supplies

and equipment now on hand will accompany the units upon entry into the active military service. AR 130-10, 1948, as changed, and letter this headquarters, AG 327 AKAAG-R, 2 August 1950, subject, "Induction of Units of the National Guard and ORD", is complied with. (Authority: Message, WCL 35921, DA, 2 August 1950).

Sep 01, 1950: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion is inducted into federal service for the Korean War with Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Cleverdon, as the Battalion Commander, pursuant to General Orders #18. Sep 04, 1950 Published in the "The Anadarko News" entitled: Guard due to leave this week. Most Of Men Will Travel By Train: Battery B's officers and men are due to leave sometime this next week for Camp Polk, LA., to join the rest of the 45th division. The exact departure date of the unit was not known Saturday, but officers say "it's still Wednesday or Thursday so far as we know." To Take Equipment: About 23 men and one officer will travel the highways to Camp Polk with the unit's mobile equipment. The rest of the men and officers will go to the southern camp by train. First Lieut. Robert E. Shipman, commanding officer of Battery "B", 158th field artillery battalion, this weekend announced promotions for four enlisted men. Sgt. Robert T. McClure is being promoted to sergeant, first class, Cpl Bobby J. White to sergeant, PFC. William A. Hess to corporal, and Sgt. Kenneth L. Palmer is being upped to sergeant. first class. Over 40 men were recruited locally during the National Guard's enlistment drive. The unit has a strength of over 100 men and officers. An entertainment highlight this past week for the unit as a whole was an open house Thursday night, preceded by a barbecue at the armory.

Sep 06, 1950: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: 45th packs up for a long trip. Photo Caption: Rct. Jimmie Wilson, Comanche, left and Sgt. Jack Gilmore, Duncan, wrap up one of the 105mm howitzers set to make the long jaunt from the Duncan National Guard armory to Camp Polk. They are members of Duncan's Battery "A", 158th FA Battalion, which made final preparations Tuesday for the long road to Louisiana and Camp Polk. Photo Caption: Sgt.fc. Bill Gentry has been working for the telephone company at Chickasha but Tuesday he had shed his civilian ways and was packing radio equipment for the move to Polk. The battalion wrecker is one of the heaviest pieces of equipment the Minco men have to prepare for the long haul to Louisiana. Here Cpl. Robert E. Beaty, at the wheel and MSgt Ferry V. Froneberger jockey the huge vehicle about the armory garage. Field conditions existed in the Minco armory during the big preparations. (Daily Oklahoman Staff Photos by Jim Lucas). Photo Caption: When 45th Division national guardsmen pull out of Minco they'll have their armory in the hands of a man with a personal interest in the guardsmen. All three members of the armory board have sons in the division. Captain F. J. Rice, Commanding Officer of Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion the Minco unit checks over final details with the three men. Standing is Ed Wegener and in foreground left to right are Marvin Woodworth and A. L. Lauderdale. Woodworth has sons in the battery, Lauderdale's son Don is First Sergeant and Wegener's son is with the battalion headquarters in Chickasha. Other civilians were named by Gov. Turner Tuesday to man armories over the state.

Sep 09, 1950: Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery boards train in Weatherford, Oklahoma for Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Sep 10, 1950: Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery arrives at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Sep 11, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Training Memorandum Number 1 dated 11 September 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 11 September 1950. TRAINING MEMORANDUM NUMBER # 1: PHASE I BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM 11 SEPTEMBER -31 OCTOBER 1950

1. REFERENCES. a. Training Memorandum 1, Hq 45th Inf Div, 29 August 1950. b. Training Memorandum 2, Hq 45th Div Arty, 5 September 1950. 2. MISSION. In order to properly initiate Army Mobilization Training with full TO&E strength units on 1 November 1950, this battalion will accomplish the following during the period 11 September thru 31 October 1950: a. Provide preliminary individual training for all inducted personnel. b. Conduct intensive instructor training for officer and selected NCO's. c. Provide MOS and on the job training for selected cadres. d. Take full advantage of all available schools ordered by higher headquarters within the division. e. Fill all available quotas for officers and enlisted personnel to attend service schools. f. Complete Army General Classification Tests and Aptitude Tests. g. Provide essential troop labor support for rehabilitation of facilities. 3. GENERAL PLAN. a. Hours of Training: This training program prescribes a minimum of 44 hours per week, Monday through Saturday morning. These free periods will be utilized for housekeeping and area rehabilitation tasks reserved for disciplinary action. (1) Morning Hours: Basic individual training will be conducted for all personnel not participating in other essential activities. (2) Afternoon Hours: Will be devoted to rehabilitation of facilities, unit specialist schools, actively supervised on the job training for specialists, weapons firing and administrative details. b. Unit commanders will designate two individuals, a primary and an alternative, to fill each cadre position on the appropriate TO&E. Training of these individuals will be accomplished by attendance at schools as provided by higher headquarters. Unit schools as scheduled here and by on the job training. The list of Cadre Personnel will be maintained current at all times and copies furnished monthly to the headquarters, Attn: S-3, to arrive not later than 0800 on first day of each month. c. All individual specialists

without regard to previous training will be required to take basic training. If these personnel are urgently needed on the job, unit commanders may excuse not more than 50% of each type specialists, i.e. cooks, motor personnel, and clerks. Personnel will be rotated every other day, in order that they may receive the maximum basic training. d. Training will be conducted by officers; alternate instructors will also be officers except where no officer is available, in every instance the officer instructor will actually conduct the training, not merely supervise. 4. DETAILED PLAN. a. In addition to the formal training scheduled each week by annexes, the following will be emphasized at all times: (1) Adjust himself to army life, and learn to live with, work with, and understand his fellow man. (2) Understand why he has to fight. (3) Develop a sense of individual responsibility and understand the fundamental moral principles and basic obligation of the soldier. (4) Respond in a positive manner to army discipline and observe the rules of military courtesy and customs. (5) Realize the values of, and be able to care for his person, and be able to administer first aid to himself and to others. (6) Understand Supply Economy and maintain his clothing and equipment in garrison and in the field. (7) Take individual precautions against Biological, Radiological and Chemical attack. (8) Perform duty as a member of a guard or a combat security group. (9) March varying distances (including cross country marching) in the field using only the compass to maintain direction, locate himself and common objects on a map. (10) Understand the meaning and need for basic intelligence; detect and properly report simple military information, recognize classified material and properly safeguard it, develop a security consciousness that will assure detection and action against subversive activities. (11) Attain and maintain a state of physical training commensurate with requirements for dismounted ground combat and consistent with the maximum capabilities of the individual. (12) Understand and be able to apply, under simulated or actual combat conditions, the principles of concealment and camouflage, cover and movement, and be able to take individual protective action against aircraft, airborne, and armored, and dismounted ground attacks. (13) Qualify in firing the individual weapon with which he is armed. Fire Caliber 50 Machine Gun and other weapons for familiarization, in accordance with para 9, AR 775-10. b. Training of personnel inducted with units and partially trained fillers (ERC) will be in accordance with Phase L Training Program. Phase L will be discontinued and training under Phase LL Training Program will be initiated by each battery on the date the unit is brought to full strength by the assignment of untrained fillers. c. Intensive instructor training will be initiated. Unit instructor training schools will be conducted in accordance with Annex 1, Training Memorandum 1, Hq 45th Div Arty, 5 September 1950, and annexes to be published periodically as required from this headquarters. d. Specialist training will be conducted as follows: (1) Service Schools for carefully selected officers and enlisted men. Full advantage will be taken of all quotas even to the point of temporarily handicapping units by absence of key personnel. (2) Division schools for carefully selected officers and enlisted men will be utilized to the full extent of all allowable quotas. e. Regular Army Instructor Team Training for selected officers and enlisted men. f. Unit schools for certain specialists. (1) A special school for officers and selected NCO's will be held in Training Methods and Leadership. (2) Individual weapons firing will be conducted after 11 October 1950. All preliminary weapons training will be completed prior to this date. g. Training tests developed by this and higher headquarters will be used to determine the state of proficiency at the completion of training phases. Unit commanders will utilize written, oral or performance type tests at any stage of training to insure accomplishment of objective. h. Training inspections will be made daily by unit commanders. i. The following subjects will be scheduled by all units for each Saturday morning: 2 hours inspection, 1 hour Troop Information, and 1 hour Character Guidance. j. In addition to all training prescribed herein, conditioning exercises for 15 minutes following reveille formation will be held. k. Special attention will be given to training in dismounted drill and ceremonies. Differentiation must be made between periods devoted to new and unfamiliar movements and periods devoted to development of smartness in execution. During the former periods, emphasis will be placed on explanation, demonstration and corrections of errors. Correction of errors will be continuous during both periods and in addition emphasis will be placed on development and unit pride during the later period. (1) Training will stress the battlefield application of all subjects. Instructors will draw on combat experiences to illustrate instruction whenever and wherever applicable. Battlefield experience will be used particularly to illustrate the importance of teamwork and cooperation. (2) Every opportunity will be utilized to stress reasons for training and instruction in progress. Lesson plans and training objectives will be formed to impress on the individual the value of training in the performance of the combat mission. l. It is imperative that instruction be well prepared. To this and the following policy will govern preparation of instruction: (1) Instructors and alternate instructors will be designated and lesson assignments made well in advance. (2) Written lesson plans will be prepared for all instruction. These lesson plans will be prepared for all instruction. These lesson plans will be approved by commanders prior to presentation of the lesson. (3) All instruction will be rehearsed in the presence of an officer designated by the unit commander, prior to presentation of the lesson. m. All training will be conducted in accordance with the principles set forth in FM 21-5 and TM 21-250. Applicatory exercises will be stressed with lectures and conferences held to the minimum. Mass training methods, that is, committee system and "county fair" instruction, will be used for appropriate subjects when company sized units do not have qualified instructors available. The mass training method will not, however, operate to infringe on the responsibility of small unit commanders. Principles of command and leadership dictate that unit commanders be held responsible for the training of their units. The development of squad, section, and platoon leaders will be emphasized in all training. n.

Whenever possible, training will be integrated; for example, practical application of map reading to be integrated with road marches and scouting and patrolling to be integrated with individual weapons training. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS. a. Administrative overhead of units will be held to a minimum. A daily excused list will be maintained by all unit commanders as prescribed by higher headquarters. Each unit commander or his representative will have a copy of the excused list in his possession during drill hours. b. The maximum number of officers and non-commissioned officers present for all training, consistent with requirements of the School and Instructor Training Program. All officers with command functions will actively supervise training of their units. c. Uniform: Uniform for all training will be HBT, combat boots, helmet liner, pistol belt or cartridge belt and individual weapons for enlisted men. Officer uniforms will be the same except khaki or OD will be worn at all times. Uniforms will be prescribed for ceremonies and special; occasions. Individual weapons will be carried at all times during training but may be dispensed with during fatigue. d. Maintenance of training areas is the responsibility of the using unit during the time allotted. e. This headquarters will prepare detailed Unit Training Schedules for all battery's each week as annexes to this TM. Each battery will complete the required detail as to instructors, alternate instructors, place and any other pertinent data. One copy of the Battery Schedule will be submitted this headquarters, not later than 1200 Friday of the week preceding the scheduled training. f. Schools to be conducted by battalion and higher headquarters will be coordinated by responsible staff officers. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Signed. CHARLES V. WHEELER, Capt, 158 FA Bn, S-3. Distribution: A, B, CO 45 Div Arty (5), CG 45 Inf Div (1).

Sep 14, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 3 dated 14 September 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 14 September 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 3: 1. Following officers, in assignment and duty directed: Name. Released From Assignment To and Duty. Assigned To For Duty as. EDCMR. Capt Robert L. Osborn, O-527847, Arty, Bn S-1, CMDR Btry "C", 15 Sep 1950. Capt Herman H. Horst, O-1183888, Arty, CMDR Btry "C", Bn Motor Off, 15 Sep 1950. Capt Charles V. Wheeler, O-529898, Arty, Bn S-3, Asst Bn S-3, 15 Sep 1950. Capt Victor H. Powers Jr., O-376850, Arty, Bn Liaison, Bn S-1, 15 Sep 1950. Capt Beverly A. Finkle, O-1165014, Arty, Bn Liaison, Bn S-2, 15 Sep 1950. Capt Edward C. Wegener, O-400915, Arty, Bn Motor Off, Bn Liaison, 15 Sep 1950. 1st Lt Joe F. Lohrengel, O-1177506, Arty, XO Btry "C", Bn Liaison, 15 Sep 1950. 1st Lt Edward M. Coon, O-2063368, Arty, FO Btry "A", Radar Off, 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Norman R. Monroe, O-982475, Arty, Asst XO Btry "C", Motor Off HQ Btry, 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Donald W. Williams, O-957977, Arty, FO Btry "A", Asst XO Btry "A", 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Charles I. Kramer, O-985498, Arty, Asst XO Btry "C", Asst XO Btry "A", 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Woodrow L. Cooper, O-991574, Arty, FO Btry "C", Recon Btry "A", 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Floyd L. Mayberry, O-980512, Arty, Asst XO Btry "A", Asst XO Btry "B", 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Billy Botone, O-980491, Arty, Recon Btry "B", FO Btry "B", 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Joe E. Pierce, O-996195, Arty, Asst Bn S-3, Recon Btry "B", 15 Sep 1950. 1st Lt Edward M. Slover, O-962298, Arty, Trains SVC Btry, Asst XO Btry "C", 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Richard E. McConnell, O-981530, Arty, Recon Btry "A", Asst XO Btry "C", 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Jack F. Riddle, O-954044, Arty, FO Btry "B", FO Btry "C", 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Carl E. Rogers, O-2206011, Arty, FO Btry "B", Recon Btry "C", 15 Sep 1950. 2nd Lt Eugene L. Smith, O-988739, Arty, Motor Off HQ Btry, Trains SVC Btry, 15 Sep 1950. 2. Capt Beverly A. Finkle, O-1165014, is hereby assigned as I & E Officer in addition to other duties. 3. 2nd Lt Jack F. Riddle, O-954044 is hereby assigned as Special Service Officer in addition to other duties. BY ORDER OF LT COL CLEVERDON: Robert L. Osborn, Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Robert L. Osborn, Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Sep 15, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Training Memorandum Number 2 dated 15 September 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 15 September 1950. TRAINING MEMORANDUM NUMBER # 2: ATOMIC ENERGY SCHOOL 1. Information: a. The following list of officers will attend Atomic Energy School on dates indicated, from 0740 to 1700, located at Theatre # 6, Building #1911. 18 September: Major Northup, Capt Wheeler, Capt Bell, Lt Savage, Lt Scott, Lt Shipman, Lt Eddleman, Capt Osborn, Capt Ria. 19 September: Major Patterson, Capt Finkle, Capt Laubhan, Lt Brockert, Lt Pierce, Lt Styron, Lt Thacker, Lt Riddle, Lt Chappel. 20 September: Capt Powers, Capt Wegener, Lt Lohrengel, Lt Monroe, Lt Kramer, Lt Cooper, Lt Mayberry, Lt Slover, Lt Smith. 21 September: Capt Horst, Lt Coon, Lt Jones, Lt Woodmansee, Lt Botone, Lt Joe Pierce, Mr. Shaffer, Lt McConnel, Lt Rogers, Mr. Wade. 2. Battery "B" will furnish one 2 ½ ton truck on the above 4 days to transport officers to this school. This truck to be at BOQ on dates indicated and in addition to 2 trucks to be furnished daily for taxi service to and from BOQ. The first listed officer for each day's school will be responsible for coordinating the transportation and properly instructing the truck drivers. 3. Battery Commanders will check training schedule, to see that officers do not have a period of instruction on the day they are required to attend school. 4. First officer on list will maintain roster of personnel attending this instruction on dates indicated. Roster to be submitted to the Battalion Adjutant at the completion of each school in order that certified rosters of officers attending may be forwarded to Division as required by Para 4, Letter HQ 45 Inf Div, dated 1 September 1950. Subject; Atomic Energy Instruction. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Signed. VERGIL L. PATTERSON,

Major, 158 FA Bn, S-3. Dist "A".

Sep 23, 1950: 158th Field Artillery Battalion starts Army Qualification Tests.

Sep 28, 1950: Published in the "The Ada Weekly News" entitled: Old time soldiers. 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 06, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 14 dated 6 October 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 6 October 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 14: 1. 1st Lt Louis A. Scott, Arty, O-947310, is relieved from assigned to and for duty as Commander Btry "A" 158th FA Bn and is assigned to HQ 158th FA Bn for duty as Battalion Liaison Officer, vice 1st Lt Joe F. Lohrengel, O-1177506, Arty, relieved. EDCMR 9 October 1950. 2. 1st Lt Joe F. Lohrengel, O-1177506, Arty, is relieved from assigned to HQ 158th FA for duty as Battalion Liaison Officer, and is assigned to Btry "A" 158th FA Bn as Commander, vice 1st Lt Louis A. Scott, Arty, O-947310. EDCMR 9 October 1950. Joint inventory of all Government property will be taken in accordance with the provisions of WD Memorandum 35-6520-6, 27 March 1947, and certificate of Transfer of Property Responsibility will be properly executed and bound in the Company Property Book prior to 9 October 1950. Shortages or differences discovered during the joint inventory will be adjusted immediately by appropriate property vouchers as required by Para 7b (5), AR 35-6520. Memorandum Receipt accounts will be properly cleared and be present as a result of physical inventory in accordance with Para 10, WD Memo 35-6520-6, prior to 9 October 1950. Building assignments and the installed property accounts will be signed by the new responsible officer prior to 9 October 1950. Joint inventory of non-appropriated funds and property transferred to the new responsible officer after such funds have been audited in accordance with Para 8, SR 210-50-1, prior to 9 October 1950. Written report will be made to this headquarters upon completion of action indicated in this paragraph. 3. 1st Lt James C. Styron, Jr., O-941641, Arty, is assigned as Commander Btry "B" 158th FA Bn under the provisions of Para 5a AR 600-20, during the temporary absence of 1st Lt Robert E. Shipman, O-949720, Arty, detailed to attend the Army Service School. EDCMR 9 October 1950. Joint inventory of all Government property will be taken in accordance with the provisions of WD Memorandum 35-6520-6, 27 March 1947, and certificate of Transfer of Property Responsibility will be properly executed and bound in the Company Property Book prior to 9 October 1950. Shortages or differences discovered during the joint inventory will be adjusted immediately by appropriate property vouchers as required by Para 7b (5), AR 35-6520. Memorandum Receipt accounts will be properly cleared and the new responsible officer will sign for property determined to be present as a result of physical inventory in accordance with Para 10, WD Memo 35-6520-6, prior to 9 October 1950. Building assignments and the installed property accounts will be signed by the new responsible officer prior to 9 October 1950. Joint inventory of non-appropriated funds and property transferred to the new responsible officer after such funds have been audited in accordance with Para 8, SR 210-50-1, prior to 9 October 1950. Written report will be made to this headquarters upon completion of action indicated in this paragraph. 4. 2nd Lt Edward Brockert, O-973329, Arty, is assigned as Commander HQ Btry 158th FA Bn under the provisions of Para 5a AR 600-20, during the temporary absence of 1st Lt Ted R. Savage, O-557213, Arty, detailed to attend the Army Service School. EDCMR 9 October 1950. Joint inventory of all Government property will be taken in accordance with the provisions of WD Memorandum 35-6520-6, 27 March 1947, and certificate of Transfer of Property Responsibility will be properly executed and bound in the Company Property Book prior to 9 October 1950. Shortages or differences discovered during the joint inventory will be adjusted immediately by appropriate property vouchers as required by Para 7b (5), AR 35-6520. Memorandum Receipt accounts will be properly cleared and the new responsible officer will sign for property determined to be present as a result of physical inventory in accordance with Para 10, WD Memo 35-6520-6, prior to 9 October 1950. Building assignments and the installed property accounts will be signed by the new responsible officer prior to 9 October 1950. Joint inventory of non-appropriated funds and property transferred to the new responsible officer after such funds have been audited in accordance with Para 8, SR 210-50-1, prior to 9 October 1950. Written report will be made to this headquarters upon completion of action indicated in this paragraph. 5. PFC Calvin O. Love, NG17234821, is relieved from further duty with Btry "A" 158 FA Bn and is transferred to HQ Btry 158 FA Bn effective 7 October 1950. EDCMR 7 October 1950. 6. Following officers, originally indicated, are granted 1 day delay in route to Fort Riley, Kansas effective 7 October 1950, for purpose of attending the Army General School. Capt, Beverly A. Finkle, O-1165014, HQ 158 FA Bn. 2nd Lt, Charles I. Kramer, O-985498, Btry "A" 158 FA Bn. BY ORDER OF LT COL CLEVERDON: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Oct 12, 1950: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Alvin White wins. Pfc. Alvin White won \$1 for the best sight pattern in a contest sponsored by the 158th Artillery. The contest was held in connection with a carbine rifle sighting class. White belongs to Battery B. Members of Service Co., 158th Artillery, are doing without their first sergeant for a few days. The top kick, M/Sgt. Don A. Lauderdale, Minco, Okla., tore the ligaments in his right leg while playing football. He's now in the post hospital. Doctors expect to keep him there another week. Double draft lands private extra task trimming hair. Pfc. John Emhoolah, Btry. "B", 158th Artillery, was "drafted" twice back in September when the 45th division was mobilized. In addition to being called into federal service with his Anadarko, Okla., outfit, Emhoolah found himself the unofficial battery barber. During the pre-induction training period, home of Emhoolah's buddies couldn't find time during off-duty hours to get their hair cut. So Emhoolah picked up the clippers and scissors. If Emhoolah thought the long hair emergency would end upon arrival at Camp Polk he was wrong. Again, his friends needed haircuts. And most of them didn't have the money to pay for them. This time the barbering private improvised a shop with a chair piles on two pop cases, a metal mirror, a comb, scissors, safety razor, bar of soap and can of talcum powder. Even without anti-dandruff preparations and a shine boy, the barber shop has become a meeting place for men of "B" Battery. There they do their letter writing and conversing while waiting their turn in the home made chair. Private Emhoolah charges 25 cents for a hair cut but, remembering his buddies, he has a long list of accounts payable. He will use the money to modernize his shop with electric clippers and other supplies. Before his "induction" into barber service for the army, Emhoolah trimmed heads while a student at Riverside Indian School.

Oct 16, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 17 dated 16 October 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 16 October 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 17: 1. Following change in assignment and duty directed, effective 11 October 1950: Name. Relieved From Assignment As. Assigned For Duty As. 2nd Lt Donald W. Williams, O-957977, Asst XO Motors Btry "A", XO Btry "A". 2nd Lt Floyd L. Mayberry, O-980512, Asst XO Motors Btry "B", XO Btry "B". 1st Lt Edward M. Slover, O-962298, Asst XO Motors Btry "C", XO Btry "C". 2nd Lt Woodrow L. Cooper, No ASN, Recon Btry "A", Asst XO Motors Btry "A". 2nd Lt Morgan W. Eddleman, O-967709, Asst XO Ammo Btry "B", Asst XO Motors Btry "B". 2nd Lt Richard E. McConnell, O-981530, Asst XO Ammo Btry "C", Asst XO Motors Btry "C". 2. 2nd Lt Eugene L. Smith, O-988739, Arty, in addition to his duty as Trains Commander is assigned as Motor Officer, SVC Battery, 158 FA Bn, effective date 11 October 1950. 3. Sgt Slan K. Slover, NG25756036, SVC Battery, 158 FA Bn, is relieved from attached Btry "B", 158 FA Bn and returned to SVC Battery, 158 FA Bn for duty. EDCMR 11 October 1950. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 20 dated 16 October 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 16 October 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 20: 1. Following temporary appointment of EM announced effective 16 October 1950. SFC Elton E. Alexander, NG38146534, Btry "A", M/Sgt (E-7). SFC Stephen A. Armstrong, NG18096417, Btry "B", M/Sgt (E-7). SFC Howard C. Richey, NG38784721, Btry "C", M/Sgt (E-7). SGT Alex L. Standridge, NG38564419, Hq Btry, SFC (E-6). SGT James D. O'Dell, NG25752037, Btry "A", SFC (E-6). SGT Bobby L. Allen, NG25754014, Btry "B", SFC (E-6). SGT Robert L. Farmer, NG25754062, Btry "B", SFC (E-6). SGT James F. Ratliff, NG18285383, Btry "B", SFC (E-6). SGT Jack E. Hadley, NG20831058, Btry "C", SFC (E-6). SGT Rader R. Steward, NG25755006, Btry "C", SFC (E-6). SGT William H. Dooley, NG18285079, SVC Btry, SFC (E-6). CPL Stewart J. Bean, NG18148124, Hq Btry, SGT (E-5). CPL Lawrence D. Hoover Jr., NG25753033, Hq Btry, SGT (E-5). CPL Robert E. Cherry Jr., NG25752164, Btry "A", SGT (E-5). CPL Paul M. King, NG25752160, Btry "A", SGT (E-5). CPL James J. Palmer, NG38271516, Btry "A", SGT (E-5). CPL Richard L. Smith, NG38397075, Btry "A", SGT (E-5). CPL Earl E. Rogers, NG25754069, Btry "B", SGT (E-5). CPL Alfred L. Rammock, NG25755055, Btry "C", SGT (E-5). CPL Robert E. Dawson, NG25755035, Btry "C", SGT (E-5). CPL Junior R. Stround, NG18285894, Btry "C", SGT (E-5). CPL Harold L. Byfield, NG25755117, Btry "C", SGT (E-5). CPL Jesse S. Hefner, NG25756026, SVC Btry, SGT (E-5). PFC Thomas P. Julian, NG25753130, Hq Btry, CPL (E-4). PFC Robert Rome, NG25753206, Hq Btry, CPL (E-4). PFC Earl E. Spriesterbach, NG25753189, Hq Btry, CPL (E-4). PFC Clarence A. Welchel, NG38275921, Hq Btry, CPL (E-4). PFC Andrew H. Jeter Jr., NG6957389, Btry "A", CPL (E-4). PFC Donald C. Smith, NG25767149, Btry "A", CPL (E-4). PFC David D. Watters, NG18121846, Btry "A", CPL (E-4). PFC Wayne E. Austin, NG25756010, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC William H. Artan, NG25754138, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC Louis Bedoka, NG25754121, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC Andrew Domeba, NG25754099, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC Gerald L. Headley, NG25754133, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC Delbert J. Metheny, NG25754081, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC Richard L. Parrish, NG25754140, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC James M. Rogers, NG25700024, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC Richard A. Hutchens, NG25795019, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC Reuben Seay, NG25754052, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC E. J. Smalley, NG38691530, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC Lionel L. O'Donley, NG25554009, Btry "B", CPL (E-4). PFC Harold G. Baugh, NG25755050, Btry "C", CPL (E-4). PFC Randolph D. Maddox, NG38399407, Btry "C", CPL (E-4). PFC Richard W. Graner, NG25756087, SVC Btry, CPL (E-4). PFC Jackie D. Sanders, NG25756071, SVC Btry, CPL (E-4). PFC Eugene P. Harris, NG25756105, SVC Btry, CPL (E-4). BY ORDER OF LT COL CLEVERDON: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Oct 17, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from 45th Infantry Division Special Orders Number 40 dated 17 October 1950. Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 17 October 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 40: EXTRACT. 9. Following EM Rct MOS1521 having been assigned this division from Headquarter 4006th ASU RC, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, pursuant to Para 31, Special Orders 200, and Para 31, Special Orders 201, Headquarters Fort Sam Houston, cs, are further assigned to units indicated. EDCMR 21 October 1950. temporary appointment of EM announced effective 16 October 1950. HQ Btry 158 FA Bn. 1. Burger, Harvey Lynn, US54066171. 2. Gossett, Joe Dan, US54022910. 3. Kitchen, George Farabout, US54022823. 4. Patterson, James B., US54022826. 5. Riley, Willie Harry, US54022839. BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL STYRON: George A. Fisher, Lt Col, GSC. Actg Chief of Staff . OFFICIAL: Signed. Woodrow W. Cook . Lt Col, AGC. Adjutant General. Distribution: D, X, Y plus. 2-45 Repl Co. 2- Div Postal Off. 2-Postal Off, Camp Polk, La.

Oct 19, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 22 dated 19 October 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 19 October 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 22: 1. PFC Jack M. Allen, NG18130917, Btry "C", this organization is transferred in grade to HQ Btry, this organization. EDCMR 19 October 1950. 2. SGT John L. Folks, NG25755097, Btry "C", this organization is transferred in grade to HQ Btry, this organization. EDCMR 19 October 1950. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 1-Btry "C". 1-HQ Btry. 1-each EM Concerned. 1-BN CO. 2-Personnel. 1-File. The following is an official excerpt from Training Memorandum Number 3 dated 19 October 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 19 October 1950. TRAINING MEMORANDUM NUMBER # 3: TRAINING OF INTERIOR GUARD. 1. PURPOSE. a. In order to insure a high degree of proficiency in the performance of guard duties by the Interior Guard of this organization, the training of each guard as prescribed by this Memorandum will be accomplished. 2. GENERAL. a. All training will be conducted in accordance with FM 26-5, and Memorandum Number 23, this headquarters, dated 18 October 1950. 3. DETAILED PLAN. a. Time: 1830-1930 daily. b. Personnel to Attend: All members of the Interior Guard. c. Instructors: Officer of the Day and Commander of the Guard. d. Place: Battery area of battery responsible for the guard. e. Specific References: General Orders, FM 26-5, para 26,27, and Special Orders, Memo No. 23, HQ 158 FA Bn, dated 18 October 1950, para 5, 6, 7 and 9. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Victor H. Powers Jr. Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr. Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION.

Oct 26, 1950: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Injured G.I. flown to Texas hospital. Sgt. Richard L. Smith, Btry. A, 158th Artillery, was flown to Brooke General hospital, San Antonio, Texas, last week for treatment of injuries suffered in an auto wreck. He received a fracture of two vertebrae, paralyzing the lower part of his body. The accident happened 90 miles southeast of Camp Polk near Marksville, La. Smith's 1940 sedan crashed into construction materials on a highway shoulder, overturning the car. He was alone. He was treated in Marksville and Camp Polk station hospital before being flown from DeRidder to the army hospital in San Antonio. He lives in Duncan, Okla. 75 Complete I&E Course. Seventy-five Thunderbirds Friday will graduate from the second discussion leaders course held for the 45th Infantry division. Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, division commander, is scheduled to hand out diplomas at 11:30 a.m. in building T-318, the little-red schoolhouse for the course. We'll hear them. The course was planned to train discussion leaders for information and education lectures. These one-hour lectures will be given weekly in every company and battery when regular training starts for the division. A leader now has been trained for every division unit. A similar discussion leaders' course was held here two weeks ago under direction of Fourth army I&E men. Col. Edward R. Ott, Fourth army I&E officer, headed that course. In charge of the course this week was Maj. Harry W. Barnes, division I&E officer. Colonel Ott and his staff and Major Barnes selected 10 outstanding students from the first course to serve as teachers in this week's course. Teachers Listed. They were Sgt. Jeff D. Potter, Medical Co., 130th Infantry; Cpl. John Pulaski, 45th Signal Company; Sgt. S. L. Shofner, Hq. Co., 179th Infantry; Cpl. Robert E. Cherry, Btry. A, 158th Artillery; Sgt. John F. Clausen, Co. E, 179th Infantry. Also, Sgt. Bill Hudson, Co. A, 179th Infantry ; Cpl. Jimmie Lyons, Btry. C, 171st Artillery; Sgt. 1/c William S. Tharp , Co. G, 279th Infantry ; 2nd Lt. Mitchell M, Windle, H&S Co., 245th , Tank battalion, and Cpl. Wilkie H. Postlewate, 651st Truck company, a post unit. The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 24 dated 26 October 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 26 October 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 24: 1. By direction of the President, Robert H. Bell, NG25752199, Recruit, Battery "A" 158th Field Artillery Battalion, is this date discharged from the military service of the United States not by reason of physical disability but having been found physically disqualified for entry into active Federal service at Camp Polk, Louisiana, 20 September 1950. Home of record EAD: Duncan, Oklahoma. Present mailing address: Btry "A" 158th FA Bn, Camp Polk, La. EDCMR 27 October 1950. Auth: Par 62, AR 130-10. Travel by railroad, bus, air, authorized. PCS TDN 19-P 431-02-03-07 A 2110425 S99-999. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Oct 30, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Department of the Army General Orders No. 37 dated 30 October 1950 confirming units credited with Salerno Amphibious Assault Landing dated 9-10 September 1943: GENERAL ORDERS No. 37, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 30 October 1950. Section I. Units Entitled to Battle Credits-General orders amended. Section II. Units Credited with Assault Landings-General orders amended...II. Units Credited with Assault Landings. 2. Italy. Paragraphs 6 and 7, section II, WD General Orders 70, 1945, as amended by section VI, WD General Orders 86, 1945, and paragraphs 5 and 6, section III, WD General Orders 116, 1946, pertaining to the Italy assault landings, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor: 6. Salerno. a. Amphibious, 9 and 10 September 1943...158th Field Artillery Battalion...[AG 200.6 (27 Sep 50)] By Order of the Secretary of Army: J. Lawton Collin, Chief of Staff. United States Army Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, USA, The Adjutant General.

Nov 01, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from 45th Infantry Division Special Orders Number 54 dated 1 November 1950. Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 1 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 54: EXTRACT. 9. Following EM Rct MOS1521 having been assigned this division from Headquarter 10th Infantry Division Fort Riley, Kansas, pursuant to Para 21, 37, 108 and 109 Special Orders 258, Headquarter 10th Infantry Division Fort Riley, Kansas, cs, are further assigned to units indicated. EDCMR 7 November 1950. HQ Btry 158 FA Bn: Ames, Kenneth L., US55026637. Reed, Edward J., US55026665. Breen, James T., US56089291. Regan, Martin W., US55026673. Brice, John P., RA19390568. Remsing, Frank R., US56089266. Ewer, Jack L., US55050642. Sandau, Lawrence W., US55039816. Jacobson, John A., US55039834. Seefeldt, Richard M., US55039842. Kent, Floyd P., US55039824. Seifert, Charles E., US55026836. Krebs, Lee E., US56093402. Shomaker, Charles E., US55014362. Randall, Willis H., US56089263. Sweeney, Donn D., RA19390578. Raysby, Gordon, US55039802. Btry "A" 158 FA Bn. Anderson, Dan E., US56089278. Fathke, Arnold J., US55039801. Attlesey, Ronald D., RA17291207. Johnson, Claud M., RA18360259. Baumgardner, Raymond H., US56089280. Knox, Douglas C. Jr., US56093408. Buehner, Robert V., US55039808. Oba, Takashi, US56089236. Cook, James A., US56089252. Raymond Junior F., US55039796. Dilla, Julian C., US5505654. Renkoski, Joe A., US55026675. Doll, Richard L., US55050649. Schulte, Alex P., US55050657. Doran, Darrel D., US55039803. Schwan, Alfred F., US55039827. Btry "C" 158 FA Bn. Cimpl, Wesley J., US55039810. Noem, Leroy M., RA17289529. Clarkson, Jerry N., US56089260. Nutter, Franklin J., US55050636. Farris, David P., US55050664. Riley, Joseph D., US55045064. Johnson, Fred E. Jr., US56093409. Rork, William R., US55050650. King, James D., US55026893. Sasser, Norman D., US56093395. Kranz, Lavern N., US55039839. Sivertsen, Leiland R., US55039860. Kruthoff, Merlyn H., US55039838. Shaw, John R. Jr., US55039827. Lambert, Merle J., US55039835. Smith, Dale, US56093386. Litherland, Louis O. Jr., US54022849. Streifel, Francis US55045051. SVC Btry 158 FA Bn. Aoki, Robert T., US56089271. Seiner, Clarence C., US55039812. Bodin, Gerald F., US55026634. Shaw, David C., US56093365. Dietrich, Allen A., US55026663. Sippel, Ralph R., US55039822. Mondich, Nicholas N. US56089243. Sweeney, Ray E., US56089279. Mund, Ervin, US55045053. Swenson, Ernest B., US56089269. Schrad, Donald P., US55050729. BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL STYRON: George A. Fisher, Lt Col, GSC. Actg Chief of Staff. OFFICIAL: Signed. Woodrow W. Cook. Lt Col, AGC. Adjutant General. Distribution: D, X, Y plus. 2-45 Repl Co. 2-Div Postal Off. 2-Postal Off, Camp Polk, La. The following is an official excerpt from Training Memorandum Number 4 dated 1

November 1950: Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 1 November 1950. TRAINING MEMORANDUM NUMBER # 4: TRAINING PROGRAM. Individual Training – Basic and Advanced Phase. 1. Effective date. This Training Memorandum is effective 6 November 1950. 2. Training Memorandum No. #1, HQ 45 Inf Div, dated 29 August 1950, with annexes, Training Memorandum No. #3, HQ 45 Inf Div, dated 14 September 1950, Training Memorandum No. #1 to No. #7 inclusive, HQ 45 Div Arty, and Training Memorandum No. #1, this HQ dated 11 September 1950, with annexes, are rescinded effective this date. 3. References: Training Memorandum, No. #1, Fourth Army, dated 31 August 1950. Army Training Program (ATP) 6-300. Training Memorandum No. #8, HQ 45 Div Arty, dated 13 October 1950. FM 21-5, Military Training. FM 21-20, Physical Training. TM 21-250, Army Instruction. SR 110-1-1, Army Motion Pictures and Film Strips. SR 310-20-1, Military Publications. 4. Mission: To develop each echelon into a team of trained men of which each member understands his relation to the group and for which group each leader realizes his responsibility. 5. Instructions as set forth in Sections II and V of Training Memorandum No. #8, HQ 45 Div Arty, dated 13 October 1950, are applicable to this battalion except as noted below. Each officer will become familiar with the contents of the above TM. a. Section IV – Detailed Plan. Para 11 through 15 will be controlled by this headquarters through publication of weekly training schedules as annexes to this battalion training memorandum. Para 21c- Gunnery Schools for all officers and selected NCO's will normally be held 1900-2000 Wednesday of each week. Details will be contained in weekly training schedules annexes. b. Section V – Administrative Instructions. Para 34 Training Programs and Schedule: Weekly Training Schedules will be published by this headquarters not later than 0800 each Thursday covering the following week. Batteries will make assignment of instructors as required and furnish this HQ one (1) copy not later

than 1200 Saturday preceding the training. Para 36 Strength and Training Status Report: Information required from units to complete this report will be called for as necessary. Unit commanders should become familiar with provisions of SR 354-50-5 and TM No. #4, HQ 45 Inf Div dated 28 September 1950. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Victor H. Powers Jr. Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr. Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: B, CG 45 Div Arty (6).

Nov 02, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 27 dated 2 November 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 2 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 27: 1. By direction of the President, Clarence R. Daniels, NG25753191, Recruit, Headquarters Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion, is this date discharged from the military service of the United States not by reason of physical disability but having been found physically disqualified for entry into active Federal service at Camp Polk, Louisiana, 1 November 1950. Home of record EAD: Chickasha, Oklahoma. Present mailing address: Hq Btry 158th FA Bn, Camp Polk, La. EDCMR 3 November 1950. Auth: Par 62, AR 130-10. Travel by railroad, bus, air, authorized. PCS TDN 1 19-P 431-02-03-07 A 2110425 S99-999. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Nov 03, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from 45th Infantry Division Special Orders Number 56 dated 3 November 1950. Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 3 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 56: EXTRACT. 9. Following EM Rct MOS1521 having been assigned this division from Headquarter 9th Infantry Division Fort Dix, New Jersey, pursuant to Para 263, 264, 265, 266, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275 and 276 Special Orders 235, Headquarter 9th Infantry Division Fort Dix, New Jersey, cs, are further assigned to units indicated. EDCMR 3 November 1950. HQ Btry 158 FA Bn: 1. Amato, Joseph D. US51025601. 2. Archer, Calvin L. US51025646. 3. Champy, Alfred G. US51025629. 4. Danielson, Raymond E. RA13365391. 5. Davis, Bruce R. US51025524. 6. Evans, Thomas E. US51025584. 7. Jacquin, John M. US21708862. 8. Jerger, Stephen US51025445. 9. Koch, Raymond H. US51025617. 10. Lanni, Ralph US51025474. 11. Lepera, Peter S. US51025540. 12. Marks, George R. US51019110. 13. Pedati, Anthony A. US51025543. 14. Saporito, John F. US51019123. 15. Wharton, Richard S. US51025572. Btry "A" 158 FA Bn: 1. Astarita, Salvatore US51025345. 2. Cavalli, Michael E. US51025374. 3. Decker, William R. US51025416. 4. Dunn, Edwin L. Jr. US51025348. 5. Esposito, George D. US51025574. 6. Ferraro, John J. US51025625. 7. Fitzgerald, Edward T. US51025347. 8. Gross, Joseph P. US51025560. 9. Giesullo, Generoso J. US51025410. 10. Liberato, Roccao A. US51025346. 11. MacKinnon, John US51025353. 12. McGinnis, Harry J. RA13365384. 13. McKevitt, Charles A. US51025433. 14. Mezzina, Joseph V. US51025436. 15. Mondeiko, Anthony C. US51025548. 16. Newland, James E. RA13365388. 17. Rochad, Alfred M. US51025662. 18. Tannett, Gordon S. US51025517. Btry "B" 158 FA Bn: 1. Abate, Benjamin A. US51025602. 2. Buonomo, Matthew J. US51025519. 3. Cohen, Jordon S. US51019082. 4. Del Rossi, John P. US51019084. 5. Giletto, Anthony C. US51019091. 6. Hamilton, Francis N. US51019095. 7. Healy, Norman G. US51025620. 8. Leinweber, John RA13365387. 9. Morse, John B. US51019111. 10. Napoli, Alfonso J. US51019113. 11. Nemes, Andrew A. US51025554. 12. Pecelli, John N. US51025482. 13. Rispoli, Vincent J. US51025353. 14. Rock, Thomas US51025185. 15. Sauer, Joseph R. US51025530. 16. Strick, Solomon US51025654. 17. Tintle, Herbert J. Jr. US51025655. 18. Zorella, Vladimir C. US51025609. Btry "C" 158 FA Bn: 1. Andreyko, Frank US51025580. 2. Booth, William H. US51025372. 3. Caccavone, John J. US51025512. 4. Chadwick, Henry G. US51019079. 5. Cisero, Michael J. US51025369. 6. Diorio, Edward US51025626. 7. Doerner, Milton US51025382. 8. Doran, James F. US51025365. 9. Fusella, Ralph L. US51025361. 10. Kennedy, Joseph P. US51025618. 11. Hare, Donald E. RA13362141. 12. Hoff, William E. US21753410. 13. Morrison, John F. US51025477. 14. Norrissey, Dean G. RA13365389. 15. Rakus, Charles F. RA13366370. 16. Rowek, Michael J. US51025660. 17. Sheckey, Vincent J. US51025152. 18. Szydlowski, Henry E. US51025342. 19. Turro, Charles G. US51025339. 20. Walters, Christopher US51025634. 21. Weber, Oswarl US51025536. SVC Btry 158 FA Bn: 1. Ferrara, Joseph J. US51025165. 2. Fogu, John US51025163. 3. Gentile, Peter US51025639. 4. Goralski, Eugene J. US51025378. 5. Grzes, Joseph US51025338. 6. Heatinger, Charles US21758471. 7. Kozarski, Benjamin Z. US51019103. 8. Marshman, Edwin G. US51025337. 9. Santaniello, Armand T. US51025640. 10. Vogel, Harry J. US51025150. BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL STYRON: George A. Fisher, Lt Col, GSC. Actg Chief of Staff. OFFICIAL: Signed. Woodrow W. Cook. Lt Col, AGC. Adjutant General. Distribution: D, X, Y plus. 2-45 Repl Co. 2-Div Postal Off. 2-Postal Off, Camp Polk, La.

Nov 06, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 29 dated 6 November 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 6 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 29: 1. Following officers in addition to other duties are assigned as Records Management Officer for organization indicated: Capt, Victor H. Powers Jr., O-376850, HQ 158 FA Bn. 2nd Lt, Woodrow L. Cooper, No ASN, Hq Btry 158 FA Bn. 2nd Lt, Donald W. Williams, O-957977, Btry "A" 158 FA Bn. CWO, Vincent B. Shaffer, W-2003818, Btry "B" 158 FA Bn. 2nd Lt, Carl E. Rogers, O-2206011, Btry "C" 158 FA Bn. WOJG, Henry E. Wade, W-2001531, SVC Btry

158 FA Bn. 2. Cpl James P. Dawson, NG25755146, Btry "C" 158 FA Bn, is transferred in grade to Hq Btry, 158 FA Bn effective 6 November 1950. EDCMR 6 November 1950. 3. Cpl William A. Hess, NG25754130, Btry "B" 158 FA Bn, is transferred in grade to Hq Btry, 158 FA Bn effective 6 November 1950. EDCMR 6 November 1950. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn. Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 2-ea Officer concerned, 2-ea Btry, 2-File, 2-ea EM concerned, 5-Personnel.

Nov 07, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from 45th Infantry Division Special Orders Number 59 dated 7 November 1950. Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 7 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 59: EXTRACT. 14. Following Officers, Artillery, organization indicated, this station, are placed on TDY for approximately 15 weeks at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; WP to report to CG TAS, Ft Sill, Okla., prior to 1700 hours 15 November 1950, for purpose of attending Class NO.#4, Associate Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, 6-0-2, and upon completion thereof will return to proper station unless sooner relieved by proper authority. Travel by railroad, bus, air, ship, and military aircraft authorized. Travel of dependents not authorized. TPA not authorized. Per diem authorized while traveling and in accordance w/C1, Special Regulation 35-4805-1, 1949. Copies all vouchers paid in compliance w/this order will be forwarded Post Fiscal Officer, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. TDN TCS 54-1568 P 439-02 A 2110425 S 41-133 (AKADC-Sch-000922). AUTH: Letter Headquarters Fourth Army dated 26 September 1950, SUBJ: "Quotas for Service Schools," File: AG 352 (Gen) AKAAG-RS. RANK-NAME-SN-ORGANIZATION. CAPT, LLOYD D. COX, O-364207, Svc Btry 160 FA Bn. CAPT, JOHN F. LAUBHAN, O-1683490, Hq 158 FA Bn. CAPT, GEORGE N. RHODES, O-2055882, Hq 160 FA Bn. CAPT, EUGENE J. ROBERTS, O-2117824, Hq 171 FA Bn. 1ST LT, ORAN J. H. ADAMS, O-946938, Btry B 160 FA Bn. 1ST LT, JOHN COFFEY Jr., O-1332469, Btry C 160 FA Bn. 1ST LT, MILLARD J. ELLINGTON, O-1533547, Btry C 189 FA Bn. 1ST LT, ROBERT V. KELLER, O-943406, Btry A 160 FA Bn. 1ST LT, PHILIP L. LAMBKE, O-2042970, Btry B 189 FA Bn. 1ST LT, CLARENCE M. RAKE, O-942796, Btry C 160 FA Bn. 1ST LT, EDWARD M. STOVER, O-962298, Btry C 158 FA Bn. 1ST LT, TRAY A. WEBB, O-946788, Btry C 160 FA Bn. 2ND LT, ROBERT W. DAGGETT, O-980192, Btry B 171 FA Bn. 2ND LT, EDGAR J. BRADSHAW, O-984276, Btry B 171 FA Bn. 2ND LT, JAMES M. CRABTREE, O-943694, Btry B 171 FA Bn. 2ND LT, GENE C. DISHMAN, O-985492, Btry A 189 FA Bn. 2ND LT, MORGAN W. EDDLEMAN, O-967709 Btry B 158 FA Bn. 2ND LT, JOE HENRY HENDRIX, O-954111, Btry C 171 FA Bn. 2ND LT, ARTHUR K. HEROLD, O-983645, HQ Btry 171 FA Bn. 2ND LT, FLOYD L. MAYBERRY, O-980512, Btry B 158 FA Bn. 2ND LT, RICHARD E. McCONNELL, O-981530, Btry C 158 FA Bn. 2ND LT, DUANE L. MILTON, O-967720, Hq 45 Div Arty. 2ND LT, NORMAN R. MONROE, O-982475, HQ Btry 158 FA Bn. 2ND LT, ELLIS H. NICKELL Jr., O-931798, Btry B 189 FA Bn. 2ND LT, L. T. PATTON, O-982229, Btry B 171 FA Bn. 2ND LT, JACK F. RIDDLE, O-954044, Btry C 158 FA Bn. 2ND LT, JEWELL W. RIDGE, O-987925, Hq Btry 189 FA Bn. 2ND LT, EUGENE BYRON SHORT, O-978915, Btry A 171 FA Bn. 2ND LT, EUGENE L. SMITH, O-988739, Svc Btry 158 FA Bn. 2ND LT, JESS B. SODOWSKY, NO SN ASGD, Btry C 189 FA Bn. 2ND LT, ROLLAND E. SWART, O-986120, Btry A 189 FA Bn. 2ND LT, JOSEPH W. TURNBULL, O-984283, Btry B 160 FA Bn. 2ND LT, DONALD R. WOODMANSEE, NO SN ASGD, Btry A 189 FA Bn. BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL STYRON: George A. Fisher, Lt Col, GSC. Actg Chief of Staff. OFFICIAL: Signed. Woodrow W. Cook. Lt Col, AGC. Adjutant General. Distribution: D, F, G,X, Y, Z plus. 2-CG Fourth A, Ft Sam Houston, Tex, ATTN: AKAAG-RS. 2- FiscO, Ft Sam Houston, Tex. 4- CG TAS, Ft Sill, Okla. 10-Div TO.

Nov 09, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 31 dated 9 November 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 9 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 31: 1. VOCO 8 November 1950 reducing following EM, Hq Btry 158 FA Bn to the grade of Pvt (E-2) effective 8 November 1950 under authority of para 6, SR 615-5-2 (Misconduct) are hereby confirmed and made of record. EDCMR 8 November 1950. Sfc Bobby J. Davis, NG25753016. Cpl Richard A. Hanna, NG25753007. Cpl Donald R. DeVilbiss, NG25753129. Pfc Guy D. Huggins, NG25753124. 2. Under authority of para 6, SR 615-5-2 (Misconduct), following EM, Hq Btry 158 FA Bn, are reduced to the grade of Pvt (E-2) effective 9 November 1950. EDCMR 9 November 1950. Sgt Johnny J. Childress, NG39564420. Sgt Clarence E. Shellito, NG35405836. 3. VOCO 8 November 1950 reducing Cpl Andrew H. Jeter Jr., NG6957389, Btry "A" 158 FA Bn to the grade of Pvt (E-2) effective 8 November 1950 under authority of para 6, SR 615-5-2 (Misconduct) are hereby confirmed and made of record. EDCMR 8 November 1950. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 1-ea EM concerned, 3-ea AG, 2-ea Btry concerned, 10-ea Personnel, 1-ea Bn CO, 2-File. The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 48 dated 9 November 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 9 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 48: 1. Following temporary appointment of EM announced effective this date: PFC Harvey D. Hitt, NG25754003, Btry "B", Cpl (E-4). PFC Nathan V. Parton, NG25754128, Btry "B", Cpl (E-4). PFC Roy D. Rames, NG25754013, Btry "B", Cpl (E-4). PFC Leon Trotter, NG25754043, Btry "B", Cpl (E-4). PFC William Urabazo, NG25754038, Btry "B", Cpl (E-4). PFC Alvin C. White, NG25754027, Btry "B", Cpl (E-4). BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr.,

Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 2- Btry. 2- AG. 2- Div Finance. 2- Div Postal Off. 1-EM Concerned. 3- Personnel. 2- File.

Nov 13, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 35 dated 13 November 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 13 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 35: 1. 2nd Lt Woodrow W. Cooper, No ASN, Btry "A" 158th FA Bn, is placed on Special Duty with HQ Btry 158th FA Bn and will report to Commander for duty effective 13 November 1950. 2. Following officers in addition to other duties are assigned as Fire Marshals for units as indicated: 2nd Lt Woodrow L. Cooper, No ASN, HQ Btry. 2nd Lt Donald W. Williams, O-957977, Btry "A". 2nd Lt Billy Botone, O-980491, Btry "B". 1st Lt Carl E. Rogers, O-2206011, Btry "C". WOJR Henry Wade, W-2004971, SVC Btry. All previous assignments of Battery Fire Marshalls are hereby revoked. 3. Following officers in addition to other duties are assigned as Safety Officers for units as indicated: Capt Victor H. Powers Jr., O-376850, HQ 158th FA Bn. 2nd Lt Woodrow L. Cooper, No ASN, HQ Btry. 2nd Lt Donald W. Williams, O-957977, Btry "A". 2nd Lt Billy Botone, O-980491, Btry "B". 1st Lt Carl E. Rogers, O-2206011, Btry "C". WOJR Henry Wade, W-2004971, SVC Btry. All previous assignments of Safety Officers are hereby revoked. 4. In addition to other duties 2nd Lt Billy Botone is assigned as Battalion A&R Officer. 5. All previous Special Courts-Martial appointed by this headquarters are hereby rescinded. 6. A Special Courts-Martial is appointed to meet on call of the President of the Court at a place to be specified, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 2-ea AG. 1-ea Batteries concerned. 1-Officers concerned. 2-ea Personnel. 2-File.

Nov 15, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 36 dated 15 November 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 15 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 36: 1. Sfc Roy W. Duncan, NG25753017, Hq Btry 158 FA Bn is reduced to the grade of Pvt (E-2) under authority of para 6, SR 615-5-2 (Misconduct) effective 15 November 1950. EDCMR 15 November 1950. 2. VOCO 15 October 1950 appointing Victor H. Powers Jr., O-376850, Arty, Hq 158 FA Bn, investigating officer to investigate circumstances surrounding injury of Sgt Richard L. Smith, NG38397075, Btry "A" 158 FA Bn, are hereby confirmed and made of record. 3. 2nd Lt Joe E. Pierce, O-996195, Arty, Btry "B" 158 FA Bn, is placed on Special Duty with Hq 158 FA Bn effective 15 November 1950. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 2-ea AG, 1-ea Batteries concerned, 1-Officers concerned, 2-ea Personnel, 2-File. 158th Field Artillery Battalion changes over to woolen issued uniforms.

Nov 16, 1950: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Battery goes Arty. By Ira D. Hart 45th Div. News Correspondent. The men of Battery "B", 158th Artillery, are beginning to feel right at home these days. But it has taken a great deal of time and a lot of hard work to get things in order so they can feel that way. The day room now near completion, is perhaps the most colorful that can be found anywhere. The walls of the lounge are painted in the division colors, red and yellow. The game room might be considered a painter's nightmare. Several of the men under the supervision of Cpl. Phillip McClure got together and painted the walls and ceiling with large red, yellow and black squares. Figures Dot Checks. The checkerboard effect was altered slightly by several figures of hearts, diamonds, spades, clubs, and Thunderbirds dotted about the room. The men who did the work included Pvt. Gerald Kenedy, Pvt. Vernon Parton and Pvt. Jack Sanders. For entertainment in the day room, the battery has purchased a radio phonograph combination with a wide selection of records. For comfort there's a three-piece sectional sofa with end tables for magazines and newspapers. There are card tables and chairs, a variety of games and a large writing table furnished complete with ink and pens. Indian Mural Painted. Catching the eye of everyone is a mural on the day room wall depicting an Indian scene. The mural, painted by Pvt. William Tonepahote and Pfc. Nathan Parton, is appropriate for Battery "B", because Anadarko, Okla., home of most of the men, is known as the Indian capital of the nation. It took the men 36 hours to do the painting, which depicts a man greeting a women, both on horseback and dressed in traditional costumes of the plains Indians. Private Parton is a Delaware Indian from Anadarko. He has never studied painting. Private Tonepahote, a Kiowa Indian, went to school in Anadarko and studied agriculture at Oklahoma A & M for one year. Mess Hall Brightened. He has had no formal training in art, but has probably inherited his talents from his father, who is both an artist and a silversmith. The mess hall has become the talk of the battalion because of its decorations. The walls have been painted halfway up in black. The upper half of the walls and ceiling are white. The enlisted men's tables were painted black and the non commissioned officers' tables are red. Tonepahote and Cpl. Louis Bedoka painted a cannon and cannonball scene in the front of the hall and a large Thunderbird insignia on the side to give the mess hall a homey atmosphere. Curtains have been put up on all the windows. Photo Caption: 45th Div. News Staff Photo. Pvt. William Tonepahote, left, and Pfc. Nathan Parton put the finishing touches on their mural in the dayroom at Btry. "B", 158th Artillery. Leesville may add housing. Building Plan Talked After Apartment Go. The last big housing area in Leesville was gobbled up last week. But talk started at once

which may lead to construction of 500 houses there. A drawing was held to dispose of 44 apartments made available to members of the 45th Infantry division. These apartments are owned by Leesville Vocational school. Priorities Needed. Another 10 apartments in the same area were assigned to members of the Camp Polk station complement. The lucky apartment winners barely had time to move in before a group of Leesville businessmen outlined a plan for building 500 new houses in the neighboring town. The businessmen met with Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, division commander, and Col. Eugene Mitchell, post commander. The Leesville group is trying to secure priorities and other backing for a possible 500-house project in land adjacent to Lees Hill addition. Carruth Is First. In the Thunderbird drawing for the furnished apartments in the vocational school area, Lt. Leon Carruth, Btry. "B", 158th Artillery, was the first name drawn. He has three children. Sgt. Maxey B. Kirkland, Hq. Co., 179th Infantry, didn't have to risk his chances. He was the only applicant with four children, automatically entitling him to an apartment. The apartments handed out in the drawing included three three-bedroom units, 20 two-bedroom units and 21 with one bedroom. Rents for the three sizes are \$64, \$57, and \$50.

Nov 25, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 41 dated 25 November 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 25 November 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 41: 4. Following temporary appointment of EM announced effective 25 November 1950: Sgt Bobby B. Bradley, NG25752029, Hq Btry, SFC (E-6). Sgt John L. Folks, NG25755097, Hq Btry, SFC (E-6). Cpl Earl B. Spriestersbach, NG25753169, Hq Btry, Sgt (E-5). PFC Bobby J. Davis, NG25753016, Hq Btry, Cpl (E-4). PFC Calvin O. Love, NG17234821, Hq Btry, Cpl (E-4). PFC Billy L. Wilson, NG25754082, Hq Btry, Cpl (E-4). PFC Robert M. Akin, NG25792046, Btry "A", Cpl (E-4). PFC Otis A. Boles, NG54040138, Btry "A", Cpl (E-4). PFC Burl D. Culp, NG25752050, Btry "A", Cpl (E-4). PFC Andrew H. Jeter Jr., NG06957389, Btry "A", Cpl (E-4). PFC Arthur D. Meazell, NG18344682, Btry "A", Cpl (E-4). PFC Billy R. Sims, NG25752190, Btry "A", Cpl (E-4). Cpl David D. Watters, NG18121846, Btry "A", Sgt (E-5). SFC Robert M. Farmer, NG25754062, Btry "B", M/Sgt (E-7). SFC Robert T. McClure, NG25754078, Btry "B", M/Sgt (E-7). Sgt Bobby J. White, NG25754017, Btry "B", SFC (E-6). Cpl Lionel L. O'Donley, NG25754009, Btry "B", Sgt (E-5). Cpl E. J. Smalley, NG38691530, Btry "B", Sgt (E-5). PFC Ray F. Allen, NG25754134, Btry "B", Cpl (E-4). PFC Robert Pioche, NG25754123, Btry "B", Cpl (E-4). PFC Thomas D. Stroud, NG25754047, Btry "B", Cpl (E-4). SFC Jack E. Hadley, NG20831078, Btry "C", M/Sgt (E-7). PFC James G. Barnes, NG20831078, Btry "C", Cpl (E-4). PFC Ronald K. Burch, NG25755170, Btry "C", Cpl (E-4). PFC Charles L. Gambrell, NG18173130, Btry "C", Cpl (E-4). PFC Carl R. Megli, NG25755136, Btry "C", Cpl (E-4). PFC Lorin E. Pigg, NG25755167, Btry "C", Cpl (E-4). PFC Donald B. Shadid, NG25755174, Btry "C", Cpl (E-4). PFC Robert H. Windle, NG25755171, Btry "C", Cpl (E-4). Cpl Robert L. Beaty, NG25756008, SVC Btry, Sgt (E-5). Cpl Calvin V. K. Woodworth, NG25756062, SVC Btry, Sgt (E-5). PFC Lawrence L. Coley, NG25756033, SVC Btry, Cpl (E-4). 5. Sgt Bobby B. Bradley, NG25752029, Battery "A", this organization is transferred in grade to Hq Battery, this organization. EDCMR 25 November 1950. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 2-Div Postal Off. 1-ea EM Concerned. 1-ea 201. 1-ea Btry. 2-File. 1-Pers Off.

Nov 30, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 42 dated 30 November 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 30 November 1950. 1. By direction of the President, EDMOND A. DOBRY, SFC, NG25753092, Arty, is relieved from assignment Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion and from Active Duty effective 4 December 1950, which date EM will proceed his home. EM is relieved from Active Duty by reason of hardship. EM reverts to Reserve duty status. Home of record active military service: Chickasha, Oklahoma. Present mailing address: Dorothy M. Dobry, Route 1, Chickasha, Oklahoma. EDCMR 4 December 1950. Travel by Railroad, bus, ship, air, authorized. TDN 1-23-223 P431-02-03-07 A 2110425 S99-999. AUTH: AR 615-362 and letter, TAGO, DA, AGAO-S 246.81 (11 October 1950) G1-M, AGPR, 11 October 1950, Subj: "Enlisted Members of Civilian Components with Four or More Dependents." As amended. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Dec 04, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 45 dated 4 December 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 4 December 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 45: 1. RCT Elmer F. McDade, US56094364, is relieved from assignment to Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion and transferred in grade to Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion effective 4 December 1950. EDCMR 4 December 1950. 2. By direction of the President, WESLEY D. CLAUNCH, NG25755118, PFC, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, is, effective 6 December 1950, discharged from the military service of the United States not by reason of physical disability but having been found physically disqualified for entry into active Federal Service at Camp Polk, Louisiana 3 December 1950. Home of Record: EAD: Weatherford, Oklahoma. Present mailing address: Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. EDCMR 6 December 1950. AUTH: Para 62, AR 130-10. Travel by Railroad, bus, ship, air, authorized. POS TDN 1 19-P 431-02-03-07 A

2110425 S99-999. 3. By direction of the President, JOHNNY J. CHILDRESS, NG39564420, PVT, Arty, is relieved from assignment Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion and from Active Duty effective 6 December 1950, which date EM will proceed his home. EM is relieved from Active Duty by reason of hardship. EM reverts to Reserve duty status. Home of record active military service: Chickasha, Oklahoma. Present mailing address: Edith M. Childress, 812 South 18th Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma. EDCMR 6 December 1950. Travel by Railroad, bus, ship, air, authorized. TDN 1-23-223 P431-02-03-07 A 2110425 S99-999. AUTH: AR 615-362 and letter, TAGO, DA, AGAO-S 246.81 (11 October 1950) G1-M, AGPR, 11 October 1950, Subj: "Enlisted Members of Civilian Components with Four or More Dependents." As amended. 4. By direction of the President, CLARENCE A. WELCHEL, NG38275921, CPL, Arty, is relieved from assignment Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion and from Active Duty effective 6 December 1950, which date EM will proceed his home. EM is relieved from Active Duty by reason of hardship. EM reverts to Reserve duty status. Home of record active military service: Chickasha, Oklahoma. Present mailing address: Jimmie C. Welchel, 903 South 4th Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma. EDCMR 6 December 1950. Travel by Railroad, bus, ship, air, authorized. TDN 1-23-223 P431-02-03-07 A 2110425 S99-999. AUTH: AR 615-362 and letter, TAGO, DA, AGAO-S 246.81 (11 October 1950) G1-M, AGPR, 11 October 1950, Subj: "Enlisted Members of Civilian Components with Four or More Dependents." As amended. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Dec 07, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 46 dated 7 December 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 7 December 1950. SPECIAL ORDER: NUMBER # 446: 1. By direction of the President, M/Sgt CECIL E. HOSS, NG20833612, Arty, is relieved from assignment Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion and from Active Duty effective 8 December 1950, which date EM will proceed his home. EM is relieved from Active Duty by reason of hardship. EM reverts to Reserve duty status. Home of record active military service: Chickasha, Oklahoma. Present mailing address: Majorie E. Hoss, 524 Showalter Drive, Midwest City, Oklahoma. EDCMR 8 December 1950. Travel by Railroad, bus, ship, air, authorized. TDN 1-23-223 P431-02-03-07 A 2110425 S99-999. AUTH: AR 615-362 and letter, TAGO, DA, AGAO-S 246.81 (11 October 1950) G1-M, AGPR, 11 October 1950, Subj: "Enlisted Members of Civilian Components with Four or More Dependents." As amended. 2. By direction of the President, JUNIOR D. CRUMM, NG25756007, PFC, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, is, effective 8 December 1950, discharged from the military service of the United States not by reason of physical disability but having been found physically disqualified for entry into active Federal Service at Camp Polk, Louisiana 6 December 1950. Home of Record: EAD: Minco, Oklahoma. Present mailing address: Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. EDCMR 8 December 1950. AUTH: Para 62, AR 130-10. Travel by Railroad, bus, ship, air, authorized. POS TDN 1 10-P 431-02-03-07 A 2110425 S99-999. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. Published in the "The Thunderbird News" entitled: He beats the bell. Wedding bells chimed just at the right time for Sgt. 1/C James D. O'Dell, Duncan, Okla. The sergeant and fiance set their wedding date more than five months ago. But as the time drew near, Sergeant O'Dell had an acute attack of appendicitis and had to go to the hospital to have his appendix removed. The days went by, and it looked as though the wedding would have to be postponed. But, as the luck of the Irish would have it, O'Dell was released the day before the wedding was to take place. Everything went off as scheduled and the sergeant married Miss Doris LaNelle Wood of Konowa, Okla., in the Artillery chapel. To top off the whole affair, O'Dell had a 15-day convalescence pass in his pocket, they are now spending their honeymoon in Konowa. O'Dell is a member of Btry. "A", 158th Artillery. Published in the "The Ada Weekly News" entitled: With the 45th Division. Pet routs commander. A pet of Battery "A", 158th artillery, caused some very unofficer like conduct the other day by 1st Lieutenant James C. Styron, Jr., son of the division commander. Just as his command, Battery "B" of the 158th Artillery lined up, and Lieut. Styron took his position for reveille formation, a skunk appeared. The lieutenant was saved from complete desertion by First Lieut. Leon Carruth of Anadarko, who told him the skunk was mascot of the neighboring unit and had been deodorized.

Dec 09, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 48 dated 9 December 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 9 December 1950. SPECIAL ORDER: NUMBER # 48: EXTRACT. 2. 1st LT EDWARD M. COON, O-2063368, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, is granted 7 days leave effective 9 December 1950 and 2 days travel time and will report to this organization on/after 17 December 1950. 3. Following EM, Headquarters Battery, 158th FA Bn, are granted 6 days ordinary leave effective 10 December 1950. EDCMR 10 December 1950. SGT STEWART J. BEAN, NG18148124. CPL JOHN O. POWERS, NG38567112. PFC DONALD R. DEVILBISS, NG25753129. PVT LOUIS JOHNSON, NG38463380. PVT GUY D. HUGGINS, NG25753124. RCT ROBERT LEHEW, NG25753183. RCT GERALD T. JOHNSON, NG25753187. 4. Following EM, Battery "B", 158th FA Bn, are granted 6 days ordinary leave effective 11 December 1950. EDCMR 11 December 1950. SGT E. J. SMALLEY, NG38691530. RCT ROBERT L.

MOORE, NG25754166. RCT CARROL R. BLATY, NG25754173. RCT DONALD L. MILLER, NG25754048. RCT OLEN E. COLEY, NG25754172. RCT JESSIE F. BLALOCK, NG25754187. RCT JAMES K. THOMPSON, NG25754167. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 5-Ea EM Concerned. 2-Ea Btry Concerned. 3-Personnel Off. 2-45th Div Postal Off. 2-AG. 1-Bn CO. 2-File.

Dec 11, 1950 The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 50 dated 11 December 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 11 December 1950. SPECIAL ORDER: NUMBER # 50: 1st Lt EDWARD M. COON, O-2063368, HQ 158th FA Bn, in addition to other duty is appointed Battalion Fire Marshall for this battalion effective this date. Following EM, SVC Battery, 158th FA Bn, granted 6 days ordinary leave effective 12 December 1950. EDCMR 12 December 1950. M/SGT, JERRY V. FRONEBERGER, NG38275879. SGT, ROBERT E. BEATY, NG25756008. SGT, ALAN K. SLOVER, NG25756036. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 2-ea AG, 1-ea Batteries concerned, 1-Officers concerned, 2-ea Personnel, 2-File. The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 50 dated 11 December 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 11 December 1950. SPECIAL ORDER: NUMBER # 50: EXTRACT. 3. Following EM, Battery "A", 158th FA Bn are granted 6 days ordinary leave effective 12 December 1950. EDCMR 12 December 1950. PFC ARRIE E. BURGIN, NG25752130. PFC SAM A. ROWLETT, NG25752145. 4. Following EM, Battery "C", 158th FA Bn, granted 6 days ordinary leave effective 13 December 1950. EDCMR 13 December 1950. SFC HERALD HOGAN, NG38402068. SGT LESTER D. FRIESEN, NG25755016. SGT HAROLD L. BYFIELD, NG25755117. CPL WILLARD L. MILLS, NG25755118. CPL JAMES E. MINYARD, NG25755135. PFC CHARLES P. DOWNER, NG25755152. PVT TOMMIE J. THACKER, NG25755127. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 5-Ea EM Concerned. 2-Ea Btry Concerned. 3-Personnel Off. 2-45th Div Postal Off. 2-AG. 1-Bn CO. 2-File.

Dec 13, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 52 dated 13 December 1950. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 13 December 1950. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 52: 1. 2nd Lt Eugene L. Smith, O-988739, Artillery is relieved from assignment to Service Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion, from duty as Trains Commander and is assigned to Battery "B" 158th Field Artillery Battalion for duty as Forward Observer. EDCMR 14 December 1950. 2. 1st Lt Ted R. Savage, O-557213, Artillery is relieved from assignment to Headquarters Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion, from duty as Commander and is assigned to Service Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion for duty as Trains Commander. EDCMR 14 December 1950. 3. Capt. Edward C. Wegener, O-400915, Artillery, is relieved from assigned to HQ & HQ Btry 158th FA Bn for duty as Battalion Liaison Officer, and is assigned to HQ Btry 158th FA Bn as Commander, vice 2nd Lt Edward Brockert, O-973329, Artillery, relieved. EDCMR 14 December 1950. Joint inventory of all Government property will be taken in accordance with the provisions of WD Memorandum 35-6520-6, 27 March 1947, and certificate of Transfer of Property Responsibility will be properly executed and bound in the Company Property Book prior to 14 December 1950. Shortages or differences discovered during the joint inventory will be adjusted immediately by appropriate property vouchers as required by Para 7b (5), AR 35-6520. Memorandum Receipt accounts will be properly cleared and be present as a result of physical inventory in accordance with Para 10, WD Memo 35-6520-6, prior to 14 December 1950. Building assignments and the installed property accounts will be signed by the new responsible officer prior to 14 December 1950. Joint inventory of non-appropriated funds and property transferred to the new responsible officer after such funds have been audited in accordance with Para 8, SR 210-50-1, prior to 14 December 1950. Written report will be made to this headquarters upon completion of action indicated in this paragraph. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 2-ea AG. 1-ea Batteries concerned. 1-Officers concerned. 2-ea Personnel. 2-File.

Dec 19, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 43 dated 19 December 1950: GENERAL ORDERS 43, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 19 December 1950. Section: General. Section I. List of Units and Citations. Section II. Rescissions. III. I. General. 1. Confirmation. The following list of units of the United States Army to which decorations have been awarded by cobelligerent foreign governments during World War II, together with the citations therefor, is confirmed in accordance with current regulations. 2. Wearing of foreign decorations. The wearing of foreign decorations by individuals will be in accordance with AR 260-15 and the following: a. French and Belgian Fourrageres. Normally, two citations are required before a unit becomes eligible for the award of the Fourragere. The award of the Fourragere is not automatic, but must be specifically authorized by degree of the respective foreign government. A citation in orders or award of the Croix de Guerre to a unit does not authorize the wearing of the decoration by an individual. Likewise, non award of the Croix de Guerre to an individual will serve to constitute eligibility to wear the Fourragere. The Fourragere may be worn permanently by individuals

who participated with the unit in both actions for which the unit was cited. The French Fourragere may be worn temporarily by individuals assigned to the unit subsequent to the time the award was made, but only so long as they remain with such unit. The Belgian Fourragere is not authorized to be worn temporarily. B. Netherlands Orange Lanyard. The Netherlands Orange Lanyard may be worn permanently by individuals who participated with the unit in the action for which it was cited and temporary wearing of the Lanyard is not authorized. II. List of Units and Citations. 3. Divisions...45th Infantry Division. French Croix de Guerre with Palm, awarded under Decision No. 843, 21 June 1945, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation: A magnificent formation whose fighting spirit and cooperation were particularly admired by the units of the French Expeditionary Corps. After their entry into the line in Italy, this division, with certain of its infantry, played a glorious part in the victory of Acquafondata from 1 to 31 January 1944...158th FA Bn (105-How)...III. Rescissions. DA General Orders 24, 1947; DA General Orders 23, 1948; section II, DA General Orders 47, 1948; section II, DA General Orders 44, 1949; and section IV, DA General Orders 48, 1949, are rescinded. [AG 200.62 (20 Nov 50)] By Order of the Secretary of Army: J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff. United States Army Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, USA, The Adjutant General.

Dec 20, 1950: The following is an official excerpt from Headquarters. 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Command Report. For period 1 August 1950 to 20 December 1950. This Battalion, organic to the 45th Infantry Division, was inducted into active federal service along with the rest of the Division, by Presidential Order, effective 1 September 1950, as conveyed to us by General Order 137, Headquarters Fourth Army, dated 5 August 1950. This order confirmed information received by most Division members over the radio during the afternoon of 31 July 1950, when the news was broadcast that our Division had been alerted for military service. Our divisional leaders had prepared us, to a certain extent, for this eventuality by their indoctrination talks during the Armory Training Year and at the summer encampments. The shadow cast by the conflict in Korea, more immediately pointed up the coming event. In addition to the portent contained in the daily news, sensed by those who carefully followed current events, there were the Arrangements being made for the annual field training period that was to have started 7 August 1950, to provide us with a springboard to active service. During June and July, plans had been made, orders received and issued, and conferences held to perfect our movement to Fort Hood, Texas and the insuring two weeks of work in camp and field. At the direction of the 45th Division Artillery Commander, Brigadier General Hal L. Muldrow, Jr., this Battalion held schools for all officers 9 July and 30 July 1950. In these, we studied gunnery (conduct of observed fire and fire direction center procedure), a recently adapted battalion standing operating procedure, and reviewed plans for camp. We arranged for a reserve medical officer to be present to inoculate and vaccinate officers. Recently acquired SCR 608 radios had been mounted in ¼ ton trucks, motor vehicles repaired, and field equipment issued to the men in anticipation of camp. Hence, I would say we were partially prepared, mentally and logistically, for entry into active service. Our units were officered and stationed as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. Home Station: Chickasha, Oklahoma. NAME, ASSIGNMENT, HOME ADDRESS: Lt Col Charles W. Cleverdon, Bn Cmdr, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Maj John R. Northup, Bn XO, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Capt Charles W. Wheeler, Bn S-3, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Joe E. Pierce, Asst S-3, Norman, Oklahoma. Capt Robert L. Osborn, S-1, Chickasha, Oklahoma. Capt Beverly A. Finkle, Bn S-2, Bridgewater, New Hampshire. 2nd Lt Herbert E. Rawlings Jr., Asst S-2, Duncan, Oklahoma. Capt Richard B. Hawk, Commo Officer, Duncan, Oklahoma. Capt James D. Bell, LNO Officer, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Capt John F. Laubhan, LNO Officer, Woodward, Oklahoma. Capt Victor H. Powers Jr., LNO Officer, Duncan, Oklahoma. Capt Edward C. Wegener, Motor Officer, Minco, Oklahoma. 1st Lt Gordon W. Jones, Pilot GF, Chickasha, Oklahoma. 1st Lt David M. Fulcher, Pilot GF, Norman, Oklahoma. WOJG Woodrow W. Kerr, Personnel Officer, Chickasha, Oklahoma. 1st Lt Ted R. Savage, Btry Cmdr, Chickasha, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Edward Brockert, Asst Commo Officer, Chickasha, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Eugene L. Smith, Motor Officer, Chickasha, Oklahoma. Battery "A". Home Station: Duncan, Oklahoma. 1st Lt Louis A. Scott, Btry Cmdr, Duncan, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt James D. Pierce, XO, Comanche, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Floyd L. Mayberry, Asst XO, Motor Officer, Duncan, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Donald R. Woodmansee, FO, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 1st Lt Edward M. Coon, FO, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Donald W. Williams, FO, Norman, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Richard E. McConnell, Recon Officer, Duncan, Oklahoma. Battery "B". Home Station: Anadarko, Oklahoma. 1st Lt Robert E. Shipman, Btry Cmdr, Anadarko, Oklahoma. 1st Lt James C. Styron, XO, Hobart, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Morgan W. Eddleman, Asst XO, Motor Officer, Norman, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Jack F. Riddle, FO, Anadarko, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Carl E. Rogers, FO, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Billy Botone, Recon Officer, Anadarko, Oklahoma. WOJG Vincent B. Shaffer, Unit Admin, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Battery "C". Home Station: Duncan, Oklahoma. Capt Herman H. Horst, Btry Cmdr, Weatherford, Oklahoma. 1st Lt Joe F. Lohrengel, XO, Weatherford, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Norman R. Monroe, Asst XO, Motor Officer, Weatherford, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Charles I. Kramer, Asst XO, Ammunition Officer, Weatherford, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Woodrow L. Cooper, FO, Weatherford, Oklahoma. 1st Lt Charles A. Thacker, Recon Officer, Weatherford, Oklahoma. Service Battery. Home Station: Minco, Oklahoma. Capt Frederick J. Rice, Btry Cmdr, Minco, Oklahoma. 2nd Lt Barty C. Chappell, Motor Officer, Minco, Oklahoma. 1st Lt Edward M. Slover, Train Cmdr, Minco, Oklahoma. WOJG Henry E. Wade, Unit Admin, Minco, Oklahoma. WOJG Bunah I. Hardy, Supply Officer, Oklahoma

City, Oklahoma. Beginning with the receipt of our induction orders, drills were stepped up to three each week; during the last week of August these were converted into all day training periods. A pre-induction training schedule was published that called for, among basic subjects, the reading of the Articles of War, the preparation of induction forms and records, and the physical examination of all officers and men. Recruitment to full strength was authorized. Our batteries instituted parades, speeches, newspaper and radio advertising to induce fellow townsmen to join these units. Of inestimable help towards our aim of full strength were the nationwide campaigns via radio and press to "Go With the Men You Know". Another factor giving impetus to our drive for men was the institution of the draft. The commencement of selective service was not without its humorously confusing side in the case of our Chickasha battery, however; some five or six members of this battery were called by the draft board for induction prior to their scheduled induction with their unit. Inasmuch as I was living in Oklahoma City, and thus convenient to the State Adjutant General, I appealed directly to him for help to avoid losing some of our precious men. Brigadier General Roy W. Kenny, the Adjutant General, took the matter up personally with the State Director for Selective Service; thus ended our conflict with the Chickasha Draft Board. We lost about 10% of our strength as a result of physical disqualification. Here follows a table showing strengths by battery at the inception of the pre-induction period and at its end. MORNING REPORT STRENGTH. Battery, August 1950, 1 September 1950. OFF, WO, EM, Total. Hq & Hq Battery: 16, 61, 77. 17, 1, 78, 96. Battery "A": 4, 74, 78. 7, 78, 85. Battery "B": 4, 1, 73, 78. 6, 1, 102, 109. Battery "C": 5, 74, 79. 6, 76, 82. Service Battery: 3, 1, 52, 56. 3, 2, 46, 51. Total: 32, 2, 334, 368. 39, 4, 380, 423. The members of the staff were detailed to carefully supervise this pre-induction training and preparation. Each battery had the assistance of a staff member in preparing and checking in detail extracts of service records, medical histories, initial rosters, and initial morning reports. This work reduced substantially the errors, omissions, and confusion that were experienced on our last induction 16 September 1940. September was divided into two phases. The first phase from 1 September to 10 September 1950 might be referred to as the preparation and movement phase and from 11 September to 30 September 1950, as the home making and early training phase. Most of the first week of September was spent in preparing for the movement to Camp Polk, Louisiana. Trucks had to be serviced and put in the best possible condition, equipment was loaded, and the men were briefed on details of the trip. The Battalion moved to Camp Polk, in four separate groups. The advance details, consisting of a supply group from Service Battery, and Supply Sergeants and one driver from each of the other batteries, left on the 3rd of September 1950. On the 7th September 1950, the vehicle convoy rendezvoused at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to move out on the morning of the 8th September 1950, in convoy for a three day trip to Camp Polk. The trucks and train arrived in the afternoon of 10 September 1950 at Camp Polk and the men immediately began taking up their new quarters. Training began the next morning with Physical Training first on the list immediately after Reveille and with the remainder of the day devoted to Military Justice and other basic subjects. Food was good and morale high. Administrative requirements occupied much of the time for the latter part of September. The men were taken to the quartermaster and outfitted with a complete military wardrobe including low cut shoes, which were novelty even to the old men. The Army qualification tests were given the men, and they later returned to be interviewed by trained personnel to determine what their potentials were. Daily inspections of mess halls and barracks became normal. Typewriters again became a critical item as Form 20 for enlisted men and Form 66 for Officers had to be completed at an early date. The Battalion only had two typewriters which would handle the job as it took Elite type to fill in the Form 66. In order to meet the deadline, two shifts had to be used. Although administrative details used a lot of time, training was paramount. Classes were conducted mostly by officers and were supervised by Battalion. Schools were established by all echelons. Battalion schools, Division Artillery schools, Division schools, schools set up by Fourth Army personnel from Fort Sill, and the service schools began cutting deeply into our strength so that some of the smaller batteries will hard put to fill normal details. Service schools began taking personnel from the Battalion even before we left our home station. The first to go to school was Lt Herbert E. Rawlings Jr., assistant S-2 to survey School, TAS, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Soon after the Battalion arrived at Camp Polk, quotas and assignments to service schools began coming in. By the end of September this Battalion had two officers and 21 enlisted men in schools at Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, and already had 7 officers and 6 EM alerted for other service schools. After taking out men for these and local schools, and after necessary administrative details, Headquarters Battery and Service Battery could not muster enough men to stand their tour of duty on the Division Artillery Guard. This first month of Federal Service was very hectic and fast moving. Officer and men alike found themselves with a lot to do and little to do it with. Administration was hard to handle due to lack of equipment and trained personnel. Training likewise suffered for lack of experienced, trained instructors and a lack of necessary training aids. I recommend that in the subsequent induction of National Guard units there be an advance period of training for officers and administrative personnel to the end that less confusion and lost time be imposed upon the troops. On 14 September 1950, the Battalion published Special Order Number #3 which changed many of the junior officers around in the batteries. Every unit in the Battalion was affected by this order and although the officers did not like to leave their own outfit, the efficiency of the Battalion benefited from the change. I devised this procedure to break up the circles of personal friendships that naturally exist in small communities among officers and enlisted men, especially noncommissioned officers; these warm friendships; natural and to a great extent,

beneficial among Guardsmen are prejudicial to good order during periods of active service. Such a device also tends to insure both officers and men to accept the personal changes that are bound to occur in service. During this period; the latter part of September and the first part of October; an intensive instructor training was conducted. We nearly exhausted our resources of officers, non-commissioned officers, and the more promising among the recruits in filling requirements to the Command and Control Personnel School conducted under the supervision of Division Artillery and the Fourth Army Instructor's School conducted by a group of the instructor staff of the Artillery School. This was a trying period. The manifold housekeeping duties attendant upon reviving an unused and run down World War II camp combined with the job of putting a battalion that consisted of some 85% recruits through basic training would have taxed us even had we had the full use of those attending schools. A saving feature, one that relieved our staff of the onus of planning our training, was the preparation, prior to our induction, of a "Pre-Cycle Training Program". Our Regular Army Instructors compiled this program under the direction of our G-3, providing therein ample time for rehabilitation of our areas and facilities. This phase was designed to last until the receipt of our fillers, containing schedules that would carry us to 1 November 1950. We departed from the schedule in that time provided for supervised athletics and recreation was spent, for the most part in, vehicle maintenance. Of the ample time allotted to rehabilitation of facilities, I made this observation: A considerable portion of time spent in preparing training facilities and repairing camp facilities at the outset is lost motion because, until these areas and facilities are put to use and people become familiar with the problems posed by their new condition of full time service they do not know exactly what will be required and what will not be needed. Therefore, it would be better to allot much of this time later in the training period so that it might be more wisely used for making training aids, improving areas, and the refurbishing of dayrooms, supply, and orderly rooms. I mention the maintenance of motor vehicles as being a critical problem. These vehicles issue to us were very old, many of them having been delivered to the Army in 1940 and 1941, and they had suffered the further deterioration attendant upon long periods of inactivity in storage and during the armory training periods. Hence, after their grueling 500 to 600 mile march from home station to Camp Polk, and their subsequent daily use here, unsuspected weaknesses in these vehicles made themselves too apparent. Despite the untiring efforts of our crews and the crews of our Ordnance Company, many vehicles have been deadlined for an unconscionable period of time. Mechanics and motor sergeants who, in spite of obstacles, might have got some of these vehicles back and service were sent off the motor maintenance courses at Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Our clamor for allotments to service schools began to boomerang because now, to cope with the problem created by parts shortages and unskilled drivers we had only mechanics with little or no military experience. At this writing we have engaged to hang on until our mechanics and sergeants returned from school; they are now engaged in successfully reducing our number of deadlined trucks. The basic load of parts is being delivered in increments about as fast as we can break them down, shedding further rays of hope upon us. The clamor to enroll officers and service schools was as productive as it had been in the case of our enlisted men. Our senior officers had had battle experiences in the artillery during World War II; a good many of them have been with the 45th Division. Few among our battery officers had seen combat as artillerymen. Some were former Air Force and Naval personnel; a few combat infantryman, with tankers an ordnance thrown in for good measure. Our cry for places in the Artillery School was justified and was answered with a heartiness equal to the need. By 11 December 1950, only 17 officers and three warrant officers were present for duty; 22 officers were at service schools. This has imposed a burden upon those remaining that mitigated only by the knowledge that when these away return, the load upon all will be immeasurably lighten. We received our fillers beginning the third week of October 1950. We reached full strength 3 November 1950. The extra work spent in the instructional schools during September and early October began to show results. We had non-commissioned officers, and other enlisted men, who were able to take their rightful place as instructors of these fillers. By means of welcoming talks by commanders of all echelons, orientation periods within the batteries, Troop Information Hours and Character Guidance periods an attempt, gratifying successful was made to inoculate in these new men a sense of duty and a belief that their military life was a part of their real life; not a brief interlude to be somehow endured; the record of which would follow them forever. It is my considered opinion that this program has resulted in a more unified spirit among the men, old and new, and has kept our delinquency rate far below that of 1940. At the same time a conscious effort was made, in this Battalion, to imbue our old men with a spirit of hospitality toward the new men and a feeling of tolerance for their ways (our fillers were from North Atlantic and Northwestern states). It worked. A fortnight after their arrival, the new had blended with the old so that one could not discern a stranger in the organization. Work under the Army Training Program 6-300 began 6 November 1950. Short of officers though we were, we got off to a good start. We account for this as being the result of employing the county fair system of instruction wherein one instructor gives his period several times. While he presents his portion of the training, another instructor presents another portion of the scheduled training to a different unit. Units rotate around the area to these different stations, until all have received the same instruction. This system enables the best qualified instructors to be used in a particular subject and permits much closer staff supervision of training. It is especially desirable during a period when battery officers are away from their units. Toward the end of November, we began a series of formal tests covering basic subjects taken up thus far. The results of these tests were used as a basis for entries onto the individual batteries' progress charts. A battery average was taken in each case to stimulate

a spirit of competition among the batteries. The last of November saw the first of a considerable number of discharges anticipated under Public Law 771. It is a pity that provision for these cases could not have been made prior to induction; their short service has been of little benefit to us and has been a serious inconvenience to them and their families. Almost four months of active duty is behind us. It has been pleasanter this time than in 1940; primarily because more of us have had experience in the service. Also of considerable benefit in reducing initial confusion in administrative matters and creating a more orderly training atmosphere was the realistic approach to our problems contained in the Program. This orderly training routine with its sense of a goal has been continued in the Army Training Program. The impediment to our training most noticeably felt is the shortage of equipment. Motors, radios, and howitzers are the items lacking that hurt us the most. We have resorted to pooling motors among the battalions; within this Battalion, the employment of the county fair system of instruction and pooling of equipment helped to lessen the inconvenience caused by these shortages. Signed. CHARLES W. CLEVERDON, Lt Col, Arty, Commanding.

Jan 04, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Headquarters. 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 4 January 1951. SUBJECT: Assignment of Officers for Small Arms Range Firing. TO: See Distribution. 1. The following named officers are assigned duties as indicated during small arms range firing during week of 8-13 and 15-20 January 1951. Range, Date, Officer in Charge, Safety Officer. .50 Cal MG, Mon 8 Jan, Lt Coon, Lt Rawlings. 1000" Carbine, Tue 9 Jan, Capt Bell, Lt Kramer. 1000"MG, Wed 10 Jan, Capt Bell, Lt Kramer. .45 Cal Pistol, Fri 12 Jan, Lt Rawlings, Lt Coon. .45 Cal Sub-MG, Mon 15 Jan, Capt Finkle, Lt Kramer. Transition, Tue 16 Jan, Capt Bell, Lt Coon. Rocket Launcher, Wed 17 Jan, Capt Osborn, Lt Rawlings. Hand Grenade, Thr 18 Jan, Lt Styron, Lt Kramer. 2. Any questions regarding range requirements will be directed to S-3 section. A schedule of units firing on ranges prior to this battalion is available for your information in S-3 section. 3. All the above officers will become thoroughly familiar with safety requirements of the weapon as well as the range. General safety requirements are contained in: SR 385-310-1; TM 9-1900, para's 159-166 and 215-223; FM 5-25, para's 21.01-23.01. Specific safety precautions for each weapon are contained in the appropriate field and technical manuals. These will be studied prior to service on the ranges. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 1 ea Off Concerned.

Jan 05, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Headquarters. 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 5 January 1951. SUBJECT: Request for Maps, Photographs, and Photomaps. TO: Commanding General, 45th Division Artillery, Camp Polk, Louisiana, Attn: S-2. 1. Request is herewith made that 158 Field Artillery Battalion be furnished with coverage of FLORIEN – BOYCE – LEANDER – KISATCHE – LEWISVILLE – ESLAGLE – PEASON ARTILLERY RANGE sectors of LOUISIANA in scale of 1/25,000 for maps, 1/20,000 for photomaps, such coverage to be sufficient in number to provide for full and complete distribution to all batteries and battalion staff sections. 2. This request is based on needs of this battalion for maps, photomaps, and photographs in scales presumptively available for use in conjunction with and in preparation for Army Field Forces Training Test No. 6-1 dated 24 August 1949. Training in use of these scales of maps, photomaps, and photographs is considered a prerequisite to successful participation in training tests as outlined in AFF TT 6-1. 3. This request is considered particularly important in view of the importance which AFF TT 6-1 places on the establishment and maintenance of horizontal and vertical controls in battery training tests and the early date at which preparation for participation in such tests is currently scheduled. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Jan 09, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 7 dated 9 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 9 January 1951. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 7: 1. CAPT Charles V. Wheeler, O-529878, HQ 158 FA Bn is hereby released of his duty as investigating officer for Courts Martial cases arising within this organization. 2. CAPT Beverly A. Finkle, O-1165014, HQ 158 FA Bn in addition to his other duty is appointed investigating officer to investigate Courts Martial charges arising within this organization. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: 2 ea Btry. 2 ea Officer Concerned. 5 Courts Martial File. 3 Personnel. 3 File.

Jan 12, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Supply Bulletin Number 3 dated 12 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 12 January 1951. SUPPLY BULLETIN NUMBER # 3: 5. ISSUE OF CLOTHING. When Form 446's are initiated for issue of clothing they will be taken to the Post Clothing Sales Warehouse and left to be filled. When they are filled the Clothing Sales Officer will call the unit concerned to pick them up. Due to the lack of room in the Clothing Sales Warehouse it is imperative that the clothing be picked up immediately upon notification. 6. CARE OF CANVAS. All Unit Commanders and supply personnel are cautioned to see that all tentage is thoroughly dried before folding and storing after use as storing wet

canvas will result in mold which will deteriorate the canvas and it cannot be surveyed through fault or neglect of no one concerned. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt 158, FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn , Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: "S".

Jan 13, 1951: Published in the "The Lawrence Daily Journal World" entitled: In The Armed Forces. Recruit Gerald Frank Bodin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bodin, 2000 Kentucky Street, is taking basic training at Camp Polk, La., where he is attached to the Supply Battery of the 158th Field Artillery. He entered service in October, after graduating from L.M.H.S. in 1947, attending K. U. a semester, and working as a railroad fireman.

Jan 14, 1951: Published in the "The Medford Mail Tribune Sun" entitled: Local soldier joins Company of Rangers. Recruit Neil Jones, son of Mrs. Richard J. Smith, 623 North Central avenue has been accepted as a volunteer in the 45th Infantry Division's Ranger company, according to an armed forces release. Before his transfer to the Rangers, ones was a member of Battery "A" 158th Artillery. The 45th rangers are the first ever to be drawn from division personnel. Previously, they were formed in airborne groups and attached to the infantry. The rangers have been transferred to Fort Benning, Ga., where they recently began an eight-week training period. When the training course is completed, they will rejoin the 45th as a special company. During, combat, they will make airborne, amphibious and guerilla operations in connection with division tactics.

Jan 15, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 10 dated 15 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 15 January 1951. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 10: 1. A Special Courts-Martial is appointed to meet on call of the President of the Court at a place to be specified, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it. DETAIL FOR THE COURT. CAPT Edward C. Wegener, O-400915, HQ Btry 158th FA BN. CAPT Robert L. Osborn, O-527847, Btry "C" 158th FA BN. CAPT Frederick J. Rice, O-773814, SVC Btry 158th FA BN. 1st Lt James C. Styron, O-941641, Btry "B" 158th FA BN. 1st Lt Joe F. Lohrengel, O-1177506, Btry "A" 158th FA BN. CAPT James D. Bell, O-424330, HQ Btry 158th FA BN, Trial Judge Advocate. CAPT Herman H. Horst, O-1183888, HQ Btry 158th FA, BN Defense Counsel. All unarraigned cases in the hands of the Trial Judge Advocate of the Special Courts-Martial appointed by paragraph 2, Special Order 21, this headquarters, 18 October 1950, will be brought to trial before the court hereby appointed. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: "A".

Jan 16, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Inclosure # 3 to Annex D-11, Training Memorandum No. #4 dated 16 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 16 January 1951. INCLOSURE # 3 To ANNEX A-11 to TM No. # 4. Firing 2.36 Rocket Launcher, Wednesday, 17 January 1951. Officer in Charge: Capt Osborn. Safety Officer: Lt Coon. 1. Advance Detail. a. Personnel to fire record will be as follows: HQ Btry: 10 men. "A" Btry: 14 men. "B" Btry: 14 men. "C" Btry: 14 men. SVC Btry: 4 men. b. In addition to above personnel, the following will also be furnished by each battery: MG Sgt, 1 NCO, 2 Pvt's for ammo detail. c. Each battery will take all rocket launchers and furnish necessary transportation for personnel and equipment. 2. Movement to Range. a. Above named personnel will leave battalion Motor Park 0600, Capt Osborn OIC. b. Lt Brockert will be responsible for P/A system. Report to OIC at 0600 at battalion Motor Park. c. Capt Horst will be responsible for furnishing 1 each 2 ½ ton truck at range at 1300 to pull towed target. Coordinate with OIC. d. Battalion (minus range details) will leave motor park at times designated below; will receive instruction in loading and firing launcher and form in orders to fire at times designated. Leave Motor Park Fire. "A" Btry, 0700, 0800. "B" Btry, 0800, 0900. "C" Btry, 0900, 1000. HQ & SVC Btry 1000, 1100. This personnel will load and fire 1 HE round for familiarization. (1) 28 Medics from DivArty Medical Detachment will fire with "C" Btry. 3. Concurrent Training. a. Time not occupied in traveling to and from the range and in firing during morning will be used in MOS Training. Alternate training in MOS will be stressed. Use appropriate ATP for references. b. Afternoon Training-MOS. Personnel Place Subject Instructor. Instrument & Survey, Range, Practical Survey, Lt Rawlings. Intelligence. Fire Direction Center, Bldg T-2712, Metro Message, Capt Wheeler. Battery Computer, Team Drill. All communications. Liaison, Area C, Field Exercise, Lt Brockert. Mortar Radar. Drivers & Ammo, Designated by, Convoy Driving, Capt Horst. Handlers (SVC), Motor Park, How Drill-Care, By Battery. Howitzer & Ammo, Cleaning. 4. Administration. a. Battery commanders will make necessary arrangements for feeding personnel listed in paragraph 1, a hot meal at the rocket launcher range at noon. b. Rosters of men firing familiarization rounds will be prepared; one copy to be furnished Personnel Section not later than noon Friday 19 January 1951. c. Roster and score cards of men firing qualification will be submitted to S-3 not later than noon, Friday 19 January 1951. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: B (2), D, G. The following is an official excerpt from INCLOSURE # 4 To ANNEX A-11 to TM No. # 4., dated 16 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 16 January 1951. INCLOSURE # 4 To ANNEX A-11 to TM No. # 4. Training

Schedule for Thursday, 18 January 1951. 1. Training during morning will be held as follows: a. Throw Hand Grenades, Military Courtesy, Observation Training, Physical Training, Obstacle Course. 0750-0830: Btry "B", Hq & Svc Btry, Btry "A", Btry "C". 0835-0915: Hq & Svc Btry, Btry "A", Btry "C", Btry "B". 0920-1000: Btry "A", Btry "C", Btry "B", Hq & Svc Btry. 1005-1045: Btry "C", Btry "B", Hq & Svc Btry, Btry "A". 1045-1140: All Btry's prep for Btry RSOP's. (1) Instructors: Hand Grenades: 1st Sgt Carruth. Military Courtesy: Btry 1st Sgt or qualified NCO (National Guard Manual (Basic) Para's 19-26). Observation Training: Lt Kramer. Physical Training: By Battery. (2) Place: Area C (except physical training to be at obstacle course). Instructors will be responsible that a guide is provided to conduct units to proper location. Capt Bell will coordinate exact locations of training in Area C. b. Afternoon training will be Battery RSOP's vicinity of Mill Creek Cemetery (Map 1/50,000 Slagle 89253825). Batteries will be prepared to leave motor parks 1230. Details of rendezvous area and staff officers to conduct problem to be published later. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr. Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr. Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION. B (2), D, G.

Jan 18, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 12 dated 18 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 18 January 1951. SPECIAL ORDERS NUMBER 12: 1. Following temporary promotions of EM, Btry "A", 158th FA Bn announced effective 18 January 1951. PFC Arthur C. Pinson, NG38782810, Cpl (E-4). PFC Billy D. Pruitt, NG25752144, Cpl (E-4). PFC Sam A. Rowlett, NG25752145, Cpl (E-4). 2. Following EM, SVC Btry 158th FA Bn, granted 6 days leave effective 19 January 1951. M/SGT, Don A. Lauderdale, NG25756001. CPL, Lawrence L. Coley, NG25756033. CPL, Marshal W. Key, NG25756012. PFC, Bobby G. Herfner, NG25756032. 3. SGT Overton L. Burney Jr., NG25753056, HQ Btry, 158th FA Bn, granted 1 day delay en route to attend Service School at Fort Lee, Virginia, effective 21 January 1951. 4. Following temporary appointments of EM, organization indicated this HQ, are announced effective 18 January 1951, under authorization paragraph 6, message WCL 37400, TAG, DA, 9 August 1950. SGT, Edward L. Morris, NG18286087, HQ Btry, SFC (E-6). SGT, James L. Frizzell, NG18284782, Btry "C", SFC (E-6). BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt 158, FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: X, Y, Z. The following is an official excerpt from Supply Bulletin Number 5 dated 18 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 18 January 1951. SUPPLY BULLETIN NUMBER # 5: 1. REQUISITION TO CLOTHING SALES COMMISSARY. All items on requisition to Clothing Sales Commissary will be double spaced. All sized items will have full nomenclature in front of each size. EXAMPLE. Boots, Service combat size 8 EE. Boots, Service combat size 9 D. 2. CERTIFICATE WITH CLOTHING TO BE ALTERED. There will be a certificate with all clothing going to the C & E Shop for alterations certifying that the man to whom the clothes belong has not been in the Army more than six (6) months. Forms will be distributed by Bn S-4. 3. PIPING FOR CAPS. There is now available at the C & E Shop, Artillery Piping for garrison caps. All caps in the Battalion without piping, will be taken to the C & E Shop immediately for sewing on piping. 4. REQUISITIONS FOR Q M ITEMS. In the future the Bn S-4 will be allowed to submit one (1) requisition monthly for Q M items other than T/A 21 items. The date allotted this Battalion is the first Tuesday of each month. All requisitions from Battery's will be submitted to Bn S-4 not later than the last Tuesday of each month. Any requisition submitted after this date will be held until the next requisitioning date. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt 158, FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: "S". Published in the "The Ada Weekly News" entitled: With the 45th Division. Pfc. Lyman L. Kionute, Anadarko, was the top scorer in Battery B, 158th Artillery, last week on the carbine range. He scored 196 out of a possible 200 and won the \$5 prize offered by the battery to the man with the highest score. Most of the members of the 45th Division didn't enjoy the 1.95 inch rain dumped on Camp Polk in one 24-hour period last week. But one Thunderbird enjoyed the rain. He's Elmer, the Duck, mascot of Battery A, 158th Artillery. Elmer belongs to Sgt 1/C Charles T. Metcalf, Duncan, Okla., Battery A's mess steward.

Jan 19, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders Number 2 dated 19 January 1951. NOTE: General Order No. #2 was the last of the 1950 series. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 19 January 1951. GENERAL ORDER NUMBER # 1: ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND. Under the provisions of AR 600-20, the undersigned assumes command of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Signed. JOHN R. NORTHUP, Major, 158 FA Bn, Commanding. DISTRIBUTION: A Plus. 2-CG 45 Inf Div. 2-CG 45 Div Arty.

Jan 23, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 14 dated 23 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 23 January 1951. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 14: 1. 2nd Lt Barty C. Chappel, O-989413, Arty, is released from assigned Service Btry 158th FA Bn, and is assigned to HQ Btry 158th FA Bn. EDCMR 23 January 1951. 2. Following temporary promotions of EM, Btry "B", 158th FA Bn announced effective 23 January 1951: PFC, Ira D. Hart, NG25754197, Cpl (E-4). PFC, Gerald T. Kennedy, NG25754175, Cpl (E-4). PFC, Orville L. Lair, NG25754181, Cpl (E-4). PFC, Edward J. Constien, NG25754188, Cpl (E-4). PFC, Dewey P. Bohannon, NG25754194, Cpl (E-4). 3. PVT Thurman M. Welchel,

NG25753190, HQ Btry, 158th FA Bn granted 5 days emergency leave effective 24 January 1951. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: X, Y, Z. Published in the "The Ada Evening News" entitled: With the 45th Division. Five 45th Division officers this week draw special schools or duties. Maj. Neal W. Harris, Norman, Headquarters Division Artillery, will go to Fort Bliss, Tx., for 10 days of service practice with the 145th Anti-Aircraft Battalion. Maj. Roger G. Harrison. Altus, will take a 12-week course in advanced training for armored force officers. He is in the 245th Tank Battalion. Lt. Col. Charles W. Cleverdon. Oklahoma City, commander of the 158th Artillery Battalion; Maj. King J. Bogardus, Oklahoma City, Headquarters 179th Infantry, and Maj. Alfred L. Gamel, Norman, Headquarters 120th Engineer Battalion, all will attend a two-week course in command and general staff work at Fort Sill. Okla. The following is an official excerpt from Training Memorandum No. #4 dated 23 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 23 January 1951. MEMORANDUM NUMBER # 4: MOTOR PARTS REQUISITIONS. 1. To establish a uniform procedure and to conform with the requisitioning schedules set up by 700th Ordnance, a schedule for requisitions of motor parts and other ordnance vehicle items is established. 2. Parts requisitions may be submitted to the battalion parts clerk in accordance with the following schedule: UNIT- G & H ITEMS- K & L ITEMS. Btry "A", 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 1st and 3rd Thursday. Btry "B", 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 1st and 3rd Thursday. Battalion Shop, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 1st and 3rd Thursday. Btry "C", 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursday. HQ Btry, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursday. SVC Btry, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursday. Deadlined items may be turned in for 1 vehicle each day. 3. Like items shall be consolidated on one parts requisition in alphabetical and numerical order, and must be submitted to the battalion parts room before 1600 hours. Action will be taken the following morning and it will be possible to receive the deadlined parts that same day. 4. All stock replenishment requisitions and all used recoverable items will be turned in on Wednesday of each week. 5. All excess parts will be turned in on requisition dates, irrespective of groups. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: "M".

Jan 26, 1951: Published in the "The Anadarko News" entitled: With Battery "B" at Camp Polk, LA. By: Mrs. Tom Jolly; Camp Polk. The biggest news at Camp Polk last week was the opening of the post commissary, which promises to cut dollars off grocery bills for the 45th division personnel and their families. Those applying for commissary cards included quite a few men from Battery "B", 158th field artillery. Mrs. Floyd Ratcliff, the former Miss Pat Smith moved down to be with her husband last weekend, and will live in the same house in Leesville as Mrs. Dale Boone. Other Battery "B" wives and families living in Leesville are Mrs. Robert McClure, Mrs. Bobby White, Mrs. Dale Hitt, Mrs. Leon T. Carruth and three children and Mrs. James C. Styron and daughter. M-Sgt. Robert McClure spent last Saturday making a speech, but he wasn't campaigning for anything. He talked to a selected group from the 179th Infantry Regiment, familiarizing the infantrymen with artillery weapons. The battery has finished being "out on the range" last Thursday. During the week they had practiced throwing hand grenades, rocket launchers, and were also on the carbine transition range. Chiefs of sections and the officers all put in \$1 in a pot while they were firing the .45 calibre pistols with the collection to be given to the best shot. The pot went to Sgt. Joseph Duncan, oldest man in the battery who was with it in the last war. He beat Lieut. James C. Styron, second best, by ten points. This week the battery will be given the basic test and have an overnight bivouac. Sgt. Carl E. Rogers, Washita, has been released from the post hospital and is back with the battery again. The sergeant was being treated for a bruised ankle, which he twisted on a march. Also out of the hospital are the Wilson brothers, who were in a car accident on their way home for Christmas vacation. They are in headquarters company of the battalion. Cpl. Billy Hess was in Anadarko last week on a three day delay en-route, while on his way to Fort Lee, Va., where he will attend an eight-week commandant adjutant general school. Cpl. Hess transferred to headquarters battery after coming to Camp Polk. Seven men will return to camp by midnight Friday night after having a week at home. Getting their names drawn from the hat for the furloughs and leaving last Friday night were Sgt. Lionel O'Donley, Cpl. Ray Allen, Sgt. Bobby Allen, Pfc. Richard L. Hodges, Pfc. Ray Wahkeeney, Pfc. Alvis R. Williams and Pfc. Sammy Ardondo. Cpl. Victor Salamy just almost missed out on his birthday package sent from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Salamy, for his birthday on January 16. Salamy was busy typing when the package came, so he just put it on the floor in the orderly room. Assistant clerk, Pfc. Von Dee Lee. Eakly, saw the package sitting in the office and decided since it was a package from home it probably contained food. Lee had the package open and was sampling the candy inside before Salamy realized what was going on. His "buddies" helped him eat the candy within half an hour, but he was glad they couldn't eat the pen and pencil set also enclosed. When another package arrived the next day, Salamy made certain he kept his eye on it.

Jan 31, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Annex D-2, Training Memorandum No. #1 dated 31 January 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 31 January 1951. ANNEX D-2 TM #1. MOCK VILLAGE- Thursday 1 February 1951. 1. Batteries will move under their own control to the Mock Village and will arrive on the following schedule. SVC and DivArty Medics, 0750. "A" Btry, 0950. "B" Btry, 1315. HQ

Btry, 1515. 2. "C" Battery will move its personnel from the close combat range in groups of 9 man squads to arrive at 0750, 0950, 1315 and 1515. 3. Each battery will organize its personnel into lettered platoons consisting of 2 nine man squads, each man will have a number within his squad. 4. Only men numbered 2 and 4 will fire in the running of this course. 5. Service Battery will furnish a 2 man Ammo detail with full days ammo requirements, a tarpaulin and 30 clips for carbines; a two man repair detail equipped with hammer and saw each. Both details with all equipment will report to Capt Bell at Mock Village at 0730. 6. HQ Btry will furnish a large speaker system to be in operation at the range at 0730 and a detail to man the loud speaker system. Detail to report to Lt Spearman at Mock Village with loud speaker operating not later than 0730. 7. Uniform will be "B" with side arms and steel helmets, over coats, (or rain coats), 8. Stations for training will be set up and manned by Capt Finkle and Lt Coon, to orient the squads which are to go through course. 9. The following is the schedule of training for the day: 2 Hrs Mock Village; 2 hrs Material Care & Maint; 2 hrs MOS; 2 hrs Commanders Time. All training will be by battery. Order of performing training will be SVC, A, B, HQ. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Feb 02, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 22 dated 2 February 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 2 February 1951. SPECIAL ORDER: NUMBER # 22: EXTRACT . 10. Following assignment of Officers are announced, effective 2 Feb 51: Assigned From Assigned To: Capt, Victor H. Powers Jr., O-376850, S-1, LNO. 1st Lt, Louis A. Scott, O-947310, LNO, S-1. 2nd Lt, Norman R. Monroe, O-982475, Motor Off, HQ Btry, FO, Btry "A". 2nd Lt, Charles I. Kramer, O-985498, Asst XO, Ammo, "B", Asst XO, Motor, "A". 2nd Lt, Donald W. Williams, O-957977, Asst XO, Motor, "A", Asst XO, Ammo, "A". 2nd Lt, Floyd L. Mayberry, O-980512, Asst XO, Motor, "B", Recon, Btry "B". 2nd Lt, Eugene L. Smith, O-988739, FO, Btry "B", Asst XO, Motor, "B". 1st Lt, Ted M. Savage, O-577213, Trains CO, SVC Btry, XO, "C" Btry. 1st Lt, Charles L. Thacker, O-2067582, XO, "C" Btry, Asst XO, Motor, "C". 2nd Lt, Richard E. McConnell, O-981530, Asst XO, Ammo, "C", FO, "C" Btry. 1st Lt, Edward M. Slover, O-962298, Asst XO, Motor, "C", Asst XO, Ammo, "C". BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. The following is an official excerpt from Change No. 3 to Annex A-2, Training Memorandum No. #1 dated 3 February 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 2 February 1951. CHANGE 3 TO ANNEX A-2 TM #1. 1. There follows a schedule of arrival times at the Mock Village Course for Saturday, 3 February 1951. "B" Btry, 0745. HQ Btry, 0830. "C" Btry, 0915. All Make Up personnel will report to Capt. Wheeler at Battalion Headquarters at 0915 hours. "A", HQ, and SVC Btrys will be prepared to furnish one 2 1/2 ton truck each to transport the Make Up personnel. 2. Battery Commanders will perform such training and conduct such inspections in accordance with scheduled training as time permits. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Victor H. Powers Jr., Capt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Feb 03, 1951 The following is an official excerpt from Change No. 1 to Annex A-3, Training Memorandum No. #1 dated 3 February 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 3 February 1951. CHANGE 1 TO ANNEX A-3 TM #1. "A" BTRY. 1. The following changes in scheduled training for "A" Btry only during the week 5-10 February 1951 are made: Tuesday, 6 February 1951. 1515-1705-MOS. Wednesday, 7 February 1951. 0950-1140-Commanders Time (Prep for Test). 1315-1705-Marches Bivouacs & "F" Exercise-Firing Btry Tests at Leesville Range. 1830-2130-Night Displacement and Overnight Bivouac. Thursday, 8 February 1951. 0750-1140-Service Practice-Leesville Range. 1315-1505-Commanders Time (Critique of Btry Tests). 1515-1705-Material Care & Maintenance. Delete 1830-2130 "A" Btry. Friday, 9 February 1951. 0950-1140-Physical Training. 1405-1515-MOS. "B" BTRY. 2. The following changes in scheduled training for "B" Btry only during the week 5-10 February 1951 are made: Monday, 5 February 1951. 0750-1140-MOS (1 hrs Cmdr's Time). 1315-1705-Marches Bivouacs & "F" Exercise-Firing Btry Tests at Leesville Range. 1830-2130-Night Displacement. Tuesday, 6 February 1951. 0750-1140-Service Practice-Firing over Infantry-Leesville Range. 1315-1505-Cmdr's Time (Critique of Btry Tests). 1515-1705-Physical Training-Road March Delete 1830-2130-Service Practice (High Burst Night). Wednesday, 7 February 1951. 0750-1140-MOS. 1315-1505-MOS. Thursday, 8 February 1951. 0750-0840-MOS. 1315-1705-Marches Bivouacs & "F" Exercise- (Dry Run Btry Tests) Mill Creek Cemetery. Friday, 9 February 1951. 1315-1405-Character Guidance-Theater #1. 1415-1505-TIH. 1515-1605-Dismounted Drill-Block 1200. 1615-1705-Material Care & Maintenance. "C" BTRY. 3. The following changes in scheduled training for "C" Btry only during the week 5-10 February 1951 are made: Monday, 5 February 1951. 0750-1140- Marches Bivouacs & "F" Exercise-Dry Run Btry Tests Mill Creek Cemetery. 1315-1705-MOS. Tuesday, 6 February 1951. 0950-1140-Commanders Time (Prep for Test). 1315-1705- Marches Bivouacs & "F" Exercise-Firing Btry Tests at Leesville Range. 1830-2130-Service Practice (Night High Burst) and overnight bivouac. Wednesday, 7 February 1951. 0750-1140-Service Practice-Leesville Range. 1315-1405-Cmdrs Time (Critique of Btry Tests). 1415-1605-Material Care & Maintenance. 1615-1705-MOS. Delete 1830-2130-Night Displacement. Thursday, 8 February 1951. 0750-1140-MOS. 1315-1405-Character Guidance-Form on 4th Street at 1310. 1615-1705-MOS. Friday, 9 February 1951. 1315-1505-Physical Training-Road March. "HQ" BTRY. 4. Tuesday & Wednesday, 6 & 7 February 1951. CPX will be at Leesville Range. "SVC" BTRY. 5. Wednesday & Thursday, 7 & 8 February 1951.

RSOP will be at Leesville Range. ALL BTRYs. 6. Delete 1715-1800-DIV ARTY Parade. 1605-1715-Areas for Dismounted Drill are assigned as follows: "A" & "C", Block 1200. SVC & HQ, Motor Park. Reference will be ATP 6-300-para 39, Lesson 20 & 21. 7. Btrys going to field in mornings will not have Physical Conditioning on those mornings. Btrys going to field for Btry Tests will arrive not later than 1300. 8. Gunnery School is changed to Thursday, 8 February 1951. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: B, G.

Feb 13, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 32 dated 13 February 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 13 February 1951. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 32: A Special Courts-Martial is appointed to meet on call of the President of the Court at a place to be specified, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it. DETAIL FOR THE COURT. Capt, Edward C. Wegener, O-400915, HQ Battery, 158 Field Artillery Battalion. Capt, Robert L. Osborn, O-527847, Battery "C", 158 Field Artillery Battalion. Capt, Federick J. Rice, O-773814, SVC Battery, 158 Field Artillery Battalion. 1st Lt, Joe F. Lohrengel, O-1177506, Battery "A", 158 Field Artillery Battalion. 1st Lt, Robert E. Shipman, O-949720, Battery "B", 158 Field Artillery Battalion. 1st Lt, Louis A. Scott, O-947310, HQ 158 FA Bn, Trial Judge Advocate. Capt, Herman H. Horst, O-1183888, HQ 158 FA Bn, Defense Counsel. All unarraigned cases in the hands of the Trial Judge Advocate of the Special Courts-Martial appointed by paragraph 1, Special Order 10, this HQ, 15 January 1951, will be brought to trial before the court hereby appointed. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant, OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: X, Y, Z. Plus 25. The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 32 dated 13 February 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 13 February 1951. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 32: EXTRACT. 2. 2nd Lt Woodrow L. Cooper, O-991574, is relieved from the following duties: Hq Battery Postal Officer. Hq Battery Fire Marshall. Hq Safety Officer. Hq Battery Records Management Officer. 3. 2nd Lt Edward Brockert, O-983329, is assigned following additional duties: Hq Battery Postal Officer. Hq Battery Records Management Officer. 4. 2nd Lt Barty C. Chappell, O-989413, is assigned following additional duties: Hq Battery Fire Marshall. Hq Safety Officer. 5. Following officers relived from additional duties as noted: Relieved From. Capt Victor H. Powers, Jr., O-376850, Records Management Officer. 1st Lt Edward M. Coon, O-2063368, Battalion Fire Marshall. 2nd Lt Carl E. Rogers, O-2206011, Battalion Insurance Officer. 2nd Lt Herbert E. Rawlings, Jr., O-988245, Battalion Bond Officer. 6. Following officers assigned additional duties as noted: Assigned As. 1st Lt Louis A. Scott, O-947310, Records Management Officer. 2nd Lt Herbert E. Rawlings, Jr., O-988245, Battalion Fire Marshall. JWO Robert L. Smith, W-2001691, Insurance, Savings & Bond Officer. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: A. Feb 14, 1951 The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders No. 33 dated 14 February 1951: Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 14 February 1951. SPECIAL ORDERS NUMBER #33: 1. 2nd Lt Billy Botone, O-980491, Artillery, is released from assignment and duty as Forward Observer, Battery "B", and is assigned for duty as Motor Off, SVC Btry. 2. Reduction Board appointed per par 2, SO18, this HQ, dated 13 Oct 50 is hereby rescinded. 3. In accordance with SR 615-5-2, the following officers, in addition to other duty, are appointed as a Reduction Board to consider and make recommendations concerning reduction of enlisted personnel of this Battalion brought before it. Capt, Edward C. Wegener, O-400915, HQ Battery, 158 Field Artillery Battalion. Capt, Robert L. Osborn, O-527847, Battery "C", 158 Field Artillery Battalion. Capt, Federick J. Rice, O-773814, SVC Battery, 158 Field Artillery Battalion. 1st Lt, Joe F. Lohrengel, O-1177506, Battery "A", 158 Field Artillery Battalion. 1st Lt, Robert E. Shipman, O-949720, Battery "B", 158 Field Artillery Battalion. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant, OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: X, Y, Z. The following is an official excerpt from General Orders Number 3 dated 14 February 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 14 February 1951. GENERAL ORDER NUMBER # 3: ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND. Under the provisions of AR 600-20, the undersigned assumes command of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Signed. JOHN R. NORTHUP, Major, 158 FA Bn, Commanding. DISTRIBUTION: A Plus. 2-CG 45 Inf Div. 2-CG 45 Div Arty.

Feb 16, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Change No. 2 of the battalion Training Schedule dated 16 February 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 16 February 1951. CHANGE #2. ANNEX A-4. TM #1. 1. The following changes in scheduled training are made: Friday, 16 February 1951. 1315-1505 hours. HQ, "A", SVC Battery's-Squad Tactical Training: (Films) Capt Keller, IC: Building T-1137 (Division Artillery Recreational Hall). "B" & "C" Battery's-Physical Training by battery: 1st hour, foot March: 2nd Hour, Physical Conditioning Exercises FM 21-10. 1515-1705 hours. "B" & "C", SVC Battery's-Squad Tactical Training: (Films) Details as above. "HQ", "A", "SVC" Battery's-Physical Conditioning Exercises-Details as above. Saturday, 17 February 1951. 0950-1140 hours. Monthly show down of Individual Clothing & Equipment, by battery in barracks. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Feb 18, 1951: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Prepared. Photo Caption: Artillerymen of the 45th division no longer rely on their howitzers alone for fire power; certainly not for personal protection; they train with the small arms, machineguns, mortars and rocket launchers, too, just like the infantrymen who must know how to handle most any sort of weapon. Here the artillerymen are working with the popularly known "bazooka" or rocket launcher. At left, Pfc. Fred Huffman, Chickasha, Headquarters Battery, 158th Artillery, prepares to fire after Cpl. Donald Leonard of Chickasha loads the weapon. At right, M/Sgt Robert McClure, Anadarko, Battery "B", of the 158th, shows the correct firing posture and is aided with a mask which eliminates flash burns on the face from blast of rocket.

Feb 26, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 42 dated 26 February 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 26 February 1951. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 42: EXTRACT. 3. Under the provisions of Paragraph 10, AR 40-115, the following officers are detailed as a Profile Classification Board to review and classify EM of batteries as designated. As soon as profiles have been verified and/or changed on each and every man in a battery, the board for that battery is considered dissolved. HQ Battery. Capt Albert W. Keller, O-1172108, HQ 158 FA Bn. 1st Lt William H. Rider, Med Det 45 Div Arty (w/concurrence w/CG 45 Div Arty). 2nd Lt Edward Brockert, O-983329, HQ 158 FA Bn. "A" Battery. Capt Albert W. Keller, O-1172108, HQ 158 FA Bn. 1st Lt William H. Rider, Med Det 45 Div Arty (w/concurrence w/CG 45 Div Arty). 2nd Lt James D. Pierce, O-981196, Btry "A" 158 FA Bn. "B" Battery. Capt Albert W. Keller, O-1172108, HQ 158 FA Bn. 1st Lt William H. Rider, Med Det 45 Div Arty (w/concurrence w/CG 45 Div Arty). 1st Lt James C. Styron, O-941641, Btry "B" 158 FA Bn. "C" Battery. Capt Albert W. Keller, O-1172108, HQ 158 FA Bn. 1st Lt William H. Rider, Med Det 45 Div Arty (w/concurrence w/CG 45 Div Arty). 1st Lt Ted R. Savage, O-577213, Btry "C" 158 FA Bn. Service Battery. Capt Albert W. Keller, O-1172108, HQ 158 FA Bn. 1st Lt William H. Rider, Med Det 45 Div Arty (w/concurrence w/CG 45 Div Arty). JWO Henry E. Wade, W-2004971, Svc Btry 158 FA Bn. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: A.

Feb 27, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from 45th Infantry Division Special Orders Number 48 dated 27 February 1951. Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 27 February 1951. SPECIAL ORDER: NUMBER # 48: EXTRACT. 2. CAPT NATHANIEL B. SMITH, O-391480, ARTY, is relieved from assignment HQ 45 DIV ARTY and reassigned to HQ 158 FA Bn effective 3 March 1951. EDCMR 3 March 1951. 3. CAPT BEVERLY A. FINKLE, O-1165014, ARTY, is relieved from assignment HQ 158 FA Bn and reassigned HQ 45 DIV ARTY effective 3 March 1951. EDCMR 3 March 1951. 4. PVT (E-1) AUDIS L. McCLURE, US54023493, Co B 279 Inf is transferred in grade to 45 QM Co effective 3 March 1951. EDCMR 3 March 1951. BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL STYRON: Preston J C Murphy, Colonel, GSC. Chief of Staff . OFFICIAL: Signed. Woodrow W. Cook . Lt Col, AGC. Adjutant General. Distribution: D, X, Y, Z.

Mar 03, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from 45th Division Artillery Special Orders Number 41 dated 3 March 1951. Headquarters, 45th Division Artillery, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 3 March 1951. SPECIAL ORDERS NUMBER 41: 1. So much of paragraph 3 Special Orders 38 as reads: WOJG TIMOTHY J. BULTER, W2005666, 6 days on/after 5 March 1951 is revoked. 2. Leave granted following officer: Lt. Col. CHARLES W. CLEVERDON, O-299308, 6 days on/after 5 March 1951. BY ORDER OF COLONEL CATHEY: JAMES F. REED. 2nd Lt, Arty, Acting Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. JAMES F. REED, 2nd Lt, Arty, Acting Adjutant.

Mar 07, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 50 dated 7 March 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 7 March 1951. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 50: 1. Following changes in Btry "C" assignment of Officers is directed. EDCMR 7 March 1951. 1st Lt Charles A. Thacker, O-2067582, XO, Btry "C", Assit S-3. 1st Lt Ted R. Savage, O-577213, Recon Officer, Btry "C", XO, Btry "C". 2nd Lt Carl E. Rogers, O-2206011, Assit XO, Motor, Btry "C", Recon Officer, Btry "C". 2nd Lt Richard E. McConnell, O-981530, FO, Btry "C", Assit XO, Motor, Btry "C". 2. 2nd Lt Billy Botone, O-980491, Arty, relieved from additional duty as Battalion A&R Officer. 3. 2nd Lt Herbert E. Rawlings Jr., O-988245, Arty, appointed additional duty as Battalion A&R Officer. 4. Capt Victor H. Powers Jr., O-376850, Arty, relieved from additional duty as Battalion Safety Officer. 5. 1st Lt Edward M. Coon, O-2063368, Arty, assigned additional duty as Battalion Safety Officer. 6. Following EM Btry "C" granted ordinary leave effective 8 March 1951. MSgt John E. Sykes, NG18285277, 11 days. Sgt Billy E. Henry, NG25755104, 11 days. Sgt Charles L. Cambrell, NG18163130, 11 days. Sgt Sylvester A.I. Hiney, NG25755010, 11 days, Cpl Ray V. Schapansky, NG25755177, 11 days. Pvt Lucien E. Smartt, US55014431, 15 days. 7. So much of Para 7, Special Order 44, this HQ 28 February 1951 pertaining to ordinary leave of EM, Btry "C" as reads: Pvt Donald R. Sagel, US55014445, 13 days is amended to read 14 days. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION: X, Y, Z. The following is an official excerpt from letter dated 7 March 1951, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 7 March 1951. SUBJECT: PQR Status Report. To: See Distribution. 1. Each battery will notify this headquarters, daily, by 0600 starting 8 March 1951, the status of PQR requirements. 2. This report will be on the number of men present for duty who have not completed the following: Infiltration, day and night. Close Combat. Mock Village. Overhead Artillery Fire. Carbine Qualification. 2. On the 10, 17, 20 and 23 March 1951 the following information will be included in the above report. a. The number of men who have not had fourteen (14) weeks of Basic Training. b. The number of men who have not had four (4) hours of FECOM TIH. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed, Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: B.

Mar 08, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 51 dated 8 March 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 8 March 1951. SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER # 51: 1. Following temporary appointments of EM indicated announced. EDCMR 10 March 1951. SFC Andrew H. Jeter Jr., NG6957389, Btry "A", MSgt (E-7). SGT Thurman H. Bilbrey, NG25755103, Btry "C", SFC (E-6). SGT Sylvester A. J. Hiney, NG25755010, Btry "C", SFC (E-6). SGT Leslie T. Snodgrass Jr., NG25752125, Btry "A", SFC (E-6). CPL Keith R. Burch, NG25755170, Btry "C", Sgt (E-5). CPL James T. Duncan, NG25755165, Btry "C", Sgt (E-5). CPL James E. Livingston Jr., NG25784003, Btry "A", Sgt (E-5). CPL Melrose L. Minton Jr., NG25755172, Btry "C", Sgt (E-5). CPL Robert H. Windle, NG25755171, Btry "C", Sgt (E-5). 2. Following EM Battery "C" promoted to Cpl (E-4). EDCMR 10 March 1951. PFC Francis H. Fann, US56094360. PFC Alfred M. Rochad, US51025662. PFC William G. Zupan, US56089192. 3. Following EM Battery "A" promoted to Cpl (E-4). EDCMR 10 March 1951. PFC Theodore R. Goeringer, NG25755157. BY ORDER OF MAJOR NORTHUP: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott . 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: X, Y, Z.

Mar 11, 1951: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Sooners in the service. At school; Pfc. Bob Gilbert, 45th field artilleryman and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gilbert, Sayre, is attending an eight-week survey course at Fort Sill. He will be returned to his unit with the 158th field artillery on completion of course. An all-state grid star for Sayre highschool and attended the University of Arkansas and Southwestern State College, Weatherford.

Mar 22, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Letter Of Memorandum, Subject: Verification of Emergency Addresses on DD Form 93 dated 22 March 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 22 March 1951. SUBJECT: Verification of Emergency Addresses on DD Form 93. TO: See Distribution. 1. Each officer and EM is required to verify the emergency addresses on DD Form 93 by initialing the form or initialing a corrected form. a. Officers will insure that this is accomplished between 1300 Friday 23 March 1951 and 1200 Saturday 24 March 1951 by personally contacting the Battalion Personnel Section. b. Enlisted personnel will be processed at HQ Battery Day Room according to the following schedule. (1) Friday, 23 March 1951. HQ Btry, 0800-0845. "A" Btry, 0845-0930. "B" Btry, 0930-1015. "C" Btry, 1015-1100. SVC Btry, 1100-1145. Make up for all batteries 1300-1400. (2) Saturday, 24 March 1951: Remainder of personnel who have returned from leave, etc, will report during period 0800-1200. 2. Each battery will keep record of personnel as they complete verification. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: A. The following is an official excerpt from Training Memorandum No. 2 dated 22 March 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 22 March 1951. SHIPBOARD TRAINING SCHEDULE. 1. References: TM's, FM's, TC #13, appropriate training aids, and Training Memo No. 2, Headquarters Division Artillery dated 12 March 1951. 2. Physical Conditioning: Minimum of 15 minutes daily exclusive of regularly scheduled classes. 3. Times and training areas will be established and published aboard ship. 4. All uncrated weapons will be cleaned and oiled daily. Battery commanders will conduct daily weapons inspections to safeguard against rust. 5. Annex 1 and MOS Annex to this Training Memorandum gives the detailed schedule of subjects. 6. Except where instructors are indicated in schedule, instruction will be conducted by battery. Instructors will be assigned by Battery Commanders by 27 March 1951. One copy will be submitted to this headquarters on call after boarding ship. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed, Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. Mar 23, 1951 The following is an official excerpt from letter dated 23 March 1951, Subject: Voyage Staff of Vessel Number 4. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Polk, Louisiana. 23 March 1951. SUBJECT: Voyage Staff-Vessel No. 4. TO: Commanding General, 45th Infantry Division, Camp Polk, Louisiana, Attn: G-3. In compliance with paragraph 2, Annex 3 to Movement Order No. 1, HQ 45th Inf Div, 19 March 1951, the following officers and EM are designated as Voyage Staff for Vessel No. 4: CO Troops, Lt Col, Charles W. Cleverdon, HQ 158 FA. Ex Off, Lt Col, John M. Throckmorton, HQ 245 Tank. S-3, Major, Vercil L. Patterson, HQ 245 Tank. Adjutant, 1st Lt, Louis A. Scott, HQ 158 FA. Provost Marshal, 2nd Lt, Mitchell M. Windle, HQ 245 Tank. Police and Sanitation Officer, 2nd Lt, Troy L. Prater, HQ 245 Tank. Information & Education Officer, Capt, Nathaniel B. Smith, HQ 245 Tank. Mess Officer, 1st Lt, James F. Marshall, HQ 245 Tank. TAT and Baggage Officer, 2nd Lt, Roma J. McDowell, 45

Recon Co. Sgt Major, M/Sgt , Edward L. Morris, HQ Btry 158 FA. Clerk, Cpl, Peter S. Lepera, HQ Btry 158 FA. Messenger, Cpl, Edwin Earl, HQ Btry 158 FA. Provost Sergeant, M/Sgt, Ivan D. Tabb, H&S Co 245 Tank. Police and Sanitation Sergeant, SFC, Edward R. Derrinwater, Co B 245 Tank. Mess Sergeant, SFC, Harold L. Parker, Co B 245 Tank. FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant.

Mar 26, 1951: 45th Infantry Division conducts Division Parade at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Mar 29, 1951: 158th Field Artillery Battalion boards troop trains for New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mar 30, 1951: 158th Field Artillery Battalion boards onto the U.S.N.S. General C. G. Morton. The ship pulls away from the New Orleans dock about 3:30 p.m.

Mar 31, 1951: Published in the "The Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman" entitled: 19 Thunderbirds finish course. Oklahoma Times Service. Camp Polk, La., March 30. Nineteen men of the 45th Infantry division were graduated Friday from the first joint army and air force food service school here. The school's first honor student was Pfc. Charles B. Shelley of service company, 179th Infantry regiment of Waynesville, Mo. He received an award, from school officials for outstanding academic and practical work. Shelley and other Thunderbird graduates will join the 45th division overseas in Japan. Thunderbirds receiving their certificates at Friday's graduation exercises were Sgts George E. Archer, company k 279th, Okataha; Cpl. Jack L. Beckham, headquarters company of the 180th, McAlester; Pfc. Willard C. Blakeney of company A 219th, of Magee, Miss., Pvt. Albert W Bolejack, battery B 171st field artillery battalion, of Cherryvale, Kan., Pfc Jack Britt, service company of 279th, Hoffman; Cpl Walter M. Careathers jr of company G 179th, of Marlow; Pfc Gene Kyle Cowan, reconnaissance company, Killeen, Texas; Pfc. Carl Ellis, company K 179th, from Brooklyn; Sgt. Sam Freeman. 120th medical battalion of Detroit, Mich.; Pfc. Ralph A. Harris, battery C 189th field artillery, of Blackwell; Pfc. Louis Hudgeons, Battery "B", 158th field artillery battalion of Anadarko: Pvt. Edward J. Keenan, heavy mortar company 279th, of New York City; Cpl, Charles C. Knight of Hattiesburg, Miss.; Pvt. Clarence A. Larson, headquarters and service company of the 245th tank battalion of Bangor, Wis., Pfc Normal L Livingston of headquarters 245th, Olney: Cpl. Jack Norman jr., company L, 279th. of Pryor; Sgt. Harris Ryals company H 180th, of Meria, Ark.; Pfc Charles B. Sheeley, Pfc. Marvin W. Wampler, headquarters company of 279th. of Stanberry, Mo. First graduates mastered the eight week course which included one week of cooking theory and a week of demonstration after which the men went into the mess halls and the field for the practical work portion of the course. The school was conducted by officers and men from both the army and the air force.

Apr 02, 1951: The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 67 dated 2 April 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, APO 86 c/o PM, San Francisco. 2 April 1951. SPECIAL ORDERS NUMBER 67: 1. 2nd Lt Woodrow L. Cooper, O-991574, Arty, is relieved from assignment and duty as Recon Officer Btry "A" and is assigned to HQ Btry as Assit Commo Officer. EDCMR 3 April 1951. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: X, Y, Z.

Apr 03, 1951: The U.S.N.S. General C. G. Morton docks at Balboa, Panama.

Apr 13, 1951: The U.S.N.S. General C. G. Morton docks at Fort Mason, San Francisco, US.

Apr 20, 1951: Crossed 180 Meridian—International Date Line. The following is an official excerpt from Special Orders Number 71 dated 20 April 1951. Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, APO 86 c/o PM, San Francisco. 20 April 1951. SPECIAL ORDERS NUMBER 71: 1. A Special Courts-Martial is appointed to meet on call of the President of the Court at a place to be specified, for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it. DETAIL FOR THE COURT. Capt Edward C. Wegener, O-400915, HQ Btry 158 F A. Capt Robert L. Osborn, O-527847, Btry "C" 158 F A. Capt Frederick J. Rice, O-773814, SVC Btry 158 F A. 1st Lt Joe F. Lohrengel, O-1177506, Btry "A" 158 F A. 1st Lt Robert E. Shipman, O-949720, Btry "B" 158 F A. 1st LT Louis A. Scott, O-947310, HQ 158 F A TJA. Capt Nathaniel B. Smith, O-391480, HQ 158 FA Defense Counsel. All un-arraigned cases in the hands of the Trial JA of the SCM appointed by para 1 Special Order #32, this HQ, 13 February 1951 will be brought to trial before the court hereby appointed. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEVERDON: Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. OFFICIAL: Signed. Louis A. Scott, 1st Lt, 158 FA Bn, Adjutant. DISTRIBUTION: A.

Apr 30, 1951: The U.S.N.S. General C. G. Morton disembarked at the Ports of Otaru and Muroran, Hokkaido. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion is transported to the tent city of Chitose (which is south of the city of Sapporo) in troop trains and then reloaded onto trucks to be transported to the tent city of Camp Monte Strong (which is

southwest of Chitose).

May 27, 1951: Moved to the new tent city of Camp Conrady, about halfway between Chitose and Camp Crawford, near the town of Eniwa.

May 28, 1951: Published in the "The Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Thunderbird back where he started. Camp Monte Strong, Japan (By Air Mail) The island of Hokkaido isn't a bad place to serve with the 45th division declares Sgt. Charles Gambrell, Dill City, but he'd rather be somewhere else. Gambrell, a member of Battery Service, 158th field artillery battalion, has been here before, "And since I was sent 10,000 miles from home again this time, it would have been nice to have seen another part of the world." The Dill City soldier spent six months on Japan's northern most home Island in 1946 with the 20th weather squadron, an air force outfit. "And what's more, I was stationed at the Chitose air force base just a couple of miles from our tent city here," he added. "Where I'm living now was nothing but, a forest then." Gambrell recalled that August and September in Hokkaido are fine months. "It's warm then and there's good fishing in the mountains," he explained. From, 8 to 30 inches of snow covered the ground by the middle of October and it was still on there when he left in January.

Jun 05, 1951: Published in the "The El Reno Daily Tribune" entitled: Thunderbirds get airmail in field. Camp Strong, Japan. June 5 (UP). With just a little cooperation from the 45th Division artillery light air section, the 158th Field 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 First Lieutenant Gordon W. Jones, Chickasha, Okla., and First Lieutenant David M. Fulcher, Detonti, Ark.

Jun 20, 1951: Published in the "The Durant Daily Democrat" entitled: 158th Artillery has homemade post exchange. Camp Monte Strong, Japan. UP. Members of the 45th Infantry Division's 158th Artillery are getting along with a homemade post exchange. No PX was provided when the battalion moved from Camp Strong to the field about a week ago, so the men erected one of their own in a squad tent. Sgt. James Dawson, Weatherford, Okla., one of the five personnel men who man the PX in their off duty hours, said today that nobody's complaining about the service. "It's wonderful" he said. We never have a long waiting line. Others working in the PX are Sgt. Rudolph Novotny, Chickasha, Okla., Cpl. Victor Salamy, Anadarko, Okla., PFC. Thomas Evans, South Bond Brook, NJ and Cpl. William Hess, Anadarko. Hess doubted if the make shift PX would stay in business long. "They're putting in a three tent PX for the entire 179th regimental combat team." He said and I doubt if we can go ahead with ours." The 158th is the artillery component of the 179th RCT. The change will bring one new feature the present PX doesn't handle, drinks but the new one will. One whole tent will be turned into a beer garden. Two soldier brothers from Madison, Wis., had their first reunion in two years in Tokyo recently. Pfc. Billy Kanouse serving with the 45th Division's 179th Infantry regiment here, heard that his brother, Sgt. Kendall Kanouse had returned from the Korean front on rest and recreational leave. He got a special leave to go to Tokyo to see him. Pfc. Kanouse arrived here two months ago and is undergoing training with the 45th Division.

Jul 05, 1951: Published in the "The Indian Journal" entitled: Oklahoma's 45th Division State Fair Sept. 22-29, 1951. Oklahoma City, Agriculture Premium List. The land we belong to is grand; The 45th division is honored in the Oklahoma State Fair premium lists which are now being mailed to prospective exhibitors at the fair in Oklahoma City, September 22-29. An expression of gratitude for the outstanding service record of the division and the origin of the famous Thunderbird insignia are contained in the attractive 1951 multi-colored fair catalog which offers more than \$60,000 in premiums. "Our entire exposition is dedicated to these gallant sons with hope this effort will bring about a better appreciation by the public for the sacrifices being made by all members of our armed forces in these strenuous days," C. G. Baker, fair manager, said. History of the 45th division is related in the premium catalog as: This famous fighting unit, organized in 1923, was credited with 511 overseas combat days and was one of the first National Guard divisions call into Federal service prior to World War II and again in the present emergency. The landing at Hokkaido, Japan was the first time the division made a dry landing. Six times it waded to shore under fire and another time it staged a practice invasion when entering North Africa. Here the vital statistics of the 45th overseas in World War II: Officially designated by the War Department were the campaigns of the 45th Infantry Division: Sicily, Naples-Foggia (Salerno), Rome-Arno, Anzio, Southern France, Ardennes-Alsace, Rhineland and Central Europe. The division had eight Medals of Honor, 89 Distinguished Service Crosses, 1,278 silver stars, a basketful of Bronze Stars, 14 presidential distinguished unit citations, 13 meritorious unit commendations and the French Croix de Guerre with palms for action in Italy from January 1 to 31, 1944. The 45th took 124,840 prisoners, lost 3,650 men killed, had 13,729 wounded in combat, 41,569 injured by enemy action and non-combat overseas accidents, 3,615 missing and 24,874 replacements. It returned 32,456 casualties to their unit. Origins of the Thunderbirds emblem, as related by Miss Muriel H. Wright of the Oklahoma Historical Society, follows: The

Thunderbird emblem, was adopted by the 45th division in 1939 to replace one which was similar to Hitler's swastika. The Thunderbird is an Indian symbol of great force in nature; represented by thunder and lightning. It is often represented to be an eagle, sometimes a large hawk found in high mountains. Thunder is the flapping of the bird's wings and lightning is the opening and closing of the eyes. On the plains, the thunder storm is supposed to be due to a contest between the Thunderbird of enormous size and a huge rattlesnake. The great bird is held in awe. Persons struck by lightning and recover had great powers and became efficient as "medicine men". Rebounding of each great wing in the air makes the thunder, heard in different parts of the sky at once. Large black stones, of volcanic origin, were believed to have been arrow heads fired by the gigantic Thunderbird at its reptile enemy. On the plains, including the Oklahoma region, thunder storm are a striking phenomena, accounting for the important place and significance of the Thunderbird in the Indian's belief and lore. Prospective exhibitors may obtain premium lists by writing C. G. Baker, manager of the Oklahoma State Fair, Box 974, Oklahoma City.

Jul 06, 1951: Executive Order 10270: Extension of Enlistments in the Armed Forces of the United States. By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 1 of the act of July 27, 1950, 64 Stat. 379, as amended by section 2 of the act of September 27, 1950, 64 Stat. 1074, and by section 2 of the 1951 Amendments to the Universal Military Training and Service Act, 65 Stat. 88 (Public Law 51, 82nd Congress, approved June 19, 1951), and as President of the United States and Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, I hereby extend for a period of twelve months all enlistments (except enlistments pursuant to section 4 (c) (1) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended) in any component of the Army, the United States Navy, and the United States Marine Corps, including the Naval Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve, in any component of the Air Force of the United States, and the United States Coast Guard, including the Coast Guard Reserve, which shall expire after July 8, 1951, and prior to July 1 1952, and which have not been extended heretofore for twelve months by Executive Order No. 10145 of July 27, 1950 1, and by Executive Order No. 10164 of September 27, 1950 .2 Provided, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent voluntary re-enlistments or voluntary extension of existing enlistments under the provisions of applicable laws or the regulations of the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, or the United States Coast Guard. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Treasury are hereby directed to take such steps as they may respectively deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this order. Signed: Harry S. Truman, The White House, July 6, 1951. 13 CPR, 1950 Supp., p. 108. 23 CPR, 1950 Supp., p.129.

Jul 16, 1951: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion participates in a 4-day 179th Regimental Combat Team Exercise. (To be Validated for theater operations)

Aug 06, 1951: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion participates in a 5-day 179th Regimental Combat Team Test, Graded by XV Corps.

Aug 12, 1951: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion participates in a 3-day Field Test.

Aug 19, 1951: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion authorizes 7-day R&R's to Atami.

Aug 27, 1951: 45th Infantry Division conducts 4-day Field Training Exercise.

Sep 06, 1951: Moved to Camp Crawford, Sapporo.

Sep 15, 1951: 45th Infantry Division conducts 3-day Field Training Exercise.

Oct 13, 1951: Published in the "The Kenosha Evening News" entitled: With Kenoshans In The Service. Promoted to Pfc. Pfc. Kenneth Staude was recently promoted to that rank with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion in Japan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Staude, 7313 14th Ave.

Oct 18, 1951: Published in the "The Ada Weekly News" entitled: Wister brothers meet in Japan. With the 45th Division, Hokkaido, Japan. Oct. 15 (AP) Two Wister, Okla., brothers have been re-united in Japan after separation since April. When the 45th left Camp Polk, La., in the spring for training in Japan, Lt. Loren Glenn stayed behind with the XV Corps while Sgt. Fred Glenn went overseas. Last week the lieutenant was assigned as liaison pilot for the 158th Artillery at Camp Crawford. The sergeant is with Company I, 180th Infantry.

Nov 12, 1951: 45th Infantry Division conducts 7-day Amphibious Training U.S.S. Cavalier.

Nov 21, 1951: Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Crawford, Japan: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion: Kenneth L. Ames, Calvin Archer, Robert L. Ashley, Charles N.

Baker, John E. Barfoot, John R. Bartholomew, Stewart J. Bean, George R. Belser, Grady Benfield, Charles J. Beroth, Raymond E. Bitsche, Olin L. Blehm, Robert E. Bliss, Gilbert A. Botehlo, Elbert J. Bottoms, Michael J. Bouzsis, John H. Bowman, Bobby E. Bradley, James T. Breen, John P. Brice, Donald W. Brooks, Charley D. Burge, Harvey L. Burger, Overton L. Burney, Clyde D. Carter, Alfred G. Champy, Robert L. Chancellor, Barty C. Chappell, Franklin Chasteen, Stephen N. Childers, Charles W. Cleverdon, Ronald W. Clonce, Gerald R. Cohen, Jerry E. Creasey, Raymond E. Danielson, Bobby J. Davis, James P. Dawson, Donald DeVilbliss, Joseph R. Diaz, Edwin Earl, Henry T. Eden, James M. Elliott, Ivan L. Engelhardt, Thomas E. Evans, Jack L. Ewer, Jess E. Felder, Robert K. Ficke, John L. Folks, Charles B. Gentry, Joe D. Gossett, Leonard J. Gray, James W. Hammons, Richard A. Hanna, Robert T. Hart, John B. Hayes, Jack W. Hellman, John L. Hendrix, Willam A. Hess, Rudy N. Hightower, Lawrence D. Hoover, Homer Hubbard, John A. Jacobson, John M. Jacquin, Gerald T. Johnson, Louie Johnson, Gordon M. Juhl, Thomas P. Julian, Floyd P. Kent, Jack R. Ketchum, Thomas J. Key, Raymond H. Koch, Lee E. Krebs, Louie E. Kyees, Jessie J. Kyees, Chester L. Lehew, Robert L. Lehew, William Leister, Donald N. Leonard, Peter S. Lepera, Gerald D. Linton, James D. Loughry, Calvin O. Love, Jack L. Lynch, George R. Marks, Elmer F. McDade, Samuel J. McGuire, John B. McWherter, Edward L. Morris, Erna H. Mustin, Stanford R. Nordgren, Rudolph Novonty, James B. Patterson, Anthony A. Pedati, Acie T. Pittman, Albert M. Powell, Willis M. Randall, Gordon Raysby, Edward J. Reed, Frank R. Rensing, Willie H. Riley, Carl E. Rogers, Frank R. Rogers, Audrey E. Roper, Harlod L. Roper, Donald C. Russell, Victor Salmay, Lawrence Sandau, John Saporito, Richard M. Seefeldt, Charles E. Seifert, John E. Sharp, Clarence E. Shelito, Joseph D. Shipley, Charles E. Shomakerm, George E. Simpson, John J. Skierski, Maurice W. Smith, James P. Solka, William G. Spangler, James J. Spano, Paul E. Sparks, Jack Spector, Earl B. Priestersbach Jr., John H. Stanchina, Edward P. Stanczyk, Aleck I. Standridge, Kenneth C. Staude, Claire A. Stephens, Warren J. Stevenson, Victor F. Strigel, Kenneth R. Stubbs, Russell L. Sumner, Donn D. Sweeney, Jack Taktakian, Martin D. Tasson, Henry C. Taylor, Donald T. Thailer, Charles D. Thomas, Roger L. Thomas, Miles H. Thornton, LaVerne A. Thompson, James E. Todd, Bazle G. Tripp Jr., Gerald C. Vincent, Glendon L. Webb Jr., Clyde O. Welch, Thurman Welchel, Richard S. Wharton, Robert A. Whitley, Billy L. Wilson and James B. Yates. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion: Joseph J. Aljinovich, Kenneth L. Allen, Robert T. Aoki, Thomas W. Barnard, Robert E. Beaty, Gerald F. Bodin, Elmer G. Burbach, Edward W. Camin, Lawrence L. Coley, Frank R. Collins, Arthur E. Danley, Allan A. Dietrich, William H. Dooley, George L. Englebretson, Jackie O. English, Joseph J. Ferrara, John Fogu, Alton E. Fischer, Jerry V. Froneberger, Richard W. Garner, Peter Gentile, Joseph J. Grzes, Ray B. Harris, Ronald D. Douglas, Bunah I. Hardy, Charles Heatinger, Bobby G. Hefner, Jesse S. Hefner, Carl W. Jackson, James B. Jackson, Gerald M. Johnson, Benjamin J. Kozarski, Marshall W. Key, Charles A. Lacy, Dolphus L. Ladd, Don A. Lauderdale, Jerry E. Logsdon, Donald L. Lorenz, Edwin G. Marshman, Max A. Martinez, Robert HY. May, Raymond F. McGill, Jack E. McComas, Robert G. McKittrick, Robert G. McMullen, Nicholas N. Mondich, Arvil H. Morris, James O. Morrissey, Ervin Mund, Alvin R. Oaks, Williard R. Oaks, Lee W. Parrish, Alfred J. Pecore, Charles A. Rice, Jackie D. Sanders, Donald P. Schrad, Clarence C. Seiner, David C. Shaw, Ralph R. Sippel, Alan K. Slover, Melvin D. Slover, Eugene L. Smith, Ray E. Sweeney, Jimmie D. Taylor, Charles B. Thompson, Edward C. Veith, Harry J. Vogel, Henry E. Wade, Calvin V. K. Woodworth, David K. Woodworth, Samuel A. Woodworth, Raymond J. Wood, Donald Woller, Bobby Wolverson, Jimmie E. Wright, Leon P. Yates, Frederick J. Zias and Donald J. Zierke. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion: Robert M. Akin, Earl D. Alexander, Elton E. Alexander, Joseph D. Amato, Bernard A. Anderson, Dan E. Anderson, Walter S. Artre, Salvatore Astarita, Ronald D. Attlesey, Raymond H. Baumgardner, Robert J. Bayne, Kenneth R. Bowen, Gene C. Bray, Robert V. Buehner, Alvie P. Burch, Alvin L. Burch, Arrie E. Burgin, Jesse F. Bush, Dean G. Caldwell, Michael E. Cavalli, Robert E. Cherry, John T. Clark, Herbert L. Collinsworth, Woodrow L. Cooper, Donald G. Crabb, Burl D. Culp, Alvin V. Cuny, William R. Decker, Fredrick K. Dienes, Juian C. Dilla, Richard L. Doll, Darrel D. Doran, Carl W. Edmonds, George D. Esposito, Tom L. Eutsler, Francis H. Fann, Arnold J. Fathke, John J. Ferraro, Edward T. Fitzgerald, Generoso J. Giesullo, Dallas G. Givan, Joseph P. Gross, Kenneth L. Hance, Orelus G. Hammond, Frank Harris Jr., Andrew H. Jeter, Claud M. Johnson, Stefiel D. Johnson, Darrell W. Kessler, Douglas C. Knox Jr., Charles I. Kramer, Harry E. Kraus, Rocco Liberato, George L. London, John MacKinnon, John N. MacRae, Richard L. Mansfield, Donald B. McConaughy, Charles A. McFarland, Charles A. McKevitt, James A. McKinnon, Arthur D. Meazell, Charles L. Metcalf, Joseph V. Meaaina, Anthony C. Mondeiko, Norman R. Monroe, James E. Newland, Takashi E. Oba, James D. O'Dell, Kenneth S. Paag, Harold R. Patton, Gilbert L. Payne, John W. Payne, Donald M. Perry, James D. Pierce, Wayne V. Pierce, Billy D. Pruitt, Junior F. Raymond, Joseph A. Renkoski, James L. Reynolds, Charles T. Roach, Billy B. Ross, Tony W. Ross, Sam A. Rowlett, Ray J. Rutledge, Donald L. Saxton, Alex P. Schulte, Alfred F. Schwan, Thomas E. Sharp, Billy R. Sims, Billy D. Smith, Donald E. Smith, Leslie T. Snodgrass Jr., Harold J. Speldrick, Bobby R. Standridge, James C. Styron, Richard E. Sudberry, Gerald L. Sullivan, Gordon S. Tannett, Royal Tompson, Richard E. Tillinghast, Robert G. Todd, Berry H. Tolbertson, Sheldon W. Tracy, John C. Trenholm, Charles E. Truse, Gerald J. Tucker, James Today, Donald W. Valentine, Harry L. Van Glider, Elwood L. Varney, Willard H. Versch, Louis Virgadamo, Leverne G. Visch, David D. Watters, Jimmie Wilson and William G. Zupan. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion: Benjamin Abate, Robert L. Abney, Wayne E. Austin, Dillard H. Acton, Frank C. Ahkeahbo, Bobby L. Allen, Ray F. Allen, Robert H. Allison, Paul T. Annulis, Doyce R. Baugh, Carrol R. Beaty, Louis Bedoka, Richard R. Bell, Creighton A. Bender, Dewey P. Bohannon, Mathew

Buonomo, Leslie Cantrell, Jordan S. Cohen, Edward Constien, Harold C. Childers, Niel B. Daly, Andrew Domebo, Morgan W. Eddleman, Billy C. Elms, John Emhoolah Jr., Robert M. Farmer, Richard L. Flowers, Daniel Gonzlez, Louis M. Graiff, Kilbren V. Haney, Geert Hazenberg, Norman G. Healy, Barney M. Hoy, Guy M. Kelley, Gerald T. Kenedy, James E. Kirk, Paul Kauley, Kenneth Kochel, Orville I. Lair, Von D. Lee, Floyd L. Mayberry, Joe P. McClure, Robert T. McClure, Richard E. McConnell, Henry G. McKenzie, Robert L. Moore, Alfonso J. Napoli, Lyman W. Nichols, David O. Nixon, Leroy M. Parr, Nathan V. Parton, Elton L. Parton, Richard Parrish, Maurice Peterson, Arthur W. Rames, Roy D. Rames, James F. Ratliff, Luther Riddle, Louis D. Ridle, Vincent Rispoli, Carl E. Rogers, James M. Rogers, Roy W. Rogers, Oscar Roosma, Oscar Ryerson, Jack E. Sanders, Joseph Sauer, Richard Sandt, Reuben E. Seay, Vincent B. Shaffer, Robert E. Shipman, Floyd H. Simmons, E. J. Smalley, Charles G. Smith, George F. Smith, Thomas D. Stroud, Thomas L. Stuart Jr., Sam H. Tolth, Herbert J. Tintle, James K. Thompson, Donald Tripp, William Tonepahote, Jerry Vaughan, James D. Volden, Louis Walters, Odas Ward, Richard Wanley, Alfred C. Walker, Steve Waluch, Thomas Weaver, Norman Winter, Robert J. White, Bobby J. White and Alvis Williams. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion: Frank Andreyko, Frank Bahm, James G. Barnes, Max E. Bergner, Thurman H. Bilbrey, Harold G. Blough, William H. Booth Jr., Jack L. Bottoms, Nathan J. Brehm, Leland E. Brown, Keith R. Burch, Harold L. Byfield, Henry G. Chadwick, Wesley J. Cimpl, Michael J. Cisero, Jerry N. Clarkson, Joseph Connolly, Arnold M. Coon, John J. Creavin, Harold Cupp, Angelo L. Curro, Peter J. Cusick, Duane E. Dahl, Leonard Daley, Richard L. Daniels, David L. Dautfest, George J. Deffenbaugh, David A. DeMuth, Kenneth C. Dietrich, Edward P. Diorio, Milton Doerner, James F. Doran, Charles P. Downer, James T. Duncan, David A. Farris, Lloyd D. Franklin, Eldon V. Friesen, Lester D. Friesen, James L. Frizzell, Glenn V. Fryer, Ralph L. Fusella, Charles L. Gambrell, Bobby T. Gilbert, Theodore R. Goeringer, Hunter J. Griffith, Denzil L. Gyles, Alfred L. Hammock, Donald E. Hare, Billy E. Henry, William R. Hensley, Richard D. Herring, Loyd W. Hodge, William H. Hoff, Fred E. Johnson, Alex J. Kennedy, Joseph P. Kennedy, James D. King, Lavern N. Kranz, Merlyn H. Kruthoff, Merle J. Lambert, Valroy G. Linnean, Louis O. Litherland Jr., Glennie D. Little, John T. Lutton, Jean D. MacLean, Stephen O. Macy, Donald L. Matthai, Junior D. McLemore, Carl R. Megli, Willard L. Mills, Melrose L. Minton Jr., John F. Morrison, Dean G. Morrissey, Dawson B. Nail, Leroy M. Noem, Billy L. North, Franklin J. Nutter, Zane E. Payne, Derail R. Pebley, Tommy E. Phillips, Lorin E. Pigg, Billy G. Pulis, Jesse G. Pulliam, Charles F. Rakus, Charles O. Ramsey, Robert E. L. Richardson, Jack F. Riddle, Joseph D. Riley, Clark H. Robinson, Charles D. Rogers, Michael J. Rowek, Melvin E. Rowland, Donald R. Sagel, Norman D. Sasser, Ray V. Schapansky, Philip G. Schroeder, Donald B. Shadid, John R. Shaw, Vincent J. Sheekey, Leland E. Sivertsen, Lucien E. Smartt, Dale Smith, Wade H. Smith, Bennett B. Smith, Thomas W. Stephens, Rader R. Steward, Newton H. Stratton, Francis Striefel, Carl I. Strotz, Joe N. Summers, John E. Sykes, Henry E. Szydowski, Tommy J. Thacker, Vernon L. Tieszen, Charles G. Turr, Chief J. Ward, Oswald Weber, Bobby J. West, Donald W. Williams, Robert H. Windle, Donald K. Wonder, Andrew G. Wood and Donald E. Zwirtz.

Nov 22, 1951: Thanksgiving Dinner at Camp Crawford, Japan.

Dec 01, 1951: Battalion Advance Detail. Advance Detail from the Battalion leaves for Korea. U.S.S. Bexar.

Dec 05, 1951: Advance Detail arrives at Inchon, Republic of Korea.

Dec 06, 1951: Advance Detail arrives at 1st Cavalry Division location near Chorwon.

Dec 18, 1951: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion arrives at Chorwon.

Dec 22, 1951: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion goes on line, transistions into a Relief in Place (RIP), replaces the 61st Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division.

Dec 28, 1951: The First Cavalry Division leaves.

Jan 04, 1952: Published in the "The Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman" entitled: City man fires first 45th gun. With the 45th Division in Korea. Dec. 22 (UP) Delayed. Three days before Christmas, Lt. Col. Charles W. Cleverdon, commander of the 45th division's 158th artillery battalion, pulled the lanyard that sent the first 105-millimeter shell against the enemy in Korea. In a simple ceremony around a dug-In Howitzer of battery "A", 158th artillery, Duncan, Okla., unit of the former Oklahoma national guard division, Col. Cleverdon sent a projectile with big "Number One - 1" painted on it whizzing across the Korean hills. Lt. Col. John C. Breedlove, formerly of Muldrow, Okla., also was present for the ceremony. "John and I attended ROTC together in the University of Oklahoma, back in 1932," Cleverdon said, "and this is the first time we've met since then, here In Korea, of all places." Cleverdon's home address is 409 NW 54, Oklahoma City. Also present when the first shot was fired was Capt. Charles V. Wheeler, 1525 NW 43, Oklahoma City, commander of battery "A". The Thunderbird gun crew who helped fire the shot included Sgt. David Walters, Cpl. Sleafeld Johnson, Cpl. B. D. Smith, all of Duncan; Pfc. Jerry Giesullo, Orange, N. J.;

Pfc. Leonard Versch, Plymouth, Wis.; Pvt. Robert Adkins, Gray Elk, Ky.; Pfc. Charles Truce, Thorpe, Wis., and Pvt. John Clark, Groveland, N. Y. Published in the "The Sapulpa Daily Herald" entitled: O. C. Colonel sends first Thunderbird shell. With the 45th Division, Korea, Dec 22. (Delayed). An Oklahoma City colonel fired the 45th Division's first 105-millimeter shell against the Communist in Korea three days before Christmas. Lt. Col. Charles W. Cleverdon, commander of the 158th Artillery Battalion from Duncan pulled the lanyard that sent a projectile with a big "Number One" painted on it whizzing across the Korean hills. Lt. Col. John C. Breedlove, formerly of Muldrow, was also present at the ceremony. The Thunderbird gun crew who helped fire the shot included Sgt. David Waters, Cpl. Stefield Johnson, and Cpl. B. D. Smith, all of Duncan.

Jan 08, 1952: The Bronze Star Medal is presented to Private First Class Royal Thompson On 8 January 1952, while serving with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division in Korea. The citation reads: On the night of 8 January 1952, Private First Class Royal Thompson had set up a forward artillery observation post, in order to support an infantry patrol. Soon after the infantrymen had contacted the enemy, mortar shells began falling around Thompson's position. The intense barrage; of enemy fire broke Thompson's wire connection back to the artillery's fire direction center. Realizing that he would not be able to support the patrol without the connection, he crawled out of his trench and began searching for the break in the wire. Though enemy fire continued, bringing him under direct fire, Thompson continued until he found the break and repaired the wire. With his communications restored, he was able to call in U. N. artillery on enemy positions. Thompson entered the service 5 January 1951 and is assigned to Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division.

Feb 18, 1952: Published in the "The Ada Evening News" entitled: Throws Political Hat From Korea to Caddo County. With the 45th Division, Korea: 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 for discharge in August.

Feb 08, 1952: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Mumps bumps help from grunts. By Herb Tintle (45th News Correspondent) The tables were turned on GI cooks in Btry "B", 158th Artillery, by their Korean KP's. Native helpers of the Korean Service Corps usually catch the most distasteful jobs around the kitchen; scrubbing pots and pans, serving on hot chow lines and being general detail flunkies. Last week, a Korean KP was stricken with mumps, and the remaining workers were quarantined by "B" Battery Medic Pfc. Calvin Archer, Hightstown, N.J. Now early on these cold Korean mornings, Sfc. Ira D. Hart and Sgt. Lionel O'Donley, Anadarko, Okla., can be seen bearing trays of hot food to the afflicted tent and dutifully returning to wash and scrub while their Korean helpers lie in bed. Sarge tosses helmet in ring. It was quite a throw, but Sfc. T. L. Stuart has tossed his Thunderbird helmet liner across the Pacific into the county political ring in Anadarko, Okla. He's running for sheriff of Caddo County this year. Stuart's job with Baker Btry., 158th Artillery, doesn't qualify him for the sheriff. He's supply sergeant. "But I've been wearing a pistol for quite a while" he said. The 32-year old Stuart was on the Anadarko police force for a year between his hitches with the 45th Infantry division. Last war, he was in Co. I, 179th Infantry. Being a national guardsman, Stuart will be discharged by the end of August. And under "phase out" he hopes to make an appearance at home for the July primary.

Mar 07, 1952: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Deer downed by .45 pistol. An artillery sergeant decided rifles are excess baggage for hunting after downing a deer with a .45 pistol at 60 yards. He is Sfc. Carl Megli, Weatherford, Okla., who was pheasant hunting last week with Sfc. Melrose Minton, Sayre, Okla., in one of the rear areas. The two bagged six pheasants with shotguns, and were getting ready to return to Btry. "C", 158th Artillery, when Megli sighted the deer 60 yards away. He fired his pistol and the first shot felled the deer.

Mar 13, 1952: Published in the "The Pacific Stars and Stripes" entitled: Sergeant knocks off deer with .45. With U.S. 45th Div-An artillery sergeant in the 45th Thunderbird division has decided that rifles are excess baggage for hunting after he downed a deer with a .45-cal. Pistol at 60 yards. He is SFC Carl Megli, Weatherford, Okla., who was pheasant hunting last week with SFC Melrose Minton, Sayre, Okla., in an area back from the front. The two had bagged half a dozen pheasants with shotguns and were getting ready to return to their area in Battery "C", 158th Artillery Battalion when Megli sighted the deer 60 yards away. He fired his pistol and the first shot felled the deer. Minton finished the animal off with a rifle. The men of Battery "C" had venison and pheasant for dinner.

Mar 14, 1952: Published in the "The McKinney Daily Courier Gazette" entitled: Save fighting privates dog. With the 45th "Thunderbird" Infantry Division in Korea, (INS). Pvt. Michael J. Bouzis, a member of Headquarters Battery 158th Artillery Battalion, didn't want to go with the 45th Infantry Division when it pulled up stakes in Hokkaido and traveled across the sea of Japan to Korea. He didn't want to leave "Sho-Sho" behind. "Sho-Sho" is a black and white

mongrel Mike found several months ago in the small Japanese town of Eniwa. "He's really an army dog," Mike said. "He went on all our field problems with us and stool reveille every morning. That's why I named him Sho-Sho, which is the Japanese word for general." The day before he was to board a ship for Korea, Mike found out he could not take his dog with him. He didn't know what he was going to do until he took his problem to the Red Cross. The Red Cross loaned him \$75 so he could ship the dog to his home in Casper, Wyo. Now in Korea, Mike thought about the matter a while and said, "I guess he'll be all right now, I've got two brothers at home who'll take care of him while I'm gone."

Mar 20, 1952: Published in the "The Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Six 45th men made officers. With the 45th Division in Korea. Six enlisted Thunderbirds last week were awarded battlefield commissions as second lieutenants by Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, division commander, from Hobart, Okla. The six new officers are Albert L. Henderson, Holdenville; Leo D. Yandell, Carler; Leslie T. Snodgrass, Duncan; Robert R. Woodroof, Bristow; Curtis Milligan, Watanga, and Ralph Dipboye, Haskell. All will become platoon leaders except Snodgrass, who will be a forward observer for Battery "C" 158th field artillery battalion. Henderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sanders, route 3, Holdenville. His wife is the former Zelma Stallings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Stallings, Holdenville. She is living now at Holdenville. Yandell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Yandell, Sayre. A World War II veteran of combat service in Europe, he started federal service in September, 1950, with Company C of the 179th infantry regiment. As an officer, he will be a platoon leader in the 179th's Company K. His wife is the former Alma Jo Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Henson, Carter. Snodgrass is the son of Mrs. Leola Snodgrass, Duncan. He came on active duty with Battery "A", 158th Artillery battalion, having joined the Oklahoma national guard in June, 1946. Woodroof, now a platoon leader with Company G, 270th infantry regiment, is the son of Mrs. Mildred II. Woodroof, Bristow. He was first sergeant of that company while an enlisted man. Milligan worked his way up from private to squad leader, platoon sergeant and finally first sergeant of Company L, 179th Infantry regiment, since coming on federal service with the company in September 1950. He will be a platoon leader in Company G of the same regiment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Milligan, Watonga. Dipboye, 19, was reconnaissance sergeant with Battery C, 160th field artillery battalion until shortly before he was commissioned. He was among the first students to enroll at the 45th division's school of standards which will train replacements for guardsmen going home.

Mar 28, 1952: Published in the "The Durant Weekly News and Bryan County Democrat" entitled: 180th Company soldiers qualify for tax exemption. For a group of soldiers in the 180th Infantry's tank company there was little doubt last week that they qualified for the "combat zone" income tax exemption. They were talking about how the foot soldiers were shirking their job in failing to catch many prisoners of war. Their talk caught up with them, they were volunteered for an ambush patrol in enemy territory. Under the leadership of First Lieut. Billy E. Johnson, Shawnee, nine of the specialist, cooks, mail clerks, jeep drivers and the company topkick, Sgt. Wasey Huggins, Durant, set out on their patrol. Inexperienced as foot soldiers, they became lost, their communications went out and they turned without the prisoners they thought would be so easy to capture. "If we didn't learn anything else, we learned that the infantry is doing a darned good job." said Johnson. "And they can have it." With the March 15 income tax deadline growing close, Thunderbirds were told they could forget it this year; at least until 190 days after they leave Korea. Soldiers, it seems, have been granted the 180-day extension if they're serving in a combat zone. Wives of Thunderbirds, however, must file their statement. If they want to file a joint return later, that's all right, but they must report their income by the usual time, Maj. Donald E. Oldham, division finance officer from Oklahoma City, said. Many Thunderbirds are finding spare time enough in Korea to improve their minds. Enrollment in U. S. Armed Forces Institute courses is growing steadily, reports Sgt. Adnell Acers, former junior high school teacher in Oklahoma City now in the division's Information and Education section. He has about 50 men per battalion enrolled in various courses. They're all home study; or rather; foxhole study courses. Cpl. Glenn Morefield, Enid, is taking a course called "Federal Meat Inspection and Animal Quarantine Laws," for instance. An Army service school in meat cutting started him on his education in the meat business. Others are studying music, theory, grammar, mathematics and even foreign languages. Two Oklahomans are beginning to figure they were born under the right star, their luck in escaping close shaves being so good. M-Sgt. Jack W. Greenway, Oklahoma City, and M-Sgt. Robert Gwaltney, Geary, are the lucky ones. Greenway was hit in the back of his steel helmet by a mortar fragment. He wasn't hurt. Gwaltney also had a close call from mortar fragments. His cartridge belt was ripped, a bandoleer of ammunition torn from his waist and his map knocked from his hand. But, he got only scratches. A group of Thunderbirds in Company G, 180th Infantry regiment, were not so lucky, however. They had been to see a USO show last week and were returning through a narrow mountain pass to their company area. Their truck slipped off the road when it hit an icy spot and hurtled 300 feet almost straight down. Most of the soldiers were thrown clear before the truck started downward, but two were killed and 16 injured in the accident. The medics were right on the job, following in another truck. They gave immediate attention to the injured and by the close of the week, many were back on their jobs in Company G. The division again last week affirmed plans for getting National Guardsmen of the division home well before expiration of the 24 month term of service. The division's "phase-out" program remains unchanged, said Maj.

Alvin Wood, assistant personnel officer, Tulsa. National Guard enlisted men will start leaving in April. Guard officers in May and draftees in June, he said. The number to go each month cannot be revealed, he added, for security reasons. "Maintenance of unit effectiveness as a fighting force" will be the deciding factor as to when a particular T-Bird will head for the States, he said. Availability of replacements will be a big factor in determining the speed of this program. Cpl. Claud W. Cole, Utica, Okla., learned something about what the engineers call "stress and strain" last week Cole, a member of Company E, 180th Infantry, had built a very fine bunker, big enough for all five men of his squad to sleep in. All it needed was another shovelful of dirt, just right there. That was all it needed, all right, the whole thing collapsed with the added ounces of weight, so with new zeal, Cole started another gopher-like hotel. Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, division commander from Hobart, pinned second lieutenant's bars on two more sergeants last week to bring the total of battle commissions to six. The lucky sergeants were Bill R. Smith, Shawnee, and Kenneth E. Huddleston, Hobart. A Korean houseboy, Kim, in Battery "C", 158th Artillery Battalion, hit on a new title for the division's top man General Styron, his silver stars shining, visited the battery during a recent operation against the enemy. "Number One G.I. Huh?" Kim asked. "What could I say," Sgt. Dawson "Tack" Nail, Weatherford, told later. "That's one way to describe General Styron." The temperature in Frozen Chosen climbed as high as 40 degrees at noon one day last week and T-Birds awoke to the chirping of sparrows every morning. Sure sign that spring and the thaw is coming soon. However, there was a two-inch snow during the week to bring doubts to some minds about the new season's arrival. The son of Oklahoma's famed barbecue artist, Clay Potts, of Stillwater, was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism last week. A platoon leader in Company K, 279th Infantry, First Lieut. Howard C. Potts, Leedey, was cited for exposing himself to enemy fire for the safety of his men. Three Thunderbirds took off for Tokyo last week to face a board which will determine their fitness for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. They are Sgt. 1-c Don E. Broyles, Hugo, Sgt. 1-c Kenneth R. Byars, Grant, and Sgt. 1-c Guy B. Kiker, Wewoka. All were appointed West Point prospects by Oklahoma representatives. There'll soon be music for just about all Thunderbirds as a new shipment of government issue table radios makes its way north to the 38th parallel. First Lieut. Russell W. Dozier, Oklahoma City, promised one table radio for every 50 Thunderbirds when the shipment arrives. With the radios, Thunderbirds can hear any of the Armed Forces radio stations in Korea and most Japan stations.

Apr 17, 1952: Executive Order 10345: Extension of Enlistments in the Armed Forces of the United States. By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 1 of the act of July 27, 1950, 64 Stat. 379, as amended by section 2 of the act of September 27, 1950, 64 Stat. 1074, and section 2 of the 1951 Amendments to the Universal Military Training and Service Act, 65 Stat. 88 (Public Law 51, 82d Congress), and as President of the United States and Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, I hereby extend for a period of nine months all enlistments (except enlistments pursuant to section 4(c)(1) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended) in any component of the Army, in the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps, including the Naval Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve, in any component of the Air Force, and in the United States Coast Guard, including the Coast Guard Reserve, which shall expire after June 30, 1952, and prior to July 1, 1953, and which have not been extended heretofore for twelve months by Executive Order No. 10145 of July 27, 1950, (1) by Executive Order No. 10164 of September 27, 1950, (2) or by Executive Order No. 10270 of July 6, 1951: (3) Provided, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent voluntary re-enlistments or voluntary extension of existing enlistments under the provisions of applicable laws or the regulations of the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, or the United States Coast Guard. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Treasury are hereby directed to take such steps as they may respectively deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this order. Signed: Harry S. Truman, The White House, April 17, 1952. (1) 3 CFR, 1950 Supp., p. 108. (2) 3 CFR, 1950 Supp., p. 129. (3) 3 CFR, 1951 Supp., p. 456.

Apr 27, 1952: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Thunderbird. Jack R. Ketchum, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ketchum, 321 SE 21, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant in Korea. A member of the 45th division's 158th field artillery, Sgt. Ketchum is a graduate of Capitol Hill senior high school.

May 18, 1952: Published in the "The Durant Daily Democrat" entitled: 158th Thunderbird field artillery gets coat-of-arms. 45th Division, Korea, United Press. 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 the 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 commander.

May 24, 1952 Published in the "The Winona Republican Herald" entitled: Serving in the armed forces. The families of servicemen from Winona, Southeastern Minnesota and Western Wisconsin are invited to send news

about them; assignments, addresses, promotions, transfers, leaves, etc., for use in this column. Pictures will be returned, if requested. Address: Servicemen's Editor, Republican-Herald. Pepin, Wis.-The Bronze Star for heroism in action in Korea has been awarded to Pfc. Royal Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson. He had set up a forward artillery observation post on the night of Jan. 8, in order to support an infantry patrol. Soon after the infantrymen had contacted the enemy, mortar shells began falling around Thompson's position. The intense barrage of enemy fire broke Thompson's wire connection back to the artillery. Realizing that he would not be able to support the patrol without the connection, he crawled out of his trench and began searching for the break in the wire. Though enemy fire continued, bringing him under direct fire, Thompson continued until he found the break and repaired the wire. With his communications restored, he was able to call in U.N. artillery on enemy positions. He is with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division.

Jun 16, 1952: 1LT Charles L. Warner, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, OSN: O-0064284, DOB: Jan 17, 1924, from Jackson, MS, is Killed in Action.

Jul 02, 1952: SGT Richard L. Mansfield, Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 56085673, DOB: Mar 19, 1928, from Vancouver, WA, is Killed in Action.

Jul 05, 1952: Published in the "The Hamilton Daily News Journal" entitled: No Replacements. The call to arms recently was sounded by Warrant Officer Jack Weaver, son of Mrs. Rena Frotscher, 719 Ridgewood Ave., Hamilton, while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. He and a Master Sergeant buddy have seven positions open in Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion for hard and willing workers. But so far, he says there are no takers. The sergeant's case is pretty rough. He wants to go home on rotation but no replacements can be found, of the same rank, of course. Weaver's problem is less troublesome. He is looking for a six-man forward observation team which calls for three corporals and three sergeants. "All you have to do," says Weaver, "is sit on a hill, call the artillery shots, and then duck the incoming rounds." Who wants to go?

Jul 20, 1952: Published in the "The Buffalo Courier Express" entitled: Receives oak leaf cluster. 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.

Jul 27, 1952: Published in the "The Dubuque Telegraph Herald" entitled: Field artilleryman promoted in Korea. Ronald E. Meyer, husband of Mrs. Elaine Meyer, of 1913 Schiller Street, has been promoted to a private first class while serving in Korea. Pfc. Meyer entered the army on Oct. 8, 1951, and has been in Korea since April 17. He is a member of the 158th field artillery, 45th Infantry Division.

Aug 03, 1952: PFC Jack H. Taktakian, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 55075867, DOB: Oct 22, 1928, from Racine, WI, is Killed in Action.

Aug 04, 1952: Published in the "The Medford Mail Tribune" entitled: Home from Korea. Sgt. Francis H. Fann, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fann, 1040 MaplePark Drive, Medford, recently left the 45th Infantry Division in Korea for return to the United States under an Army rotation program, an Army press release stated. His division arrived in Korea last December, and Sgt. Fann served as a cook in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion during his duty there. Before entering the Army in October, 1950, he was a meat cutter at the Groceteria. His parents stated he will arrive in Seattle tomorrow.

Aug 09, 1952: Published in the "The Baltimore Afro-American" entitled: Soldier Gets Bronze Star for Heroic Action in Korea; For rescuing a companion during an intense hand-to-hand struggle with enemy forces in Korea on June 13, Pfc. George J. James received the Army Bronze Star Medal on July 31. Pvt. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter James of 1106 W. Fayette St. The Army report stated that the incident occurred during heavy enemy fire on a Korean village. Private James volunteered to carry his wounded companion from his helpless condition in the midst of the battle. Because of his action, the seriously wounded soldier he rescued was able to receive immediate medical attention that he required, the citation read. "This reflects great credit on Private James and the military service," it read. Private James is a member of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the 45th Infantry Division. He entered the service last October. Before going overseas in March of this year, he completed a wireman's school of the 5th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. In civilian life, James was a member of the Morning Star Baptist church and presiding officer of the Nazareth Lodge, 824 Caroltown St. A Douglass High School graduate, he worked for the Comfort Spring Company prior to his entry in service. His mother, Mrs. Jennie James stated that she received a letter from her son on Monday, but he said little of the incident. James comes from a family of seven,

three girls and four boys. His younger brother, Fleming, is also in Korea as a member of the 75th Field Artillery outfit. He was recently promoted to sergeant.

Aug 11, 1952: Published in the "The Daily Republic" entitled: With the 45th Infantry Div. in Korea. Cpl. Junior F. Raymond of Bonesteel, S.D. recently left the 45th Infantry Division in Korea for return to the United States under an Army rotation program. He served as a liaison corporal in Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion during his seven months of Korean Duty.

Aug 16, 1952: Published in the "The Middletown Journal" entitled: News of Servicemen. James H. Edwards, whose wife resides at 422 Shafor St., has been promoted to first lieutenant while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. The 45th Division, which captured "T-Bone Hill" in June, recently took part in the see-saw battle for "Old Baldy," strategic hill position near Chorwon. Summer rains have brought a virtual halt to large operations along the entire Korean front, but patrols still make contact with the enemy. Lieutenant Edwards, Assistant executive in Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, arrived in Korea May 13. A graduate of Alabama Poly-Technic Institute, he entered the Army in July 1951.

Aug 20, 1952: Published in the "The El Reno Daily Tribune" entitled: Down memory lane. Nineteen local youths returned home Saturday from a two week encampment at Fort Sill with the Oklahoma national guard. Among those from here who were with the Kingfisher troop, Battery "F" of the 158th Field Artillery, were Jack Walsh, Vernie Niles, Byron Roberts, Ralph Williams, Donald Mathews, Harvey Cox, Bert Bernell, Kenneth Ryle, Ivan Lyons, Virgil Atwood, Roy McGrew and David Perdue. With the Oklahoma Military academy troop, Claremore, were Tom Walsh, Jack Dempsey and Bob Patterson.

Aug 25, 1952: PFC Martin S. Eskin, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion ASN: 55185922, DOB: Aug 17, 1929, BPED: Jul 25, 1951, from Detroit, MI, is Killed in Action.

Sep 04, 1952: Published in the "The Ada Weekly News" entitled: More officers of the new 45th, named. Oklahoma City (AP)-Five more top ranking officers were appointed today in the reorganization of Oklahoma's 45th National Guard Division. Maj. Fred P. Snyder, former city manager of Edmond, will become commanding officer of the 179th Infantry Regiment which has units throughout the Eastern half of the state. His appointment was announced by Brig. Gen. Hal Muldrow, Norman, commanding general. Snyder served as plans and operations officer during the division's recent service in Korea. He holds the Bronze Star Medal. Other appointments announced today are Maj. Clark R. Dunnington, Cherokee, executive officer to the division artillery commander, Lt. Col. Otwa T. Autry, Enid; Maj. John R. Northrup, Oklahoma City, commanding officer of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Maj. Joseph D. Anderson, Oklahoma City, commanding officer of the 160th Field Artillery Battalion and Maj. Delbert King, Pond Creek, commanding officer of the 189th Field Artillery Battalion.

Sep 06, 1952: Published in the "The Hudson Dispatch" entitled: Korean Vets want pen pals. Korea Sept. 6, Editor Hudson Dispatch: It's about 2333 hours here in the Fire Direction Center of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion and the fire missions have stopped for a while. There's nothing to do or read except the Hudson Dispatch which one of the men receives now and then. Although the men in here come from different parts of the States, news from home wherever it comes from is so helpful to the morale of the men. Speaking of the morale of the men here, I think if they had someone back in the States to write to them and carry on a correspondence their morale would surely be high. In the name of these men in the FDC I take this opportunity to ask you as the Editor of the paper a favor. The men here would like to carry a correspondence with some of the people that read the Hudson Dispatch. I think that the newspaper is perhaps the best medium to pass information for this type of favor. Whatever may the outcome be, we here in the FDC thank you very much for your help. In case anyone wants to write to us, the letters could be addressed to: Lt. John Arzadon, Hdq. 158 F. A. Bn. APO, 86, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal. The letters will be distributed to the men. J. Arzadon.

Sep 07, 1952: Published in the "The Litchfield Independent Review" entitled: You can make their day a litter brighter. The City of Litchfield was paid a great compliment this week. It has been recognized by a group of tired, lonely men somewhere in Korea as a symbol of the great United States. How this small city in the middle of America got that recognition can be told in a simple story; but it's a story that is somehow tragic, too. It grows out of the terrible home-sickness of the fighting men on the swift shift in the Fire Direction Center of the 158 Field Artillery Battalion somewhere in Korea. For us here in Litchfield the story started at 25 minutes before midnight September 6 when the men in the fire center found themselves with nothing to do. Fire missions had stopped, and they were waiting for them to pick up again. There was nothing even to read, except for one copy of a newspaper one of the men gets from home now and then. The paper was the Independent Review. Although the men were from all parts of

the United States, they read the Litchfield paper. Besides being something to read, it was also news from home. Litchfield, home and the States had become all the same. Watching the paper pass from hand, to hand, Lt. John Arzadon got to thinking about it, and sat down to write a letter. This is the following letter which was received at this office: September 6, 1952. Somewhere, Korea. Dear Editor Independent Review, It's about 2335 hours (nearly midnight) here in the Fire Direction Center of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion and the fire missions have stopped for a while. There's nothing to do or read except the Independent Review which one of the men receives now and then. Although the men in here come from different parts of the States, news from home, whatever it may be or where ever it may come from is so helpful to their morale. Speaking of the morale of the men here, I think if they had someone back in the States to write to them and carry on correspondence with them, their morale would surely be high. In the name of these men in the FDC I take this opportunity to ask you as the Editor of the paper a favor. The men here would like to carry a correspondence with some of the people that read the Independent Review. I think that the newspaper is perhaps the best medium to pass information for this type of favor. Whatever may the outcome be, we here in the FDC thank you very much for your help. Men of the swing shift, Lt. John Arzadon, Hdq. 158 F. A. Bn. APO, 86, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif. P.S. In case anyone wants to write to us, the letters could be addressed to me and I will see they are distributed to the men. There is something about that letter that raises a lump in the throat. A letter is such a small thing but in the case of these men it can mean so much.

Sep 19, 1952: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: 45th officer named. Clinton, Sept 18: Capt. Herman H. Horst, Weatherford has been named commander of "C", Battery of the 158th field artillery battalion of the 45th division, it was learned.

Sep 22, 1952: The Bronze Star Medal is presented to Private First Class Raymond G. Garner for heroism in action on September 22, 1952 near Ku-dong, Korea. The citation reads: Friendly forces on Hill 812 were savagely attacked by an enemy force of battalion strength. During the conflict, allied wire communications were severed, eliminating contact between the forward observers and the supporting artillery. Immediately the battalion fire direction center requested that an attempt be made to restore contact, completely disregarding the heavy mortar and artillery concentrations, and the continuous fire from two hostile machine guns in that sector, Pfc. Garner and a companion volunteered for the perilous mission. Although their positions were under constant enemy surveillance, Pfc. Garner and his companion worked relentlessly for more than an hour splicing and relaying the broken lines. Repeatedly enemy fire severed the wires after they had been repaired. Finally the men became convinced that their efforts were too little avail, and returned to the battery area. The heroism and selfless devotion to the mission of his unit displayed on this occasion by Pfc. Garner reflects high credit on himself and the military service. Raymond entered the service in June, 1951 and took his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. He is with Headquarters Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division. Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Guard unit formed. Weatherford, Sept. 21. Captain Herman C. Horst will again be in command of Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery when the Weatherford National Guard unit is reorganized. He was renamed to his post-Korean command by Maj. John R. Northrup, battalion commander.

Sep 25, 1952: Published in the "The Racine Journal Times" entitled: Funeral Saturday for Korean vet. Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday for Pvt. Jack H. Taktakian, who was killed in Korea on Aug. 3. The services will be held in St. Mesrob Apostolic Church with Rev. Artoon Sampedian officiating. Military services will be conducted at the World War II plot in Graceland Cemetery. Pvt. Taktakian was killed at the battlefield while serving with the 158th Field Artillery of the 45th Infantry Division. He entered the Army on Jan. 11, 1951, and was sent overseas in May of last year. Born in Racine on Oct. 22, 1928, Pvt. Taktakian was graduated from William Horlick High School in June, 1947. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hajy Taktakian of 933 Wilson St., a brother, Harry, and two sisters, Margaret and Eleanor.

Oct 04, 1952: Published in the "Headquarters VIII Army GO 597" entitled: Distinguished Service Cross. To All Who Shall See These Presents Greeting: This is to Certify that The President of the United States of America Takes Pride in Presenting The Distinguished Service Cross to Warner, Charles L. Citation: The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Charles L. Warner (O-0064284), Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with serving as a Forward Observer of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division. Second Lieutenant Warner distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Tummyong-dong, Korea, late on the night of 15 June 1952. On that date, Lieutenant Warner was with an infantry company occupying a strategically located hill. Suddenly the company was subjected to an intense 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 on the enemy. With wave after wave of screaming enemy troops assaulting the friendly position,

Lieutenant Warner's radio was destroyed by enemy fire, but he continued to call in fire directions by 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 a stretcher for evacuation, a direct hit by an enemy mortar killed him instantly. Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea: General Orders No. 597 (October 4, 1952). Home Town: Jackson, Mississippi.

Oct 09, 1952: Published in the "The Reno Evening Gazette" entitled: Korean soldiers presented awards. Seoul, Korea, Oct. 9. UP) The Distinguished Service Cross, second highest U. S. combat decoration, has been awarded posthumously to Second Lt. Charles L. Warner. 356 Krebs Ave., Pascagoula. Miss., for extraordinary heroism in Korean fighting last June. Warner, an artillery forward observer with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, was with an infantry company near Tummyong-Dong June 15, when the Communists launched an artillery barrage and followed with an attack. Warner was wounded early and many times more in the ensuing action. He remained at his post to call in fire directions, making use of the infantry, company's radio after his own was destroyed. He remained throughout the night and relayed every request for supporting fire. Warner suffered 14 wounds and was killed by a direct hit from a mortar shell the next morning as he was being placed on a litter for evacuation to a hospital. Warner, Charles L. Citation: The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Charles L. Warner (O-0064284), Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with serving as a Forward Observer of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division. Second Lieutenant Warner distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Tummyong-dong, Korea, late on the night of 15 June 1952. On that date, Lieutenant Warner was with an infantry company occupying a strategically located hill. Suddenly the company was subjected to an intense 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 on the enemy. With wave after wave of screaming enemy troops assaulting the friendly position, Lieutenant Warner's radio was destroyed by enemy fire, but he continued to call in fire directions by 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 a stretcher for evacuation, a direct hit by an enemy mortar killed him instantly. Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea: General Orders No. 597 (October 4, 1952). Home Town: Jackson, Mississippi.

Oct 19, 1952: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Two Thunderbirds win Distinguished Service Cross for June heroism. By Nelson Winters. A Thunderbird artillery observer and an infantryman were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross last week for heroism displayed in the battle on T-Bone hill. The medals, fourth and fifth of their kind to be presented to members of the division since the 45th arrived in Korea, were awarded to Pfc. Raphael J. Sullivan, Co. K 180th Infantry, and posthumously to 2nd Lt. Charles L. Warner, Btry. C, 158th Artillery. Sullivan was the second infantryman from Co. K to receive the DSC within two weeks. Cpl. Akira Nakata was presented the medal for a similar feat in the same attack. A volunteer to destroy fanatical enemy troops who threaten to inflict heavy casualties on his company, Sullivan single hand idly attacked six strategically located caves and accounted for 28 Chinese dead. Sullivan charged forward through enemy small arms, machine-gun and hand grenade fire until he reached the first cave. He placed an explosive charge and destroyed the enemy inside. He proceeded to the second cave and placed another charge. At the third cave, he was wounded in the chest but continued on and returned to his unit only after he had demolished each of the six caves. His action enabled King Company to secure the strategically important hill. Lt. Warner was with an infantry company on June 15th when the enemy launched an artillery barrage followed by an attack. Wounded several times early in the attack, the lieutenant remained at his post to call in fire directions, making use of the company's radio after his was destroyed. He remained throughout the night, relaying every request for supporting fire. Lt. Warner suffered 14 wounds and was killed by a direct hit from a mortar round the next morning as he was being placed on a litter for evacuation to a hospital. Photo by Hanson Williams. Maj. Gen. David L. Ruffner congratulates Pfc. Raphael J. Sullivan after presenting him with the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest medal.

Nov 03, 1952: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS) is organized and federally recognized with Headquarters at Chickasha, Oklahoma with Major John R. Northrup, as Battalion Commander, and Captain Herman C. Horst, Battery Commander of Battery "C", home stationed at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Nov 13, 1952: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Federal Guard Unit formed in Anadarko.

Anadarko, Nov. 12. Federal recognition has been extended to Anadarko's "new" National Guard unit. The unit is designated as Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS), Chief Warrant Officer Buck Shaffer, unit administrator, said. Shaffer said the designation of the battery is National Guard of the United States. The "original" Battery "B" is still in service in Korea and is designated AUS, Army of the United States. Shaffer explained that presently there are two 45th Divisions, technically, with one of them having national guard status, and the other army status. Robert E. Shipman, commander of the battery which is now in Korea, will serve as commander of the National Guard unit here with the rank of First Lieutenant. Shipman was battery commander when the unit was activated for Korean duty. He held the rank of captain while on active duty. There are only six enlisted men in the unit at present. They are Cpl. Richard Hodges, Sgt. Harvey Hitt, Cpl. Richard Bel, M/Sgt. Lonnie Armstrong, Pfc. Louis Ridle, all of Anadarko, and First Sgt. Floyd Ratliff, Fort Cobb. No uniforms or equipment have been made available to the unit. Shaffer said the unit will soon be open to enlistments of men with a personnel limit of 32. Men to be sought for the unit will be those between the ages of 17 and 34. Drills are to be each Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the armory.

Nov 22, 1952: Service Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS), Minco, Oklahoma, received federal recognition with First Lieutenant Edward M. Slover as Commanding Officer. Other Members of the unit are Sergeant First Class Richard W. Gardner, Sergeant Marshall W. Key, Private First Class Charles B. Thompson, Warrant Officer Henry E. Wade and Corporal James L. Yoder.

Nov 23, 1952: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Commander is chosen for Minco guard unit. Minco, Nov.22. Lt. Edward M. Slover is commanding officer of the recently reorganized Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the Oklahoma National Guard. The unit has received federal recognition. Other Members of the unit are SFC Richard W. Gardner, SGT Marshall W. Key, PFC Charles B. Thompson, WO Henry E. Wade and CPL James L. Yoder. Duncan forming new guard unit. Duncan. Nov. 22. A 45th division National Guard unit will be reactivated in Duncan this month. Eight enlisted men and two or more officers, all Korean War veterans, have indicated they will join the unit. Louis A. Scott, Duncan, commander of the 45th Division unit stationed here when the division was called into federal service in 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 Scott commanded before the Thunderbirds went on active duty.

Dec 06, 1952: Published in the "The Gettysburg Star and Sentinel" entitled: Two local men are back from Korea. Two Gettysburg area men have returned from duty in Korea, according to word received here from the armed forces. Sgt. Richard McKonly Mattingly, 117 Carlisle St., is about to be separated from the army at Fort Custer, Michigan, according to word from Major John F. Ott of that installation, after "notable service to his country in Korea," according to the letter from Fort Custer. Sgt. Richard D. Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Herring, Gettysburg R. 2, is at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation for reassignment after serving with the U.S. Army's Far East Command, according to the Indiantown Gap public information office. Sergeant Herring, a former shipping clerk with the Victor Products Corporation here, entered the armed forces January 23, 1951 and served 17 months in Korea with Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Dec 09, 1952: Published in the "The Mount Vernon Register-News" entitled: Soldier from Wayne City cited as hero in Korea. Pfc. Raymond G. Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Garner of Wayne City, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in combat in Korea. Raymond, 23, has been serving with a field artillery battalion in Korea since July. The citation was received for an act of heroism on September 22, 1952 near Ku-dong. The citation reads that: "Friendly forces on Hill 812 were savagely attacked by an enemy force of battalion strength. During the conflict, Allied wire communications were severed, eliminating contact between the forward observers and the supporting artillery. Immediately the battalion fire direction center requested that an attempt be made to restore contact. Completely disregarding the heavy mortar and artillery concentrations, and the continuous fire from two hostile machine guns in that sector, Pfc. Garner and a companion volunteered for the perilous mission. Although their positions were under constant enemy surveillance, Pfc. Garner and his companion worked relentlessly for more than an hour splicing and relaying the broken lines. Repeatedly enemy fire severed the wires after they had been repaired. Finally the men became convinced that their efforts were to little avail, and returned to the battery area. The heroism and selfless devotion to the mission of his unit displayed on this occasion by Pfc. Garner reflects high credit on himself and the military service. Raymond entered the service in June, 1951 and took his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. He is with Headquarters Battery 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division.

Dec 18, 1952: Published in the "The Racine Journal Times" entitled: Stars and stripes. A Milwaukee ham radio operator played a part in bringing a Christmas message to Mrs. Alfred Hodges, 2321 Victoria Drive, from her son, Pfc. Alfred Hodges in Japan. Mrs. Hodges received a card from A. C. Kronos, operator of Ham station W9UIT with a message saying her son is still on rest and recuperation leave in Japan. Pfc. Hodges, who serves with the 158th

Field Artillery in Korea, had previously written his mother that their return to Korea was delayed by security measures in effect for the visit of General Eisenhower. He also told of meeting Roy Braid, a former classmate at Washington Park High School, while on leave in Korea. Braid was the third Racine man Hodges has met since going overseas. Dec 19, 1952 The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 111 dated 19 December 1952: GENERAL ORDERS 111, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 19 December 1952. DESIGNATION OF COMBAT UNITS. General. Section I. List of Units. Section II. Section I. 1. The units listed herein are designated as combat units, for the inclusive dates shown, as defined in the Combat Duty Pay Act of 1952 (title VII, PL 488, 82nd Cong.; sec. III, DA Bul. 9, 1952). This designation is published in accordance with paragraph 3, AR 35-1270, and will be used to determine the qualification of members and former members for retroactive payments of combat pay for the period after 31 May 1950 through 30 June 1952. 2. This list represents all available information. Individuals who believe that they qualified during periods not shown herein, or during assignment to units not listed herein, may submit their claims for determination through channels prescribed in paragraph 8, AR 35-1270. Each claim must be accompanied by a certificate or affidavit setting forth in detail: a. The conditions and specific dates on which the individual was a member of a unit that was actually subjected to hostile fire; b. The unit with which he was present and serving; c. His duties; and d. The name of his immediate superior officer or noncommissioned officer. II. List of units...158th FA Bn. Btry "B". 12 May 1952-14 May 1952. 16 May 1952-18 May 1952. 15 June 1952-22 June 1952...[AG 240 (10 Dec 52)] By Order of the Secretary of Army: J. Lawton Collin, Chief of Staff. United States Army Official: WM. E. BERGIN, Major General, USA, The Adjutant General.

Jan 01, 1953: Published in the "The Biloxi Daily Herald" entitled: To receive the DSC. Friday afternoon, Charles Lawrence Warner II, 4-year-old son of Mrs. Melvina Warner and the late 1st Lt. Charles L. Warner, US Army, will receive the Distinguished Service Cross, which has been awarded posthumously to his father for extraordinary heroism in the action which resulted in the fatal wounds which caused his death. The medal, the nation's second highest combat award, will be presented to the young son at his mother's home, 356 Krebs Avenue, Pascagoula: A high ranking officer from the headquarters of the Third Army in Atlanta will make the presentation. The young officer was serving as a forward observer with the 158th Field Artillery when he was killed June 16, 1952, as he was being evacuated to the rear on account of serious wounds. Young Warner, the son of Mrs. Roy Kentel, 901 Thirteenth Street. Pascagoula, graduated from the Pascagoula High School and served overseas with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. Upon discharge from the service he worked for a time at the Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula before entering Mississippi State College from which he graduated in 1951. A member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, he received a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army upon graduation and was immediately called to active duty. He was sent to Korea last April where he was assigned to the 45th Infantry Division. He received a commission as first lieutenant after his death.

Jan 03, 1953: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: High Point dog goes AWOL in 158th Artillery. Hotchie, high-point dog of Battery "A", 158th Artillery is AWOL. The short tailless brown and white Terrier, born while the division was located in Japan, rode a duffel bag to Korea. This is the second time he has gone AWOL. When the battalion was near Chorwon, he was missing for nearly a month. "Hotchie is the highest-point animal in the 158th," M/Sgt Frank M. Allen said. "He had over 45 points." "My wife sent Hotchie a sweater for Christmas," 1st. Sgt. Weldon B. Frye said, "and now no Hotchie." "I have scouts out looking for him, but so far we have had no success." Origin of the Thunderbird Patch. The 45th Infantry Division was first organized in August of 1923. From then until 1933, the division shoulder patch was a gold swastika on a background identical in shape and color to the present emblem. The swastika has long been an American Indian good luck symbol and the folklore and art of numerous tribes has many allusions and references to it. In 1933, a battalion of the 120th Engineers in New Mexico, sent a company to parade in one of the towns of that state. The troops were jeered for wearing the swastika, selected a short time before as the standard for the National Socialist Party of Germany. This incident started agitation for an insignia which would not resemble the Nazi emblem. In the religion and myths of the Southwestern Indians, the Thunderbird holds a prominent position. In the southwest, water is always of extreme importance. One of the ancient tales of the aborigines who dwelt there concerned a great bird which was ascribed Divine Powers; the Thunderbird; the flash of those eyes was Lighting and beating of those wings was Thunder. Several Thunderbirds of various designs were submitted in the patch contest of 1938 and there are conflicting opinions as to who actually entered the accepted one. The most likely individual is considered to be Woody Ben Big Bow, a Kiowa Indian of Anadarko, Okla., probably the outstanding Indian artist in the state. In any event, the patch was approved unanimously by division elements then stationed in Oklahoma. During WWII, the Germans often referred to the 45th as the Falcon Division.

Jan 09, 1953: Published in the "Chronicle Star and Moss Point Advertiser" entitled: Son gets hero's medal. 2nd Highest Award Given After Death to Charles Warner. The nation's second highest award, the Distinguished Service Cross, awarded posthumously to Lt. Charles L. Warner of Pascagoula, was presented Friday to his four-year-old son, Charles L., Jr. Maj. Gen. Charles Canham a Mississippian who is deputy commanding general of Third Army, pinned

the medal on Charles as the lieutenant's widow Mrs. Melvina D. Warner and one-year-old daughter Patricia watched. Several other friends and members of the family, including his mother Mrs. Roy Kehtel attended the ceremony at the family's home at 356 Krebs Avenue. Gen. Canham flew here from his headquarters in Atlanta. Lt. Warner, a forward observer for the 158th Field Artillery in Korea, was awarded the DSC because, although wounded 14 times he continued to direct artillery fire from his forward post. His deed, which took place June 15, was recorded in an Army citation as follows: By direction of the President, the Distinguished Service Cross was awarded by the Commanding General, Eighth United States Army Korea, posthumously to First Lieutenant Charles L. Warner for extraordinary heroism in action. Warner distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Tummyong-dong. Korea. Late on the night of 15 June 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 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 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 and 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 14 wounds, and he was ordered to a rear 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." The 28-year-old officer was born in Jackson and the family moved to Pascagoula when he was 16. During WWII he served as a technical sergeant with the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific. After the war he was employed with the Ingalls shipyard. He then entered Mississippi State and graduated in May 1951. A member of the ROTC, he was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation and was called to active duty with the Army the following August. After a tour of duty at Fort Sill, Okla., and Camp Polk, La., he went to Korea in March, 1952.

Jan 10, 1953: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: New ARTY show named "Charge 8". The "Charge Eight" is the name picked for the new theater at the 158th Artillery, in a contest run by the battalion special services officer. Pfc. Ray E. Linhardt of Battery "A", won the special R&R that was the prize for the man who submitted the winning name. One officer and one NCO from each battery and 1st. Lt. Arthur D. Keil, battalion special services officer, comprised the eleven man judging committee. Cpl. Burton L. Frizzell explained that a 105 round normally has a maximum of seven charges and the eight charge for the theater gives it that extra push. Photo Caption: General Ruffner inspects a Howitzer at the 158th Artillery.

Jan 30, 1953: Published in the "The Billings Gazette" entitled: Tales of the town. Cpl. Charles R. Stanley, son of Earl Stanley of 4035 Coles Lane, is serving with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea, according to word received here Thursday. Cpl. Stanley is assigned duty as an ammunition handler.

Feb 11, 1953: Published in the "The Chillicothe Constitution Tribune" entitled: PFC Charles Casebeer Korean Vet is released. Camp Carson, Colo., Pfc. Charles R. Casebeer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Casebeer, Route 5, Chillicothe, Mo., was released from active duty February 4 at the army separation center in Camp Carson, Colo. Casebeer, who entered the Army in February, 1951, was previously stationed in Korea with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, as a cannoneer and was awarded the Korean Service Ribbon. In civilian life he was a student at Central College and the University of Missouri. Published in the "The Racine Journal Times" entitled: Stars and stripes. Two Racine soldiers were released from active duty in the Army this month at Camp Carson, Colo. They are Pfc. Joe J. Adamaki, Jr., whose parents live at 1227 Racine St., and Pfc. Lewis Schowalter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Schowalter, 2600 Douglas Ave. Pfc. Adamski served for six months in the far east with the 7th Cavalry Regiment. Schowalter served with the sent to the 158th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea for six months. Both men entered the Army in February 1951.

Feb 13, 1953: Published in the "The Camp Carson Mountaineer" entitled: New Executive Officer. Maj. Edward Lanman, formerly S-3 of the 158th FA Bn., 45th Div., in Korea, has been named executive officer of the 547th AFA Bn., here at Carson.

Feb 19, 1953: Published in the "The Lead Daily Call" entitled: Whitewood. Pfc. Charles A. Wennberg, son of Mrs. Ruth Wennberg of Whitewood, was released from active duty recently at the army separation center at Camp Carson, Colo. He entered the army in February, 1951, and served six months in Korea as a cannoneer with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion's Battery "A". A former student of South Dakota State College, Wennberg has been awarded the Korean service ribbon and the United Nations Service ribbon.

Mar 09, 1953: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Photo Caption. General Ruffner inspects a Howitzer at the 158th Artillery.

Mar 26, 1953: 1LT Earle S. Downes, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion OSN: O-1688327, DOB: Dec 09, 1924, BPED: Feb 16, 1943, from New Haven, CT, is Killed in Action.

Mar 31, 1953: Published in the "The Sedalia Democrat" entitled: Cpl. Ray Linhardt returning from Korea. With the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Cpl. Ray E. Linhardt, son of Mrs. Marie Linhardt, 646 East 15th, Sedalia, recently left the 45th Infantry Division for return to the U. S. after spending six months in Korea. The 45th arrived in Korea in December, 1951, and captured "T-Bone" hill in June's see-saw hill battles. Linhardt was assigned as a wireman in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion's Battery "A". He has been awarded the UN Service Ribbon and the Korean Service Ribbon with two campaign stars. A former employee of the Pittsburg Corning Glass Co. in Sedalia, the corporal entered the Army in April, 1951.

Apr 01, 1953: Published in the "The Evening Independent" entitled: In the service. First Sgt. Robert J. Karrenbauer of the 158th Field Artillery battalion took advantage of a 10-day rest period from fighting in Korea to call his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Karrenbauer of 854 Matthias Ave NE, from Japan Sunday afternoon. Sgt. Karrenbauer, who has been in Korea since last August, also talked with his sister, Miss Ruth Karrenbauer, and his brother, Ronald Karrenbauer, during the five-minute conversation. The soldier entered service in April, 1951.

Jun 01, 1953: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Artillery howitzers bring terror to communists. By John Bush. "Fire Mission! Fire Mission!" came a clear sharp voice into the Fire Support Control Center's switchboard. With lightning speed the intricate mechanisms of the 158th Artillery swung into action. The operator pulled one plug from his board and inserted another. Across the room another phone was raised. "Send your mission," exclaimed the horizontal control operator. The forward observer began his smooth sequence of commands. "This is OP172. Coordinates 20344978, 15 enemy digging in trenches, fire for effect". As the horizontal control operator received and remembered, he mechanically repeated the orders. A computer across the table hurriedly jotted them down. He put down his phone. Both he and the vertical control operator picked up their protractors and triangles. They moved them with speed and precision across celluloid covered maps, plotting death while their foe confidently dug on. Three computers, one from each of the battalion's firing batteries, glanced anxiously at the operations officer. "Battalion," his command began, "shell HE, charge six, fuse VT, one volley, time on target." Time on Target meant fifteen shells would hit simultaneously. VT meant they would explode 15 to 25 yards in the air, showering death on everything below. As the operations officer was giving his orders they were passed to the battery executive posts. Before he had finished horns had blown. Every man in the firing batteries had shouted "fire mission." They had come scurrying out of their bunkers and into position. Howitzers turned their ugly noses skyward and moved to the left. Ammunition racks were uncovered and shells snatched from their cradles. The horizontal and vertical control operators had finished their plotting. Computers looked at them eagerly. "Range 8275, deflection 45." The computers manipulated their slide rulers to convert these figures for their batteries. In seconds they passed separate commands to their executive posts. Guns still in motion were corrected to the exact position. Then they stopped. "Ready!" shouted the section chiefs. "Ready" came word from the executive posts. "Ready" said the computers as they gazed at the operations officer once more. They were all old hands at this but a tenseness settled over the room. Able Battery would be the first to fire because they were farther away. All the rounds had to get there at the same time if the fire was to accomplish maximum results. All telephone lines were open to relay the final all important order. The observer was listening. The executive posts were listening. The section chiefs were listening. The operations officer picked up his stop-watch and spoke. "time on Target will be 30 seconds from now: two-niner, two-eight, two-seven, the Able Battery computer set his eyes and jaw, "Battery," two-six, two-"fire"-five, two-four, two-three, two-two, then Baker and Charley's computers, "Battery", two-one, two-"fire"-zero. The ground around the control center shook from the tremors of simultaneous blasts. Dust seaped through the ceiling of the huge bunker. "On the way," went the report to the observer. Fifteen seconds-ten-five then the observer's voice again broke through with an unmistakable note of approval. "Cease fire, end of mission, enemy dispersed, estimated ten killed or wounded." The tension lifted. Slide rules and protractors were placed back in their holders. Nothing was said but men looked at each other and smiled. It was a smile of confidence in themselves and their profession. That's what they were, professionals. They were the "Men Who Made 'Old Baldy' Bald!" Photo Caption: A crew, manning their 155mm howitzer, from "C" Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, fires on enemy positions. (Photo by Richard Balza). Photo Caption: Plotting fire mission in the Hq. fire direction center are (left to right) Sgt. Merlin E. Ritchey, chief computer, 158th Artillery Bn., and Pfc. Richard C. Walker, computer. (Photo by Wilkins). Photo Caption: Computing fire missions for their 158th artillery batteries are (front to rear) Pfc. Carroll D. Cone, "A" Battery computer; Pfc. Charles H. Sackse, "B" Battery computer; and Pvt. David Archuleta, Hq. Battery computer (Photo by Covington) Photo

Caption: Receiving a fire mission for their battery are (left to right) Pfc. James C. Robinson, recorder for "C" Battery, 158th Field Artillery and Cpl. James L. Sellmyer, also a recorder for "C" Battery, 158th Field Artillery. (Photo by Covington). Photo Caption: First Lt. Francis Tackett, liaison officer with the 158th Artillery Battalion adjusts a fire mission while Cpl. John A. Burns, scout observer with Hq., 1st Bn., 179th Infantry, records the adjustments (Photo by Covington). 158th Artillery: Awarded Bronze Stars were SFC Albert N. Lea, Sgt. Burton L. Frizzell, Sgt. Marlon Johnson and Cpl. Edward J. Watson. Pfc. Robert L. Eubanks is on TDY to the 801st Ord. Bn. Reassigned to other units in FECOM are Sgt. Hendrie A. Samyn, Pvt. Victor Vittorini and Pfc. Frank G. Nawrockl.

Jun 04, 1953: Published in the "The Lowell Sun" entitled: Country news. Pvt. Joseph A. Lefebvre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lefebvre of Druid Hill avenue, is returning home after 14 months' service with the 45th Infantry division in Korea. The 45th arrived in Korea in December, 1951, and captured "T-Bone" hill in June's see-saw hill battles. Pvt. Lefebvre is a veteran of more than four years' duty serving as a truck driver in Headquarters Battery of the 158th Field Artillery battalion, and has been awarded the Korean service ribbon with three campaign stars and the army of occupation ribbon for service in Japan.

Jun 08, 1953: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: 158th Artillery. Sgt. Harold T. Yancey was awarded the Bronze Star, Sfc. Filadelfo C. DeBaca has left on emergency leave to New Mexico and further assignment in the States. Pvt. Salvador Zavaglia is on TDY to the Div. Band. 1st Lt. Chang Kuk Woo is on emergency leave to Taegu. Among those promoted to Cpl. were Carland J. W. Adams, Ernest R. Cox, Herbert W. Dibert, Leonard R. Huffstelter and Richard G. McCusker.

Jun 09, 1953: Published in the "The Edwardsville Intelligencer" entitled: Promoted. Charles Foehrkalb has received promotion to master sergeant and a letter of commendation from his commanding officer, Brig. Gen. T. W. Parker, for his outstanding record while attending the Chief of Firing Battery Course No. 6 in Korea. Sgt. Foehrkalb was honor student of his class while assigned to the course of instructions of the 158th Field Artillery Bn., 45th Div. Artillery. His service address is M/Sgt Charles Foehrkalb, NG 26352801, Hqs. Btry. 158th FA Bn., 45th Inf. Div. APO 86, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. His wife and small daughter live on Edwardsville route 2.

Jun 24, 1953: Published in the "The Lemars Sentinel" entitled: News of country servicemen. Stanley E. Heeren, son of Mrs. Emilie Heeren of Kingsley, was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. He is a truck driver in Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion and has served in Korea since last August. 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 battles for "T-Bone Hill" last summer.

Jun 25, 1953: Published in the "The Akron Register Tribune" entitled: News of Akron men in the Armed Services. Special to Register-Tribune: With the 45th Infantry Div. in Korea. Marlin Borchers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borchers, Route 3, Akron, Iowa, was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Borchers, a truck driver in Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army in February, 1952, and has served in Korea since last August. He has been awarded the UN and Korean Service Ribbons. 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. Published in the "The Castilian" entitled: LT. A. B. Davis receives bronze star in Korea. With the 45th Infantry "Division in Korea; The Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Korea was recently awarded to Army 1st Lt. Alvin B. Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis of the Portageville Road, Castile. Lieutenant Davis is a survey officer in Headquarters Company of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, part of the 45th Infantry Division. The 45th Division arrived in Korea in December, 1951 and captured "T-Bone" Hill in the see-saw battle the following June. In Korea since last October, Lieut. Davis also wears the Korean Service Ribbon and the UN Service Ribbon. A 1950 graduate of Kalamazoo, Michigan College, Davis is a member of Chi Psi fraternity at Hamilton College at Clinton, N. Y.

Jun 29, 1953: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Battalion Plumber. Chaplain Victor Broeing of the 158th Artillery has taken the job of "Battalion Plumber" in addition to his pulpit duties. Recently, Chaplain Broeing had the misfortune of being the unlucky one in the shower when the hot water pipe plugged up. What a situation, all soaped up and no water. Well, "Plummer" Broeing took the shower head and faucet off and cleaned them both. Results were soon forthcoming and hot water poured. Now the problem was to get the faucet and shower head back on the pipe. After a number of very irritating minutes the Chaplain had the shower in Number 1 order. Unit Reporters. Contributions to this page were sent in by 45th Divarty PIO personnel: Cpl. James R. Willett and 2nd Lt. Phillip Gildart, 145th Anti Aircraft; Cpl. Charles A. Pearson, 158th Artillery; 2nd Lt. Herbert A. Goudey and PFC. Jack L. Armstrong, 160th Artillery; Capt. Timothy Woodward and Sfc. Walter J. Crawford, 171st Artillery; 2nd Lt. Thomas E. Koenig, 189th Artillery.

Jul 02, 1953: Published in the "The Hawarden Independent" entitled: Marlin Borchers gets promotion while in Korea. With the 45th Infantry Div. in Korea. Marlin Borchers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borchers, Route 3, Akron, Iowa, was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Borchers, a truck driver in Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion entered the army in February, 1952, and has served in Korea since last August. He has been awarded the UN and Korean Service ribbons. 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.

Jul 03, 1953: Published in the "The Alton Evening Telegraph" entitled: Sgt. Swift reports battery news. Army Sfc. William M. Swift, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Swift, Godfrey, is getting a taste of news reporting in Korea. Sgt. Swift, whose wife, Mildred, lives at 911 E. Fourth St., Alton, submits items of interest about his unit, Battery "B" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, to the "45th Division News." Official newspaper for the division, the News is distributed weekly and has not missed an issue since the beginning of World War II. Swift has been in Korea since last October and wears the Korean Service Medal and the UN Service Medal. He first entered the Army in June 1946. A former Alton High School student, he was a die-maker for Laclede Steel, Alton, in civilian life.

Jul 04, 1953: Published in the "The Anderson Herald Bulletin" entitled: Anderson man is promoted in Korea. Fred E. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Long, 818 Lindberg Rd., Anderson, recently was promoted to private first class while serving in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division. Long, who arrived in Korea In March 1953, is a wireman in Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. A former employee of Delco Remy Division of General Motors Corp. in Anderson, Ind., he entered the Army in September 1952 and received basic training at Fort Riley, Kans. 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 05, 1953: Published in the "The Brownsville Herald" entitled: Medal for Valor. Cpl. Hector R. Soliz (right), receives the Bronze Star Medal from Maj. Harry H. Moore, executive officer, at a ceremony in Korea. Solis, son of Santiago Soliz, 1025 E. 11th St., Brownsville, received the award for meritorious service while a member of the 45th Infantry Division's 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Jul 09, 1953: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Colonel gets medal. With the 45th Division; Korea, July 8. Lt. Col. John H. Carter, Savannah, GA., commander of the 158th field artillery battalion, has been awarded the Philippine Legion of Merit for services to both the 14th and 19th battalion combat teams, Philippine expeditionary force to Korea.

Jul 12, 1953: Published in the "The Perry New York Herald" entitled: Bronze star for Castile Army LT. The Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Korea was recently awarded to Army 1st Lt. Alvan B. Davis Jr., whose parents live in Castile, N. Y. Lieutenant Davis is a survey officer in Headquarters Company of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, part of the 45th Infantry Division. The 45th Infantry Division arrived in Korea in December 1951 and captured "T-Bone" Hill in the see-saw battles the following June. An Oklahoma National Guard outfit called to active duty in 1950, it was the first national guard unit to enter combat after World War II, In Korea since last October, the lieutenant also wears the Korean Service Ribbon and the UN Service Ribbon, a 1950 graduate of Kalamazoo (Mich) College. Davis is a member Honored at of Chi Psi, a fraternity at Hamilten College, Clinton, N. Y.

Jul 16, 1953: Published in the "The Sikeston Herald" entitled: Chaffee Soldier in Korea Gets Promotion. With the 45th Infantry Division in Korea; Claude E Wilhite, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilhite, Chaffee, Mo., recently was promoted to private first class with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Private First Class 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 17, 1953: Published in the "The Carroll Daily Times Herald" entitled: Verlin Danner's address. Pvt. Verlin W. Danner, whose address previously appeared incompletely, should be addressed: Pvt. Verlin W. Danner, U.S. 55326527, 45th Inf. Div., Btry A., 158 Field Artillery Bn., APO 86, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. Pvt. Danner, who is in Korea, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Danner of Glidden.

Jul 20, 1953: Published in the "The Chester Times" entitled: With the services. Donald Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Scott, 621 Church lane, Upper Darby, was recently promoted to private first class while serving in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division. Scott, who arrived in Korea in May this year, is a supply clerk in Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. He received basic training at Camp Breckinridge, Ky. After entering service in November 1952.

Jul 27, 1953: Published in the "The Somerset American" entitled: With the Colors. Word has been received that Harry Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thompson of R.D. 2, Holsopple, has been promoted to sergeant first class, with the 45th infantry division in Korea. The sergeant arrived in Korea in January after being stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., and is reported to be mess sergeant in Battery "C" of the 158th field artillery battalion. SFC. Thompson wears the American defense medal, European, African, Middle Eastern theatre ribbons with four campaign stars, as well as good conduct medal and World War II victory medal. He is a veteran of more than twelve years of service. SFC. Thompson's wife makes her home in Dunn , N. C.

Aug 10, 1953: Published in the "The Hudson Dispatch" entitled: Sgt. DiStefano enroute home from Korean front. After serving 14 months at the front lines in Korea, Sgt. Peter J. Di Stefano is homeward bound, according to his wife, Mrs. Annabelle Di Stefano, former Miss Dal Lago, of 1318 14th St., North Bergen. His parents, Mr. And Mrs. Vincent Di Stefano resides at 5412 Madison St., West New York. Sgt. Di Stefano entered the Army in January, 1952, and received his basic training at Ft. Sill, Okla., after which he was sent to Korea in June, 1952. He served with the 158th Field Artillery Bn., 45th Infantry Division, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. Before entering the Army, Sgt. Di Stefano worked as a mechanic for McGuire Chevrolet, North Bergen.

Aug 13, 1953: Published in the "The Sandusky Register Star News" entitled: In the Service. Sgt. Steve G. Kosztyo, son of Alex Kosztyo, Route 2, Port Clinton, is returning to the United States after 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 2. Sergeant Kosztyo, a gunner with Battery "B" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, arrived in Korea in June, 1952 and has been awarded the Commendation Medal.

Aug 16, 1953: Published in the "The Billings Gazette" entitled: Fishtail Sergeant Decorated; Sgt. Charles Stanley of Fishtail receives the bronze star medal from Lt. Col. John Carter, battalion commander, at a ceremony in Korea. Sergeant Stanley, son of Karl Stanley of Mystic Lake, distinguished himself in combat in Korea. He is now assigned as an artilleryman with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the 45th "Thunderbird" Infantry Division. U.S. Army photo.

Aug 31, 1953: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Looking back. 158th Artillery Holds Unit Day Celebration. By B. B. McMahon. Unit day was commemorated recently by the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, self-styled as "The Light Battalion That Made Old Baldy Bald." In a message to members of his command, the battalion commander, Lt. Col. John H. Carter reported in resume the activities of the unit during the year past. It was only slightly more than a year ago when the unit was commended for its outstanding performance against the enemy in the Chorwon sector when the 180th Infantry Regiment attacked, seized and defended the important outposts on Old Baldy and Hill 255 as a part of the relocation of the outpost line of advance all across the Thunderbird Division front. The 158th was in support of the Warrior Regiment during the crucial enemy counterattacks. When the 180th Infantry attacked and seized Outpost Eerie on T-Bone Hill, the battalion fired regimental support against repeated regimental and battalion sized attacks on the Warrior front. During a two-day hand-to-battle fought by the Warriors, artillery fired 64,623 rounds of ammunition. In one month over 163,000 rounds were fired. Christmas and New Years saw enemy surges against Thunderbird OP's on Hill 812 in the vicinity of Luke's Castle and 158th observers were decorated for calling in accurate fire support. At this time observers were located in OP's only 40 yards from enemy positions, closer to the enemy Main Battle Positions than any other point on the United Nations 155-mile front. The 45th Division was relieved on January 26 by the 40th Division and the battalion moved into the Punchbowl in support of the 19th BCT (PEFTOK) and in general support of Division Artillery. 158th Awards, Medals awarded recently at the 158th Artillery Battalion by Lt. Col. John H. Carter, battalion commander, include: Bronze Star to M/Sgt Frank Gernich; SFC's Charles K. Copeland and Richard C. McManus and Sgt's Kenneth C. Suhler and Charles R. Stanley. Air Medal to LT's James D. Hale, Jr. and Richard E. Bjork. Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant to LT's Roy C. Parker and William D. Anderson, Jr., SFC Billy E. O'Dell, SGT James A. Young and CPL's Robert Silano and Elmer D. Bowling.

Sep 03, 1953: Published in the "The Tulia Herald" entitled: Francis Gerber Made Sergeant in Korea. In Korea with the 45th infantry div. Frances A. Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toney Ferber, Nazareth, recently was promoted to sergeant while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. 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. Gerber, a member of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion's Headquarters Battery, entered the Army in January 1952 and arrived in Korea in July 1952. He attended Nazareth High School.

Sep 11, 1953: Published in the "The Southern Illinoisan" entitled: Anna man returning from Korean duty. Sgt. Byrl Boyd, 21, whose wife, Marcia, lives at 1101 1/2 N. Main, Anna, is returning to the U.S. after serving with the 45th

Infantry Division in Korea. 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 Guard division to enter combat after World War II. Sergeant Boyd arrived overseas last September and served with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion Headquarters. A graduate of the Anna-Jonesboro High School, he entered the Army in February 1952 and completed basic training at Camp Cooke, Calif. His mother, Mrs. O. N. Thompson, lives at 114 Warren St., Anna.

Sep 14, 1953: Published in the "The Alton Evening Telegraph" entitled: In and out of service with men of area. SFC. Swift en Route to U.S. Sfc. William M. Swift, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Swift, Rout 2, Godfrey, is returning to the U.S. after serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Sfc. Swift arrived last October and served as first sergeant in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion's Service Battery. A graduate of Alton High School, he worked for the Laclede Steel company in Alton before entering the Army in November 1951. Sgt. Menard en Route to States. Sgt. Bruce D. Menard, 22, whose wife, Betty, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Menard, live on Rt. 1, Godfrey, is returning to the U.S. after serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Menard arrived overseas last October and served as a section chief in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion's Battery "B". A graduate of Afton High School, he entered the Army in January 1952 and completed basic training at Camp Cooke, Calif.

Sep 17, 1953: Published in the "The DeKalb Daily Chronicle" entitled: Commended. Photo Caption: Cpl. Francis E. Kohler at the right, a resident of Sandwich receives the Commendation Ribbon from Lt. Col. John H. Carter, commander of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division, during a ceremony in Korea. Cpl. Kohler distinguished himself by his meritorious service as a wheel vehicle mechanic in Battery C. His mother, Mrs. Charles Kohler lives at 219 Latham Street in Sandwich.

Sep 30, 1953: Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation is awarded for exceptionally meritorious service to the Republic of Korea during the period 10 December 1951 to 31 July 1953, inclusive, with citation as follows: The 45th United States Infantry Division continually exhibited extraordinary valor in combat and an unsurpassed excellence in the training and coordinating of Republic of Korea forces. In June 1952, the Division initiated a series of brilliant surprise attacks in order to establish a formidable outpost line beyond the existing main line of resistance and acquired many new positions, including the now famous hill masses of "Eerie" and "Baldy." The outposts were held securely in spite of the intense enemy counterattacks to recapture the strategic sites. Without yielding any of the newly acquired gains, the Division inflicted heavy losses upon the foe before it was replaced after over two hundred days of continuous combat. At this point, the men of the 45th United States Infantry Division undertook the important task of technically training Republic of Korea troops. Their efforts were rewarded by a display of brilliant combat effectiveness throughout the Republic of Korea forces. The return to front line positions in September 1952 by the Thunderbird Division created a new chapter in the military accomplishments of both United States and Korean troops as the two fused and fought together with a rare display of unity. During the Communist summer offensive of 1953, the 45th United States Infantry Division once again exhibited its fighting spirit and singleness of purpose as it frustrated enemy attacks and preserved vital positions on "Sand Bag Castle," "Heartbreak Ridge" and "Christmas Hill." The steadfast devotion to duty, gallantry in battle and cooperative spirit with which Republic of Korea troops were made an integral part of a unified force reflect the greatest credit upon the 45th United States Infantry Division and uphold the most esteemed traditions of the military profession. Signed Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea.

Oct 05, 1953: Published in the "The Thunderbird News" entitled: Thunderbird arty graduates. Recent graduates of the 45th Division Artillery School who completed the Firing Battery Officer's Course are: 2nd Lts. Robert C. Ringgenberg and Robert J. Ferroll, 189th Field Artillery Battalion; Armand J. Herbert, David F. Goettemoeller and Jose A. Guerra, 160th Field Artillery Battalion; John H. Durr, Livio G. Borra and David J. Good, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Ray Chirurigi and John W. Carr, 145th Field Artillery Battalion; Daniel D. Lee and John T. Cartland, 780th Field Battalion and William R. Hudson, Julian B. Briusos and Capt. Jesse E. White, 171st Field Artillery Battalion.

Oct 12, 1953: Published in the "The Boonville Herald" entitled: Promoted in Korea. Charles D. Mooney, son of Mrs. Florence Mooney, Lyons Falls, R.F.D., was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. Cpl. Mooney, who arrived in Korea in April of this year, is now assistant supply sergeant in Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. He has been awarded the UN and Korean Service ribbons. He entered the Army in September 1952, and received basic training at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

Oct 21, 1953: Published in the "The Rome New York Daily Sentinel" entitled: Servicemen news items. Lyons Falls. John L. Vienneau Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vienneau, has been promoted to private, first class. He is serving with the Second Infantry Division in Korea. Vienneau entered service in December, 1952, and received basic training at Ft. Riley, Kas., prior to overseas assignment in May. He is a gunner and has received his combat infantry

badge for action on front lines Cpl . Charles D. Mooney, son of Mrs. Florence Mooney, has been spending a week in Kokura, Japan, on a rest and recuperation leave from the Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea.

Nov 08, 1953: Published in the "The Tere Haute Tribune Star" entitled: Those in the armed forces. Army Private Robert D. Whitworth, son of Mrs. Bryce Whitworth, 607 South Twenty-second street, is serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. A fire direction computer in Battery "B" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, he entered the army in March and received basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. He graduated from Wiley High School in 1950.

Nov 11, 1953: Published in the "The Chicago Garfieldian" entitled: With our servicemen. Pvt. Arnold Warshawsky, 21, son of Mrs. Eva Warshawsky, 858 N. Sacramento, is serving with the 45th infantry division in Korea. Warshawsky is a fire direction computer in the division's 158th field artillery battalion battery "B". He entered the Army in January and received basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark. A 1950 Roosevelt High school graduate, he worked for United Air Lines before going into service. The 45th division has been in Korea since December 1951. It was the first guard division to enter combat after World War II.

Nov 30, 1953: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Presidential Unit Citation presented to Thunderbird division by President Rhee. Gens. Taylor, Clarke, Paik, Attend Division Review as Gen. Ginder Accepts Award. By M.M. Cross, III. Korean President Syngman Rhee presented the Presidential Unit Citation to the 45th Division Saturday, Nov. 21, at a full-scale Division review on the Camp George parade ground. In an impromptu address to the massed Thunderbird Division, Rhee expressed "sincere thanks and gratitude for all your officers and men have done for myself and are doing for us." He was flanked on the reviewing stand by Gen. Maxmell D. Taylor, Eight Army commander, Gen. Yung Sup Paik, ROK Army Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, X Corps Group Commander, and Maj. Gen. P. D. Ginder, Thunderbird commander. "My people, the civilian population included, are profoundly grateful to you," Rhee said. "We will remain grateful to you. Your spirit and determination inspired our people." The Korean leader, realizing "we are not here out of our own choice," said the Division is facing another bitter winter in defense of freedom and democratic ideals. "We want to prove to the world," he said, that they (the Communists) cannot defeat the United Nations. Your bleeding and fighting and suffering will not go all in vain." Hines Represents EM: Rhee pinned the Korean medal on General Ginder, and M/Sgt Robert C. Hines of Service Company , 279th Infantry, chosen to represent the enlisted men of the Division. As the Division Band played four ruffles and flourishes followed by the Korean National Anthem, Division Artillery pieces fired a 21-gun salute in honor of the Korean President. Rhee trooped the Division from a jeep. Elements of every Thunderbird fighting unit passed in review. The Citation: The citation, covering the period Dec. 10 1951 to July 31, 1953, credited the Thunderbirds with "extraordinary valor in combat and an unsurpassed excellence in training and coordinating of Republic of Korea forces." In June 1952, it stated, the Division pushed northward through "a series of brilliant surprise attacks," acquiring such famous hills as "Eerie" and "Baldy" and defending these positions for more than 200 days despite heavy counter attacks. After pulling off the line, ROK troops. "Their efforts were rewarded by a display of brilliant combat effectiveness throughout the Republic of Korea." The return of the 45th to the line in September 1952 "created a new chapter in the military accomplishments of both the United States and Korean Troops as the two fused and fought together with a rare display of unity." In the final days of the shooting war, the Division again "exhibited its fighting spirit and singleness of purpose as it frustrated enemy attacks and preserved vital positions on "Sand Bag Castle," "Heartbreak Ridge" and "Christmas Hill." 158th Artillery. Recent staff changes in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion include 1st Lt. Perry R. Watkins, former Battalion S-2, to commanding office of Headquarters Battery; 1st Lt. Michael M. Davis, former Headquarters Battery Commander, to commanding officer of Battery B; Lt. Roy L. Tenny, formerly of Service Battery, to command of Battery C; and 1st Lt. Richard B. Bisbee, former commanding officer of Battery C, to Battalion Assistant S-3.

Dec 09, 1953: Published in the "The Carroll Daily Times" entitled: Promoted in Korea. Verlin W. Danner, who has been in Korea since June, 1952, has been promoted to corporal in the U. S. Army. He is serving with the 45th Division. Cpl. Danner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Danner of Glidden, is addressed: U. S. 55326527, 45th Inf. Div., Btry. "A", 158th Field Artillery Btn., APO 86, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Dec 16, 1953: Published in the "The Reno Evening Gazette" entitled: Receives award. Photo Caption: Receives award. Sgt. Vernon D. Baker receives the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant from Col. Weston L. Blanchard, assistant commander, Sixth Infantry Division, for meritorious service in Korea during the period July 6, 1952, to August 22, 1953, while a member of Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division. Sergeant Baker presently is assigned to Headquarters Company, Sixth Infantry Division here. He is the husband of Mrs. Nora L. Baker, 1339 Locust St., Reno, Nev, and the son of Manuel Baker, Sparks. (U. S. Army photo)
Dec 18, 1953 Published in the "The Portsmouth Times" entitled: Serving the U.S. flag. Pfc. Ronald L. Kleinke, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kleinke, 2119 17th St., recently spent a seven-day rest and recuperation leave in Kokura,, Japan. He is stationed in Korea with Service Battery of the 45th Infantry Division's 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Kleinke is a cook with his unit.

Dec 23, 1953: Published in the "The Commercial Mail" entitled: PFC. Roy Sauers will spend Christmas north of 38th Parallel. 45th Div., Korea: Army Pfc Roy F. Sauers, 21, whose wife Ruth, and mother, Mrs. Eli Sauers, live on R.R. 1, Larwill, 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. A member of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion's Battery "C", Sauers entered the Army last January and arrived overseas in July.

Jan 28, 1954: Published in the "The Yuma Daily Sun" entitled: Col. Pomeroy retires after 37 years in guard. Phoenix. UP). A veteran of 37 years with the Arizona National Guard has retired. Col Franklin I. Pomeroy, 60-year-old native of Mesa, joined the Guard in May, 1915. He will continue to serve as accountant in the Guard headquarters at Phoenix. Pomeroy took part in the Mexican Border skirmishes against Pancho Villa, and served in World War I. He organized Battery "E" of the 158th Field Artillery and was commissioned a captain and commander of the battery. He returned to the 158th Infantry as a battalion commander and served in the Panama Canal Zone during World War II.

Mar 14, 1954: Published in the "The Anderson Herald Bulletin" entitled: Anderson GI to return to US. Army Cpl. Fred E. Long, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Long; 818 Lindberg, Rd., Anderson, will return to the U. S. with the 45th Infantry Division sometime hi April. Cpl. Long, a wireman with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army in September 1952 and arrived overseas last March. He is one of 1,000 combat veterans of the former Oklahoma National Guard Division who will dock in New York harbor. Activated after the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, the division landed on the peninsula in December 1951. It fought at Old Baldy, T-Bone and Eerie Hills, Heartbreak Ridge, Sand Bag Castle and other now-famous locations before cessation of combat. Leading the division back to the U. S. will be Brig. Gen. Harvey H. Fischer, former commander of the 5th Regimental Combat Team which was attached to the 45th under his leadership last spring.

Mar 21, 1954: Published in the "The Jefferson City News and Tribune" entitled: Sgt. Johnnie Gouge to Leave Far East. Published in the "The Miami News Record" entitled: Army Sgt. Johnnie D. Gouge, 22, son of Mrs. Georgia Gouge, 4351/2 Clark Ave., will return to the United States with the 45th "Thunderbird" Infantry Division sometime in April. Gouge, communications chief in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army in September, 1952. He arrived overseas in March, 1953, and has among his awards the Purple Heart and Korean Presidential Unit Citation Emblem. The Jefferson City soldier is one of 1,000 combat veterans of the former Oklahoma National Guard division who will dock in New York harbor.

Apr 22, 1954: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Command will change for guard in Duncan. Duncan, April 21. Capt. Louis A. Scott, Duncan, commander of the local national guard unit, Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, will turn over command soon to Lt. James D. "Doug" Pierce of Comanche. Pierce is a first lieutenant and executive officer of the unit. Scott expects assignment to the staff of the artillery battalion which has its headquarters at Chickasha.

Apr 26, 1954: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 30 dated 26 April 1954: GENERAL ORDERS 30, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 26 April 1954. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit citation which was awarded by the Republic of Korea to the following units of the United States Army is confirmed in accordance with AR 220-315: REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION awarded by citation dated 30 September 1953, by Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of Korea, for exceptionally meritorious service to the Republic of Korea during the period 10 December 1951 to 31 July 1953, inclusive, with citation as follows: The 45th United States Infantry Division continually exhibited extraordinary valor in combat and an unsurpassed excellence in the training and coordinating of Republic of Korea forces. In June 1952, the Division initiated a series of brilliant surprise attacks in order to establish a formidable outpost line beyond the existing main line of resistance and acquired many new positions, including the now famous hill masses of "Eerie" and "Baldy." The outposts were held securely in spite of the intense enemy counterattacks to recapture the strategic sites. Without yielding any of the newly acquired gains, the Division inflicted heavy losses upon the foe before it was replaced after over two hundred days of continuous combat. At this point, the men of the 45th United States Infantry Division undertook the important task of technically training Republic of Korea troops. Their efforts were rewarded by a display of brilliant combat effectiveness throughout the Republic of Korea forces. The return to front line positions in September 1952 by the Thunderbird Division created a new chapter in the military

accomplishments of both United States and Korean troops as the two fused and fought together with a rare display of unity. During the Communist summer offensive of 1953, the 45th United States Infantry Division once again exhibited its fighting spirit and singleness of purpose as it frustrated enemy attacks and preserved vital positions on "Sand Bag Castle," "Heartbreak Ridge" and "Christmas Hill." The steadfast devotion to duty, gallantry in battle and cooperative spirit with which Republic of Korea troops were made an integral part of a unified force reflect the greatest credit upon the 45th United States Infantry Division and uphold the most esteemed traditions of the military profession. The 45th Infantry Division and attached units:... 158th FA Bn (105-How)... III. Rescissions. DA General Orders 24, 1947; DA General Orders 23, 1948; section II, DA General Orders 47, 1948; section II, DA General Orders 44, 1949; and section IV, DA General Orders 48, 1949, are rescinded. [AG 200.62 (12 Apr 54)] By Order of the Secretary of Army: M. B. Ridgway, General, United States Army, Chief of Staff. Official: John A. Klein, Major General, United States Army, Acting The Adjutant General.

Apr 30, 1954: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion is released from active Federal service and reverted to state control; Federal recognition concurrently withdrawn from the 158th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS).

Jun 15, 1954: Published in the "The Alice Daily Echo" entitled: Sergeant Lugo now on duty at Fort Hood. Fort Hood, Texas, June 15. Sgt. Roberto Lugo, son of Servio Lugo of 1413 South Almond St., Alice, recently arrived at this post for assignment to a unit of the 1st Armored Division. A veteran of three years Army service, he has served 18 months in the Far East. He served with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the 45th Infantry Division for six months and the 11th Field Artillery Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division in Japan and Korea for a year. He has been awarded the Korean Service Medal with three battle stars, United Nations Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Sergeant Lugo joins the 1st Armored Division as it prepares for another advanced training cycle to maintain its combat-ready status. The "Old Ironsides" division is famed for its World War II action in Africa and Italy, which included such battles as the Kasserine Pass, Salerno and Anzio.

Aug 19, 1954: Published in the "The El Reno Daily Tribune" entitled: Down memory lane. Aug. 19, 1934. Six El Reno men returned home today from Fort Sill after attending the annual national guard encampment ending Sunday. They are Vincent Stevens, Eugene and Donald Mathews, R. L. Williams, Arthur Cory and David Perdue. Stevens served with the 179th Infantry, Oklahoma City, while the others were in Battery "F", 158th Field Artillery, Kingfisher.

Sep 25, 1954: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Ready or not, state fair gates to open today. By Roy P. Stewart. This will be the "deadline" Oklahoma State Fair along with being the first exposition at the new fairgrounds. From the hurry of activity all day Friday and long into the night it looked to some seasoned fairgoers as if the impossible would have to be accomplished in details. Yet fair manager C. G. "Pete" Baker insisted all would be ready at 7 a.m. Saturday. He confidently forecasted that with the first day in the new plant arousing interest, plus "Operation Colorback" ceremonies for the 45th Infantry Division Saturday night, the all time opening day record of 15,912 persons, set in 1952, would be broken easily. And he could be right, because there were hundreds of persons roaming the grounds Friday, dodging trucks and cars which will not be on the streets after Saturday noon, watching spurred up action of exhibitors and concessionaires unlike to be ready Saturday. When the first sections of the Royal American show train pulled onto the New Rock Island siding Friday afternoon, section crews had just spiked the last tie on the siding and were throwing chat into a large hole at end of the spur. The carnival lot already was laid out and before mid afternoon lumbering show wagons were spread all over the lot, with rides and show tents going up. That will be an all night affair, and if the carnival had to supply its own lights it could do so. It can illuminate a city of 40,000. Painters were finishing green and white ticket booths outside the grand stand as electricians tied in floodlights in the stands. Graders and rollers went ceaselessly around the clay track getting it ready for Aut Swenson's "Thrillcade" Saturday afternoon. Members of the 45th Military Police Company from Atoka, under Capt. Lon R. Frank, had their pup tents up in the division's bivouac area. Company "C", 120th Engineers, Norman, laid out the tent area for 5,000 men who will arrive by Saturday noon. Capt. W. C. Northcutt commands the engineers and was aided by Maj. Herbert O'Neal, battalion executive. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Weatherford, commanded by Lieut. David L. Taufest, pulled into the area Friday to be all set to fire the 19 gun salute Saturday night for Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens with 105mm Howitzers. If the Thunderbirds, who will leave home stations in the early hours Saturday for their big day here think they got up early, they should know this; Lt. Gen. L. D. White and his party from Fourth Army Headquarters, San Antonio, will have to get up early enough to make a 5:45 a.m. plane at Brooks field to come here for "Colorback." High military and civilian officials here for the 45th's colors return ceremony will be honor guests at a luncheon at the chamber of commerce at 11:30 a.m., to which the public is invited. Gov. Murray at that time will present official state commendations to seven officers and 11 enlisted men. At the Saturday night ceremony, the front row of dignitaries will be introduced. Secretary Stevens and the governor will make brief talks, with the program purposely held short to keep Thunderbirds from being in formation too long. At that, they will have about two hours, since the colors ceremony takes 53 minutes. After the

downtown parade at 10 a.m. Saturday of more than 40 high school bands, competing in the annual contest and led by the Thunderbird band and the Howitzer firing battery, there will be a new wrinkle on opening the fair. A 45th division tank will crash a "barrier" of wooden saw horses in front of the main entrance, followed by city officials, who will be met inside by members of the State Fair board. Maj. Lee Guild, 45th Division Air Officer, will lift the entrance ribbon with a helicopter instead of someone cutting it in routine opening day fashion. The recovered fair bleachers, which vanished from the old grounds and were located cut up in a city warehouse, have been welded back together and are ready for use Saturday night as special bleachers for families of 45th Division men in front of grandstand. Judging went on all day Friday in the women's department, in farm crops and allied exhibits in the agriculture building and in crops, canning and clothing displays in the new 4-H club building. All those exhibits, with ribbons they have won, were being placed Friday night for display Saturday and the rest of the Fair week. In the Future Farmers of America exhibit building, work went on far into the night on preparation of collective exhibits. The FFA boys from Capitol Hill high school, under Herb Jones, placed attractive potted plants and flowers around the building. Graders were spreading chat on walks into the grounds from auto parking lots. Commercial exhibitors worked most of the night getting their displays ready in the modern exhibits building. Seven large tents went up Friday afternoon to house the junior division steers, hogs and sheep and some open class dairy cattle. The livestock area is one place where money ran out. But the interior of the remodeled livestock pavilion looked as fancy as any in the country, with plenty of bleacher type seats for spectators while judging goes on, in the clean looking tanbark arena. The 89th Army Band from Fort Sill will play a concert for grandstand spectators Saturday night before "Operation Colorback" begins. Then the 45th Band will take over to play for ceremonies in return of battle streamers and the division review. A 36 man precision drill team from Fort Sill, commanded by Capt. Harold Neal, 721 NE 3, Oklahoma City, will perform in front of the grandstand afternoons and nights during the fair. Thearle Duffield Fireworks Co. will present a special tribute Saturday night for the 45th Division, along with its normal display of spectacles on the ground and in the air. Photo Caption: An army on the march, with its destination the Oklahoma State Fair and "Operation Colorback" where Saturday night the 45th Infantry Division will receive its battle and commendation streamers and unit colors, describes what is back of these scenes. Friday the 45th military police company from Atoka was first in the bivouac area which Saturday night will house 5,000 men. The MP's like everyone else, get hungry so they make the chow line before doing a dry run of the city area where Saturday they will direct truck convoys bringing men here from over the state. In the center picture is part of the 105 millimeter Howitzers with which Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Weatherford, will roll through city streets Saturday morning as part of the band contest parade that opens the fair. The battery, organized on June 2, 1924, will fire the 19 gun salute Saturday night for Secretary of the Army Robert A. Stevens, principal speaker at "Operation Colorback." Men of Company "C", 120th Engineers, Norman at left, laid out the 40 acre bivouac area Friday for arriving troops, who will sleep in pup tent city Saturday night. The fair's addition of "Operation Colorback" is expected to help break the all time opening day record of 15,912, set in 1952.

Sep 26, 1954: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Praised 45th gets battle flags back. By Leonard Jackson. The original battle flags and colors of Oklahoma's world famed and storied 45th Infantry Division came home Saturday night. In a peacetime maneuver rivaling their successes on far flung battlefronts during two wars, the Thunderbirds pulled off "Operation Colorback" virtually without a hitch as nearly 10,000 of their fellow Oklahomans thrilled to the sight at the state fairgrounds. Before the eyes of some of the country's highest military officials, headed by Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, the division colors were handed by Gov. Murray to Maj. Gen. Hal L. Muldrow, Norman, commander of the Thunderbirds. They had been presented to the governor by the department of the army last spring after return of the final elements of the Thunderbird division returned from Korea. The governor held them until they could be returned, with appropriate pomp and circumstance, to the units which carried them so proudly into federal service four years ago. Gen. Muldrow accepted the division colors, then returned the colors of the 14 component units of the 45th to the respective commanders and color guards, drawn up in stiff attention before the reviewing stand. The assembled dignitaries and the crowd in the stands, thereupon, joined Lt. Col. George A. Fisher, narrator for the colorful and heart warming ceremony, in a full throated recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance." As the 89th army band from Fort Sill played softly, "Stars and Stripes Forever," the commanders and color guards marched off smartly to rejoin their units, standing at "parade rest" far across the track. With the colors at long last back in their proper stations, the division came to attention and Gen. Muldrow faced the reviewing stand, saluted and said: "Sir, the parade is formed." Then came the stirring command, "Pass in review!" Led by their own 45th Infantry Division band, the 5,000 Thunderbirds promptly swung into line and marched past the reviewing stand to receive the salutes of the army secretary, his assistant, Hugh A. Milton II, and two four star generals, three lieutenant generals, 12 major generals and eight brigadier generals. They stood at attention, these leaders of the nation's armies, for Oklahoma's own combat division, whose men, out of uniform, are the teacher, the postman, the doctor, the lawyer, the service station attendants who come from farms, ranches, towns and cities of the state. As Lt. Col. Fisher reminded the audience, "It's a bit difficult for us home folks to recognize in these, our day to day friends, soldiers and tactical leaders who, in the terrible wars of this century, have demonstrated tenacity, bravery and military skill which

far exceeded that of the best professional military men of the tyrannies." Nevertheless, he pointed out, the Thunderbirds are acclaimed throughout the world, and through them the state of Oklahoma is known from the village of Acate, Sicily, to Chunchon, Korea. Through eight major campaigns in Europe and four in Korea, the Thunderbirds blazed a trail of victory, Fisher said. It was to this gallant record that President Eisenhower referred in a message delivered by Secretary Stevens in a brief program before the actual ceremony began. "Please extend my very warm greetings to the men of the 45th and my cordial congratulations to the people of the state of Oklahoma on the occasion of the return of the division colors from Korea," read the president's message. "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. "But even more important, these emblems symbolize the hopes of mothers and fathers, the deeds of their sons, the spirit of a nation firm in democracy." Stevens said he feels particularly close to the Thunderbirds because he was "privileged" to visit it twice while it was on duty in Korea. "I know something at first hand of the rugged spirit, the fine morale and the high capability for which it was justly noted" he said. After revealing how the 45th was called up for federal duty in September, 1950, Stevens commented it was "one of the toughest fighting outfits of our Eight Army." He quoted the late General George Patton as praising the division, after campaigns in Europe, as a "division second to none in the annals of United States history." "I share your tremendous pride in the 45th," he told the crowd. "And I'm sure you share my pride in the Army of which it is a part. I salute the 45th for what it has been in the past and what I know it will be in the future." Gov. Murray responded that Oklahomans do have a great pride in the 45th Division. They are proud, he said, of its outstanding combat record; 511 bitter fighting days in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany, the equally bitter 429 days of combat in Korea and four amphibious landings under fire. Oklahomans are proud, too, he said, of the many "firsts" the Thunderbirds possess, such as becoming one of the first four national guard divisions called into federal duty in 1940 and the first to be completely federally recognized. Finally, he said Oklahomans are proud of the nine men from the division who have received the congressional medal of honor. He paid tribute, also, to the Thunderbirds with Indian blood flowing in their veins. Both Stevens and Murray were introduced by Maj. Gen. W. S. Key, chairman of the "Operation Colorback" committee and a former 45th Division commander himself. He also introduced the many visiting dignitaries present, asking them to "stand and face the taxpayers." Included among those present were five former Thunderbird commanders; Maj. Gen. B. H. Markham, Maj. Gen. William Willis Eagles, Maj. Gen. James C. Styrn, Maj. Gen. Wayne C. Smith and Brig. Gen. Harvey H. Fisher. While there was hardly a hitch in the "Colorback" ceremony, which had been rehearsed in summer training at Camp Hood, Texas, the visiting dignitaries themselves almost fouled things up by arriving from a downtown hotel 15 minutes early. They were scheduled to enter the grounds at precisely 8 p.m. and go up on the reviewing stand, at which time the division was to come to attention while Battery "C" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion boomed out a 19 gun salute for Stevens. Nevertheless, the battery got its shooting done later in the program. The 89th army band followed it with four ruffles and four flourishes for the army secretary. Then it broke into the lifting strains of "Oklahoma" while the crowd applauded. A 30 minute playback of the "Colorback" ceremony, with commentary by Mose Fry and including the army secretary's speech, will be broadcast at 8 p.m. Monday over a six station Oklahoma radio network. Stations carrying the broadcast are KBIX, Muskogee; KTMC, McAlester; KBSO, Ardmore; KWSH, Holdenville Seminole Wewoka; KADA, Ada, and KTOK, Oklahoma City. Photo Caption: An Operation Colorback highlight is shown as Lt. Col. Joseph D. Anderson, left, commander of Oklahoma City's 160th Field Artillery Battalion, accepts his units colors from Maj. Gen. Hal L. Muldrow (back to camera), 45th Infantry Division commander, during the ceremony Saturday night at the State Fairgrounds. Just previously Gen. Muldrow had received the division colors from Gov. Murray, to whom they had been given last spring after their return with final elements of the Thunderbird division from federal service in Korea. In turn, Gen. Muldrow presented the colors; and American flag and a unit flag; to the commanders and color guards of the division's 14 component organizations. Some 10,000 persons, including Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens and several score other top military officials, witnessed the spectacle.

Nov 22, 1954: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 80 dated 22 November 1954: GENERAL ORDERS 80, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., 22 November 1954. Section: Section I. Units Entitled to Battle Credits. I. Section II. Units Credited with Assault Landings. II. I. Units Entitled to Battle Credits. Army units awarded battle participation credit-Korea. 1. Announcement is made of units awarded battle participation credit under the provisions of paragraph 24, AR 220-315 for the following campaigns in Korea. a. UN defensive. (1) Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 27 June to 15 September 1950, inclusive. b. UN offensive. (1) Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 16 September to 2 November 1950, inclusive. c. CCF intervention. (1) Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 3 November 1950 to 24 January 1951, inclusive. d. First UN counteroffensive (1) Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 25 January to 21 April 1951, inclusive. e. CCF spring offensive. (1) Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 22 April to 8 July 1951, inclusive. f. UN summer-fall offensive. (1) Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 9 July to 27 November 1951, inclusive. g. Second Korean winter. (1)

Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 28 November 1951 to 30 April 1952, inclusive. h. Korea summer-fall 1952 (1) Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 1 May to 30 November 1952, inclusive. i. Third Korean winter. (1) Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 1 December 1952 to 30 April 1953, inclusive. j. Korea summer-fall 1953. (1) Combat zone - Territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters. (2) Time limitation - 1 May to 27 July 1953, inclusive...Second Korean Winter 17 December 1951 -30 April 1952. Korea summer-fall 1952 1 May - 30 November 1952. Third Korean winter 1 December 1952 – 30 April 1953. Korea summer-fall 1953 1 May – 27 July 1953...Organization: 158th Field Artillery Battalion (45th Inf Div)...2. When entering individual credit on Officer Qualification Record (DA Form 66) or in the service record of enlisted personnel (DD Form 230) this general order may be cited as authority for such entries for personnel who were present for duty as a member of or attached to a unit listing, at some time during the period specified for each campaign. By Order of the Secretary of Army: M. B. Ridgway, General, United States Army, Chief of Staff. Official: John A. Klein, Major General, United States Army, The Adjutant General. Distribution: According to requirements submitted on DA Form 12. AGO 2214B.

Jul 30, 1955: Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Advanced Detachment convoys to Fort Hood, Texas for Annual Training (Aug 7 to Aug 21, 1955). Detachment is First Lieutenant R. K. Arnold Jr.(Commanding Officer) and Second Lieutenants Ocie Combs and 2nd Joe E. Beck. Unit Administrator Private Thomas Adkins, Master Sergeants I. B. Jones (Chief of Firing Battery) and Glendon Webb (Chief of Detail). Sergeants First Class Jerry Atkins, Jessie Bell (Chief Cook), Walter Fulton (Supply Sergeant), Sam A. Rowlett, and Raymond Travis. Sergeants Patrick H. Andrews, Dean Bearden (Unit Fire Direction Computer), Kelter Dowlen (Recruit Instructor), William A. Oliver (Chief of Section), Wayne Sharp (Motor Chief).

Jul 31, 1955: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Duncan guard camp booked. Duncan, July 30. Duncan's 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Battery "A", will train at Fort Hood, Texas, August 7 to August 21. Three officers and 58 enlisted men will make the trip. Battery "A" is a unit of the Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division. Officers from the Duncan National Guard unit who will go to Fort Hood include 1st Lt. R. K. Arnold Jr., commanding officer; 2nd Lt. Ocie Combs, and 2nd Lt. Joe E. Beck. Pvt. Thomas Adkins, unit administrator, said two men will go to Fort 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 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, Kelter Dowlen, William A. Oliver, Wayne Sharp, and Dale C. Williams. Bearden is the unit's fire direction computer, Dowlen is recruit instructor, Oliver is chief of section, and Sharp is motor chief.

Jan 17, 1956: Published in the "The Roswell Daily Record" entitled: Years ago January 17, 1931. First Lt. Edward Purdy, Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, was ordered to Ft. Sill School of Fire for the period Jan. 23-April 25.

Jul 22, 1956: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Duncan to host state guardsmen. Duncan: July 23; The Armory area in Fuqua Park in Duncan 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 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, Texas 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.

Aug 12, 1956: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Honors mount for Thunderbird units. Largest force since Korea parades before Gov. Gary in hot Texas sun. By Roy P. Stewart, Daily Oklahoman staff writer. North Fort Hood, Texas. The largest group of Thunderbirds since before Korea marched in review here Saturday under a hot sun with enough breeze to make colors and guidons snap and flutter as more ribboned honors were fastened on four infantry companies' standards and a chaplain's flag. It was really a colorful sight as the division, drawn up on flat land in battalion mass formations, with green scrubs and white caliche hills in the background, responded to orders of Brig. Gen. Fred Daugherty, commander of the troops, to "Present Arms," "Order Arms," or "Stand at ease." Movement of men, arms, and colors rippled down the long line of battalions each way from the center as commands were given, before honors were presented and the division passed in review before Gov. Gary, Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow, division commander and official military and civilian guests. Several hundred just plain division admirers were there to watch, too. Called from their place, with units to receive presidential unit citation streamers for action in Korea from July 14 to 18, 1953, were four commanders of companies in the 180th infantry and Chaplain Walter Hargraves, only chaplain now in the division who was in the action cited. The companies were "K", from McAlester, a third award, "B" from Konawa, "I" from Poteau and "E" from Durant, plus the chaplain's award. As read by the narrator, Lt. Col. James Brattan, McAlester, division inspector general, the citation was: "The 180th Infantry was

subjected to concentrated enemy artillery fire and mortar barrages for nearly 14 days as it defended a hill of great tactical value. The night of July 14 shelling was increased and enemy artillery moved up to hit the outpost line of resistance as a platoon of Company "K" was relieving the guard Platoon of Company "E". "The aggressors were met with a courageous defense but outnumbered and overrun. Company "E" started a counterattack with support of Company "K" and regained the position. Throughout the night, communist shelling pounded the area. But it was held and consolidated. The enemy attacked in larger force the next day but was met by a platoon of men from Company "I" which helped stem the assault at a cost of 50 percent casualties. "Again the next night position was penetrated through sheer weight of numbers. Just before dawn, Company "I" counterattacked and recaptured the position. Throughout these actions the chaplains moved courageously among the troops, under intense fire, to give solace and encouragement to the wounded and fighting troops." After the honors were given, the division passed in review, led by the 180th Infantry as a result of the honors added to their many previously laurels. Col. James O. Smith, Okemah, commander of the regiment during the action cited, still is at the head of the regiment. The 279th infantry led by Col. John Hillman, Okmulgee, followed, then the 179th infantry under Col. Fred Snyder, Edmond. The artillery, following Brig. Gen. Otwa W. Autry, Enid, did an excellent marching job as dismounted troops. Having placed five of the six men on the 45th division rifle team in Friday competition against infantrymen and others, division artillery Saturday was feeling its oats. Only mounted troops were two trucks of infantrymen in their large trucks, to display the vehicles, which were as clean as they should have been after all the scrubbing they had Friday night and dusting Saturday morning. They held the honor guard of the 179th. The 158th artillery, from which Battery "C", Weatherford, reinforced by two gun sections of Battery "B", Anadarko, previously fired the traditional commander in chief's salute of 19 guns for Gov. Gary on his arrival on the post at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, also passed in the motor column. The new 105mm recoilless rifles, jeep mounted, were shown the visitor and as two of them rolled by, followed by rolling equipment of the 120th engineers tanks from the 245th tank battalion, the division's light aviation section flew overhead with six planes in formation, led by a seventh, as two helicopters followed. Gov. Gary left immediately by air national guard plane after the review, to reach Oklahoma City and take different sort of aircraft at 4 p.m. for Chicago and the Democratic national convention. When here, he visited his son-in-law, Lieut. Joseph Waymire, in Service Battery, 171st artillery. Mrs. Waymire made the trip here with her father. Despite the heat and standing in formation for quite some time before the review, the medics' jeep remained stationary at the rear of the assembled troops, where one might have expected a few men to be heat stricken and fall out. The rate up to now for the first week of camp is less than two men per 1,000 to have heat exhaustion. Gov. Gary commented on the honor guard when he received traditional commander's honors by the division band, a composite platoon of the 179th infantry from the west central Oklahoman and the west side's 158th artillery, that "they look better and sharper each year." Which is a fairly good summary of general appearance of the division and comments from former members, many of long standing who sat in the stands or stood to watch the review. The camp this year is named Camp Wamsley, for the late Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, former commander of the 158th artillery. Judge John Powell, Sulphur, of the criminal court of appeals, was in the stands because of that. He was communications and staff officer under Wamsley for many years. Photo Caption: An award for exemplary conduct during action in Korea in July 1953 was given to Chaplain Walter Hargraves, right, by Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow, division commander, at ceremonies during annual summer camp of the 45th division at Fort Hood, Texas, Saturday.

Aug 17, 1956: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Photo Caption: School days under trees are a part of training of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the 45th division as men learn communications. Taking a test here is Pvt. Ken King, Marlow, of Battery "A", given by Sfc. Bob Jones, Battalion Headquarters, Chickasha and S/Sgt Carl R. Weiss of Battery "A", Duncan.

Dec 09, 1956: Published in the "The El Reno Daily Tribune" entitled: Murray E. Barks takes training. Murray E. Barks, son of Mrs. Billie Barks, Calumet Route 3, is scheduled to complete six months active duty military training under the reserve forces act program at Fort Chaffee, Ark. Barks, trained as a field communications crewman, will then finish military service with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion in Anadarko.

Apr 08, 1957 Published in the "The Miami Daily News Record" entitled: Duncan rifles win. Oklahoma City (UP), A National Guard rifle team from Duncan will represent Oklahoma in the annual matches of the National Rifle Association. Battery "A" of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the 45th Infantry Division won the Oklahoma National Guard, rifle championship here Sunday.

Aug 12, 1957: Published in the "The Santa Fe New Mexican" entitled: In Old Santa Fe from the New Mexican 25 Years Ago. Gov. Arthur Seligman will go to Las Vegas today to inspect the encampment of the 111th Cavalry, NMNG, and Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, NMNG. He will review the troops at Camp Luna Saturday morning.

Aug 15, 1957: Published in the "The Ada Evening News" entitled: Thunderbirds will begin long trek back home next Saturday. National Guard units will leave Hood after two weeks of rigorous training at the garden spot of Texas,

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. Men of the division moved into the woods and fields, Monday morning; when 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. 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". Major 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 in both 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 Officers' 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. General 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. Highlight 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 Saturday, qualified for the team Monday, practiced and packed 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. Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Thunderbird infantry welcomes siesta, opportunity to bathe in natural pool. By Roy P. Stewart. North Fort Hood. Aug 14. Although it is still quite a distance to the Mexican border from here; nearly half of Texas; the siesta habit has become briefly a part of Thunderbird programs in some respects. That is for the 45th division infantry, which has time off in the hotted up part of the afternoon to seek rest and shade, and let a breeze and natural evaporation make a temporary cooling system of their clothing, self-dampened by perspiration. Only catch in such a delightful siesta custom is that the Thunderbirds then are expected to turn out at night on tactical training problems to make up for it. And although the siesta is mentioned, there is none of that manyana stuff about tomorrow. It is do it today. Thoughtful planners set up quartermaster shower points in the vast bivouac area and dutifully charted down time schedules for men to truck to same and get a needed bath. Some units found a better deal however, and one more to the liking of young men who regard even some aspects of this life as just a lark. That is a natural rock pool on Cow House creek, filled to everyone's surprise with clear and cool water after being dry for four years. By platoons and companies, it is being put to use. Division artillery will be ready for a bath come Thursday night when the redlegs pull in from the range. They've been lobbing shells from rear of their observation posts, clinging to the brow of cedar covered hills. As missions are fired by battalion officers who hear the swish of rounds passing overhead before they make a crunching slap against hills in the distance. We climbed up a long rocky hill to visit the 158th Artillery Battalion OP, where Lt. Col. John Northup of Oklahoma City was watching some of his officers conduct fire missions then critiquing their handling of problems. Lt. Chester Bishop fired one mission as we watched. The target was a row of rocks just visible to the eye after you located them with glasses or the BC scope. The simulated situation was that enemy infantry were fox-holed there and your boys wanted them out. Lt. Bishop started his problem to the right and short of the target

area but just as his allotted ammo ran out he got the target fairly well lined up, if a bit short. He sensed the shortage at 400 yards although Col. Northup thought that was too conservative. But at least the fire could be lifted a little and be on target. He was on the money in that regard. The colonel also reminded him that in sensing fire, aerial bursts are deceptive and you'd better go by the ground effect. Having spent two nights in tents on bivouac, most of the division Thursday night looked at the stars. An order was out to strike tentage after the evening training or other activities was over. Before it moves back into base camp Thursday the 180th infantry will do something most of its troopers have not seen. It will use 12 man helicopters borrowed from South Hood to drop in support for an isolated position. Final tabulation of the division rifle team matches to select the team for national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, from August 24 to September 11, was made Thursday afternoon. Some of the infantry should blush. An artilleryman, CWO Lloyd Nelson, Tulsa, Battery "A" of the 160th Battalion, made the high score, 646 of a possible 750 with wind shifts that gave everyone correction trouble. Nelson was on the 1946, 1956 team also and he led his division artillery team to a second place for the division cup, instead of in fourth place as published earlier. That makes two of us looking for the informant. Maj. Herbert O'Neil of Oklahoma City, executive officer of the 120th Engineers, stood fourth on the national team list in quite a comeback. He was on the national team in 1938-39-40, which even Herb will admit, was a few years ago. SFC. Floyd Hayes, Durant, of Company "E", 180th Infantry, proved something or other, too. For a second time he made the team which pleased his father, Lt. Col. Paul Hayes, exec of the regiment, and old hand on national team himself and named coach for this year's Ohio matches. CWO Ernest McKean, McAlester, of Battery "B", 171st Artillery also was a repeater on the team after last year. Lt. Tom Bear, Edmond, Headquarters Company 179th Infantry, was another repeater although he didn't get to make the trip last year because of football schedules. The other two finalists and national team members are Capt. Eugene W. Dollar, and Sgt. Bob Naaman, Company "F", 179th Infantry, Lawton.

Oct 19, 1957: Published in the "Mississippi Enterprise" entitled: Rites held for Claude Williams October 17. Jackson, Miss. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 17 at Pearlie Grove Church, for the late Claude Bernard Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Williams, owners of the Parish Cleaners Establishments. Born, April 3, 1931, young Mr. Williams attended the Jackson Public Schools and Tougaloo High School. He served in the United States Army from July, 1951 until May, 1953, fighting with the 45th Division of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion and was injured in action in the vicinity of Tong Young in North Korea, August 5, 1952. He received the "Purple Heart Award" by orders of Lieutenant Colonel Logdson. He was associated with his father in the cleaning business and until his recent illness and death, October 12, was a student at Hills Veteran School. Possessed of a pleasing personality, the young Mr. Williams was well liked by both young and old friends. The order of the funeral service follows: Processional, Hymn, Scripture by Rev. Tillman Howard; Invocation, Rev. W. H. Hines; Solo, Mrs. Lena Mae Lonie; Acknowledgements, Mrs. Iteima Walls; Solo, Mrs. Oscar J. Wolfe, Eulogy, Rev. L. S. Sorrells, pastor. Active pallbearers: Hiram Cooper, Fred Claiborne, John Jefferson, Robert Gaines, Davide Reginal, Charles McCruider, Major Jennings. Honorary Pallbearers Sidney King, Charles Booker, Roy Howard, Walter Blue, Coleman Miller, Turner Jones, F. A. Fisher. Flower bearers: Mesdames Evalette Alexander, Cleo Ford, Iteima Walls, Ann King, Misses, Annie Lee Farish, Ida C. Bradley, Archie Gibbs, Veleria Smith. The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams, a sister, Mrs. Jessie Mae Crawley, his paternal and maternal grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Pace; several aunts, uncles and a host of other relatives. Out of town relatives attending the funeral were: Mrs. Catherine W. Johnson, his aunt from Chicago; Mrs. Willie Hayes, another aunt, Los Angeles, Mrs. Ethel Blackman, a cousin, Memphis, Tennessee. Interment in Garden Memorial Park, Peoples Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Aug 20, 1958: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: 45th's artillery units know job. By Roy P. Stewart. North Fort Hood. Aug. 19. Of course a smart guy, starting out to visit a bit in the vast area of boondocks in which the 45th division artillery was hidden, would have had a terrain map with an overlay showing location of the battalions. Then there's the adventurous type, like us, who takes a peek at the big map in the G-3 section, and in the belief that he has sense enough to keep his noggin out of an impact area, starts out on his own. This bivouac and service firing stint involves a lot of real estate. You go out East Range road, past the division rear echelon tucked neatly in greenish brown tents under greenish brown trees., and start looking for those little red markers beside the road with symbols and arrows on them. When you find one that reads 160 Bn, you take off into the brush. If there is a vehicle in sight you note that, also look for communication wire alongside the road, noting whether it is new or old, and if there has been recent traffic that way. So you get a Battery "A" of the 160th from Tulsa, and don't slip up on the battery commander, Lieut. Lloyd Cordell, either. He pops out, official as can be in greeting, and invites you to look over the area. Like the other artillerymen he moved in after dark and this morning is trying to get all squared away before inspectors come around or firing missions start. About that time the Battery attention, fire mission" word comes down from the observation post and fire direction center. The howitzer crews spring to action and the 105's are in business with an unseen officer at the OP sending data, firing only the No. 1 piece until he is registered on the target. He can see it but the gunners cannot. Then there's a lull. Lieut. Cordell says he hasn't seen any snakes this

year and walks by a bush toward the recorder. You go too, to check your mental calculation with the scoring board, passing the bush twice. Then you see a rattler come out from under it and lay him out with a dead tree limb. You go back to the main road and make a mile or so and see the arrow for division artillery headquarters, called Div-Arty for short. CWO Ira McHendry of Enid, the food service officer, is ready for inspectors or any other visitors with coffee, and a going concern with chicken being cooked in field ranges. Maj. Frank Sprague, the chaplain, stops by on an errand for a troubled boy with bad news from home, and mentions a visit we had in Kingfisher once. Col. Robert Dunnington, Cherokee, the Art Div-Arty exec. Stops by on his rounds and says why not go see Battery "A" of the 158th from Duncan, which he thinks is a good outfit although he is a diplomat and doesn't rate the units out loud. So he leads the way, twisting around over rocky trails for several miles, and zeroes in on the battery like a homing pigeon. Capt. Roland Arnold acts modest and only claims that his battery is the best of the division's 12 firing batteries, but intimates that if anyone wants to argue, he will take in more territory. A little visiting around and you catch on what he means. Instead of tossing a tarpaulin over his shells near the emplaced howitzers, he has a lean to effect of tarp, open on the high side, held up by welded reinforcing rods with a joint of one-half inch pipe as a socket for pins on the crowsbar. This is let air in and keep heat out because those shells get erratic in flight if they are too warm. On the apron shields of the howitzers there is a diagram and safety factors chalked so the gunner can tell immediately, when he sets his elevation and angle of site by data sent down from the FDC, if it violates safety factors in impact zones for his howitzer. Since a fire mission is due, Capt. Arnold calls First Sgt. Dale Spruill to show you around. The communications section has another battery-orientated idea that's hot. It is a wire terminal with 16 poles for that many lines, that hangs in a tree with the lead carried in to the switchboard. That keeps the board from being cluttered up and being worked on when maybe you need one line now-badly. This was made by man in the unit who works for Southwestern Bell, who are not to be outdone by the Halliburton welders who made other things. The sergeant also is proud of the way the kitchen trailer was rigged up with removable shelving, but on bivouac holding all the staples and stored items, handy to the mess men, and the shelves come out at home for use in the armory. The welders made some steps too because the trailer is high off the ground and steps aren't issued. From the way the Battery "A" lads talk about having not only the best firing battery, but three men on the top eight rifle matches score, the divisions softball championship, the top or runner up score for small bore fire, you catch on that in this outfit spirit is high. In fact you will admit that only another battery of the 158th, old Battery "D" of Weatherford, was ever better. But you'd have to add that was when you were first in it and someone who might ask when. Then you'd have to say 34 years ago and no one is that old.

Apr 21, 1959: Memorandum for Record. FROM: Quartermaster Activities at Cameron Station, Alexandria, Virginia, REFERENCE: "QMACH 421.4, 158th FA Bn, Okla, NM & Ariz NG", and SUBJECT: Rescission of the Distinctive Insignia for the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona National Guard. The distinctive insignia for the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona National Guard approved by letter AG 421.7 158th F.A. (9-1-32) Misc., the Office of the Adjutant General, 28 April 1933, is rescinded. This rescission is in accordance with Official Lineage for the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Oklahoma National Guard revised January 1954. The 158th Field Artillery Regiment, Oklahoma National Guard is the parent unit of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Oklahoma National Guard. Batteries A and E of the regiment were elements of New Mexico and Arizona National Guard respectively. In 1942 the regiment was broken up and the 1st Battalion was reorganized and redesignated the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; the 2d Battalion was redesignated the 207th Field Artillery Battalion and the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery was disbanded. In 1946 the Headquarters of the regiment (reconstituted in 1945) was consolidated with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, which was Federally recognized as an Oklahoma National Guard unit. Batteries A & E had been withdrawn. A coat of arms was not approved in 1933 due to the fact the organization was allotted to Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona National Guards. The distinctive badge of the regiment was not used for the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Oklahoma National Guard; therefore it has been canceled. Signed by Major John G. Goodlett, Jr., the Chief of the Heraldic Services Division.

May 01, 1959: Reorganized and redesignated as the 158th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System, elements of the 45th Infantry Division, to consist of the 1st and 2nd Howitzer Battalions armed with the 105mm Towed Howitzer. With Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery home stationed at Chickasha, Oklahoma, Battery "A", 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery home stationed at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, and Battery "B", 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery home stationed at Duncan, Oklahoma. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery home stationed at Anadarko, Oklahoma, Battery "A", 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery home stationed at Minco, Oklahoma, and Battery "B", 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery home stationed at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

May 03, 1959: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Changing of the guard again. Changing World conditions with shifts in tactics and use of modern technology again have dictated a reorganization of the Oklahoma National Guard; the fifth since territorial days when the First Oklahoma Infantry was organized in Guthrie in 1895.

Primarily affected in the change to pentomic structure and organization is the famed 45th Infantry Division, the Thunderbirds of WWII and Korea, who were based originally on two infantry regiments before the division was created in 1921. The 45th went on active federal duty in 1940 as a "square" or four infantry regiment division, backed by supporting artillery regiments and other arms and services, then at Camp Barkeley was triangularized to make, in effect, three infantry regimental combat teams with fire support, aided by other service units. That was the WWII division that acquitted itself so nobly. Then that division was deactivated, became one of the first to be reorganized in the post-war period and the first to have all its units federally recognized. Called out again in 1950, it made the Korean campaign, first national guard unit to go into the line in that "incident", was again deactivated, then reorganized, but still has a triangular unit. Now comes the biggest shift of all, not only of organization into five battle groups with supporting elements that embrace the weapons and communications of the nuclear age, but a change in type of units for many a town that has for more than a generation been traditionally had a certain type unit in a combat arm or service element. This is the same change that has been effected in the regular establishment and in the organized army reserve. Instead of three basic infantry regiments with their support, there are five battle groups of infantryman with a corresponding number of artillery elements in direct support of the infantry and more fire power in rocket and other heavier artillery in general support. There are four main principles to pentomic organization. First, adaptability to requirements of atomic uses; second, pooling at higher echelons much equipment not heavily used in the divisions; third, recognition of the increased span of control and wide area of action permitted under modern communications; fourth, quicker use and adaptability of new and better material as it is developed. Any future battle area will have greater depth and breadth than ever before, dispersion of units will be more necessary than ever to avoid presenting large targets to an enemy, so units must be smaller and more self contained. Strength of the new pentomic division will be 13,748, contrasted to 17,460 of the triangular division. The Pentomic 45th Infantry Division is organized now as 60 percent of the full strength and will be maintained at the 77 locations which previously had units. Division headquarters now, in addition to the commanding general and his staff, will have an alternative headquarters with a brigade staff and assistant division commander to make task force action more flexible. Each of the five battle groups is a self contained unit, administratively and otherwise, with each group having a headquarters company, five rifle companies and a combat support company. The headquarters company is 75 percent mobile. The rifle companies are 15 percent mobile, so there's some traditional walking left even in the atomic age for the infantry, the "queen of battles" since the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Battle group headquarters companies have their own administration, communications, engineer and supply support, with organizational motor maintenance, local security for the command post and medical service. The support company has ground radar and reconnaissance, assault weapons and heavy mortar support and counterfire measures. The pentomic division still has a tank battalion but in five companies, so that they can be attached to the infantry groups, yet the tankers can be pooled to use as an armored task force. A cavalry (mechanized) squadron replaces the old reconnaissance company. It, too, can be a small task force, a screen, or target selection force. Five companies of engineers provide support for the five battle groups. The new artillery concept is made on six battalions. Five of them or howitzers for direct support of the infantry groups, the sixth is heavy howitzers, rockets (the Honest John) and other weapons which can use either atomic or conventional charges. Here again the flexibility in command and use is part of the new concept of tactics. Putting all the normal logistical elements into division trains also is something new although the basic idea is quite old. Aviation use is broadened to cover not only aerial reconnaissance but medical evacuation and combat supply. Something else new is a transportation battalion that has an armored personnel carrier lift and can be used also for tactical resupply. There is a truck transport company that can move troops to make up for the lack of organic transportation the companies do not have. Overall the new division will have far greater firepower than the old. Although total personnel has been reduced by some 3,700 men, the infantry elements that engage the enemy directly have been increased by 450 due to larger size of rifle squads. Radio and radio-teletype will be used more than wires strung on the ground; there are fewer anti-tank weapons; atomic capabilities take care of that; medium and heavy mortar tube numbers have been increased; the decrease in wheeled vehicles is offset by more armored personnel carriers. So, from its humble beginnings with the First Oklahoma Infantry, the 45th division again goes through a reorganization which its know-how from Maj. Gen. Muldrow on down will make just another challenge to be met and conquered, as the history of the division repeats itself and the Thunderbirds again ready themselves for any future threat to the state and the nation. New 45th division units will be located according to this pattern, keyed to numbers on the map: 12=1st Howitzer Bn/ 158th Arty (Chickasha, Pauls Valley, and Duncan). 14=2nd Howitzer Bn/ 158th Arty (Weatherford, Anadarko, and Minco). Under the new pentomic structure, cities in Oklahoma will be allocated units of the new 45th division as follows: Anadarko-Hq and Hq Btry, 2 How Bn, 158th Arty. Chickasha-Hq and Hq Btry, 1 How Bn, 158th Arty. Duncan-Btry B, 1 How Bn, 158th Arty. Minco-Btry A, 2 How Bn, 158th Arty. Pauls Valley-Btry A, 1 How Bn, 158th Arty. Weatherford-Btry B, 2 How Bn, 158th Arty. Square before World War II. Triangular in two wars. Pentomic for the future. Photo Caption: Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow, commanding general of the 45th division, is directing the reorganization.

May 04, 1959: Published in the "The Chickasha Daily Express Star" entitled: Local guard unit, 45th reorganized.

The 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma's National Guard, has been reorganized, effective May 1, to conform with the pentomic organization being used by the Army. However the change does not affect the local unit as much as worse. It will remain a headquarters unit for the 158th Field Artillery. There now will be three batteries in the battalion instead of five. There are now two battalions in the 158th. New unit designations is Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, First Howitzer Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. Other units in the First Battalion are "A" Battery at Pauls Valley and "B" Battery at Duncan. The battalion commander is Lt. Col. John Northup. His executive officer is Capt. Robert Shipman. Headquarters Battery commander is Capt. Earl Priesterbach Jr. who was also commander before reorganization. Lt. Junior D. McLemore is executive officer. Units of the Second Howitzer Battalion, 158th Field Artillery are: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery at Anadarko, "A" Battery at Minco and "B" Battery at Weatherford. The Pauls Valley unit is an addition to the 158th. Changes include forming a headquarters at Anadarko for Second Battalion, Minco formerly was service battery but now is a firing battery. Duncan and Weatherford units remained firing batteries but designations were changed. The division now has six battalions of artillery. Five are howitzers for direct support and the sixth is heavy howitzers capable of firing rockets or atomic warhead shells. Under the reorganization, there are five battle groups of infantry regiments with supporting units of artillery. This change gives the division more firepower than it formerly had. No units in the state were dropped. There are four main principles in pentomic organization. First, adaptability to requirements of atomic war; second, pooling of higher echelons much equipment not heavily used in division; third, recognition of the tactical span of control and wide area of action permitted under modern communications; fourth, quicker and adaptability of new and better material as developed. Units will have more maneuverability, yet be self sustained. Strength of the pentomic division is 13, 748 men, a drop 3,713 men from triangular units but retaining more firepower.

Jul 31, 1959: Published in the "The Armored Sentinel" entitled: NCO Academy graduates hear Wheeler, West. Brig. Gen. Harley B. West was guest speaker at the July 25 graduation ceremonies at the Fort Hood NCO Academy. The Assistant commander of the 49th Armored Division, Texas National Guard, arrived at Fort Hood by plane from his home in Dallas an hour before the ceremonies in order to look over facilities at the academy as guest of Major General Earl G. Wheeler, Fort Hood, and 2d Armored Division Commander, and Major N. M. Blakke, Assistant Commandant of the academy. Major Blakke briefed General West on the four week school for Fort Hood students and on the two week program for Guardsmen and Reservists. At the conclusion of the briefing, General Wheeler presented General West with an honorary diploma, quipping that this step was part of the "general officers protective association" rules. As principle speaker for graduating class 144, Fort Hood, and class number 19, National Guard and United States Army Reserve, General Wheeler pointed out that all graduating students were expected to return to their units as better soldiers, better non-commissioned officers and more valuable to their units. General Wheeler further explained that in today's Army, more was expected of the non-commissioned officers corps. Today's NCO's must assume additional responsibility to go along with advanced weapons such as infra-red equipment and new M1 rifles. In addressing the audience of Fort Hood officers, enlisted men and their families, General Wheeler emphasized the importance of the small unit commander and his role as instructor, one of the important reasons for the existence of the NCO academy. The academy established at Fort Hood by General Bruce C. Clarke, now U. S. Continental Army Command commander. General West commended the National Guard and United States Army Reserve graduates for their motivation in interrupting their civilian activities in order to attend the academy. The National Guard and Reserve units are feeling the favorable effect of the returning graduates, he explained. Honor graduates in order of standing of class number 144 (Fort Hood) were Sgt. Robert Bianchi, Co. B, 51st Infantry, 2d Armored Division, SFC Elmer L. Grecian Hq. Co., 319th MI Battalion, and Sgt. John E. Marsh, 85th Evacuation Hospital. Top graduate of the two week National Guard and Reserve school was Sgt. Charles W. Ingram, Hq. Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma National Guard. Second place honor student was SFC Jack C. Tabor, Hq. & Hq. Troop, 5th Reconnaissance Squadron, 112th Armor, 49th Armored Division, Texas National Guard. Third place honors were won by Sgt. Bobby J. Allen, also a Texas National Guardsman, assigned to Co. A. 949th Ordnance Battalion, 49th Armored Division.

Aug 10, 1959: Published in the "The Santa Fe New Mexican" entitled: In Old Santa Fe from the New Mexican 25 Years Ago. Col. Clyde E. Ely, Capt. Joe McCabe, and Capt. Owen Wood left Thursday for Camp Maximiliano Luna, Las Vegas, with an advance detail of 21 men to make preparations for the summer maneuvers of the 111th Cavalry and Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery.

Aug 03, 1960: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Old horse artillery gang wouldn't recognize 45th. By Roy P. Stewart. Going to summer national guard field training surely is different from 36 years ago when some of us old horse artillerymen loaded up. That was when the 45th Infantry Division was just flexing its muscles, having been activated only a couple of years before, and really organized in late 1923 and early 1924. There was a regiment of light artillery using the old French 75mm. guns, designated the 160th Field and a regiment of 155mm. medium howitzers, the 189th, in Oklahoma then. The other regiment of light guns, the 158th, had batteries of both

battalions in Oklahoma except for one in Mesa, Ariz., it remained there until 1940. When we organized Battery "D" of the 158th at Weatherford in 1924, the guns and horses came from Flagstaff, Ariz. That was Spanish enough territory to understand how one of the wheel horses was named Diablo, and a closer acquaintance with that animal proved why. Someone had mistreated the beast badly, particularly about the head, because he was snorting shy of even a nose bag full of oats. Once you slipped the head stall on however he would be quiet. Same way with the bridle. You had to keep behind those flashing teeth and out from under the fighting forefeet and quick like, slip the bit in when he had the choppers separated, then yank the bridle on over his ears in split timing. Then he behaved. Pulled hard too. The night before going to camp, we'd load the guns, caissons and the limbers to which they would be attached, on a flat car and tie all the stuff down. Then about 3 a.m. the train with its day coaches and horse cars would pull in. We had to load the nags up a shaky ramp. Some of them didn't like the idea. Then the train would be all coupled up and we'd take off. The water supply would be in wood barrels. Long before the 14 hour day was over it would be sloshed all over the place and full of trash. The noon meal was not appetizing and packaged field rations were unknown. All day long we would drag along on the approximate 76 miles to Fort Sill. These days, the 250 miles from Oklahoma City to North Fort Hood, Texas, for instance, can be made easily at the 40 mile per hour military speed in a 2 ½ ton, six by six truck, more quickly than we would get to Fort Sill in the old days. And easier than unloading the horses and equipment, harnessing up and dragging the stuff out to the edge of the post to old Camp Donaphan. That camp 36 years ago was in squad tents with the native sod for a floor. Now the 45th tows its 105 and 155mm. howitzers with trucks as prime movers, with the gun crew loaded aboard also, and the three eight inch howitzers are towed by 10 ton trucks. There are other things you have to do for the trucks but you don't have to feed and water them, curry and brush them, and clean up the picket line before you get to eat. Those early messes were properly named, too. The army had never heard of cooks and bakers schools for us, nor the pre-camp mess refresher training that food service personnel get now. You tried to enlist a café cook and if you could keep that vanilla extract away from him you might get some greasy, starchy food. Most any green stuff you had come from funds donated at home.

Aug 09, 1960: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Units of 45th put accent on battle. By Roy P. Stewart. North Fort Hood, Texas; In a small but intense sort of way some aggressors put accent on that world "Battle" Monday when two battle groups of the 45th Infantry Division headed into the boondocks for bivouacs. This sort of unit replaces regiments of the former triangular division since its reorganization of pentomic lines. When motor columns of the first battle group, 179th Infantry, under Col. Fred Snyder, Edmond, got into the hills they found just what they expected; only they didn't know where it would be; when their advance elements hit pockets of resistance left by a mythical retreating army. The same thing happened to the second battle group, 180th Infantry, under Lt. Col. Charles Weaver, Allen, but like the other column several miles away in another direction this was not entirely a surprise. What both sides did will be a matter of marks put down by the "White Mice" as inspectors with white hatbands are called. Realism offered. Blank ammunition for rifles, mortars, bazookas and a few tank guns put quite a bit of realism in to these affairs, which are far more fun for the men than dry runs or range firing. Sort of puts a fellow on the alert too, as the chap who caught one red faced correspondent from behind, when a group of aggressors bugged out of a hill position, is going around laughing about. Another chap said this was just a bit of what might be expected if Oklahoma City did not quit advancing its borders. He said that city crossed the South Canadian without a fight, but please not to get across Red River and cut off the Thunderbirds. There are two divisions in Texas, the 36th Infantry and the 49th Armored, and the 45th would hate to have to fight its way home. With units scattered over quit a large area, the signalmen have laid lines by the thousand meters, but it also is helpful to be able to tie in field switchboards with those at base camp, or any where else in the nation for that matter. This is not possible for the boards now issued. They do not plug into outside dial systems. So the 45th Signal Battalion, using a bit of brain work and \$25 contributed by officers, stopped by a Dallas electrical supply house with a stock of surplus army switchboards, and bought a 60-drop board with four circuits available. This once cost the army the neat sum of \$1,400,000, Lt. Col. Bruce January, Moore said. One of the division's military policemen is a native of Hawaii. He is Sgt. Jim Holokahi, born in Hilo on the big island. A Korean veteran, he attended jump school with a special Ranger outfit. On the way home he visited Oklahoma City, liked it, and remained. He is employed at other times in the mail room of the Oklahoma Publishing Co. Graduates used by Battery "A", of the First Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, Pauls Valley, is commanded entirely by graduates of the 45th officer candidate school. Commanding is Lt. Junior D. McLemore, of the first class four years ago. Exec is Lt. Jimmy R. Pittman of the second class, from Lindsay. The assistant exec will be Lt. Jerry B. Simmons, Ada, when he gets his bar soon on reaching age 21. If anyone wonders what outfit is inhabiting the north fort now, the Oklahoma flag under the national colors would tell them. The 120th Engineer Battalion unloaded some of its earth moving equipment and rebuilding aprons to a caliche air strip for the division's light aircraft section, with guards out to see that one interrupts. The 245th Armored Division tankers from the southwest quartered at Altus under Lt. Col. Robert A. Warner, came to camp with 100 percent of officer strength and a 95 percent enlisted strength. McLain an aide. One of the aides to division commander, Maj. Gen. Hal Muldrow of Norman, is Lt. Robert McLain, son of the late Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, former Thunderbird artillery commander and late commander of the XIX Army Corps and comptroller general of the army. Major Ellis Nichols,

Cherokee, is new commander of the First Rocket Howitzer Battalion, 189th Artillery, succeeding Lt. Col. Phil Brown, who was killed recently water skiing. Lt. Col. Edward Johndrow, Enid, who came back into the division recently after being out since Korea, is now division adjutant general.

Aug 15, 1960: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Sarge attends last camp. 32-Year veteran has had variety. North Fort Hood, Texas. With 32 years of service of a highly varied sort, this will be the last guard training camp for M/Sgt. Geen Gilmour of Kingfisher, who will mark 60 on the calendar of years next spring. Gilmour, principal of Washington elementary school at Kingfisher, has been to a great many camps with the 45th infantry division but like some other old timers, went another direction when it was overseas. He also is one of the few War I navy veterans to be in the guard almost three decades. He was a commissioned officer until age in grade and tables of organization got him, so he just re-upped as an enlisted man because he likes the guard. Says going to camp is recreation for him. In 1930 he was an officer of headquarters, second battalion, 158th artillery, at Kingfisher and spent the peace time years until 1940 with the horse drawn artillery, then the mechanized variety. At Fort Sill early in 1941, he ran into a situation like many others, before we got into the war, when physical restrictions were stern. Any defect that could be corrected had to be redone with your own money and on your own time. Gilmour dropped out and took care of his minor surgery, but by the time the medics were ready to pass him again, the 45th division had been triangularized, the old second battalion of the 158th was surplus and later sent to Panama, then the Philippines. But he was still needed by the army, which had the air force then, and found it was using flying officers for administrative duties. So they grabbed Gilmour and sent him on a nice 60 day voyage half around the world to India with the 10th air force. He spent nearly three years in China, India, Burma theater, one time running Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell's rear echelon camp. He saw quite a parade of figures go through the area, like Lord Louis Mountbatten and Chiang Kai-shek, then leader of the Chinese Nationalists. Gilmour also used all his leave time and any other chance to drift around and see India, from Khyber Pass in the big mountains on the Afghan border, to New Delhi, Kashmir, and other historic spots. He got the long way home too, which let him see more country, then was discharged as a captain in 1946. The old guard had changed at home, meanwhile, and on reorganization he found himself in the infantry, starting near the bottom, and went back to master sergeant. He liked the people, the whole atmosphere of the guard, and the different sort of summer vacation. When the 45th was ordered out for Korea, Gilmour was transferred because of age to the state detachment and served in it for three years, before being reassigned to Company "E", now of the first battle group, 179th infantry, since pentomic reorganization. With age 60 approaching and nearly twice the 20 years duty for normal reserve retirement, he is going to step out next spring. Photo Caption: M/Sgt. Geen Gilmour.

Nov 02, 1960: Quarter Master Institute of Heraldry Letter 424.2 & 421.4 dated 2 November 1960. Reference to the 158th Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard. Subject: Coat of Arms and Distinctive Insignia for the 158th Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard. To: Chief, National Guard Bureau, Washington 25, D.C. 1. The coat of arms redesignated this date for the 158th Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard was originally approved for the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Oklahoma National Guard by letter QMGHB 424.2 & 421.4, 158th FA Bn, Okla NG, Office of The Quartermaster General, 14 January 1952. 2. The blazonry and description are as follows: Blazonry; Shield: Per chevron debased gules and vert, three broad arrows one and two, points meeting at apex of partition line or, in base a fleur-de-lis of the like; Crest: That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Oklahoma National Guard: On a wreath of the colors (or and gules) an Indian's head with war bonnet all proper; Motto: Unusual Efforts Expended; Description: The dominant colors, red and yellow, are for Artillery. The broad arrow; a large missile thrown by machine; was an early version of artillery. The three broad arrowheads represent the recognition awarded the organization for service in Sicily, Naples, and Southern France. The green wedge symbolizes mountainous Italy, and the fleur-de-lis is for French and Central European service. 3. A photostat of the coat of arms as shown on the organizational color is inclosed. 4. The distinctive insignia redesignated this date for the 158th Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard was originally approved for the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Oklahoma National Guard by letter QMGHB 424.2 & 421.4, 158th FA Bn, Okla NG, Office of the Quartermaster General, 14 January 1952. 5. The distinctive insignia (metal type for wear on the shoulder loops) is the shield, crest and motto of the coat of arms for this organization which are described in paragraph 2. To be Worn: As prescribed by current regulations. 6. Records indicate the samples of distinctive insignia were approved for the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Oklahoma National Guard by 4th Indorsement QMIOH 421.4, 158th FA Bn, Okla NG, Office of the Quartermaster General, 5 December 1952; but the insignia were manufactured by a foreign firm. In accordance with current Department of Army policy, insignia are to be manufactured by certified United States manufacturers. A painting of the insignia with a list of certified manufacturers will be furnished upon request, if the manufacture of this insignia is contemplated. 7. This redesignation is in accordance with letter, NG-AROTO 325.4-Oklahoma, Office of the National Guard Bureau, subject: Reorganization of the Army National Guard 1958-60, dated 21 April 1959, and letter, QMGRE-H 424.2 & 421.4 c/a Regts of CARS, Okla NG, Office of the Quartermaster General, subject: Coat of Arms for Regiments of Combat Arms Regimental System, Oklahoma National Guard, dated 20 April 1960, with 7th Indorsement from the

Adjutant General of the State of Oklahoma, dated 13 July 1960. Signed: John D. Martz, Jr., Colonel, QMC, Commanding. 1 Incl: Photo c/a.

Jan 14, 1961: Obituary: Samuel Claude Black: Born on 28 Sep 1901, at Salt Lake County, Utah, USA. Died on 14 Jan 1961 (aged 59) at Sedona (Coconino County Side), Coconino County, Arizona, USA. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery, Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona, USA. Samuel Black was the adopted son of Samuel C Black and Mary Jane Taylor Black. He was married twice. His first wife was Georgia Leona Crismon (1906-1997). His second wife was Gertrude Martin. He worked in the hardware business.

Apr 17, 1961: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Law officers hit guard bullseyes. Lawton. Two lawmen won honor Sunday as the top rifle and pistol shots at the 45th Infantry Division at the annual Thunderbird matches held here at Fort Sill. P-Sgt Clarence Priest, Lawton, a member of Troop "A", 2nd Reconnaissance Squadron 245th Armor and a member of the Comanche County sheriff's department, won as the top rifle shot of the division. Repeating as top pistol shot was S-Sgt Jason C. May, San Springs, Combat Support Company, 2nd Battle Group 179th Infantry, a member of the Tulsa police department, S-Sgt May won the 1960 pistol trophy. The division's artillerymen added insult to injury as they again won the rifle team trophy. The two artillery teams won both first and second places and a second place in the pistol match. Top rifle team was the artillery north team, captained by Pvt Albert Triplett, Woodward, Battery "A", First Howitzer Battalion, 189th Artillery, with the artillery west team, captained by Capt. Dan B. Williams, Anadarko, Headquarters, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, coming in second. Top pistol team was from the Second Battle Group, 179th Infantry, captained by Capt. Doyle Taylor, Jenks, Combat Support Co. The artillery west team, captained by Capt. Williams, also was second in the pistol competition. Ten teams, from each of the division's major organizations, took part in both pistol and rifle matches, with more than 180 shooters taking part. In separate matches, M-Sgt Wesley A. Purvine, Okmulgee, Headquarters Co., 1st Battle Group, 279th Infantry, won the 200-meter slow fire, and 1st Lt. Archie Miller, Cherokee, Battery "B", 1st Howitzer Battalion, 189th Artillery, won the 200-meter sustained fire; Capt. Marvin D. Oldham, Poteau, Co. "D", 2nd Battle Group, 180th Infantry, won the 300-meter sustained fire; and P-Sgt Priest won the 500-meter slow fire. Capt. Oldham was runner-up for the individual top shooter award. In pistol competition, Sgt K. G. Davis, El Reno, Combat Support Co., 1st Battle Group, 179th Infantry, won the 25-meter slow fire; S-Sgt May the 25-meter time fire; and Maj. Willie Bowman, Durant, Headquarters Second Battle Group, 180th Infantry, the 25-meter rapid fire contest. The top 16 rifle and top 12 pistol marksmen will compete for spots on the division rifle team to take part in the regional and national rifle matches.

Aug 09, 1961: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Thunderbird artillery tosses shells at old tanks. Fort Chaffee; Potato Hill on the eastern part of the military reservation here was not a good place for sight seeing Tuesday. On its slopes, almost to the pointed crown of an 800 foot up thrust on the sloping plain, Thunderbird artillerymen tossed shells. Hulks of old tanks were targets, visible from most observation posts by plain eye sight, although scopes and field glasses with graduated scales were used for better sensing of fire. Back several thousand 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 allowable 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. It 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 familiarization 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 Artillery from Minco. They moved into positions late the night before without pup tents and near dawn a quick shower stirred them up. The 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 grade almost every action of

Thunderbirds. As of Tuesday the score was 90.7 percent of ratings excellent or superior.

Aug 10, 1961: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Photo Caption: Aerial observers practice their skill at Fort Chaffee, Ark., where Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division is undergoing training. Checking for artillery targets is Lt. Gene Wheeler, Norman, Headquarters 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, Lt. John W. Spalding, Bartlesville, of 45th Aviation Co., is the helicopter pilot. (Staff photo by George Tapscott.)

Aug 12, 1961: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Two privates given honors for first aid. Fort Chaffee, Ark.-Two privates who gave emergency first aid credited with saving the victims' lives were among 30 Thunderbirds awarded 45th Infantry Division commendations by Maj. Gen. Fred Daugherty, commanding general, here Friday night. They were Pfc. Jerry L. Dark of Nash, a medical aid man for Headquarters Battery, Second Howitzer Battalion, 189th Artillery, and Pfc. Willie L. Salyer, Minco, a medical aid man for the Second Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery. Dark used mouth to mouth resuscitation to keep Rct. Thomas G. Rhea, Bartlesville, breathing after lightning knocked him unconscious on a training program last week. Salyer administered first aid to civilians injured in a head-on collision between two civilian cars while his convoy was traveling to Fort Chaffee. His actions were credited with the survival of the injured until professional medical help arrived on the scene. The other 28 commendations were for outstanding performance of duties while at summer camp. The honored were: M-Sgt. George W. Koch, Muskogee, a platoon sergeant; Sfc. James C. Cox, Wewoka, a platoon sergeant; M-Sgt. Harold F. Brawley, Broken Arrow, a platoon sergeant. S-Sgt. Maxie M. Cleburn, 624 Askew Dr., Midwest City, battalion motor sergeant; Maj. William B. Pallant, Edmond, air intelligence officer; S-Sgt. Dale F. Crowder, Seminole, a squad leader. Sgt. Walter E. Bard, Lawton, section sergeant; Sp-4 Bill Brewer, Sapulpa, weapons gunner; S-Sgt. William S. Shaw, Tecumseh, a squad leader. Sp-5 Ernest G. Dierksen, Ames, chief radiosonde operator; Sgt. Clarence L. Shearhart, Vinita, a platoon sergeant; Pfc. Roger D. Bastion, Perry, a wire man. S-Sgt. Tom P. Pethtel, Fairfax, a squad leader; 1st Lt. Bobby G. Jones, Pryor, platoon leader; S-Sgt. Hollis L. Ferguson, Haworth, platoon sergeant. M-Sgt. Harold F. Anglin, Durant, heavy mortar platoon sergeant; P-Sgt. William B. Malone, Atoka, platoon sergeant; 2nd Lt. Richard A. Grizzle, Pawhuska, staff assistant; Capt. Corb Sarchet III, public information officer. S-Sgt. Alva R. Omhart, Tulsa, machine gun instructor; Sp-4 Larry L. Wagner, Alva, radio operator; Sp-5 Nathan L. Welch, Guthrie, mess steward. Sp-4 Maurice O. Guthrie, Broken Arrow, supply sergeant and communications chief; M-Sgt. Harold Brown, Ponca City, field first sergeant; CWO Andrew K. Thompson, 4913 N. Quapaw Place, engineer officer; Pfc. David D. Hudson, Oklahoma City, finance computer; Sp-5 Sidney G. Gibson, 3132 SW 41, senior mechanic, and S-Sgt. Virgil M. Benefield, 8816 NE 25.

Sep 16, 1961: Published in the "The Stars and Stripes European Edition" entitled: USAREUR officer dies, truck accident victim named. An Army staff officer died in his sleep early Thursday at Heidelberg, the Army announced. Lt. Col. Elon L. Hiller, 45, of Riverside, Calif., died in his sleep early Thursday. He was chief of the USAREUR community relations branch, and a veteran of 19 years of Army service. Hiller is survived by his wife, Virginia C. Hiller, and a son, Donald Lee Hiller, 13, who lived with him at the Mark Twain Village American housing area. Hiller saw action in Europe during World War II when he commanded an artillery battalion (158th Field Artillery), and saw combat in Korea. In October 1960, he was assigned to the USAREUR information division. Among his decorations is the Belgian Fourragere, awarded for service in Europe. The Army also identified the soldier killed in a truck accident near Bayreuth early Tuesday. He was Pvt. James J. Schuttpelz, 22, of the 237th Engr. Bn. He was from Brownsville, Tex. The soldier died when the gasoline truck in which he was riding crashed into a utility pole and burned.

Oct 08, 1962: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: 45th General calls surprise division alert. Thunderbirds rush to state armories in pre-dawn test. AQ single phone call snow balled all over Oklahoma early Sunday morning, bouncing men of the 45th Infantry Division out of bed and into their boots and battle fatigues. Maj. Gen. Fred A. Daugherty, 45th Commander, blew the whistle on a surprise practice alert at 5:55 a.m. from his bedside in Oklahoma City. Daugherty put "Operation Minuteman III" into effect with one call to his chief of staff. Col. John McCasland, Oklahoma City postmaster, who alerted other key officials by phone. Phones sound off within minutes, phones were jangling in darkened homes all across Oklahoma. Purpose of the surprise practice alert was to test the Oklahoma National Guard division's ability to quickly mobilize its men and react to an emergency situation. This was the 45th's third practice alert. The Thunderbirds rushed to their armories, loaded gear, drew weapons, opened communication networks and moved to nearby simulated disaster areas. Idabel unit first to load up and leave its armory was Company "A", Second Battle Group, 180th Infantry, at Idabel. Company "A" moved out at 6:40 a.m., 45 minutes after Daugherty sounded the alert in Oklahoma City. Most of the division's 103 units in 77 communities had cleared their armories by 8:30. All but four units had moved out by 9 a.m. Division spokesmen considered this fast action since each man had to be individually notified by phone, dress, go to the armory and load equipment before rolling to the "disaster" area. General pleased, the last unit to move was Battery "A", 1-158 Artillery, Pauls Valley, at 10 a.m., four hours after the alert started. Daugherty said he was "generally well pleased with the

response, particularly since the call came at an early hour” and few radio stations were on the air to help pass the word. “We did have a break down (delay) in one artillery battalion, which will be corrected,” Daugherty said. Guthrie turnout was big, about one fourth of the division units left their armories within an hour after the alert was sounded, he said. Company “D”, First Battle Group 179th Infantry, reported it cleared the Guthrie armory at 7:20 a.m. with a 100 percent turnout in men. Company “C”, Second Battle Group, 179th Infantry, moved out of the Sapulpa armory at 6:55 a.m., an hour after the exercise began.

Mar 24, 1963: Published in the “The Daily Oklahoman” entitled: 45th’s new look OK’d. Reorganization of Oklahoma’s 45th Infantry Division under the U. S. Army’s streamlined new ROAD concept will go into effect April 1. Maj. Gen. Fred A. Daugherty, 45th commander, announced Saturday that the National Guard Bureau has approved the Oklahoma National Guard division’s plan. Gen. Daugherty also announced the new lineup in commanders and location of headquarters of major 45th units under ROAD (Reorganization Objective Army Division.) In addition to the commanders, five officers compose the general’s staff. They are Col. John H. McCasland, Oklahoma City, chief of staff; Lt. Col. LaVern E. Weber, Oklahoma City, G-1 (personnel), Lt. Col. J. Don Garrison, Tulsa, G-2 (intelligence); Lt. Col. Mose Frye, Stillwater, G-3 (training and operations), and Lt. Col. Harold L. Van Dolsen, Oklahoma City, G-4 (supply). The 45th will have three separate brigade headquarters, six infantry battalions, and separate artillery and technical support units. No communities are losing guard units in the reorganization, Gen. Daugherty said. There will be 100 units in 87 communities. Under the present Pentomic organization, there have been 102 units in 87 communities. Here are the headquarters, their locations and their commanders. Commanding General: Maj. Gen. Fred A. Daugherty, Oklahoma City. Assistant Division Commanders: Brig. Gen. Robert C. Dunnington, Cherokee, and Col. Jasper N. Baker, Wilburton. First Brigade, Perry: Col. David C. Matthews, Perry. Second Brigade, Ada: Lt. Col. Harry W. Barnes, Ardmore. Third Brigade, Okmulgee: Col. William E. Mayberry, Bixby. First Battalion 179th Infantry, Edmond: Lt. Col. King W. Cacy, Stillwater. Second Battalion 179th Infantry, Tulsa: Lt. Col. John D. Truett, Sand Springs. First Battalion, 180th Infantry, McAlester: Lt. Col. William B. Rayburn, McAlester. Second Battalion 180th Infantry, Durant: Lt. Col. Gilbert P. Gentry, Durant. First Battalion 279th Infantry, Muskogee: Lt. Col. Clifford Rogers, Claremore. Second Battalion 279th Infantry, Holdenville: Lt. Col. George B. Lovelace, Shawnee. 45th Division Artillery, Enid: Lt. Col. Charles V. Wheeler, Oklahoma City. First Battalion 158th Artillery, Chickasha: Lt. Col. Larry E. Stephenson, Edmond. First Battalion 160th Artillery, Chandler: Lt. Col. Clee Fitzgerald, Stillwater. First Battalion 171st Artillery, Anadarko: Lt. Col. Frederick J. Rice, Minco. First Battalion 189th Artillery, Enid: Lt. Col. William L. Youell, Blackwell. Second Battalion 189th Artillery, Alva: Lt. Col. Ellis H. Nickell, Cherokee. First Squadron 145th Cavalry, Lawton: Lt. Col. Milton C. Worley, Lawton. First Battalion 245th Armor, Altus: Lt. Col. Robert A. Warner, Altus. Second Battalion 245th Armor, Ardmore: Lt. Col. George M. Donovan, Ardmore. 45th Aviation Battalion, Norman: Lt. Col. August L. Guild, Oklahoma City. 145th Signal Battalion, Oklahoma City: Lt. Col. Julian B. Shadle, Edmond. 120th Engineer Battalion, Oklahoma City: Lt. Col. Herbert C. O’Neil, Norman. 45th Support Command, Oklahoma City: Col. James L. Farmer, Norman. 700th Maintenance Battalion, Norman: Maj. Jesse M. Smith, Norman. 120th Medical Battalion, Oklahoma City: Maj. James W. Wilson, Oklahoma City. 120th Support and Transportation Battalion, Oklahoma City: Lt. Col. Hal H. Adamson, Edmond. Gen. Daugherty in announcing the new lineup in commanders emphasized they are all veteran officers, who in addition to their active duty experience have attended a wide range of military service schools. A list released by 45th headquarters shows the commanders are graduates of the following army service courses. Command and General Staff College: Daugherty, Baker, Dunnington, Matthews, Barnes, Mayberry, Lovelace, Fitzgerald, Worley, Warner, O’Neil, Farmer, Truett, Rayburn and Wheeler. Infantry Officer Advanced Course: Cacy, Gentry, Rogers, Smith and Wilson. Artillery Officer Advanced Course: Stephenson, Rice, Youell and Nickell. Artillery Officer Course: Guild. Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course: Adamson. Streamlining of the Thunderbird Division is part of the army’s plan to reorganize all combat divisions in the active army, army national guard and the army reserve.

Apr 01, 1963: 158th Artillery Reorganized to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 45th Infantry Division.

Jul 01, 1963: Published in the “Report of the Oklahoma Military Department” entitled: Station List. Chickasha, Okla, HH&S Btry, 1st Bn, 158th Arty, Duncan, Okla, Btry B, 1st Bn, 158th Arty, El Reno, Okla, Btry C, 1st Bn, 158th Arty, Pauls Valley, Okla, Btry A, 1st Bn, 158th Arty. Strength of Units of the Oklahoma Army National Guard as of 31 December 1964. HH&S Btry 1 Bn 158 Arty, Chickasha, 18 Off, 3 WO, 157 EM. Btry A, Pauls Valley, 6 Off, 99 EM. Btry B, Duncan, 6 Off, 99 EM. Btry C, El Reno, 6 Off, 99 EM. Annual Field Training, all units of the Oklahoma Army National Guard attended 2 weeks of Annual Field Training at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, 3-17 August 1963 and 1-15 August 1964. The last was one of the most successful summer camps based upon the ratings received from the Fourth US Army evaluators.

Aug 04, 1963: Published in the “The Daily Oklahoman” entitled: Things sure have changed. 45th’s jaunt recalls

moves in 1920's. By Roy P. Stewart, young artillery men who went rolling off to summer training camp at Fort Chafee Saturday have no way of comparing that trip with those made in the mid 1920's, when the 45th Infantry Division was but a pup, but there certainly is a difference. Several thousand of us could tell them about it; but only one of us will; while the rest just remember. Except that some units were closer to a main line railroad the procedure was about the same. Our outfit was Battery "D" of the 158th Regiment, at Weatherford. Flat cars for the old French 75's were spotted on sidings in advance of the troop movement. With much grunting and multiple instructions, the guns, caissons and limbers for each were towed on and lashed down. The limbers, for those who came later, were the two the two wheeled vehicles to which the six head of horses were hitched. In artillery lingo that was one team of three pairs. Only the wheelers were hooked to the limber's single trees. The swing and lead teams traces fastened to the wheeler's tugs with which to pull. There was a baggage car on the train for other battery gear, including tentage, and a place where the cooks were supposed to prepare a meal en route. Before dawn you tried to get the half wild horses into a stock car. Some of them never liked the idea. The men rode in some of the oldest chair cars the Rock Island had. A large barrel at one end of the car was the water supply. It started out with ice chunks so that the first swaying made water spill over the floor. Being August the barrel had many dipping customers. The journey to Fort Sill from Weatherford took a long day. The track branched off some place, down through several smaller towns to Anadarko, thence on to Fort Sill. Those rails long since disappeared. You just can't go there that way anymore. The off loading at Sill was on a spur by old Camp Doniphan, one of the War I derelicts, and unloading often was done by lantern light. Some of those nags didn't like to get off either. Hitching them up to pull guns and caissons to the camp site started a form of rodeo. And that camp! Our first experience was dirt floor and a squad tent, pyramidal, for eight men. The mess hall was screened but also had a dirt floor. The latrine was a boarded structure open to the sky. The shower heads were more likely to dispense cold water than warm; but most of the time it didn't matter; although Sill in August varied from hot to an imitation "norther." The post exchange in those days was a tent holding a horse tank or two with soda pop, cooled by large cakes of ice in the water. Best offering was pint bottles of milk, almost submerged in cold water, or pints of ice cream. Candy bars, peanuts or coconut that wouldn't melt, and tobacco about made up the other offerings. One of the major improvements in later camps was a wood floor in those tents. Part of the camp period included a field bivouac in the Wichitas, with that same pup tent used these days, but without benefit of those good gasoline fired field ranges cooks have now. After all those dry run firing antics at home, simulating use of the artillery piece, actual range practice was a lot of fun. Even if you had to scrub the shell cases out with sal-soda afterward, and account for all of them, no souvenirs. There no movies, service clubs or such like, although we did have some athletic gear. First year or so we went to Sill there were not any electric lights except in the mess hall. One of the most unintentional bits of entertainment was a wind and rain storm. Ever try to fight your way out of a pyramidal tent when it was soaking wet, and blown down? We used to feel rather superior to the infantrymen when the mid camp review came around, because we rode to the parade ground while they walked. We went as early and remained longer, but we rode. Reviews haven't been the same since the horses went away, either. We would set the brakes a bit so that the team would be in draft, with those tugs making a straight line, and I'll swear that when those horses heard the band, they would throw their heads and pick their feet up higher.

Aug 12, 1963: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Photo Caption: It's chow time and Thunderbirds get hungry in their rugged, hot training in the field at Fort Chaffee, Ark. Speeding up meal time, SP5 John McKinley, left, tosses bread to M-Sgt. Robert F. Wilson, Lindsay. Wilson is mess sergeant for Headquarters and Service Battery, 1/158th Artillery based at Chickasha.

Aug 18, 1963: Published in the "The Sunday Oklahoman" entitled: Duncan Thunderbirds return home. Men of Company "B", First Battalion, 158th Artillery pulled into Duncan Saturday afternoon, ending 1963 summer camp for the 45th Infantry Division unit. The Thunderbirds arrived at the Duncan armory after an 11-hour drive from Fort Chaffee, Ark.; their home the past two weeks. Capt. Junior McLemore of Sterling, company B's commanding officer, supervised unloading of the men's personal gear and the unit's equipment, including the big trucks and 105 mm howitzer weapons. "It's been a good and very worthwhile camp but we're real happy to be back home," Capt. McLemore said. The Duncan unit spent both weeks of camp in the field. The first week was a real "Peach"; the Oklahomans bivouacked in a peach orchard. The T-Birds liked the fresh fruit in their diet so much they managed, to find a pear orchard when they moved their bivouac area the second week. First Lt. I. B. Jones of Duncan, the battery's executive officer, said his men also learned to be expert artillerymen. The Oklahomans first carried out simulated battlefield action with blank ammunition and then switched to the real thing in the final week. Throughout the training period, the Thunderbirds stressed realism, in movement, camouflage and firing. The Oklahoma artillerymen, because they scored highest on the battery proficiency test at summer camp last year, were chosen to conduct a firing exercise for the 45th Division artillery headquarters. Sfc. Cuin England, Duncan, chief of the firing battery, said company B proved its ability to operate as an independent artillery unit in a wartime situation. "Our firing battery showed it can fulfill its mission of delivering artillery defensive support or offensive fire," he said. Training wound up Friday and the men were busy Friday afternoon and night packing for the trip home. Duffle bags were filled,

trucks were loaded and the big 105's were hitched to their tow trucks. What's next for the Duncan Thunderbirds? They're at the armory right now for a Sunday drill session.

Aug 05, 1964: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Meningitis strikes member of 45th. By Jim Jackson of the State Staff. Fort Chaffee, Ark. A 20 year old member of the 45th Infantry Division was admitted to Fort Chaffee hospital Tuesday with spinal meningitis. Maj. Jim Wilson, division surgeon, identified the victim as Pfc. Philip W. Cunningtubby, of Davis. Wilson, an Oklahoma City physician, said he was given antibiotics to the 152 other members of Company B, 120th Supply and Transportation Battalion, a Sulphur unit, as a precaution. The Oklahoma national guard division, meanwhile, continued its field training Tuesday in 108 degree heat. At the 158th Field Artillery Battalion area, a tear gas grenade set off a grass and timber fire that burned 500 acres of range before it could be controlled. The meningitis victim was moved to the hospital by ambulance Tuesday. His temperature was 104. Maj. Wilson made the diagnosis, though he will not know for several days which type of meningitis the youth has and its degree of contagion. "While the chance is remote that anyone else will contract the disease, we have started treatment on all personnel who have been even remotely in contact with Cunningtubby." Wilson said. He added that the antibiotics would keep Thunderbirds from any harm from the disease, regardless of which type of meningitis is involved. The company is not quarantined. The young soldier, a truck driver, apparently contacted the disease before the move to Fort Chaffee Saturday. Division officials notified Dr. Kirk Mosley, director of the state health department so physicians in the Davis area can be advised. Cunningtubby is the son of Mrs. Oleta Cunningtubby, Davis. Maj. Wilson said the youth will be in the hospital at least a week. His condition is listed as serious. Treatment was started immediately. The range fire was started during chemical warfare training of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery. Members of the battery started fighting the fire with burlap bags, fatigue jackets and tree limbs and soon were joined by other batteries. Lt. Col. Larry Stephenson, commander of the battalion, from Edmond, directed the fight. Lt. Col. Herbert C. O'Neil, commander of the 120th Engineers, from Norman, sent two bulldozers and two graders to build fire breaks, which halted the fire in calm winds.

Jan 01, 1965: Published in the "Report of the Oklahoma Military Department" entitled: Station List. The following is a station list of all federally recognized units of the Oklahoma Army National Guard. Chickasha, Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery. Duncan, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery, El Reno, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery. Pauls Valley, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery. Information, Intelligence and Public Relations. The Fourth U.S. Army Commander's Unit Maintenance Award is made to the combat-type, company-sized unit of the Oklahoma Army National Guard which has "conscientiously, diligently and continuously maintained assigned equipment to the highest standard" during the period 1 May-30 April of each year. Troop C, now Troop D, 1st Squadron 145th Cavalry, Marlow, won the award in 1965, and Battery B, 1st Battalion 158th Artillery, Duncan, won in 1966. National Guard Photo Contest Winners. Three Oklahoma Guardsmen won prizes in the second Annual National Guard Bureau-National Guard Association Photo Contest which was judged in October 1966, and open to entries from all 50 States. Chief Warrant Officer George F. Tapscott, of the State Headquarters information section, won best of show, black and white category, for which he received national recognition, \$150 in cash, and had his prize winning photograph published in Life Magazine. First prize winners included Sergeant Thomas W. House, member of the 45th Division information section, for his Army Aviation photo and Private James W. Nay, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery, Enid, for his Army Artillery photo.

Sep 09, 1965: Published in the "The Roswell Daily Record" entitled: 25 years ago on September 9, 1940. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, New Mexico National Guard, will cease to exist at Roswell at 12 p.m. tonight, and effective at 12:01 a. m. tomorrow, the personnel of that organization will be designated as Company A of the 194th Anti-tank Battalion.

Jun 09, 1966: Published in the "The Hennessey Clipper" entitled: Photo Caption: Gunner PFC Freddie Ray Clifton (right) of Hennessey and SP4 Ronald Parson of Enid, assistant gunner, prepare to fire the 105 Howitzer at summer camp field training for the 45th Infantry Division at Fort Chaffee, Ark. Both Clifton and Parson are members of C Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery.

Dec 31, 1966: Published in the "Annual Report to The Governor of Oklahoma" entitled: Annual report to the governor Oklahoma from Oklahoma Military Department 1966. Station List: The following is a station list of all Federally recognized units of the Oklahoma Army National Guard: Chickasha: Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery. Pauls Valley: Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery. Duncan: Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery. Enid: Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery. Awards and Decorations: The Fourth U.S. Army Commander's Unit Maintenance Award is made to the combat-type, company-sized unit of the Oklahoma Army National Guard which has "conscientiously, diligently and continuously maintained assigned equipment to the highest standard" during the period 1 May to 30 April of each year. Troop C, now Troop D, 1st Squadron 145th

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Jan 25, 1967: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Battalion Names New Leader. Duncan. Lt. Don Houston has taken command of Battery "B", 1st Battalion of the 158th Artillery, 45th Division, in Duncan. He replaces Capt. Leland Kiker, who has joined the battalion staff as a liaison officer at Chickasha. Both Houston and Kiker live near Duncan.

Jan 08, 1968: Published in the "The Miami News Record" entitled: 45th Thunderbird Symbol To Vanish; Oklahoma City (AP). The Thunderbird shoulder patch and the 45th Infantry Division that made it famous will be eliminated Feb. 1 under the reorganization plan outlined to the division's nearly 1,000 officers Sunday by Gov Dewey Bartlett. The division commander, Maj. Gen. Jasper N. Baker of Wilburton, announced he will retire Jan. 31, on the eve of the reorganization. Gov. Bartlett summoned the officers to the meeting Sunday to inform them personally of details of changeover. Reorganization of the nation's National Guard, including reduction of the 45th Division to brigade status was approved last summer. The change will cut the 45th strength by only 198 men, and the number of communities in the state which have units; 74; will remain the same. The state will gain six units to 102 in the organization. The state's total authorized strength will be 8,696 compared with 8,894 previously. Officers said the new units will be at 93 per cent of authorized strength. Bartlett told the guard officers that when the reorganization was announced by the Department of Defense in Washington, state officials were dissatisfied with Oklahoma's set-up. "We asked for improvements, and we got them," he said, "We now have a well balanced Guard, with enough officers and men to fulfill our important state responsibilities and at the same time satisfy the Army's objective for maximum effectiveness of its reserve forces." Bartlett commended the Oklahoma Guard's Selected Reserve Force, which has been undergoing extensive training since November, 1965. The present SRF unit's will be relieved of their extra duty and other state units will be given the SRF assignments. Also announced at Sunday's meeting were commander appointments and unit designations for the reorganized Oklahoma Army National Guard. The adjutant general of Oklahoma, Maj. Gen. L. E. Weber, will direct the new guard, to be composed of four major brigade-size units and 13 battalions. A new shoulder patch, to be chosen in a statewide contest to be announced later, will replace the 45th Division Thunderbird insignia on Oklahoma National Guard uniforms. The Thunderbird patch, along with the 45th Division designation, will go into retirement under the reorganization. Plans were announced at Sunday's meeting for three separate training camps for Oklahoma guardsmen next summer. The four major units in the new Oklahoma guard set-up, headquarters cities and commanding officers, are: Infantry Brigade, Edmond, Brig. Gen. David C. Matthews, Perry. Artillery Group, Enid, Col. William L. Youell, Blackwell. Special Headquarters Brigade, Oklahoma City, Brig. Gen. Charles V. Wheeler, Oklahoma City, who also will continue as assistant state adjutant general. Support Brigade, Oklahoma City, Brig. Gen. William E. Mayberry, Guthrie. The new battalions and their commanders: 700th Support Battalion, Oklahoma City, Lt. Col. Jesse M. Smith, Norman. First Battalion, 160th Artillery, Chandler, Lt. Col. James M. Bullock Jr., Chandler. First Battalion 179th Infantry, Perry, Lt. Col. Joe E. Burke, Norman. First Battalion 180th Infantry, Durant, Maj. Buster E. Smith, Idabel. First Battalion 279th Infantry, Tulsa, Maj. Robert w. Duncan, Perry. First Battalion, 158th Artillery, Lawton, Lt. Col. Larry E. Stephenson, Edmond. First Battalion 189th Artillery, Enid, Maj. Marshall L. Bathurst, Blackwell. First Battalion 171st Artillery, Altus, Lt. Col. Arthur T. Brunhuber, Altus. 120th Engineer Battalion, Okmulgee, Lt. Col. James M. Miller, Stillwater. 120th Medical Battalion, Oklahoma City, Maj. James Wilson, Oklahoma City. 45th Military Police Battalion, McAlester, Lt. Col. Walter S. Wells, Atoka. 120th Supply and Services Battalion, Ada, Lt. Col. Jack A. Swidensky, Oklahoma City. 245th Transportation Battalion, Ardmore, Lt. Col. Harold J. Winburn, Tishmingo. The first Oklahoma National Guard training camp will be at Ft. Sill July 27 to Aug. 10, for the Artillery Group. The Engineer Battalion and the Engineer Company of the Infantry Brigade will train, tentatively, Aug. 10-24 at Camp Gruber near Muskogee. The rest of the Oklahoma guardsmen will train, tentatively, Aug. 10-24 at Fort Chafee, Ark. Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Guard unit moved here. Headquarters for the First Battalion, 158th Artillery of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, currently located in Chickasha, will be relocated in Lawton under reorganization plans announced Sunday. The announcement came at a meeting of Oklahoma Army National Guard officers in Oklahoma City. The First Battalion, 158th Artillery has a total strength of 504 men and is commanded by Lt. Col. Larry E. Stephenson, of Edmond. Other units of the first battalion will remain in Anadarko, Duncan, and Chickasha. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Lt. Col. Stephenson is vice president of Fidelity National Bank, Oklahoma City. A veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict, Lt. Col. Stephenson has served as intelligence officer of the 45th Infantry Division Artillery of the

Oklahoma Guard. Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: 45th Praised Bartlett airs guard shifts. The famed Thunderbird shoulder patch and the battle proud 45th Infantry Division will become history February 1, replaced by a streamlined organization which will bring the Oklahoma Army National Guard into step with the regular army. Gov. Bartlett made that announcement Sunday to the 1,000 officers of the division massed on the drill floor of the Gen. McLain Armory in Oklahoma City. At the same time, state adjutant general, Maj. Gen. L. E. Weber, announced the Oklahoma Army National Guard national readiness priority has risen from "reinforcing reserve" to immediate reserve." The change in priority, a high ranking official said, was made because of greater strength authorization. Also, the reaction time required for the guard will include four major units, directly under the state headquarters commanded by Weber. The units are an infantry brigade, Edmond, to be commanded by Brig. Gen. David C. Matthews, Perry; an artillery group, Enid, commanded by Col. William E. Youell, Blackwell; special headquarters brigade, Oklahoma City, headed by Brig. Gen. Charles V. Wheeler, Oklahoma City, who also will remain as assistant state adjutant general; and a support brigade, Oklahoma City, commanded by Brig. Gen. William E. Mayberry, Guthrie. Mayberry and Matthews have been assistant 45th Division commanders. The commanding general of the division, Maj. Gen. Jasper Baker, Wilburton, also announced Sunday he would retire from the National Guard on January 31. He has been in the guard 32 years, starting as a one dollar a day private while still in high school. A mass meeting of division officers is rare, but Bartlett told the men he wanted to tell them about the organization personally. Baker opened the briefing session by saying, "It is useless to pretend this is not a difficult assembly for many of us." "You, along with myself, have been amazed with the high goals we've been able to attain." He said. But while respecting the past, he said, the officers should look to the future. "I see some good times ahead for the Oklahoma guard," he said. Bartlett praised the officers and men of the guard's SRF (Selected Reserve Force) which has been undergoing extensive extra training since November, 1965. He also extended his thanks to "employees and families of these men for their understanding cooperation during the many months of additional drill periods." The SRF mission is being reassigned to five other Sooner guard units with reorganization, he said. The new SRF units will be the 145th Medical Clearing Company of Tulsa; Company "A" 145th Signal, Oklahoma City; Company "A" 120th Supply and Service Battalion, Wewoka and Konawa; 145th Transportation Company, Sulphur and Madill, and Headquarters Company, 120th Supply and Service Battalion, Ada. The "new" guard, which will operate under the slogan "One Guard On Guard," will include 13 battalions under the four major units. Included in the organization is a total of 96 units compared to 102 when the guard was organized as a division. The number of towns with units will remain at 74, however. Total strength for the Oklahoma Army National Guard will be 8,696 as compared to 8,894 before reorganization. Officially, the new units will be manned at 93 percent full strength. Overstrength personnel can be carried as excess in the new guard structure for three years. The battalions and their commanders are: 700th Support Battalion, Oklahoma City, Lt. Col. Jesse M. Smith, Norman. First Battalion 160th Artillery, Chandler, Lt. Col. James M. Bullock Jr., First Battalion 179th Infantry, Perry, Lt. Col. Joe E. Burke, Norman. First Battalion 180th Infantry, Durant, Maj. Buster E. Smith, Idabel. First Battalion 279th Infantry, Tulsa, Maj. Robert W. Duncan, Perry. First Battalion 158th Artillery, Lawton, Lt. Col. Larry E. Stephenson, Edmond. First Battalion 189th Artillery, Enid, Maj. Marshall L. Bathurst, Blackwell. First Battalion 171st Artillery, Altus, Lt. Col. Athur T. Brunhuber, Altus. 120th Engineer Battalion, Okmulgee, Lt. Col. James M. Miller, Stillwater. 120th Medical Battalion, Oklahoma City, Maj. James Wilson, Oklahoma City. 45th Military Police Battalion, McAlester, Lt. Col. Walter S. Wells, Atoka. 120th Supply and Services Battalion, Ada, Lt. Col. Jack A. Swidensky, Oklahoma City. 245th Transportation Battalion, Ardmore, Lt. Col. Harold J. Winburn, Tishomingo. Bartlett, in one of his rare remarks on the Vietnam War, said, "The oddity of this reorganization is that it comes during a time when the nation is at war, and yet you are still home. "It comes at a time when the nation is in critical short supply of qualified personnel and yet you are at the highest state of readiness in your entire history. "It comes at a time when more external turbulence is being exercised because of the critical role you play as state militiamen in addition to your role in national defense." Bartlett told the assembled officers the state enjoys the reputation of having "national guard units second to none." He asked that officers "remember the "can-do" image of the 45th Division." And added, "I know that you will meet the challenge." A new patch, to be worn by all Oklahoma National Guardsmen, will be selected in a statewide contest. The Thunderbird patch will go into with the 45th Division designation. Plans for the contest will be announced shortly. Baker said appropriate retirement ceremonies for the division colors also are being planned. Because of the reorganization, the guard will have three separate camps this summer. The artillery group will train at Fort Sill July 27 to August 10. The engineer battalion and the engineer company of the infantry brigade tentatively have scheduled August 10 to August 24 for camp at Camp Gruber, near Muskogee. Gruber recently was acquired by the state, and engineers will be able to improve roads and bridges there. The rest of the Oklahoma Army National Guard will have camp, probably August 10 to August 24, at Fort Chaffee, Ark., guard officials said.

Jan 23, 1968: Published in the "Origins Unknown" entitled: The genesis of the field artillery. In the beginning there was chaos and the chaos was the infantry, for the infantry was alone. And fear was with the infantry and they cried unto the Lord saying, "Lord, save us for we are afraid." And the Lord heard their grunts and set some of the infantry on beasts of burden and these he called cavalry, and the cavalry became armor. And when the lord had seen

what he had done, he laughed saying, "Well, you can't win them all." The infantry and the armor again cried out to the Lord saying, "Lord, save us for we are afraid." And the Lord heard their cries and decided to end their weeping. And the Lord said unto them, "Lo and behold, I send you a race of men noble in heart and pure in spirit," and the Lord created the Field Artillery. And the Lord said unto the infantry and armor, "When it gets dark, the Field Artillery shall light your way." "And when you need smoke, there shall be smoke, and when you need "HE", Willie Peter, DPIMCS and counter battery fire, all this ye shall have." And the Lord gave the Field Artillery big guns, and rocket launchers, and the infantry and armor were jealous for they had naught. And the infantry cried out saying, "Lord, thou hast created the infantry as Queen of Battle, and now thou has made the Field Artillery King of Battle and well knowest thou what the King do it to the Queen." And the Lord replied, "HOOOAAH!" And the Lord gave unto the Field Artillery rockets and missiles and, best of all, nukes. And when the infantry and armor saw this they fell to their knees in wonder saying, "Surely God is on the side of the greatest, the Field Artillery." And the Lord sayeth, "Check!" "Now abideth this, Infantry, Armor and Field Artillery but the greatest of these is Field Artillery!"

Feb 01, 1968: Reorganized and armed with 8-inch Self Propelled M110 Howitzer to consist of the 1st Battalion with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery home stationed at Lawton, Oklahoma with Lieutenant Colonel Larry E. Stephenson as the Battalion Commander and Captain William H. Crawford as Battery Commander. Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery home stationed at Anadarko, Oklahoma, with Captain Bobby R. Jantz as Battery Commander, Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery home stationed at Duncan, Oklahoma, with Second Lieutenant Charles D. Houston as Battery Commander, Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery home stationed at Chickasha, Oklahoma, with First Lieutenant David H. Hensley as Battery Commander, and Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery home stationed at Lawton, Oklahoma, with Captain Jerry W. Glandon as Battery Commander. Captain Merrill B. Burrus Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Battery is appointed S-2, replacing Captain Charles W. Wooten, who was transferred. Official Roster of the 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled), 158th Field Artillery and Stations of Organization: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battalion Headquarters: Battalion Commander LTC Larry E. Stephenson, Executive Officer MAJ Robert E. Sims, S-3 MAJ Joe A. Wheeler, Motor Officer CAPT Charles E. Myers, Battalion Surgeon CAPT William T. Morse, Communications Officer CAPT Junior D. McLemore, Liaison Officer CAPT Chester L. Carlton, S-1 2LT Calvin E. Koonce, S2 CAPT Charles W. Wooten, Assistant S-3 CAPT John E. Cruse, Sergeant Major 1SG Richard E. Bowers, Excess MAJ Harmon H. Horst, MAJ Bill M. Penwright, MAJ Melford L. Scott, CAPT Merrill B. Burruss Jr., CAPT Ira D. Hart Jr., CAPT Evan L. Horne, CAPT Kenneth O. Northcutt, CAPT Jesse H. Sheppard, CAPT Luther G. Webb, CAPT Claude E. Wheeler, 1LT Charles E. Schmidt, 2LT Donald R. Coulson, 2LT Herbert O'Neal and 2LT Marvin D. Self. Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CAPT William H. Crawford, First Sergeant SFC John W. Walker, Mess Sergeant SFC Clem B. Brooks, Supply Sergeant SSG Kenneth M. Dorrell, Motor Sergeant SSG Don L. Grissom, 1st Cook PFC James H. Lents, 1st Cook PVT Lonnie G. Dye, Armorer PFC William A. Stephen II, Battery Clerk PFC William R. Morris, Cook PVT Clarence K. Symes, Cook PVT Chester L. Fisher, Vehicle Mechanic SGT Ivan R. Norton, Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Leland R. Terrell, Cooks Helper PFC L. D. Pinchback, Mechanics Helper SP4 D. D. Barrett, Mechanics Helper SP4 R. L. Barrett, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Larry K. Rackley, Supply Clerk PFC Larry E. Olmstead. Administration Section: Headquarters Clerk PFC David L. Thompson, Mail Delivery Clerk PFC James A. Podoco, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Michael A. Allen, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Stephen K. Parris. Operations Platoon Headquarters: Intelligence Sergeant SFC Don J. Bowden, Operations Sergeant SFC Ronald E. Jarvis, Clerk Typist PFC Cleo M. Otipoby, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Ronald R. Russell, Radio Telephone Operator PVT James B. McIninch, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Joe R. Davis. Fire Direction Center: Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Edward E. Hall, Assistant Chief Computer SP5 Ronald Walker, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Ernest R. Bolin, Fire Direction Computer SP4 Jimmy R. Daubert, Fire Direction Computer SP4 Larry W. Andrews, Chart Operator PFC Donny B. Lindsey, Chart Operator PFC Lynn D. White, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Billy J. Josefy, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Calvin L. Keller. Survey Section: Chief Surveyor SGT S. E. Morse, Chief of the Survey Party SP4 G. D. Brown, Chief of the Survey Party SGT Rodney C. Mastin, Chief of the Survey Party SP5 Billy C. Cummings, Survey Computer PFC Larry L. Kendall, Survey Computer SP4 J. L. Kuykendall, Survey Computer PFC G. J. Erkenbrack, Survey Computer PVT Jimmy E. Thomas, Survey Computer SP4 Roy L. Thacker, Instrument Operator SP4 Ray A. Adams, Instrument Operator PFC Tom V. Davis, Instrument Operator PFC Howard L. Hill, Survey Recorder PFC T. J. Challacombe Jr., Survey Recorder PFC R. T. McNally, Survey Recorder PFC Jimmy R. Mele, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Q. E. Tonemah, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Carl L. Kelsay, ROD Tapeman SP4 R. N. Burk, ROD Tapeman PFC J. W. Teague, ROD Tapeman PFC L. D. Teague, TOD Tapeman PFC D. L. Wilson, ROD Tapeman SP4 L. L. Crow. Liaison Section: Liaison Sergeant SSG L. W. Carter, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Dennis H. Easter. Communications Platoon Headquarters: Assistant Communications Officer 2LT Darrell L. Farris, Communications Chief SFC Woodrow F. Robinson, Senior Message Clerk PFC Gordon L. Heying II, Agent SP4 Dewey L. Harris, Message Clerk PFC Billy W. Godfrey, Radio Telephone Operator PVT James D. Crossland. Wire Section: Section Chief SFC Lewis E. Ahrens, Team Chief SP4 V. S.

Henderson Jr., Team Chief SP5 Roger Vandervort, Team Chief SSG Don A. Hanley, Team Chief SGT Charles M. Daugherty, Senior Switchboard Operator SP4 Danny S. Roper, Senior Wireman SP4 Clifford A. Cantwell, Senior Wireman SP4 Harvey G. Patterson, Senior Wireman SP4 Walter W. Tadlock, Senior Wireman PFC Clarence L. Williams, Switchboard Operator PFC Charles D. Langston, Switchboard Operator SP4 Johnny L. Hyatt, Switchboard Operator Eddie C. Sims, Wireman SP5 Jerry D. Sorrow, Wireman SP5 Jerry C. Patrick, Wireman SP4 Larry J. Morris, Wireman SP4 Jerry D. Null, Wireman PFC James D. Burk, Wireman PFC Weldon Koweno Jr., Wireman PFC Clyde R. Narcomey, Wireman PFC Stephen C. Jennings, Wireman PVT Kenneth W. Etter, Wireman PVT Paul G. McCarley. Radio Section: Section Chief SFC George L. E. McDaniel, Team Chief SP5 Vernon R. Ward, Team Chief SP4 Charles R. Tucker, Team Chief SP4 Sam E. Countiss, Senior Radio Mechanic SP4 George G. Phillips, Radio Mechanic SP4 Gary M. Hancock, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Phillip T. Loyd, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Phillip G. Waggoner, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Arthur E. Simmons, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Cyrus S. Gover III, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Richard L. Radke, Radio Teletype Operator PFC William L. Quoetone, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Don R. Schroeder, Radio Teletype Operator PFC R. E. Stapleton. Medical Section: Section Chief SSG H. W. Rigsby, Senior Medical Aidman PFC R. R. Tipton, Ambulance Driver PFC Edward E. Calfy, Battery Aidman SP4 Roger A. Moore, Aid Station Attendant PVT John A. Duncan. Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CAPT Bobby R. Jantz, First Sergeant 1SG Harvey D. Hitt, Mess Sergeant SGT Charles L. Payne, Motor Sergeant SGT Terrell R. Voyles, Supply Sergeant SFC Leslie E. Blaylock, First Cook SP5 Cleland A. Staggs, First Cook PFC Melvin H. Morrow, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SGT Michael J. Dobry, Battery Clerk PFC Donald L. Dickson, Cook SP4 Donald W. Lowe, Cook PFC Kelly A. Weddle, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Curtis W. Sage, Track Vehicle Mechanic PFC Edward D. Beets, Track Vehicle Mechanic PFC Willard R. Taylor, Cooks Helper PVT Ralph W. Myers, Mechanic Helper PFC Johnny F. Kobza, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Donnie J. Galindo, Supply Specialist SGT Darrell D. Lange. Communications Section: Section Chief SSG Gerald W. Hill, Team Chief SGT James H. Wiley, Team Chief SGT Francis L. Smithpeter, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Phillip S. Lankister, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Jimmy D. Yearwood, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Eddie C. Arrowood, Senior Field Wireman SP4 Billy J. Conley, Communication Agent PFC Donald L. Norton, Field Switchboard Operator PFC Hugh W. Gossett, Field Switchboard Operator PFC Gerald L. Menasco, Field Wireman PFC Ronald D. Slater, Field Wireman PFC Maynard W. Rooker, Field Wireman PFC Lyndel R. East. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 1LT William R. Nixon, Assistant Executive Officer Unassigned, Chief Firing Battery SSG Robert L. Tilley, Fire Direction Computer SGT Floyd R. Harrison, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Bernard L. Ralston, Artillery Mechanic PFC Reuben D. Vincent, Chart Operator PFC Don F. O'Rear, Chart Operator PFC Billy D. Stephenson, Instrument Operator PFC Gene A. Stidham, Command Post Carrier Driver SP4 Burl R. West, Artillery Recorder PFC Donald R. Dobry, Assembler SGT Victor D. Cohlma, Assembler SP4 Jefferson T. Montgomery, Assembler SGT Tommy W. Hobbs, Assembler SGT Bobby D. Thomasson, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Morris C. Klingman, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Ronald J. Martin. Ammunition Section: Section Chief SGT Lynndel A. Bentley, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Jerry R. King, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Clayton E. Scott, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Freddie D. Reynolds, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Lavern L. Stidham, Ammunition Handler SP4 Neal W. Stidham, Ammunition Handler PFC Bobby G. Morrow, Ammunition Handler SP4 Gerald Eckiwaudah, Ammunition Handler PFC Dennis W. Williams, Ammunition Handler PVT Joe D. Hart, Ammunition Handler PVT Jerry D. Williams, Ammunition Handler PVT Johnny R. Brookshire, Ammunition Handler PVT Samuel W. McMichael. First Howitzer Section: Section Chief SGT Paul E. Laferr, Gunner CPL Richard G. Palczynsky, Assistant Gunner PFC Lionel K. Bentley, Prime Mover Driver PFC Cecil H. Sawyer Jr., Prime Mover Driver SP4 Ray L. Watts, Cannoneer PFC Orval R. Barringer, Cannoneer PFC Ray Hoover Jr., Cannoneer PFC Billy D. Smith, Cannoneer PFC Albert D. Thompson. Second Howitzer Section: Section Chief SSG William R. Herron, Gunner SGT Paul G. Kniffin, Assistant Gunner PFC Michael L. Lovell, Prime Mover Driver SP4 James R. Gatlin, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Jerry J. Miller, Cannoneer PFC John L. Gilleland, Cannoneer PFC Henry H. Kobza, Cannoneer PFC Terry W. Sparkman, Cannoneer PFC Robert E. Williams. Third Howitzer Section: Section Chief SSG Kenneth D. Weaver, Gunner PFC Glenn B. Funk, Assistant Gunner PFC David E. Lampkin, Prime Mover Driver PFC Troy F. Loula, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Walter T. Brown, Cannoneer PFC David G. Glenn, Cannoneer PFC Gary D. Lindley, Cannoneer PFC Ralph N. Subia, Cannoneer SGT Larry C. Rehl. Forth Howitzer Section : Section Chief SSG Charles W. Watts, Gunner SGT Charles E. White, Assistant Gunner PFC Jimmy C. Bartlett, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Leon N. Harrison, Prime Mover Driver PFC Monty G. Howell, Cannoneer PFC Jerry L. Heavin, Cannoneer PFC Paul L. Martinez, Cannoneer PFC Richard D. Taylor, Cannoneer SGT Charles R. Hudson. Assigned as Excess: 2LT Jimmie L. Vogt and MSG Richard R. Bell. Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Duncan, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander 2LT Charles D. Houston, First Sergeant James D. Spruill, Mess Steward SP5 Robert J. Deaton, Motor Sergeant SGT George W. Wright, Supply Sergeant SP4 Dwight E. Baker, First Cook SP5 Paul D. Thomas, First Cook SP4 Eddie W. Bates, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Dennis H. Davis, Battery Clerk SP4 Kenneth L. Collinworth, Cook SP4 Larry G. Presgrove, Cook SP4 Charles A. Kinney, Track Mechanic SP4 Robert G. Morris, Track Mechanic SP4 Billy E. Bernard, Cooks Helper SP4 Billy M. Dixon, Mechanics Helper SP4 Thomas D. Hilburn, Unit Supply Specialist SP4

Robert M. Jones. Communications Section: Communications Chief SP4 James L. Woodruff, Team Chief SP4 Larry D. Sims, Team Chief SP4 Jimmy D. Johnson, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Olan A. McClenny, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Phillip W. Jones, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Frank E. Kinney, Senior Field Wireman SP4 Danny W. Gray, Field Wireman PVT Roven D. Walden, Field Wireman PFC Clarence W. Wright. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 2LT Phillip J. Sampson, Assistant Executive Officer 2LT William L. Barnes, Chief Firing Battery SFC I.B. Jones, Fire Direction Computer SP4 Nicky D. Morrison, Fire Direction Computer SP4 Jackie K. Morrison, Instrument Operator SGT Kent D. Wilson, Artillery Recorder SP4 Don E. Covington, Assembler SP4 Frank E. Kiser, Assembler CPL Russell L. Presgrove, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Teddy M. Gilbert, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Donald L. Davis. Howitzer Sections: Chief of 1st Section SGT Ralph J. Cole, Chief of 2nd Section SGT Billy G. Strickland, Chief of 3rd Section SSG Robert M. Owsley, Chief of 4th Section SFC Robert L. Stringer, Gunner CPL David L. DeLong, Gunner CPL Thomas P. Newkirk, Gunner SP4 Danny D. Burton, Gunner SP4 Billy J. Griffin, Assistant Gunner SP4 Ken C. Perkins, Assistant Gunner SP4 Burl J. St.Clair, Assistant Gunner SP4 Roy P. Gibson, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Travis H. Bryant Jr., Prime Mover Driver SP4 Quenton R. Manuel, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Johnnie L. Kuykendall, Prime Mover Driver SGT Thomas L. Ledford, Prime Mover Driver PFC Harold F. Riedhof Jr., Prime Mover Driver PFC David E. Ragland, Cannoneer PFC George E. Hopkins, Cannoneer PFC David L. Miller, Cannoneer PFC Jerry W. Warren, Cannoneer PFC Jimmy L. Pennington, Cannoneer PFC Glen R. Caldwell, Cannoneer PFC Jesse G. Anderson, Cannoneer PFC Jesse G. Harrison, Cannoneer SP4 Bennie F. Whiteley, Cannoneer SP4 Terry O. Grey. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SGT Gerald W. Darity, Heavy Truck Driver SGT Bobby G. Graybill, Heavy Truck Driver CPL Larry R. Morphis, Ammunition Handler SP4 David A. Freeman, Ammunition Handler SP4 Larry E. Foster. Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Chickasha, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander 1LT David H. Hensley, First Sergeant 1SG E-8 William G. Spangler, Mess Steward SSG Dorance W. Clifton, Motor Sergeant SP5 Howard M. Tims, Supply Sergeant SFC Robert E. Ladwig, First Cook SP5 Lovell Taylor, First Cook SP4 Mearl L. Malone, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Anthony F. Koehler, Battery Clerk SP5 Eddie M. Tubb, Cook SP4 Jessie J. Kyees, Cook SP4 Jerry D. Brand, Cooks Helper PFC Doil May Jr., Supply Clerk Donald R. Gannon. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 2LT Kenneth W. Bray, Assistant Executive Officer 2LT Jim R. Swafford, Chief of Firing Battery SFC Charles L. Bitsche, Fire Direction Computer SP4 Larry D. Moore, Fire Direction Computer PFC Billy D. Morris, Artillery Mechanic SP4 William C. Coffee, Chart Operator SP4 Richard L. Costlow, Chart Operator PFC Bobby W. Word, Instrument Operator SP4 Howard L. McElroy, Recorder PFC Jesse F. Smith, Assembler SGT Albert T. Shipley. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SFC Thomas J. Hickey, Heavy Truck Driver SGT Clyde S. Baxter Jr., Heavy Truck Driver SSG Terry L. Singleton, Ammunition Handler SP4 William G. Roberts, Ammunition Handler SP4 David A. Shipley, Ammunition Handler PFC Emit B. Clark III, Ammunition Handler SGT Harvey C.L. Stockton. Communications Section: Communications Chief SGT Everett N. Johnston, Team Chief SP4 Robert D. Coffey, Team Chief PFC Benny R. Billy, Radio TeleType Operator PFC Larry D. Hinton, Senior Switchboard Operator PFC Stanley D. Wenzel, Senior Wireman SP4 Jimmy J. Fielding, Switchboard Operator Loyd B. Cantrell, Wireman PFC Edward D. Wendling, Wireman PFC Bobby R. Shurbet, Wireman PFC Billy D. Freeman. First Howitzer Section: Chief of Section R. D. Robnett, Gunner SGT Earl D. Still, Assistant Gunner CPL Elwood Clark, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Leroy Mayhugh, Prime Mover Driver PFC Gary D. Clampitt, Cannoneer PFC Jerry B. Lair, Cannoneer PFC Bill A. Gibbs, Cannoneer PFC Phillip D. Workman, Cannoneer PFC Robert L. Whitner. Second Howitzer Section: Chief of Section SP5 Thomas G. Busby, Gunner SGT Victor B. Bolin, Assistant Gunner CPL Lyndol R. Harris, Prime Mover Driver PFC Cubie Loveless, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Terry D. Stroud, Cannoneer PFC Roy W. Carver, Cannoneer PFC Steve M. Hellwege, Cannoneer PFC Franklin A. Cockerham, Cannoneer PVT Donnie R. Alcorn. Third Howitzer Section: Chief of Section SSG Michael R. Meigs, Gunner SP5 Russell L. Cocheran, Assistant Gunner CPL Roger D. Miracle, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Richard A. Bennett, Prime Mover Driver PFC Thomas G. Rogers, Cannoneer PFC Gary D. Jones, Cannoneer PFC W. R. Hightower, Cannoneer PFC Patrick A. Brooks. Fourth Howitzer Section: Chief of Section SSG John W. Miracle, Gunner SGT Gary D. Steelman, Assistant Gunner CPL Walter L. Davis, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Terry L. Childress, Prime Mover Driver PFC Ronald Smith, Cannoneer SP4 Steven L. Winn, Cannoneer SP4 Buddy D. Winn, Cannoneer PFC Ronnie L. Manning. Officer Candidates: OCS SGTs John S. Cole, John R. Everly, James E. Johnson and John S. Powers Jr. Excess Personnel: 1LT John R. McCray Jr., 2LT Derald L. Clow, 2LT Kenneth D. Thomas, WO1 James D. Essary, MSG Luther L. Chapin and SSG Edgar R. Blunt. Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Jerry W. Glandon, Executive Officer 2LT James C. Peck, First Sergeant SFC Otha O. Lambert, Mess Stewart PFC Dan L. Wigington, Motor Sergeant SSG Terry L. Ball, Supply Sergeant SGT Floyd T. Todd, First Cook PFC Ronald L. Wigington, First Cook PFC Bobby J. Bagwell, Armorer PFC Ernest F. Godlove, Battery Clerk PFC Sam A. Joyner, Cook SP4 Leslie Sneed Jr., Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Joseph P. Stuever, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic PFC Jerry W. Bennett, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Walter D. Campbell, Cooks Helper PFC Jack E. Lythe, Mechanic Helper SP5 Samuel L. Jenkins, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Charles B. Smith, Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Batrhell Little Chief. Personnel Section: Unit Personnel Technician CW2 Dennis R. Roper, Personnel Sergeant SSG Joseph L. Stevens Jr.,

Personnel Management Specialist PVT Jerry E. Otis, Senior Pay Specialist PFC Charles E. Freeman, Pay Specialist PFC Michael C. Hinson, Personnel Record Specialist PFC Gerald C. Lane, Senior Personnel Record Specialist SP4 Roy D. Chain. Maintenance Section: Auto Maintenance Technician CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliary, Motor Maintenance Sergeant SSG Robert J. Crabtree, Senior Recovery Mechanic SSG Darrel L. Bishop, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SP5 Richard L. Stuever, Loader Operator SP4 Leroy Love, Ordnance Supply Sergeant PFC William R. Lynn Jr., Recovery Mechanic PVT Donald R. Graves, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Marx L. Calhoun, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 William L. Abbott, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Charles E. Wilson, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP5 James L. Sikes, Welder PFC John W. Richardson Jr., Wrecker Operator SP4 Billy R. Buehne, Mechanic Helper PVT Eugene W. McClung, Mechanic Helper PVT Preston L. Dorman. Supply Section: Unit Supply Technician CW4 Vincent B. Shaffer, Supply Sergeant SFC Roylee C. Reynolds, Assistant Agent SFC Gene Ingle, General Supply Specialist SSG Robert D. Clift, Light Truck Driver SP5 Vernon M. Hedrick, Light Truck Driver SP4 Randall R. Brown, Light Truck Driver SP4 Larri L. Cagle, Supply Clerk PFC James D. Dean, Supply Clerk PFC Paul K. Gilbreath. Ammunition Headquarters: Ammunition Supply Sergeant SFC Jack R. Vandyke, Ammunition Agent PFC Carl E. Miller, Ammunition Agent SP4 Thomas M. Shields. Ammunition Section One: Section Chief SGT Philip M. Phelps, Ammunition Specialist PFC Lonnie L. Whatley, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 William D. Hargrove Jr., Heavy Truck Driver PVT William E. Evans, Ammunition Handler PVT Royce Kerfoot. Ammunition Section Two: Section Chief SP5 Ernest J. Mundkowski Jr., Ammunition Specialist SP4 Frank Kowena, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Glydell R. Pawless, Heavy Truck Driver PVT Gerald W. Knight, Ammunition Handler SP4 Kenneth J. Mitchell. Ammunition Section Three: Section Chief SP5 John F. Conley, Ammunition Specialist SP5 Delbert M. White, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 James A. Boydston, Heavy Truck Driver PFC Terry L. Perryman, Ammunition Handler PVT Johnny G. Coffey, Ammunition Handler SP4 Robert E. McKnight. Excess Personnel: 1LT Freddy C. Ricks, 2LT Richard L. Sowle, 2LT Bob H. Wiseman, CW2 B. L. Brence, SFC Donald G. Poolaw, SFC Jerry V. L. Wilson and SGT Elijah Jackson. Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CAPT Merrill B. Burruss Jr. appointed S-2, replacing CAPT Charles W. Wooten, who was transferred. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT David H. Hensley appointed Battery Commander, replacing 1LT Freddie C. Rick's, resigned. 1SG William G. Spangler appointed 1SG replacing MSG Robert E. Ladwig. SFC Robert E. Ladwig appointed Supply NCO, replacing SGT Harvey C. Stockton. SFC Thomas J. Hickey appointed Ammo NCO replacing SSG R. D. Robnett. SGT Everett N. Johnston appointed Communications NCO, replacing MSG Thomas J. Hickey. SFC Charles L. Bitsche appointed Chief Firing Battery. SSG R. D. Robnett appointed Chief Howitzer Section. SGT Michael R. Meigs appointed Chief Howitzer Section. SGT Thomas G. Busby appointed Chief Howitzer Section. SSG John J. Miracle appointed Chief Howitzer Section.

Feb 16, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Walter W. Tadlock appointed Team Chief, wire section, replacing SSG Don A. Hanley, discharged.

Feb 22, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPL David L. DeLong appointed chief of section, replacing SSG Robert M. Owsley, Honorable Discharge; ETS (Expiration of Time in Service).

Mar 01, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Ivan R. Norton, appointed Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Don L. Grissom, discharged.

Mar 06, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Paul G. Kniffin appointed 2nd Howitzer Section Chief replacing SSG William R. Herron, discharged. Sgt Francis L. Smithpeter appointed Communications Section Chief, replacing SSG Gerald W. Hill, discharged. Sp4 Billy J. Conley appointed Radio Team Chief replacing SGT Smithpeter.

Mar 08, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Ray F. Williams appointed Mess Sergeant replacing SGT Bobby G. Graybill, Honorable Discharge, change of address.

Mar 14, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC George L. E. McDaniel appointed Communications Chief, replacing SFC Woodrow F. Robinson, discharged. SP5 Vernon R. Ward appointed Section Chief, radio section, replacing SFC George L. E. McDaniel, reassigned. SP4 Gary M. Hancock appointed Team Chief, radio section, replacing SP5 Vernon R. Ward, reassigned. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MSG Richard R. Bell appointed Chief of Fire Battery, replacing SSG Robert L. Tilley, discharge.

Mar 30, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th

Field Artillery: CAPT William T. Morse, Battalion Surgeon, reassigned. CAPT Kenneth O. Northcutt, Excess, reassigned.

Apr 01, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Glen D. Erkenbrack appointed Chief of Survey Party, replacing SP5 Billy C. Cummings, discharged. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW2 Gene E. Wells assigned unit Supply Tech for 1120th Maintenance Company (DS) (Div), Holdenville, Oklahoma, replacing CW4 Vincent B. Shaffer assigned USAR standby.

May 06, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Derald L. Clow appointed Assistant Executive Officer, joined from Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Kenneth W. Bray appointed Battery Commander, replacing 1LT David H. Hensley. 2LT Jim R. Swafford appointed Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Kenneth W. Bray.

Jun 09, 1968: Published in the "The Sunday Oklahoman" entitled: Oklahoma Guard keeps Thunderbird patch. The famous Thunderbird shoulder patch of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, worn by thousands of Oklahoma soldiers in two wars, won't be retired after all, it was announced Saturday. Maj. Gen. L. E. Weber, state adjutant general, said all Oklahoma army guardsmen except a few in state headquarters will be permitted to keep the red and yellow patch. On February 1, when the 45th Infantry Division status was retired, it originally was thought the Thunderbird patch would have to come off of the shoulders of the 9,000 guardsmen who now wear it. However, new word from Washington permits retention of the T-Bird patch. A few officers and men in headquarters will keep the Indian head patch, also a long time Oklahoma military emblem but not as well known. When it was first announced that the Thunderbird patch was going into mothballs there was a loud rumbling from many of the 45th's veterans scattered over the state. Weber then appointed a high ranking committee to study the patch problem, which has now been solved. Many veterans also were unhappy about loss of the division status, but that pain was quickly eased when it was finally announced there still would be 96 guard units, a loss of only 6. Also, the number of communities with units, 74, remained the same. The 45th was reorganized into four streamlined brigade size organizations of 13 battalions in keeping with current army tactics with the simple official name of Oklahoma Army National Guard.

Jun 17, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: E-6 SSG Darrel L. Bishop assigned unit Motor Sergeant replacing SSG E-6 Kerry L. Ball, discharged.

Jun 18, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Charles R. Hudson attached from HHD, OKARNG and assigned as Training Officer, replacing to 2LT Jimmie L. Vogt.

Jun 30, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CAPT Evan L. Horne, Excess, transferred to Inactive National Guard.

Jul 02, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Bobby D. Thomasson joined from Service Battery 1st Battalion 158th Artillery and assigned Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Derald L. Clow, transferred to USAR.

Jul 15, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Herbert A. O'Neal appointed Battalion Recon and Survey Officer.

Jul 25, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CAPT Charles W. Wootten, appointed Headquarters Battery Commander, replacing CAPT William H. Crawford, reassigned.

Jul 31, 1968: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Fort Sill Chief to visit guard artillery camp. By a staff writer. Fort Sill. Artillerymen of the Oklahoma Army National Guard's 45th Artillery group are to be visited Wednesday by the commanding general of Fort Sill as they make their first move to the field. Maj. Gen. Charles P. Brown, who also is the commandant of the U. S. Army Artillery and Missile School here, will join Col. William Youell, Blackwell, group commander, to view training as two battalions move into firing positions with their big guns. No actual firing will be done until next week, but the practice mission is designed to get the artillerymen accustomed to weapons new to them in every way short of firing them. Battalions going to the field Wednesday are the First Battalion, 158th Artillery, equipped with eight-inch howitzers, and the First Battalion, 189th Artillery, equipped with 175mm self propelled guns. Men of the First Battalion 171st Artillery, will continue with specialized classes dealing with their new mission as artillerymen. The 171st has been designated a target acquisition battalion, and the soldiers are receiving training on

sophisticated electronic techniques of locating and destroying enemy guns. The two-week annual field training, which began Saturday is the first of three Oklahoma Army National Guard camps this summer.

Aug 03, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LT David H. Hensley appointed Battery Commander, replacing 2LT Kenneth W. Bray. 2LT Kenneth W. Bray appointed Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Jim R. Swafford, appointed Assistant Executive Officer. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Richard L. Sowle assigned unit Ammunition Officer from unit excess.

Aug 04, 1968: Obituary: Lowell Clark Highfill February 17, 1920 to August 4, 1968 Lowell attended the first year of school in a rural school nearby. The next year, his parents moved to Perry, where he graduated from high school in 1939. He worked during his high school years in the wheat harvest, on a pipeline in the oil field and in the Perry Greenhouse. He was a member of the National Guard, serving as a station wagon driver in Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, 45th Division, ASN: 20830842. He attended one semester at Oklahoma A&M (now OSU). The National Guard was mobilized in 1940 and he was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. When the unit was sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas near Abilene, he married Mildred Hensley. When their son Kenneth was born, Battery C adopted him as their mascot and gave the proud father a pink and blue baby shower. Lowell went to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where he obtained a discharge in order to enlist in the Air Force. He received his wings and temporary rank as Second Lieutenant on March 20, 1943, in Houston, Texas. He was sent to the brand new school at Frederick, Oklahoma, where he trained student pilots in AT-17s. Early in 1944, Lowell went to Midland Air Field at Midland, Texas, a school for Bomberdeers, where he flew planes used in this training. He was sent to Fort Worth to train in B-24s and then to Lincoln, Nebraska, to pick up his crew. Before this was accomplished the B-29s replaced the B-24s and he was transferred to Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana. Training with this crew on a B-29 was nearly completed when the war ended. After being honorably discharged, Lowell, with his wife and 2 small sons, hooked the house trailer he owned to the back of his 1939 Ford and went 25 miles before the back springs of the car collapsed. A piece of angle iron welded to the frame solved the problem but the car always rode like a lumber wagon. They came back to Noble County and settled on a farm northwest of Morrison. Lowell, along with his farming, also baled hay, delivered mail, combined wheat, he took his combines one year to Idaho on the harvest run, and as a "rough-neck", he worked on a drilling rig in the oil field. He also worked as a flight instructor at Oklahoma State University for 5 years. In 1960, the family moved to 901 Fir Street, Perry, Oklahoma. They bought and completely remodeled this home. Six months prior to moving to Perry, Lowell started to work for Charles Machine Works as a District Representative on the sales force. Lowell and Millie were members of the First Presbyterian church at Perry. Following his death, an award, called the Lowell Highfill award, was set up and is given each year by Charles Machine Works to the outstanding Ditch Witch Salesman in the United States. Lowell C. Highfill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Highfill of Perry. He has been employed during his school days at the Perry Greenhouse and at the Apache Gas Company. He intends to go to some college or university. He is a mechanic by hobby. He was on the poultry judging team of the F.F.A. for three years. He was born near Stillwater and attended schools in Cherokee as well as in Perry. From The History of Noble County, Oklahoma. The Noble County Genealogy Society, 1987.

Aug 19, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: PFC Gabe M. Chittum assigned as Training NCO, replacing SP4 Ray L. Watts. 1 September 1968: CAPT Ira D. Hart Jr. assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CAPT Bobby R. Jantz, transferred to HHB 45th Artillery Group.

Sep 01, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Joe A. Wheeler appointed Battalion Commander, replacing LTC Larry E. Stephenson, retired. MAJ Herman H. Horst, appointed Battalion Executive Officer, replacing MAJ Robert E. Sims, transferred. MAJ Melford C. Scott, appointed S-3, replacing MAJ Joe A. Wheeler, reassigned. CAPT Claude E. Wheeler appointed Battalion Liaison Officer, replacing CAPT Chester L. Carlton, transferred to HQ 45th Artillery Group. CAPT Ira D. Hart, appointed Battery Commander, Battery "A", 1/158. MAJ Bill M. Penwright, transferred to HQ 45th Artillery Group.

Sep 02, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CAPT Jesse H. Sheppard, Excess, transferred to HQ 45th Artillery Group. CAPT Luther G. Webb, Excess, transferred to HQ 45th Artillery Group. 1LT Charles E. Schmidt, Excess, transferred to OKANG (Air Guard). 2LT Marvin D. Self, Excess, discharged.

Sep 18, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Clifford A. Cantwell appointed Team Chief, Wire Section, replacing SGT Charles M. Daugherty, discharged.

Sep 20, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1SGT Richard E. Bowers appointed 1st Sgt Hq Btry, replacing SFC John W. Walker, retired.

Sep 28, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Charles W. Watts assigned as Chief of Firing Battery replacing MSG Richard R. Bell, discharged. SGT Charles E. White assigned as 4th Howitzer Section Chief, replacing SSG Watts.

Nov 15, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT James E. Johnson appointed Communications Officer. 2LT John S. Cole appointed Mess Officer. 2LT John R. Everly appointed Motor Officer. 2LT James E. Johnson Unit Historian.

Nov 22, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: PVT James L. Parson appointed Battery Clerk replacing SP4 Kenneth W. Collinworth, Honorable Discharge, enlist in USAR. Nov 25, 1968 Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 George W. Phillips appointed Team Chief, Radio Section, replacing SP4 Charles R. Tucker, discharged.

Nov 28, 1968: Command Staff and Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Clifford A. Cantwell appointed Section Chief, Wire Section, replacing SFC Lewis E. Ahrens, discharged.

Dec 02, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 George W. Phillips appointed Section Chief, Radio Section, replacing SP5 Vernon R. Ward, discharged.

Dec 05, 1968: Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT John Cline appointed Assistant S-3, replacing CAPT John E. Cruse, reassigned.

Dec 31, 1968: Published in the "Report of the Oklahoma Military Department" entitled: Troop List. The National Guard of Oklahoma consists of the following units: Army National Guard: 45th Artillery Group, 1,724. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, (94). 1st Battalion (8") (SP), 158th Artillery. 1st Battalion (Tgt Acq), 171st Artillery (698). 1st Battalion (175mm) (SP), 189th Artillery (452). Commander 45th Field Artillery Group Colonel William L. Youell. Station List: The following is a station list of Oklahoma Army National Guard units and the strength of each unit. Station-Unit-Aggregate Strength: Anadarko, OK; Battery "A" First Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 98. Chickasha, OK ; Battery "C" First Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 96. Duncan, OK; Battery "B" First Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 97. Lawton, OK; Headquarters and Headquarters Battery First Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 113. Lawton, OK; Service Battery First Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 63. Annual field training was conducted during the year as follows: 45th Artillery Group Fort Sill, OK 27 July - 10 August 1968. Strength: 1601. Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Ronald R. Valdez appointed Team Chief, Wire Section, replacing SP5 Roger Van Dervort, discharged. Yearly history of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1968: On 1 February 1968 how our unit was redesignated Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion 158 Artillery and reorganized as an artillery battalion headquarters. We were authorized a strength of 11 officers and 110 enlisted men. We have since had two changes in strength allowed and are currently authorized 13 officers and 103 enlisted men. We were formally Headquarters Troop 1st Squadron 145th Cavalry, the only cavalry squadron in the 45th Division. Effective upon reorganization LTC Larry E. Stephenson was appointed Battalion Commander and Captain William H. Crawford was appointed Headquarters Battery Commander. Our first assembly was devoted to riot control training in keeping with our state mission. Colonel John Coffey, XO, OMD, was present. On 10 March our unit move to Fort Sill for briefing and orientation on the 8" M110 Self-Propelled Howitzer. Our April through July assemblies were utilized primarily for MOS training for all the battery sections. In addition to this training we established a bivouac in Bateman woods at Fort Sill and conducted Small Arms firing on 18-19 May. A practice alert was conducted on 21 June highlighted by a visit by LTC Frederick J. Rice, XO, 45th Artillery Group. On 25 July Captain Charles W. Wooten assumed command of Headquarters Battery. Annual Field Training was from 27th July to 11 August at Fort Sill. We arrived at Camp Eagle at 1000 hours 27th July. We spent the remainder of Saturday and all day Sunday establishing quarters and preparing for the first week's activity. The entire first week was spent on MOS training with FDC, Survey and Communications sections attending formal classes while the remainder of the battery conducted OJT in support of the battalion operation. Highlights of the first week's activities were the Battalion Retreat parade Friday afternoon and the Governor's Day Review Saturday morning. All Personnel enjoyed time off Saturday and Sunday and were ready to

move to the field on Monday morning. Our second week was spent in tactical training in the field. We participated in a GP FTX on Monday requiring us to move into a Forward Assembly Area initially and finally making a night move into the Battalion Forward Position. Tuesday through Thursday we supported the firing batteries as they fired 200 rounds of 8" ammo. On Friday we move back to Camp Eagle and spent the day on maintenance, muster of troops and prepared for the move home. Saturday morning we moved back to our Armory arriving at 0835 hours and worked the remainder of the weekend on maintenance. Our August assembly found CMMI, Audit and AGI just around the corner. The weekend was a busy one with maintenance getting most of the attention. On 1 September Major Joe A. Wheeler was appointed Battalion Commander as LTC Stephenson retired. The September and October assemblies were used to accomplish Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction and firing. The November and December assemblies were busy ones with maintenance and mandatory subjects the order of the day. Yearly history of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1968: History of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Artillery for the year 1968. On 1 February 1968, our unit was redesignated Battery "A", First Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery. We were made up of Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Battery and Battery "A" 1st Battalion 171st Artillery. Our battery commander was Captain Bobby R. Jantz formerly Battery "A" 1 / 171 Commander, 1LT William R. Nixon was assigned as executive officer, 2LT Jimmie L. Vogt was assigned as excess and the Assistant Executive Officer position was left unassigned for the time being. For members of Battery "A" 1 / 171 the change was not too drastic, for all they had to do was get used to the 8" howitzer instead of the 105 howitzer they did have. But, for the HH&S Battery 1/171 people that cannons hop was quite strange. We were issued 8" towed in lieu of the self-propelled so we would could at least be familiar with the artillery part of the big weapon. The general feeling throughout the battery was "how will we ever be able to handle these huge trucks and guns!" As AFT time neared we began to look forward to being able to function in our new roles and were quite confident that we could get the job done. Our first drill after the organization was spent on inventory, orientation of the 8" and riot control training. We were very fortunate to be close to Fort Sill and our battalion arranged for us to attend classes on post taught by Army instructors on the different equipment that we would now be working with in our new organization. Man was it cold and dreary that day! AFT was 27 July to 10 August at Camp Eagle on Fort Sill's west range. The tent cities were a new experience to the majority of us as we had been used to permanent type barracks at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas in past camps. We had very little travel time and spent most of the first day unloading and improving our areas. The entire first week was spent in the cantonment area, with daily RSOP in preparation for the second week firing. We participated in the Governor's Day Review Saturday and the majority of the battery was then released on pass. One highlight of this camp was opportunity to purchase battery pictures, which was well received since it had been ten years since the last picture was made of the unit from Anadarko. Our second week of AFT was spent in the field where we fired approximately 100 rounds (after a few slight difficulties) and then return to Camp Eagle for maintenance, loading, pay and preparation for the return to home stations. After AFT the bulk of our drills were spent in maintaining our equipment and preparing for a AGI, CMMI, and Audit. We were asked to participate in the opening parade of the American Indian Exposition and did, with a color guard, battery mass and three 10-ton trucks pulling 8" howitzers. On 1 September we had a new battery commander appointed. Captain Ira D. Hart Jr. replaced Captain Jantz. Other items of interest and afterthoughts: our training was improved greatly by being able to send FDC, Ammo, Maintenance, and Communications Personnel too classes at Fort Sill for approximately 6 months on each drill after reorganization; 2LT Vogt transferred out and we had to second lieutenants graduate from OCS in June and return to the unit. 2LT Bobby D. Thomasson was assigned as a Assistant Executive Officer and 2LT Charles R. Hudson was attached to us from HHD, OKARNG in Oklahoma City; our designation was changed again 1 January 1969 when the field artillery and air defense were separated into different branches making us Battery "A" 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery instead of Battery "A" 1st Battalion 158th Artillery. Leslie E. Blaylock Sergeant First Class, Unit Historian. Yearly history of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1968: The year 1968 was an eventful one for Bravo Battery of the 158 FA. It began with a redesignation of the battery on February 1 from a 105mm Howitzer outfit to a 8" unit. This came as a result of the reorganization of the division. Hardly anybody realize any sense of change until the morning the 10-ton truck pulled into our motor pool with an 8" Howitzer behind it. There were several cries of disbelief when the gun crews began inspecting this new weapon. It made their old 105mm look like a toy, and they sensed that is new tube would require extra effort and teamwork. On February 18, the Firing Battery had their first classes on their new weapon. Corporal David DeLong proved to be the first casualty. He released the clutch without having a good grip on the elevated hand wheel. As a result of low nitrogen pressure in the equilibrators the tube started down, spinning the hand-wheel wildly. After receiving a couple of shots from the wheel, Corporal DeLong was treated for a badly sprained wrist. He quickly learned the importance of safety while working around the 8" howitzer. Throughout the year the battery participated in riot control training. Although there was grumbling in the ranks they realized the importance of the training. On March 10th, the battery travel to Fort Sill for an orientation class on the 8" self-propelled weapon. It did not take the gun Crews long to decide that the SP was a better deal than the 8" towed. Other trips were made to Fort Sill for qualification and familiarization with MI, 45 caliber pistol, and 30 caliber M.G. These drills will usually enjoyed by the battery. July was an important month to us, because we picked up about 20 new recruits. They were quickly sent off to basic training, and after a short time we

begin to get reports of their excellent performance. We think these new members an invaluable asset to the battery. July also meant summer camp for us. There was a great deal of excitement, because we were ready to show everybody and everyone how much we learned about our new weapon in 6 months. The first week was spent dry firing which made everyone impatient, but we finally got around to about 10:00 at night. Even with the handicap of darkness, "Bravo" was laid about 10:00 at night. Even with the handicap of darkness "Bravo" was laid and ready to fire in 28 minutes. July ended a very successful season for 1SG Dale Spruill. 1SG Spruill was one of the two Oklahoma Guardsman selected to fire on the all guard rifle team in March. He attended rifle matches in 13 states. The team placed first on three of the matches, competing against all armed forces and civilian rifle teams. After summer camp, we got down to the business of getting ready for AGI, CMMI, and our yearly Audit. About the same time Major Joe A. Wheeler became the new Battalion commander. In December, the battery put on an 8" Howitzer demonstration in the Ward Mall, parking lot in Duncan. The unit started 1968 with inexperienced gun crews. But after the weekends, and Summer Camp training they were performing like season troops. Yearly history of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1968: On February 1, 1968 HH&S Battery 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery (105-mm Howitzer Towed) was reorganized to be Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Artillery (8" Howitzer Towed). This was a significant change for the men and I think most were a little skeptical when our first 8" gun rolled into the armory. Being a HH&S Battery we didn't have much chance to be around the guns, but we took a giant step forward in size of the peace also. Not many of the man that ever seen, much less fired a weapon, of such caliber. But I will admit Charlie battery stood tall and understood the added responsibility of being a firing element. Many changes in job requirements had to be accepted by most of the men in the battery. It took many hours of training for Charlie to undergo the transition from HH&S to a firing battery. Charlie was the only battery in the 45th Artillery Group to receive Fire Superior ratings. A mark well worth a little glory. Although summer camp really turned out well for Charlie, there was one incident that didn't turn out so well. Each battery had a designated night to rest, or play whichever be the case. Passes will given to members of battery and it was usually a joyous occasion for everyone, except poor Charlie. It seems as though Battalion was having a film on riot control procedures which was mandatory for each battery to attend. You guessed it! The two nights coincided and Charlie had to give up its only night off. During the year much attention was given to the available schools at Fort Sill. Many drills were devoted to sending personnel to these various schools so Charlie could more easily make the transition. Other subjects of interest there and drill dates included the January, February, and March meetings. During these drills Charlie went to Fort Sill for orientation classes on a 8" self-propelled Howitzer M110. Also a riot control refresher course emphasizing squad and platoon formations, was taught. During the November drill Charlie took a surprise physical training test. As usual they passed with flying colors which proves again that Charlie is ready, even for the unexpected. 2nd Lieutenant Johnson, Unit Historian. Yearly history of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1969: On 1 February 1968 our unit was read designated Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery and reorganize as artillery battalion. We were authorized strength of 3 officers, 3 warrant officers and 68th enlisted man. We have since had three changes in strength allowed and are currently authorized 3 officers, 3 WOs and 60 enlisted man. We were formerly Company "B" 700 Maintenance Battalion. Effective on reorganization LTC Larry E. Stephenson was appointed Battalion Commander and CPT Jerry W. Glandon was appointed Service Battery Commander. Our first assemble was devoted to Riot Control Training and in keeping with our State Mission. Colonel John Coffey, XO, OMD, was present. On 10 March our unit moved to Fort Sill for briefing and orientation on the 8" M110 Self-Propelled Howitzer. Our April through July assemblies were utilized primarily for MOS training and for all the battery sections. In addition to this training we established a bivouac in Bateman Woods at Fort Sill and conducted Small Arms firing on the 18 & 19 May. A Practice Alert was conducted on 21 June highlighted by visit by LTC Frederick J. 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Jan 01, 1969: Official Roster of the 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled), 158th Field Artillery and Stations of Organization: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery;

Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battalion Headquarters: Battalion Commander MAJ Joe A. Wheeler, Executive Officer MAJ Herman H. Horst, S-3 MAJ Melford L. Scott, Battalion Motor Officer CPT Charles E. Myers, Communications Officer CPT Junior D. McLemore, Liaison Officer CPT Claude E. Wheeler, S-1 1LT Calvin E. Koonce, S-2 CPT Merrill B. Burruss. Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Charles W. Wooten, First Sergeant 1SG Richard E. Bowers, Dining Facility Manager SFC Clem B. Brooks, Supply Sergeant SSG Kenneth M. Dorrell, Motor Sergeant SGT Ivan R. Norton, First Cook SP4 James H. Lents, First Cook SP4 Chester L. Fisher, Armorer SP4 William A. Stephens, Battery Clerk SP4 William R. Morris, Cook SP4 Clarence Symes, Cook PFC Lonnie G. Dye, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Donald D. Barrett, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Ronald L. Barrett, Mechanic Helper PFC Walter W. Tadlock, Mechanic Helper PFC Leland R. Terrell, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Dennis H. Easter, Supply Clerk PFC Larry E. Olmstead. Administration Section: Headquarters Clerk PFC Phillip T. Loyd, Mail Clerk PFC Joe R. Davis, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Kenneth Morris, Radio Telephone Operator PFC James B. McIninch. Operations Platoon Headquarters: Assistant S-3 1LT John L. Kline, Intelligence Sergeant SSG Ronald L. Walker, Operations Sergeant SFC Ronald E. Jarvis, Clerk SP4 Cleo M. Otipoby, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Stephen K. Parris, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Michael L. Allen. Fire Direction Center: Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Edward D. Hall, Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SGT Rodney C. Mastin, Fire Direction Computer SP4 Jimmy R. Daubert, Fire Direction Computer SP4 David L. Thompson, Chart Operator SP4 Billy W. Josefy, Chart Operator SP4 Howard L. Hill, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Donny B. Lindsey, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Larry K. Rackley. Survey Section: Reconnaissance and Survey Officer 1LT Herbert A. O'Neil, Chief Surveyor SFC Donnie J. Bowden, Chief of Survey Party SSG Stanley E. Morse, Chief of Survey Party SGT Gary D. Brown, Chief of Survey Party SP4 Ray A. Adams, Survey Computer SP5 Roy L. Thacker, Survey Computer SP4 Thomas J. Challacombe, Survey Computer SP4 Glenn R. Erkenbrack, Survey Computer SP4 Loyd J. Teague, Survey Computer SP4 Jesse W. Teague, Instrument Operator SP4 Quannah E. Tonemah, Instrument Operator SP4 Jimmie E. Thomas, Instrument Operator SP4 Robert B. McAnally, Survey Recorder SP4 Thomas V. Davis, Survey Recorder SP4 Larry A. Kendall, Survey Recorder SP4 Don R. Schroeder, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Karl L. Kelsay, Rodman Tapeman PVT Eddy J. Hargraves, Rodman Tapeman PVT Evans P. Warner, Rodman Tapeman PVT Jimmie A. Willis. Liaison Section: Liaison Sergeant SP4 James A. Pahdoco, Radio Telephone Operator SP4 Ronald M. Valdez. Communications Platoon Headquarters: Assistant Communications Officer 1LT Darrell L. Farris, Communications Chief SFC George L. E. McDaniel, Senior Message Clerk SP4 Verneil S. Henderson, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Ronald M. Lodes. Wire Section: Section Chief SGT Clifford A. Cantwell, Wire Team Chief SP4 Bobby D. Booth, Wire Team Chief SP4 Sam E. Countiss, Wire Team Chief SP4 Eddie C. Sims, Wire Team Chief SP4 Danny S. Roper, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Charles D. Langston, Senior Team Field Wireman SP4 Larry A. Morris, Senior Team Field Wireman SP4 Richard L. Radke, Senior Team Field Wireman SP4 John E. Kuykendall, Senior Team Field Wireman SP4 Dewey L. Harris, Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Kenneth L. Danham, Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Carrol N. Fisher, Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Jerry D. Null, Field Wireman PFC Calvin E. Williams, Field Wireman PFC Don R. Wilson, Field Wireman PFC James D. Crossland, Field Wireman PFC James D. Burk, Field Wireman PFC Kenneth W. Etter, Field Wireman PFC Billy W. Godfrey, Field Wireman PFC Gordon L. Heying, Field Wireman PFC Calvin L. Keller, Field Wireman PFC Weldon Koweno, Field Wireman PFC Ronald R. Russell, Field Wireman PFC Clyde R. Narcomey, Field Wireman PFC Paul G. McCarley. Radio Section: Section Chief SGT George W. Phillips, Team Chief SP4 Cyrus S. Grover III, Team Chief SGT Phillip G. Waggoner, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Gary M. Hancock, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Billy J. Holoway, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Stephen C. Jennings, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Ronald M. Johnson, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Homer L. Ryan, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Arthur E. Simmons. Medical Section: Section Sergeant SGT Harold W. Rigsby, Senior Medical Aidman SP4 Robert B. Tipton, Ambulance Driver SP4 Edward L. Calfy, Battery Aidman SP4 Roger A. Moore, Battery Aidman SP4 Harvey G. Patterson, Battery Aidman SP4 Lynn D. White, Battery Aidman SP4 John A. Duncan. Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Ira D. Hart Jr., First Sergeant 1SG Harvey D. Hiitt, Mess Steward SGT Charles L. Payne, Motor Sergeant SSG Terrell E. Voyles, Supply Sergeant SFC Leslie E. Blalock, First Cook SP5 Cleland A. Staggs, First Cook SP4 Melvin H. Morrow, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SP5 Michael J. Dobry, Battery Clerk SP5 Vernon M. Hedrick, Cook SP4 Donald W. Lowe, Cook PFC Ralph W. Myers, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Curtis W. Sage, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Edward D. Beets, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Willard R. Taylor, Cook Helper PFC Kelly A. Weddle, Mechanic Helper SP4 Burl R. West, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Donnie J. Galindo, Unit Supply Specialist SGT Darrell D. Lange. Communications Section: Communications Chief SGT Francis L. Smithpeter, Team Chief SGT James H. Wiley, Team Chief SGT Billy J. Conley, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Phillip S. Lankister, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Jimmy D. Yearwood, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Eddie C. Arrowood, Senior Field Wireman SP4 Hugh W. Gossett, Communications Agent PFC Donald L. Norton, Field Switchboard Operator PFC Gerald L. Menasco, Field Switchboard Operator PFC Maynard W. Rooker, Field Wireman PFC Ronald D. Slater, Field Wireman PVT Lyndel R. East. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 1LT William R. Nixon, Assistant Executive Officer 2LT Bobby D. Thomasson, Chief of Firing Battery SFC Charles W. Watts, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Floyd R. Harrison,

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Smith, Cannoneer PFC Gary D. Lindley, Cannoneer PFC Ronald J. Martin, Cannoneer PFC Larry C. Rehl, Cannoneer PVT Jerry L. Marcum, Cannoneer PVT Gerald W. Myers. Howitzer Section #3: Chief of Section SSG Paul G. Kniffin, Gunner CPL David E. Lampkin, Assistant Gunner CPL Jimmy C. Bartlett, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Leon N. Harrison, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Monty G. Howell, Cannoneer PFC John L. Gilleland, Cannoneer PFC Paul L. Martinez, Cannoneer PFC Dennis W. Williams, Cannoneer PFC Floyd W. Ratliff Jr., Cannoneer PVT Keith L. McPherson. Howitzer Section #4: Chief of Section SSG Charles E. White, Gunner CPL Troy F. Loula, Assistant Gunner CPL Michael L. Lovell, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Ray L. Watts, Prime Mover Driver SP4 David G. Glenn, Cannoneer PFC Terry W. Sparkman, Cannoneer PFC Albert D. Thompson, Cannoneer PFC Robert E. Williams, Cannoneer PVT Milo M. Gordon. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SSG Lynndel A. Bentley, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Walter T. 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Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 2LT Kenneth W. Bray, Assistant Executive Officer 2LT Jim R. Swafford, Chief of Firing Battery SFC Charles L. Bitsche, Fire Direction Computer SP4 Larry D. Moore, Fire Direction Computer PFC Billy R. Morris, Chart Operator SP4 Richard L. Costlow, Chart Operator PFC Bobby W. Word, Instrument Operator SP4 Larry J. Miracle, Artillery Recorder PFC Louis A. Maggia, Assembler SP4 Thomas G. Rogers, Assembler SP4 Melvin R. Auten, Assembler PVT Kenneth L. Roden, Assembler SP4 Lyndol R. Harris Jr. First Howitzer Section: Chief of Section SSG Thomas G. Busby, Gunner SP4 Cubie E. Loveless Jr., Assistant Gunner CPL Elwood Clark, Prime Mover Driver SP4 LeRoy Mayhugh, Prime Mover Driver PVT John L. Mach, Cannoneer SGT Earl D. Still, Cannoneer PFC Bill A. Gibbs, Cannoneer PFC Phillip D. Workman, Cannoneer PVT Larry D. Singleton, Cannoneer PVT Royce M. Hammons, Cannoneer PVT Kenneth L. McComas Jr. Second Howitzer Section: Chief of Section SSG John W. Miracle, Gunner SP4 Terry D. Stroud, Assistant Gunner PFC Jerry B. Lair, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Terry L. Childress, Prime Mover Driver PVT Wayne G. Collins, Cannoneer SP4 Richard A. Bennett, Cannoneer PFC Roy W. Carter, Cannoneer PVT Donnie R. Alcorn, Cannoneer PVT Roy K. Morris, Cannoneer PVT William W. Wheeler, Cannoneer PVT Michael G. Winn. Third Howitzer Section: Chief of Section Gary D. Steelman, Gunner SP4 Rodger D. Miracle, Assistant Gunner CPL Walter L. Davis, Prime Mover Driver PVT John L. Koehler, Prime Mover Driver PVT Gary D. Clampitt, Cannoneer PFC Ronnie L. Manning, Cannoneer PFC Ronald E. Smith, Cannoneer PVT Jack C. Bullard, Cannoneer PVT Dennis K. Boyd, Cannoneer PFC W. R. Hightower, Cannoneer PVT Charles R. Jenkins. Fourth Howitzer Section: Chief of Section SSG R. D. Robnett, Gunner SGT Victor B. Bolin, Assistant Gunner SGT Russell L. Cocheran, Prime Mover Driver PVT Patrick C. Winn, Prime Mover Driver PVT Patrick M. Frances, Cannoneer SGT Albert T. Shipley, Cannoneer SGT Patrick A. Brooks, Cannoneer SGT Franklin A. Cockerham Jr., Cannoneer SGT Stephen M. Hellwege, Cannoneer SGT Michael R. Meigs, Cannoneer PVT Kenneth I. Roden. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SFC Thomas J. Hickey, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 William G. Roberts, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Billy D. Freeman, Ammunition Handler SP4 David A. Shipley, Ammunition Handler PVT Larry K. Stephenson. Excess Personnel Assigned: 2LT John S. Cole, 2LT John R. Everly, 2LT John S. Powers Jr., 2LT James E. Johnson, 2LT Kenneth D. Thomas, MSG Luther L. Chapin and SGT Clyde S. Baxter Jr. Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Charles E. Myers, Executive Officer 1LT Jerry G. Davis, First Sergeant 1SG Jerry V. L. Wilson, Mess Stewart SSG Leslie Sneed Jr., Motor Sergeant SSG Max D. Futrell, Supply Sergeant SSG Floyd T. Todd, First Cook SP4 Ronald L. Wigington, First Cook SP5 Bobby J. Bagwell, Armorer PFC Jimmy G. Pryor, Battery Clerk PFC Harold A. Cloninger, Cook PVT George E. Massey, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Joseph P. Stuever, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Jerry W. Bennett, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic SGT Elijah Jackson, Cook Helper PFC Jack E. Lytle, Mechanic Helper SP4 Carl E. Miller, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Charles B. Smith, Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Barthell LittleChief. Personnel Section: Unit Personnel Technician CW2 Dennis R. Roper, Personnel Sergeant SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr., Personnel Management Specialist SP5 Charles E. Freeman, Senior Pay Specialist SP4 Michael C. Hinson, Pay Specialist PFC Richard A. Horton, Personnel Records Specialist PFC James W. Odom, Senior Personnel Records Specialist PVT James A. Shaw III. Maintenance Section: Auto Maintenance Technician CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliary, Motor Maintenance Sergeant SFC Robert J. Crabtree, Senior Recovery Mechanic SP5 Donald R. Graves, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SP5 Walter D. Campbell, Loader Operator SP4 Leroy Love, Ordnance Supply Specialist SP4 William R. Lynn Jr., Recovery Mechanic PVT Tony R. Torres, Track Vehicle Mechanic PVT Herman L. Morton Jr., Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 William L. Abbott, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Charles E. Wilson, Track Vehicle Mechanic PVT Ronnie H. Graves, Welder SP4 John W. Richardson Jr., Wrecker Operator SGT Billy R. Buehne, Mechanic Helper SP4 Eugene W. McClung, Mechanic Helper SP4 Preston L. Dorman. Supply Section: Unit Supply Technician CW2 Gene E. Wells, Supply Sergeant SFC Roylee C. Reynolds, Assistant Supply Sergeant SP4 James D. Dean, General Supply Specialist SP4 Paul K. Gilbreath, Heavy Truck Driver PVT Joseph M. Ferrante, Heavy Truck Driver PVT David L. Lindsey, Light Truck Driver PFC William G. Rogers, Supply Clerk PFC Charles B. Ball, Supply Clerk SP4 Gerald W. Knight. Ammunition Headquarters: Ammunition Officer 2LT Patrick A. Brooks, Ammunition Supply Sergeant SGT Randal R. Brown, Ammunition Agent PVT Gerry T. Hendrix, Ammunition Agent PVT Tom E. Thomas III. Ammunition Section #1: Section Chief SP4 Glydell R. Pawless, Ammunition Specialist SP4 Gerald C. Lane, Heavy Truck Driver PVT Johnny M. Graves, Heavy Truck Driver PVT Dennis R. Holland, Ammunition Handler PVT Larry J. Parkhill. Ammunition Section #2: Section Chief SGT Ernest J. Mundkowski Jr., Ammunition Specialist PFC Kenneth W. Stradley, Heavy Truck Driver PVT Jackie D.

Barrett, Heavy Truck Driver PVT Elvin S. Lee, Ammunition Handler PVT Joe G. Ford. Ammunition Section #3: Section Chief SGT Dan L. Wigington, Ammunition Specialist PFC Lonnie L. Whatley, Heavy Truck Driver PFC John R. Wilson III, Heavy Truck Driver PFC Terry L. Perryman, Ammunition Handler SP4 Kenneth R. Cunningham, Ammunition Handler PVT Richard J. Blaske. Excess Personnel Assigned: SFC Donald G. Poolaw.

Mar 10, 1969: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Francis P. O'Leary assumed Command of HHB, replacing CPT Charles W. Wooten, transferred to HHC 120th Engr Bn, Okmulgee, OK.

Mar 15, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT John S. Cole, attached as Assistant Executive Officer. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC Jerry V.L. Wilson, appointed First Sergeant, replacing 1SG Otha O. Lambert, assigned to USAR Co "D", 378th Regiment, 95th Division.

Mar 17, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Ray L. Watts appointed Communications Section Chief, replacing SGT Francis L. Smithpeter.

Mar 18, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT John R. Everly, appointed Executive Officer, replacing 2LT James C. Peck, assigned to additional TO&E position HHD Oklahoma Army National Guard.

Mar 22, 1969: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Ira D. Hart appointed Motor Officer, replacing CPT Charles E. Myers, transferred to Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Charles E. Myers, appointed Battery Commander replacing, CPT Jerry W. Glandon, assigned USAR Company "D", 378th Regiment, 95th Division.

Apr 03, 1969: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Sam E. Countiss, appointed Wire Section Chief, replacing SGT Clifford E. Cantwell, enlisted in U. S. Army.

Aug 14, 1969: Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Photo Caption: Eardrum pounding roar from an 8-inch howitzer follows cloud of black smoke out of the barrel of a weapon being fired by men of the 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery, 45th Field Artillery Group of the Oklahoma Army National Guard at Ft. Sill. The 1,700 men of the artillery from 20 Oklahoma towns are in their second week of annual field training.

Apr 30, 1969: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Robert B. Tipton, appointed Medical Section Sergeant, replacing SSG Rigsby, discharged. SGT Gary D. Brown, appointed Chief Surveyor, replacing SFC Donnie J. Bowden, transferred to HHB 1/171 FA.

May 01, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 John R. Green, Battery Clerk replaces PVT James L. Parsons, who was transferred to Howitzer Section.

May 02, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Larry D. Harvill, appointed Mess Steward, replacing SP5 Roy D. Williams.

May 09, 1969: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC Robert L. Stringer, appointed Battalion Sergeant Major, upon transfer from Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

Jun 01, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Michael J. Dobry appointed Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Terrell R. Voyles. 1LT William R. Nixon appointed Battery Commander, replacing CPT Ira D. Hart Jr., transferred to Battalion Staff. 2LT Bobby D. Thomasson appointed Executive Officer, replacing 1LT William R. Nixon. 2LT John R. Everly appointed Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Bobby D. Thomasson. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: Phillip Sampson, appointed Executive Officer, replacing 2LT John R. Everly, assigned to Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

Jun 02, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT William L.

Barnes, appointed Battery Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Phillip S. Sampson, who transferred to Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

Jun 13, 1969: Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Guardsmen set riot training. Approximately 450 men from the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, an Oklahoma National Guard unit with headquarters in Lawton, will participate in civil disturbance training Saturday and Sunday at Fort Sill. The men are from Battery "A", which is commanded by Lt. William Nixon and centered in Anadarko; Battery "B", which is commanded by Lt. Charles D. Houston and centered in Duncan; Battery "C", which is commanded by Lt. David H. Hensley and centered in Chickasha; and Lawton's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, which is commanded by Capt. Francis P. O'Leary, and Service Battery, which is commanded by Capt. Charles P. Myers. The men will leave their battery areas early Saturday morning in a military convoy. They are scheduled to arrive at Fort Sill at 9:30 a.m. and begin civil disturbance training immediately. Saturday night they will bivouac near Beef Creek Flats on the East Range. They will be released at 1 p.m. Sunday and return to their battery areas. The civil disturbance training is part of the unit's National Guard Training requirements. The battalion, an 8-inch howitzer unit, is commanded by Maj. H. C. Schwyzer.

Jun 27, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Kenneth W. Bray was promoted to 1LT. 2LT Jim R. Swafford was promoted to 1LT.

Jul 07, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT David H. Hensley was promoted to Captain.

Jul 15, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Freddy D. Reynolds appointed Ammunition Section Chief, replacing SSG Lynndel A. Bentley.

Jul 23, 1969: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG William F. Kinzer, appointed Supply Sergeant, replacing SSG Kenneth M. Dorrell, discharged. MSG Luther L. Chapin appointed Intelligence Sergeant, replacing SSG Ronald G. Walker, discharged. SP4 Jimmy R. Daubert, appointed Motor Sergeant, replacing SGT Ivan R. Norton, discharged. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Howard M. Tims was promoted to SSG and was assigned as Motor Sergeant.

Aug 08, 1969: Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Gen. Murdock arrives for visit at Camp Eagle. Camp Eagle-Maj. Gen. Francis J. Murdock Jr., arrived here today and visited the First Brigade, 158th Artillery, during annual field training with the 45th Field Artillery Group. The Oklahoma guardsmen were engaged in battalion level day firing exercises. They moved their eight-inch Howitzers into the field and established reconnaissance selection and occupation of position. Gen. Murdock traveled to the field artillery unit observing the efficiency and dispatch with which maneuvers were made. The men returned from the field early this afternoon to spruce up their equipment for Saturday's parade and review. The annual mid-camp ceremonies, to begin at 9:30 a.m., will offer static and mobile displays of Oklahoma Army National Guard artillery equipment for reviewing by family and friends of the guardsmen as well as visiting military and civilian dignitaries. Photo Caption: Two soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, of the 45th Artillery Group got the message through with mobile communications. The radiomen members of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, are PFC. Mike Allen, 2607 Columbia, and Spec. 4 Dennis Easter, 1207 S. 25th Place, Lawton. The men are undergoing two weeks active duty training at Fort Sill with the Guard.

Aug 10, 1969: Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: City, state guardsmen step high. It was review-time at Camp Eagle on Fort Sill's West Range Saturday as 1,700 men of the 45th Field Artillery Group of the Oklahoma National Guard took a break in the middle of their two-week encampment. The order of the day was spit and polish as the guardsmen paraded before high ranking officers and hundreds of proud relatives. Among awards presented were a maintenance efficiency award to HHB, 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery of Enid, commanded by Capt. Loren E. Franke and an outstanding unit award to HHB, 45th Field Artillery Group, Enid, commanded by Capt. Robert A. Cruce. A battalion Armory improvement commendation went to HHB, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of Lawton, commanded by Capt. Francis P. O'Leary. Maj. Gen. (Ret.) William Garrison, Oklahoma City, former U.S. Army Inspector General, was the official representative for Gov. Dewey Bartlett and served as reviewing officer. Other dignitaries included Maj. Gen. L. E. Weber, Oklahoma City, adjutant general of Oklahoma, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Hal Muldrow, Norman, former commander of the 45th Infantry Division; Brig. Gen. Harry W. Barnes, Admore; State Sen. Al Terrill of Lawton; State Rep. Jack L. I. Lindstrom of Lawton; Dr. Don Owen, president of Cameron State College; Don Whitaker, president of the Lawton Chamber of Commerce and others. Also on the reviewing stand was

Mrs. John Simeon Powers, of Chickasha, widow of 1st Lieutenant John Powers, an artillery battery commander of Battery A, 158th Field Artillery, at the time of his accidental death in 1949. The two-week encampment is named in his honor. The two Lawton units among those passing in review were Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, commanded by Capt. Francis P. O'Leary, 3022 Euclid, and Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery commanded by Capt. Charles E. Myers, 1408 C. Highlighting the review was the presentation of awards presented to individuals and units demonstrating exceptional merit during the past year. Training for the Oklahoma Guardsmen was suspended for a weekend of rest and relaxation following the parade.

Sep 07, 1969: Obituary: Albert Marion Shireman: Birth: Mar. 23, 1918 Death: Sept. 7, 1969. Albert Marion Shireman was born March 23, 1918 in Pittsburg, Kansas, and was married in 1944 to the former Betty Ewy. He came from Kansas in 1933 and attended Perry High School. A member of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, ASN: 20830823 and he transferred to the Navy in 1942. He received his discharge in 1945. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters and one son; his father; and two brothers. Mr. Shireman, aged 51, died at Veterans Hospital, Oklahoma City on Sept. 7, 1969. Services were held Sept. 9, 1969 at the First Christian Church, with burial at Grace Hill Cemetery with Newton Funeral Home. Inscription: Oklahoma, Sgt BTRY "C" 158 FLD ARTY, World War II.

Sep 29, 1969: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Carl R. Johnston, appointed Battalion S-3, replacing MAJ Melford L. Scott, transferred to EOH OKARNG.

Oct 01, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Leon N. Harrison appointed Motor Sergeant, replacing SP5 Michael J. Dobry.

Oct 07, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT John S. Cole, appointed Battery Training Officer.

Oct 20, 1969: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT John C. Cline, transferred to Btry "C" 1/171 FA.

Oct 27, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Jimmy D. Yearwood appointed Communications Team Chief, replacing SGT James H. Wiley.

Nov 13, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Willie L. Basler Jr., assumed Command, to replace CPT Charles D. Houston, who transferred to Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery as Battalion Training Officer.

Dec 01, 1969: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Ira D. Hart, duty changed from Motor Officer to Communications Officer. CPT Merrill B. Burruss, duty changed from S-2 to Assistant S-3. MAJ Ernest L. Hromas, appointed Battalion Executive Officer, replacing MAJ Herman H. Horst, transferred to USAR. CPT Henry H. Hensley, appointed Motor Officer upon transfer from Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. MAJ Carl L. Johnston resigned. CPT John W. Gaines, appointed S-2 upon transfer from HHB 45th FA Group. CPT Claude E. Wheeler, duty changed from Liaison Officer to S-3. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Kenneth W. Bray was appointed Battery Commander, replacing CPT David H. Hensley, transferred to Battalion Staff. 1LT Jim R. Swafford was appointed Battery Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Kenneth W. Bray, who became Battery Commander. 1LT James E. Johnson was appointed as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Jim R. Swafford.

Dec 30, 1969: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Country boy Roy P. Stewart. The Army does seem to come up with some nice assignments, at times, as the case of Roy Gerald Nikkel indicates. After return from duty in Vietnam he was assigned as Army Advisor to the 158th Artillery, 45th Infantry division, Oklahoma National Guard, at Lawton, where his parents live now. His father, retired Lt. Col. Wesley Nikkel, was a charter member of Battery "D", 158th Artillery, Weatherford, when the division was organized in 1924. Along with old Stewart, Jimmy Craddock, Jenks Simmons and a flock of others.

Dec 31, 1969: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Melvin H. Morrow appointed Mess Steward, replacing SGT Charles L. Payne. Yearly history of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1969: The 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery moved into 1969 in much the same manner as most previous years, with January Annual General Inspection. All batteries did well on the AGI's, particularly in view of the reorganization in February 1968. Command Maintenance and Management Inspections were conducted

in February and again all units met the challenge with some real fine scores. With the holidays and inspections behind us we move quickly into our Civil Disturbance Training mission. A full scale Battalion CPX/FTX was to be conducted but was toned down somewhat because of difficulties in obtaining adequate training areas. The months remaining prior to Annual Field Training was spent in Primary Mission Training and practicing for the battery level Army Training Tests. This was a somewhat critical period in that this Battalion was just getting its feet on the ground since being organized as a 8-inch Howitzer Battalion. Practice Battery ATT's were scheduled for the 1969 camp and most of the efforts of the Battalion was devoted to Field Artillery Procedures related to the test. A Battalion Audit was conducted in July, which revealed some excellent work in the Supply field by a AST's in the Battalion and especially by the Staff Supply Assistant. The Battalion was awarded a "Superior" Rating for their efforts. The Battalion moved to the 1969 Annual Field Training site, Camp Eagle, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in an August, Oklahoma downpour. Saturday and Sunday were spent in setting up camp and preparing for the schedule training. The first week was utilized for dry run Recon, Selection and Occupation of Position training, operating out of the Camp Eagle Cantonment area. A Battalion Retreat Parade was held on Friday and several retired and retiring members were honored. The Annual Review was conducted Saturday morning. The second week of Camp included Live Fire Exercises with, Service Practice, ATT's, and a Group Time on Target (TOT). In September all units received training and Special Emphasis subjects which are annual requirements. The drill in October was utilized in conducting small arms Qualification and Familiarization at the Fort Sill ranges. The remaining drills in 1969 consisted primarily of Maintenance and preparation for inspections. The year 1969 was a memorable and valuable time for the Battalion, as assessed by this writer. A situation comparable to the rebuilding of a tornado torn area existed, referring of course to the reorganization of 1968. During 1969 the clearing process was completed, the foundation laid on sound footing, and the reconstruction got fully under way. If future years are as productive as the one just past, the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery is destined to be recognized as a top-notch operation.

Yearly history of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1969: The year of 1969 was a memorable one for HHB 1/158 FA. First started off the New Year by receiving a "Satisfactory" rating on AGI conducted 9 January 1969 by LTC Manfred R. Quantz, IG, U.S. Army, followed by a successful CMMI conducted 26 February 1969 by personnel from CFMS. In the start of 1969 this unit was commanded by CPT Charles W. Wooten, who departed this unit in March to accept full-time employment with the National Guard as a Staff Training Assistant with the 120th Engineer Battalion. MG Francis J. Murdoch, Deputy Commander for Reserve Components, visited the unit in March 1969 and observe training. He was favorably impressed with the training and the status of the unit. The battery attended the second period of AFT, since reorganization in February 1968 from a Cavalry Troop to a Field Artillery unit and showed the results of an additional years training since the previous AFT period. It was able to perform its mission with no reservations. At AFT, a Retreat Parade was held in honor of MAJ Herman H. Horst, Battalion XO, on his impending retirement, At the Annual Governor Day Review, HHB was awarded the Adjutant General's Armory Improvement Award. The Battery First Sergeant, 1SG Richard E. Bowers, attended the Air National Guard NCO Academy for completion of the second phase of the NCOA. Upon completion of the NCOA, 1SG Bowers received a letter from the Commandant Air National Guard NCOA on being a member of the "Honor Flight". Yearly history of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1969: All in all the year 1969 was a very uneventful year for the Officers and men of Battery "A" 1/158 FA. Our Annual General Inspection was conducted on 6 January 1969 by an AGI Team consisting of a Lieutenant Colonel and two Sergeants. This was unusual as far as this unit is concerned, since none of the personnel with the unit has ever had an AGI was more than just the Inspecting Officer. One thing that can be said for the team method though, they are much more efficient, but we came out alright after the dust has settled. CMSI was conducted on 6 February 1969 and Audit on 7 July 1969, did "okay" on both. The year pass without a major reorganization, which is something of an event, though we did get a designation change in January. So, from 1 January 1969, we had been Battery "A", 1 Bn 158 FA, instead of Battery "A", 1 Bn Arty, since the Artillery has been split into two groups, Air Defense and Field Artillery. The unit underwent a change of Battery Commanders effective 1 June 1969. 1LT William R. Nixon was appointed after CPT Ira D. Hart Jr. was called to the Battalion Staff. 1LT Nixon, who had been the Executive Officer, took the battery just prior to Summer Camp and did an outstanding job in his first command. He received numerous compliments and excellent reports from the 4th Army Evaluator and Battalion Officers and most important from the unit standpoint, was well received and work well with the man of the battery. Annual Field Training was conducted at Camp Eagle from 2 - 16 August 1969. We "floated" into Camp Eagle the first day and set for one and a half hours waiting on the downpour to let up. Finally, deciding it wasn't going to stop, we fell out of the vehicles, marched to our bivouac area and started our first of two wet weeks of camp. The unit lost one of its troopers when SP5 Bernard L. Ralston was killed in an auto accident near Vinita, Oklahoma on 2 June 1969. SP5 Ralston was a Fire Direction Computer in the FDC Section and had almost 6 years service. Members of the unit served as honorary pallbearers. Yearly history of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1969: Bravo battery, well seasoned on the 8-inch Howitzer, came of age in 1969. This was proven during several weeks of travel to Fort Sill for training in the FDC section and many weekends of RSOP on the Howitzer at our home unit. Then the results of a Summer Camp showed excellent time and teamwork for Bravo Battery. Periodically during 1969, Riot Control Measures were

reviewed to keep on the alert in case of Civil Disturbances. Precautions and liabilities placed on Guardsmen during a Riot Situation were explained during Riot and Civil Disturbance Classes. Incidents such as (17 May 1969) SP4 Billy E. Bernard slashing his hand on his own bayonet points out the necessity of learning to protect yourself yet be proficient in Control of Civil Disturbance. Again in 1969, First Sergeant James D. Spruill was selected to fire on the "All Guard Rifle Team". 1SG Spruill traveled several thousand miles (Los Angeles, New York, and Fort Benning, Georgia) representing Bravo Battery as a rifle expert. During April, SP4 Travis H. Bryant also scored high as a competitive Marksman at the 4th U.S. Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. 1SG Spruill in his ever concern for good competitive marksman to represent Bravo Battery, developed to new recruits who are very promising, Privates Hendricks and Byford. During 1968, the Battery received 20 new recruits who returned from basic training at the beginning of 1969 with excellent performances. These new recruits supplemented the old experienced hands during Annual Field Training which produced recognition from both Battalion and Group. Summer Camp, 2 August 1969, just 48 miles from home, Bravo Battery pulled into Camp Eagle for the first week of Annual Field Training. The first week was comprised of schools and practice for the second week's tests and firing of the 8-inch Howitzers as a Battery, Battalion and 45th Field Artillery Group. Bravo FDC, out performed other batteries in the battalion with experienced help of LT Cole and the Morrison brothers. Quickly picking up the charts was PVT Hinkie. Major Duckworth, renown for his ability as a field judge, complimented PVT Hinkie as a "short-timer" in FDC. The Howitzer sections performed professionally on the 8 inch towed piece with, all crews recording a record time of 12 minutes for gun emplacement and "ready to fire". Thus Bravo Battery was chosen to demonstrate gun positions to General Brown on Saturday morning at the end of the first week camp. All activities at Summer Camp led to a very successful 2 weeks, showing Bravo professionalism in all functions as a 8-inch Howitzer Battery. After Summer Camp our yearly Audit, AGI and CMMI, which "B" Battery passed with good ratings. The October drill led Bravo back to Fort Sill to qualify on all its weapons; M1, .45 Cal pistol, 3.5 Rocket Launcher, 40mm Grenade Launcher, .30 caliber Machine Gun. This drill is always met with great excitement. In November 1969, 1LT Willie L. Basler Jr. took Command of Bravo Battery, 1 Bn 158 Field Artillery, replacing CPT Charles D. Houston, who is the new Headquarters Training Officer. 1LT Basler came to Bravo, with enthusiasm as he and many others in the Oklahoma National Guard recognized Bravo Battery as a superior performing unit in 1969. Yearly history of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1969: The year of 1969 was a good year for the Officers and nen of Battery "C" 1st Battalion 158 FA. Our Annual General Inspection was conducted on 6 January 1969 by LTC Quantz, SGM Adlisich and SFC Eikanas from 4th U.S. Army Headquarters. CMMI was conducted on 6 February 1969 by the State Maintenance Shop with CW2 W. E. Smith in charge of the teams. The Unit Property and Books were Audited by LTC Peters of the USPFO of Oklahoma. All in all we came out with good grades on all inspections. Annual Field Training was conducted at Camp Eagle, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, from 2 August to 16 August 1969. After driving in a heavy downpour or Oklahoma rain storm we started our camp off in the mud. It was a muddy two weeks of Summer Camp. The unit received a letter from Hurst-Beaton Post Number 54, Chickasha American Legion for taking part in the Veterans Day Program. The unit underwent a change of Battery Commanders effective 1 December 1969. 1LT Kenneth W. Bray was appointed after CPT David H. Hensley was transferred to the Battalion Staff. 1LT Bray, who was Executive Officer, took the Battery and did an outstanding job of getting the equipment and man ready for our inspections shortly after he took command.

Jan 01, 1970: Official Roster of the 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled), 158th Field Artillery and Stations of Organization: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battalion Headquarters: Battalion Commander MAJ Joe A. Wheeler, Executive Officer MAJ Ernest L. Hromas, S-3 MAJ Melford L. Scott, Motor Officer CPT David H. Hensley, Communications Officer CPT Junior D. McLemore, Liaison Officer CPT Charles D. Houston, S-1 1LT Calvin E. Koonce, S-2 CPT John W. Gaines, Command Sergeant Major SFC Robert L. Stringer. Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Francis P. O'Leary, First Sergeant 1SG Richard E. Bowers, Mess Stewart SFC Clem B. Brooks, Supply Sergeant SSG William F. Kinzer, Motor Sergeant SGT Jimmy R. Daubert, First Cook SP4 James H. Lents, First Cook SP4 Chester L. Fisher, Armorer SP4 William A. Stephens, Battery Clerk SP4 William R. Morris, Cook SP4 Clarence Symes, Cook PFC Lonnie G. Dye, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Donald Barrett, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Ronald L. Barrett, Mechanic Helper PFC Walter W. Tadlock, Mechanic Helper PFC Leland R. Terrell, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Dennis H. Easter, Supply Clerk PFC Larry E. Olmstead. Administration Section: Headquarters Clerk PFC Phillip T. Loyd, Mail Clerk PFC Joe R. Davis, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Kenneth Morris, Radio Telephone Operator PFC James B. McIninch. Operations Platoon Headquarters: Assistant S-3 CPT Merrill B. Burruss Jr., Intelligence Sergeant MSG Luther L. Chapin, Operations Sergeant SFC Ronald E. Jarvis, Clerk Typist SP4 Cleo Otipoby, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Stephen K. Parris, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Michael J. Allen. Fire Direction Center: Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Edward D. Hall, Assistant Fire Direction Computer SGT Rodney C. Martin, Fire Direction Computer SP4 David L. Thompson, Chart Operator SP4 Billy W. Josefy, Chart Operator SP4 Howard H. Hill, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Donney B. Lindsey, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Larry E. Rackley. Survey Section: Survey Officer 1LT Herbert A. O'Neil, Chief Surveyor SSG Gary D.

Brown, Chief of Survey Party SSG Stanley M. Morse, Survey Computer SP5 Roy L. Thacker, Survey Computer SP4 Thomas J. Challacombe, Survey Computer SP4 Glenn J. Erkenbrack, Survey Computer SP4 Loyd J. Teague, Survey Computer SP4 Jessie W. Teague, Instrument Operator SP4 Quannah E. Tonemah, Instrument Operator SP4 Jimmie M. Thomas, Instrument Operator SP4 Robert B. McAnally, Survey Recorder SP4 Thomas V. Davis, Survey Recorder SP4 Larry A. Kendall, Survey Recorder SP4 Don R. Schroeder, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Carl L. Kelsay, Rodman Tapeman PVT Eddy J. Hargraves, Rodman Tapeman PVT Jimmie A. Willis. Liaison Section: Liaison Sergeant SP4 James A. Pahdoco and Radio Telephone Operator SP4 Ronald M. Valdez. Communications Platoon Headquarters: Section Communications Officer 1LT Darrell L. Farris, Communications Chief SFC George L. McDaniel, Senior Message Clerk SP4 Verneil S. Henderson, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Ronald M. Lodes. Wire Section: Section Chief SFC Ora A. Correll, Team Chief SP4 Bobby D. Booth, Team Chief SGT San E. Countiss, Team Chief SP4 Eddie C. Sims, Team Chief SP4 Danny S. Roper, Switchboard Operator SP4 Charles D. Langston, Senior Wireman SP4 Larry A. Morris, Senior Wireman SP4 Richard L. Radke, Senior Wireman SP4 John E. Kuykendall, Senior Wireman SP4 Dewey L. Harris, Switchboard Operator SP4 Kenneth L. Denham, Switchboard Operator SP4 Carrol N. Fisher, Switchboard Operator SP4 Jerry D. Null, Wireman PFC Calvin E. Williams, Wireman PFC Don Wilson, Wireman PFC James D. Crossland, Wireman PFC James D. Burk, Wireman PFC Kenneth D. Etter, Wireman PFC Billy W. Godfrey, Wireman PFC Gordon L. Heying, Wireman PFC Calvin E. Keller, Wireman PFC Weldon Kowena, Wireman PFC Clyde Narcomey. Radio Section: Section Chief SGT George W. Phillips, Team Chief SP4 Cyrus S. Grover, Team Chief SP4 Gary M. Hancock, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Billy J. Holaway, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Stephen C. Jennings, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Ronald M. 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Funk, Assistant Gunner CPL Henry B. Funk, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Cecil H. Sawyer Jr., Prime Mover Driver PFC Vincent P. Kobza, Cannoneer PFC Gary D. Lindley, Cannoneer PFC Ronald J. Martin, Cannoneer PFC Larry C. Rehl, Cannoneer PFC Gerald M. Myers, Cannoneer PVT David W. Blalock Jr., Cannoneer PVT Freddie G. Roberts, Cannoneer PVT Phillip E. Compton. Howitzer Section #3: Chief of Section SSG Paul G. Kniffin, Gunner SGT David E. Lampkin, Assistant Gunner CPL Jimmy C. Bartlett, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Morris C. Klingman, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Monty G. Howell, Cannoneer PFC Paul L. Martinez, Cannoneer PFC Dennis W. Williams, Cannoneer PFC Floyd W. Ratliff Jr., Cannoneer PVT Nolan D. Dorsey, Cannoneer PVT Donnie G. Cash, Cannoneer PVT Donald R. Epperson. Howitzer Section #4: Chief of Section SSG Charles E. White, Gunner SGT Troy F. Loula, Assistant Gunner CPL Michael L. Lovell, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Keith L. McPherson, Prime Mover Driver SP4 David G. Glenn, Cannoneer PFC Terry W. Sparkman, Cannoneer PFC Albert D. Thompson, Cannoneer PFC Robert E. Williams, Cannoneer PVT Jerry L. Marcum, Cannoneer PVT Johnnie W. Rogers, Cannoneer PVT Lennis D. Miller. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SGT Freddy D. Reynolds, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Walter T. Brown, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Clayton E. Scott, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Neal W. Stidham, Heavy Truck Driver PFC Bobby G.

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Ryan, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Darrel J. McClain. Howitzer Sections: Chief of Section 1st Howitzer SGT Ken C. Perkins, Chief of Section 2nd Howitzer CPL Robert L. Rose, Chief of Section 3rd Howitzer CPL Robert L. Perkins, Chief of Section 4th Howitzer SGT Billy J. Griffin, Gunner SP4 Danny A. Talley, Gunner SP4 Gary R. Vardell, Gunner CPL Michael L. Metzner, Gunner SP4 Jerry W. Warren, Assistant Gunner CPL Joe D. Arrington, Assistant Gunner SP4 Larry D. Davidson, Assistant Gunner SP4 Gary R. Gardner, Assistant Gunner CPL George E. Hopkins, Assistant Gunner PFC James L. Parsons, Prime Mover Driver PFC Phillip A. Whitney, Prime Mover Driver PFC Lyndon H. Allen, Prime Mover Driver SP4 Don R. Howard, Prime Mover Driver PFC Bobby J. King, Prime Mover Driver PFC Paul W. Dobson, Prime Mover Driver SP4 William W. Garrett, Prime Mover Driver PFC Daniel D. Leu, Prime Mover Driver PVT David L. Cole, Prime Mover Driver PFC Harry D. Linam, Prime Mover Driver PVT Harvey D. 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Cannoneer PVT Joe B. Johnston, Cannoneer PVT Roy R. James. Howitzer Section #3: Chief of Section SGT Richard A. Bennett, Gunner SP4 Roger D. Miracle, Assistant Gunner PFC Kenneth L. McComas Jr., Prime Mover Driver PFC John L. Mach, Prime Mover Driver PFC Roy K. Morris, Cannoneer PFC Kenneth L. Roden, Cannoneer PFC Patrick M. Frances, Cannoneer PFC John L. Davis, Cannoneer PVT Robert E. Dean, Cannoneer PVT Joe D. Hanson. Howitzer Section #4: Chief of Section SSG Gary D. Steelman, Gunner SP4 Thomas G. Rogers, Assistant Gunner SP4 Ronnie L. Manning, Prime Mover Driver PFC Dennis K. Boyd, Prime Mover Driver PFC Charles R. Jenkins, Cannoneer SP4 Roy W. Carter, Cannoneer SP4 Terry L. Childress, Cannoneer SP4 Geary D. Clampitt, Cannoneer PVT Gary L. Bray. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SGT Clyde S. Baxter Jr., Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Billy D. Freeman, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 George M. Lades, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Melvin R. Autin, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Lyndal R. Harris Jr., Ammunition Handler SP4 David A. Shipley, Ammunition Handler PFC Michael G. Winn, Ammunition Handler PFC Troy R. French, Ammunition Handler PVT Gary W. Campbell, Ammunition Handler PVT Johnnie L. Collier. Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Charles E. Myers, Executive Officer 1LT Jerry G. Davis, First Sergeant 1SG Jerry V. L. Wilson, Mess Stewart SSG Leslie Sneed Jr., Motor Sergeant SGT Max D. Futrell, Supply Sergeant SSG Floyd T. Todd, First Cook SP4 Ronald L. Wiginton, First Cook SP5 Bobby J. Bagwell, Armorer PFC Jimmy G. Pryor, Battery Clerk PFC Harold A. Cloninger, First Cook PVT George E. Massey, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Joseph P. Stuever, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Jerry W. Bennett, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic SGT Elijah Jackson, Mechanic Helper SP4 Carl B. Miller, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Charles B. Smith, Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Barthell LittleChief. Personnel Section: Unit Personnel Technician CW3 Dennis R. Roper, Personnel Sergeant SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr., Personnel Management Specialist PFC Charles E. Freeman, Senior Pay Specialist SP4 Michael C. Hinson, Pay Specialist PFC Richard A. Horton, Personnel Records Specialist PFC James W. Odom, Senior Personnel Records Specialist PVT James A. Shaw III. Maintenance Section: Auto Maintenance Technician CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliary, Motor Maintenance Sergeant SFC Robert J. Crabtree, Senior Recovery Mechanic SP5 Donald R. Graves, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SP5 Walter D. Campbell, Loader Operator SP4 Leroy Love, Repair Parts Specialist SP4 William R. Lynn Jr., Recovery Mechanic SP4 William L. Abbott, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Eugene W. McClung, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Preston L. Dorman, Track Vehicle Mechanic SFC Donald G. Poolaw, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Charles E. Wilson, Welder SP4 John W. Richardson Jr., Wrecker Operator SGT Billy R. Buehne, Mechanic Helper PVT Johnny M. Graves. Supply Section: Unit Supply Technician CW2 Gene Wells, Supply Sergeant SFC Roylee C. Reynolds, Assistant Supply Sergeant SP4 Paul K. Gilbreath, General Supply Specialist SP4 James D. Dean, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Gerald W. Knight, Heavy Truck Driver PFC Charles E. Ball, Light Truck Driver PFC William G. Rogers Supply Clerk PVT David L. Lindsey. Ammunition Headquarters: Ammunition Officer 2LT Patrick A. Brooks, Ammunition Supply Sergeant SGT Randal R. Brown, Ammunition Agent SGT John Connaly. Ammunition Section #1: Section Chief SGT Kenneth R. Cunningham, Ammunition Specialist SP4 Larry L. Cagle, Heavy Truck Driver SP4 Terry L. Perryman, Heavy Truck Driver PFC Jackie D. Barrett, Ammunition Handler PFC Lonnie L. Whatley, Ammunition Handler PVT Joe G. Ford, Ammunition Handler PVT Ronnie H. Graves. Ammunition Section #2: Section Chief SGT Dan L. Wigington, Ammunition Specialist PFC Kenneth W. Stradley, Heavy Truck Driver PVT Joseph M. Ferrante, Heavy Truck Driver PVT Elvin S. Lee, Ammunition Handler PFC Larry J. Parkhill, Ammunition Handler PVT Tom E. Thomas, Ammunition Handler PVT Gerry T. Hendrix. Ammunition Section #3: Section Chief SP4 Glydell R. Pawless, Ammunition Specialist SP4 Gerald C. Lane, Heavy Truck Driver PVT Dennis R. Holland, Ammunition Handler PVT Herman L. Morton.

Jan 04, 1970: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Junior D. McLemore assigned Battalion Executive Officer replacing MAJ Ernest L. Hromas, transferred to HHB 45th FA Group.

Feb 02, 1970: Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Jerry G. Davis appointed Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Phillip J. Sampson, who was discharged on 28 January 1970.

Feb 14, 1970: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT David E. Lampkin, assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Paul G. Kniffin, who was discharged. SGT Glenn B. Funk assigned Section Chief of 2nd Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Kenneth D. Weaver, who was discharged.

Mar 21, 1970: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Don F. O'Rear assigned FDC Section Chief, replacing SP5 Floyd R. Harrison, who is discharged.

Mar 22, 1970: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT William L. Barnes, assumes temporary Command for CPT Willie L. Basler Jr., attending school at Fort Sill.

Apr 01, 1970: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Herbert A. O'Neil assigned as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Jim R. Swafford who was reassigned to Btry "C", 1 Bn 189 FA as Commanding Officer of that unit.

Apr 06, 1970: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LT Stephen V. Hellwege assigned Reconnaissance Survey Officer replacing 1LT Herbert A. O'Neil, transferred to Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

Apr 09, 1970: Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: City guardsmen set Sill bivouac. The Lawton based 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard will bivouac Saturday on Fort Sill's West Range as part of routine weekend training. The 105mm howitzer unit is scheduled to begin training at 8 a.m. Saturday and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. There are about 450 men in the battalion. In other reserve training, a battery of troops from the 1st Battalion, 160th Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, Chandler, will conduct 105mm howitzer firing in the vicinity of Rabbit Hill on the West Range. The unit, "A" Battery, will bivouac Friday and Saturday nights and depart Sunday.

Apr 11, 1970: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Freddy C. Ricks assigned Assistant Communications Officer replacing 1LT Darrell L. Ferris, transferred to USAR. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC Leslie E. Blalock assigned to First Sergeant position, replacing 1SG Harvey D. Hitt, who retired after 20 years service. SGT Darrell D. Lange was assigned as Supply Sergeant, replacing SFC Leslie E. Blalock. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC Billy G. Strickland, appointed Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SFC William A. Oliver, separation for incompatible occupation. SGT Billy J. Griffin, replaced SFC Robert L. Stringer as Chief of the Fourth Section. SFC Stringer, moved to HHB 1 BN 158 FA. CPL Robert L. Rose, appointed Chief of Second Section, replacing SFC Billy G. Strickland, who became Chief of the Firing Battery.

May 16, 1970: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Jimmie M. Sims assigned Supply Sergeant replacing SSG William F. Kinzer, discharged. MAJ Claude E. Wheeler assigned S-3, replacing MAJ Carl L. Johnston, transferred to USAAC. CPT Bobby R. Jantz assigned Battalion Motor Officer, replacing CPT David H. Hensley, transferred to USAAC. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Willie L. Basler Jr., assumed Command, replacing 2LT William L. Barnes, who returned to Battery Executive Officer.

May 17, 1970: Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Photo Caption. Guardsmen aware. Oklahoma National Guardsmen "celebrated" Environment Awareness Day Saturday by cleaning junk from Lake Helen at Elmer Thomas Park. Workers included, from left, Bobby C. Dayton, Ricky D. Harmon and Calvin L. Williams. About 30 men from Headquarters and Service Batteries, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery of the National Guard participated in the day-long clean-up. (Staff Photo).

May 28, 1970: Published in the "The Lawton Morning Press" entitled: Area guardsmen eye Chaffee duty. Lawton and area National Guardsmen will travel to Ft. Chaffee, Ark., Saturday morning to begin annual summer training. The men, assigned to 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard, will rendezvous at Minco at about 6:30 a.m. Included are batteries from Anadarko, Duncan, Chickasha and Lawton. The 400-man unit will then travel by motor convoy to join 7,800 other Guardsmen for a two-week training session at Ft. Chaffee, Lt. Calvin E. Koonce, Battalion S-1, said. The battalion, an 8-inch howitzer unit, attended summer camp at Fort Sill in 1968 and 1969. Commander is Lt. Col. Joe A. Wheeler of Oklahoma City. All Oklahoma units are expected to arrive at Ft. Chaffee by 9 pm, Saturday, Lt. Col. Curtis Mulligan, camp director of operations and training, said. Most will travel via interstate 40 or Oklahoma 9, 51 or 54 to avoid Memorial Day traffic, he said.

Jun 08, 1970: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Donald H. Allen assigned Communications Officer, replacing CPT Ira D. Hart, transferred to HQ 45th FA Group. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Paul E. Laferr was assigned as Mess Stewart, replacing SGT Melvin H. Morrow. SGT Richard G. Palczynsky was assigned Section Chief of 1st Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Paul E. Laferr.

Jul 25, 1970: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Bobby W. Ward assigned FDC Section Chief, replacing SP4 Larry J. Miracle, who was discharged.

Aug 05, 1970: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT David

Ragland, appointed Ammunition Chief of Section, replacing SGT Travis Bryant, who became Motor Sergeant.

Aug 26, 1970: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Patrick A. Brooks was assigned as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT John R. Everly, who was discharged to enlist in the Missouri National Guard. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Cubie E. Loveless assigned as Section Chief 2nd Howitzer Section, replacing SGT Elwood Clark, who is discharged. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Richard A. Horton was assigned as Ammunition Officer replacing, 2LT Patrick A. Brooks who was reassigned as Assistant Executive Officer at Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Aug 30, 1970: Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Photo Caption. Showing concern. Pfc. Rick Harmon and Sgt. Roy Thacker, both of the 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, Lawton, take time during a drill recess to sign a petition expressing their concern for the treatment of American POWs. The Guardsmen are surrounded by colleagues from the Headquarters and Service Batteries. All are encouraged to stop by the Armory, 6th and Cache, today and "Show Concern" by signing one of the petitions that will be forwarded to the heads of the governments involved. (Staff Photo).

Sep 08, 1970: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT John W. Conger assigned as Reconnaissance Survey Officer, replacing 2LT Stephen V. Hellwege, transferred to Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Stephen M. Hellwege assigned to Battery "C", as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT James E. Johnson, who was discharged to accept appointment in Tennessee National Guard.

Sep 15, 1970: Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: City reservist receive M-16's. Troops in the Oklahoma Army Reserve's 2nd Brigade, 95th Training Division have been issued 40 M16 rifles and will qualify with them after firings this weekend on Fort Sill's East Range Complex No. 1. The M16, similar to a sub-machine gun because of its automatic fire, will become the standard weapon for all National Guard and Army Reserve combat units, a spokesman said. It replaces the M1 which dates back to World War II, and the newer M14, developed during the 1950s. The Lawton Reservists in the 3rd Battalion of the 378th Regiment have received 10 of the 40 weapons issued to the area units. Ten other M16s went to the 2nd Battalion of the 378th Regiment in Clinton, 10 to the 1st Battalion of the 378th in Chickasha, and 10 were divided between the companies of the 1st Battalion of the 379th Regiment in Enid, Woodward and Guymon. Lawton's National Guard unit, the 1st Battalion 158th Artillery, expects to be issued M16s sometime in the future. However, the unit has not as yet been notified it will be issued any soon. The rapid-firing weapon will be used in both combat exercises and in putting down civil disturbances, a spokesman in Washington said recently. The M16 is the standard rifle used by the U.S. and allied troops in the Vietnam War. The Army says the weapons will come partly from a surplus due to the scaling down of the American involvement in Southeast Asia. By mid-1971, it is estimated by a National Guard spokesman in Washington, more than 200,000 M16s will have been transferred to Guard and Reserve units.

Nov 10, 1970: Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CSM Donald D. Liles, assigned Sergeant Major, replacing MSG Robert L. Stringer, reassigned. 1LT Alan E. Aycock appointed Battalion Surgeon.

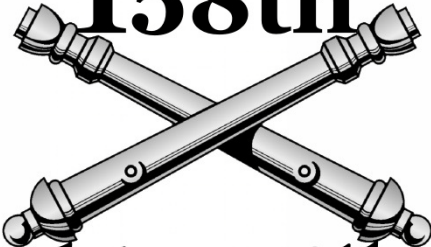
Dec 17, 1970: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Thomas G. Rogers assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Gary D. Steelman, who is discharged.

Dec 31, 1970: Yearly history of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1970: The beginning months of 1970, as in most years, was devoted to Annual General Inspections and Command Maintenance Management Inspections (CMMI). It seems that all the units did well and scored high in these events as is traditional with units of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. With the holidays and inspections behind us, we turned our attention to our secondary mission of Civil Disturbance Training. A FTX/CPX was conducted at Camp Eagle to test the Staff and the units ability to react to Civil Disturbance situations. Many lessons were learned in the aggressive training. The months remaining prior to Annual Field Training was devoted to Live Fire practice for the battery level Army Training Test (ATT). This training was very beneficial in getting the people tuned up for the ATT's at camp. The early camp dates in 1970 provided a little cooler weather for our training than in past years. In fact, we found that the first two weeks in June can be very cool at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. It also rained a good portion of the time that we were at camp but our training was hampered very little. Although it was a tough camp in many respects, the training mission was accomplished in a very smooth manner. The daily ratings of the evaluator where the highest in the 45th FA Group. After camp we concentrated our efforts on Small Arms firing, Special Emphasis Training and Maintenance

of Equipment for the remainder of the year. The Year 1970 was a memorable and valuable time for the Battalion, as assessed by this writer. With the reorganization of 1968 well behind us, the rebuilding process was well on schedule. Reconstruction was completed with the exception of a shortage of some TO&E equipment. There is much promise of being issued some 8" inch Self-Propelled howitzers, new radios and jeeps during the next year. If future years are as productive as the one just past, the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery will continue to be recognized as a top-notch operation. Yearly history of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1970: The first assembly in January 1970 was devoted to Group Study of Extension Courses and Care and Maintenance of Equipment. On 16 January 1970 the Annual General inspection was held by LTC Edmond E. Hall and a rating of "Satisfactory" was received. The assemblies in February and March were devoted to Riot Control Training in keeping with the State Mission. April and May assemblies were devoted to OJT and preparation for AT. AT was from 30 May to 13 June at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. The first Monday we moved to the field in support of Battalion Training with Friday afternoon being devoted to a Retreat Parade. Saturday was Annual Governor's Day Review with this unit receiving the Armory Improvement Award the second year in a row. Monday through Thursday of the second week was move to the field and support of the Firing Batteries receiving their ATT's. Friday was payday and preparation for move to home station. Saturday was move to home station. Assembly for June was devoted to Care and Maintenance of Equipment. July assembly was devoted to Mandatory Subjects. A special assembly was held 8-9 August for Civil Disturbance Training and the regular assembly for August was individual Weapons Qualification. September assembly was moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for support of Battalion Firing Exercise. Unit Property Audit was conducted 28 September 1970 with a "Superior" rating received. October assembly was Care and Maintenance in preparation for CMMI conducted 13 October 1970 with a rating of "Satisfactory" received. November assembly was devoted to Civil Disturbance Training. December assembly was Command Inspection by HQ 45th FA Group. Francis P. O'Leary, Unit Historian. Yearly history of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1970: As the year 1970 drew to a close the Officers and men of Btry "A" 1/158 FA look back upon the past year with a feeling of "well done"! Our Annual General Inspection was conducted on 12 January 1970, we felt we did real fine. We had a minimum number of gigs and the Inspecting Officer left us feeling very good over the inspection. Incidentally, the same officer that inspected our Battalion for AGI was assigned to us as Chief Advisor during Annual Training. Don't know if that is such a good deal, or not, he might decide he made some mistakes back at our home stations. We caught a double barrel dose of Audits and CMMI's this year. We were audited on 24 February and 28 September 1970 and had CMMI Inspections on 24 March and 14 October 1970. Boy!! Just get out of the way and here comes another. All inspections went "Ok" though. Our Annual Training dates for early during 1970, 30 May to 13 June and everyone really enjoyed the cool weather, until it got downright cold! We took our Army Training Test during the first week and the night of the test it was miserable. It rained just before the sun went down and everyone was good and wet for the night move. Those blackout lights and night lightning devices don't put out enough heat to stay warm by. The Battalion gave a trophy to the outstanding firing battery at Annual Training based on the ATT results. We didn't win! We were tied with identical points after the grading with another battery and lost out on a referee's decision. But, there was no doubt in the minds of the men of this battery who was the best Firing Battery in the Battalion. Esprit de Corp (and closer checking on next year's referees)! We finished the year amid rumors that we might start drawing new and up-to-date equipment. The men eagerly anticipated the opportunity to be able to train with M16 rifles, self-propelled howitzers and newer trucks. If nothing else, the rumors gave us a bright outlook for entering 1971. Yearly history of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1970: 1970 Bravo Battery, 2 and 1/2 years old with the 8-inch Howitzer, has proven itself combat-ready with split-second timing, crack FDC, excellent communication, top Officers and NCOs leaders and the best Mess Section in the battalion. Early in the year Bravo got off to a good start scoring high on the AGI. We also reviewed and updated all elements of Riot Control Training. The battery, operated at TO&E strength, received a high caliber of recruits as ETS for the older men came around. A success measure of Bravo Battery is that a hard working recruit can move up fast in the ranks of responsibility, thus he has several years performing a job before ETS. The spring took the battery to Fort Sill. The bivouac weekend included RSOP, Recruit Training, Personal Hygiene, First Aid, Drill and Ceremonies, all aspects of field and garrison proficiency were covered in preparation for summer camp. 30 May 1970, 2:30 a. m., Bravo sleepily started the 295 mile motor convoy to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas in anticipation of a good Summer Camp. Summer Camp was everything Bravo bargained for, plus. We proved our ability to function in all phases of the encampment. With all the gusto necessary, Bravo on her way to the group finals softball tournament, only to be beaten by the undefeated 189th. However, again the unquestioned supremacy to function in the field awarded Bravo the plaque for "Best Firing Battery, 8 inch Howitzer". Caution is always emphasized, but accidents do happen. For example: CPL Newkirk fractured his left wrist when the howitzer elevation heel spun free; PFC Barnes, insisting on opening one of those stuck barrack windows, slashed his right forearm as he thrust it through the plane; also, CPL George E. Hopkins suffered some discomfort when a blank discharged, causing a wound to the right buttocks. Excellent Summer Camp behind, Bravo loaded in convoy and returned to home station (Duncan) with no more accidents and morale standing tall. Training assemblies after Camp followed a routine of Equipment Maintenance and Showdown Inspection. In perfect physical condition, LT John S.

Cole led the unit to the strenuous P.T. Tests. In August, we again returned our Civil Disturbance Training included in all aspects of "Operation Plan Choctaw" (specific unit area of responsibility in case of riot) including FTX. We had a full fall with bivouac, service practice and Qualification of Individual Weapons. Then came December and a Command Inspection by LTC Joe A. Wheeler and staff. This inspection prepared Bravo for the oncoming year and AGI. Both Battery Commander Willie L. Basler, Jr., and Executive Officer 2LT William L. Barnes received deserving advancements in rank during 1970. 1SG James D. Spruill was selected to fire on the "Oklahoma State Rifle Team" and was selected as a member of the "Governor's Twenty." 1SG Spruill traveled to points throughout the United States representing Bravo Battery as a rifle expert. SP4 Hendrix is moving fast to make his mark as an expert marksman. Both 1SG Spruill and SP4 Hendricks won honors at Fort Benning, Georgia, Fort Riley, Kansas, Camp Atterbury, Indiana and others. All in all Bravo Battery finished 1970 with tremendous success. 1971 is looked forward to with enthusiasm and anticipation of expected new equipment, promising recruits and the nuclear capability of the 8-inch Howitzer. Yearly history of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1970: The year of 1970 is gone and as we, the Officers and Men of "Charlie 1/158", look back upon it we experienced a great feeling of accomplishment. We had few gigs on our Annual General Inspection and rated "Satisfactory". LTC Hall conducted that inspection on 12 January. Audits and CMMI's hit us twice this past year. We were audited on 25 February and again on 28 September, and CMMIs were held on 24 March and 14 October. It seemed we never finish cleaning. In fact, we didn't. We were all proud that we passed all inspections. Cold is the most polite word to describe Summer Camp. It rain practically every day during the first week. The second week was hot and humid as only Arkansas can be. But we managed to wade through the training without incident, and we feel that we did a good job. To paraphrase one Sergeant, this battery has the highest Espirit de Corps in all units of all services both active and reserve in the entire world. We look forward to taking all the trophies during the coming Annual Training period. "C" 1/158 experienced a large turnover during 1970. It looked something like this: Enlistments vs Separations; January 2/2; February 7/7; March 2/0; May 5/2; June 2/0; July 4/2; September 1/1; October 0/2; November 0/2; December 3/1. In total there were 26 enlistments and 19 separations. We heard at the close the year that new equipment is on the way to us, and the men are eager to begin training with the new M16 rifles and new Howitzers. We are proud of being Thunderbirds. We are proud of being "C" 1/158. We are the best of the best. Yearly history of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1970: We started the year 1970 with their Annual General Inspection on 15 January. We were pleased with the overall results of the inspection. However, we were given a few gigs, but they were minor. The month of February was a busy month for us. Our Semi-Annual Audit was conducted by CW2 Carl G. Bateman on 24 February 1970. Also, we received a CMMI on the same day. The Maintenance Section was very proud of the high rating they received, as were the rest of the Battery. I feel SGT Max D. Futrell should be commended, for a job well done, along with the other battery personnel, to accomplish the work that was outlined. Riot Training was also completed in preparation for any trouble that may have taken place. March and April were devoted to RSOP Training at Fort Sill in preparation for our work at summer camp. On 30 May we were on our way to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas to spend two weeks summer encampment. As we moved to the field on Monday, the rain and cold weather followed. The area we were house in looked like the wilderness. We spent some time cleaning the area we were to call home for the next few days. In August we had a special called meeting to be on Alert in case any trouble developed at Turner Falls. However, the Rock Festival that was planned, was called off and we stayed at the Armory and receive Riot Control Training. The year ended with a Command Inspection which, we felt was completed successfully. We are anticipating that 1971 will be the most successful year that the Service Battery has ever had. The following Commendations were received by the HHB for its performance in the 1970 Annual General Inspection: State of Oklahoma Military Department. To: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (-), First Battalion 158th Field Artillery, 45th Field Artillery Group, Oklahoma Army National Guard, Lawton, Oklahoma. 1970. You are commended in the Adjutant General's Fourth Annual Armory Improvement Program for the outstanding performance in bringing your armory to its high state of cleanliness, appearance, repair and maintenance. This commendation is in recognition for the extra time and effort spent and State appropriated monies saved in bringing the armory to its present condition. This commendation attests to the professional abilities, esprit-de-corps, effective supervision, superior leadership and outstanding community support of all officers, noncommissioned officers and personnel of your unit. This achievement reflects in the most favorable manner upon your unit, your community, the Oklahoma National Guard and the State of Oklahoma. Signed: L. E. Weber, Major General, OKARNG, The Adjutant General. State of Oklahoma Military Department Annual General Inspection Commendation. To: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, First Battalion 158th Field Artillery. This commendation is awarded for outstanding performance as cited by the Inspector General, Fourth United States Army for the 1970 Annual General Inspection. This noteworthy report attests to the superior organization, high degree of technical skill and knowledge, experience, and devotion to duty of all members of the battery. Further it establishes a standard for future inspections. This honor reflects favorably not only upon Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, First Battalion 158th Field Artillery, but upon the State of Oklahoma, the Army National Guard, and the United States Army. I commend all members of the battery for a task well done: Signed: L. E. Weber, Major General, OKARNG, The Adjutant General.

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