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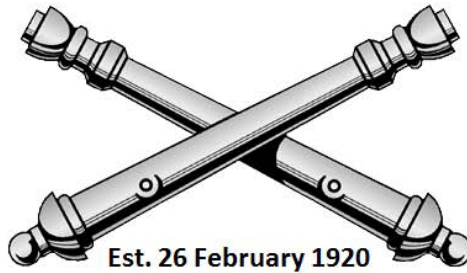
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# Registry of the 158th Field Artillery

**Jan 01, 1971:** 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 Joe A. Wheeler, Executive Officer MAJ Junior D. McLemore, S-3 MAJ Claud E. Wheeler, Battalion Surgeon 1LT Allen E. Aycocock, Motor Officer CPT Bobby R. Jantz, Communications Officer CPT Donald H. Allen, Liaison Officer CPT Charles D. Houston, S-1 1LT Calvin E. Koonce, S-2 CPT John W. Gaines, Command Sergeant Major CSM Donald D. Liles. Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Francis P. O'Leary, First Sergeant 1SG Richard E. Bowers, Mess Stewart SFC Clem B. Brooks, Supply Sergeant SSG Jimmie M. Sims, Motor Sergeant SGT Jimmy R. Daubert, First Cook SP5 James H. Lents, First Cook SP4 Chester L. Fisher, Armorer PFC Michael L. Williams, Battery Clerk SP5 William R. Morris, Cook SP4 Clarence Symes, Cook SP4 Lonnie G. Dye, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Ronald L. Barrett, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Leland R. Terrell, Mechanic Helper PFC Billy J. Godfrey, Mechanic Helper PVT Bob J. Bailey, Supply Clerk SGT William R. Cozby. Administrative Section: Headquarters Clerk PFC Robert H. Owens, Mail Clerk SP4 Quannah E. Tonemah, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Evans P. Warner, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Joe R. Davis. Operations Platoon Headquarters: Assistant S-3 CPT Merrill B. Burruss Jr., Intelligence Sergeant MSG Luther L. Chapin, Operations Sergeant MSG Robert L. Stringer, Clerk Typist SP4 Cleo Otipoby, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Kenneth D. Youngstedt, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Edward J. Smith, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Paul E. Davis. Fire Direction Center: Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Phillip G. Waggoner, Assistant Fire Direction Computer SSG James A. Pahdoco, Fire Direction Computer SGT David L. Thompson, Fire Direction Computer SP4 Billy J. Josefy, Fire Direction Computer PFC Erric W. Grant, Chart Operator SP4 Howard L. Hill, Chart Operator SP4 Donney B. Lindsey. Survey Section: Survey Officer 2LT John W. Conger, Chief Surveyor SFC Johnny W. Walker, Chief of Survey Party SSG Gary D. Brown, Survey Computer SP5 Roy L. Thacker, Survey Computer SP4 Glenn J. Erkenbrack, Survey Computer SP4 Loyd J. Teague, Survey Computer SP4 Jessie W. Teague, Chief of Survey Party SP4 Don R. Schroeder, Chief of Survey Party SP4 Thomas V. Davis, Chief of Survey Party SP4 Larry A. Kendall, Instrument Operator SP4 Roger N. Burk, Instrument Operator SP4 Larry A. Mays, Instrument Operator SP5 Robert B. McAnally, Survey Recorder PVT Stephen W. Sledge, Survey Recorder PVT Joe D. McClung, Survey Recorder PVT Larry B. Sparks, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Phillip J. Issacs, Rodman Tapeman PFC Jimmie A. Willis, Rodman Tapeman PFC Rickey D. Harmon, Rodman Tapeman SP4 Bennie H. Helm, Rodman Tapeman PVT James B. Clark. Liaison Section: Liaison Sergeant SGT Ronald M. Valdez and Radio Telephone Operator SP4 Roland J. Radcliffe. Communications Platoon Headquarters: Assistant Communications Officer 1LT Freddy C. Ricks, Communications Chief MSG George L. E. McDaniels, Senior FADAC Mechanic SP4 Roger C. Horst, FADAC Mechanic PFC Darryl L. Rhoads, Senior Message Clerk SP4 Clyde R. Narcomey, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Larry B. Walker. Wire Section: Section Chief SFC Ora A. Correll, Team Chief SGT Charles D. Houston, Team Chief SGT San E. Countiss, Team Chief SGT Danny S. Roper, Team Chief SGT Ronald L. Lodes, Switchboard Operator SGT Mack A. Murphy, Switchboard Operator PVT Robert L. Morris, Switchboard Operator PVT Terry J. Brewer, Wireman PFC Calvin L. Williams, Wireman PFC Jerry D. Stuckey, Wireman PVT Terry P. Erman, Wireman PFC James D. Crossland, Wireman PFC James D. Burk, Wireman SP4 Kenneth W. Etter, Wireman SP4 Gordon L. Heying, Wireman PFC Weldon L. Kowena, Wireman SP4 Ronald L. Barrette, Wireman SP4 Rueben D. Fisher, Wireman PVT Cecil L. Fletcher, Wireman SP4 Carter R. Waid. Radio Section: Section Chief SGT George W. Phillips, Team Chief SP4 Bobby D. Booth, Team Chief SP4 Michael F. Roberts, Team Chief SP4 Gary M. Hancock, Team Chief SP4 Billy J. Holaway, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Bobby C. Dayton, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Stephen C. Jennings, Radio Teletype Operator PVT Phillip D. Hawkins, Radio Teletype Operator PVT Dennis D. Wommavovah, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Richard D. Trahan, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Gregory D. Edwards, Radio Teletype Operator PFC James D. McIninch. Medical Section: Section Sergeant SGT Larry E. Olmstead, Senior Aidman SP4 Robert B. Tipton, Ambulance Driver SP4 Lynn D. White, Aidman SP4 Roger A.

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Jan 05, 1971 Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MSG Robert Stringer promoted to E-8.

**Feb 14, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG David L. Delong assigned as Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SSG Billy G. Strickland, who separated on ETS.

**Apr 02, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Calvin Koonce promoted to Captain.

**Apr 13, 1971:** DAGO General Orders No. 21: Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 13 April 1971. Section I: Headquarters, Fifth United States Army. Headquarters, Fifth United States Army less personnel and equipment is transferred from Fort Sheridan, Illinois, to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, effective 30 June 1971. Personnel and equipment determined to be surplus as a result of this action will be reassigned or disposed of in accordance with applicable directives. Section II: Headquarters, Fourth United States Army. Headquarters, Fourth United States Army is inactivated effective 30 June 1971. Its missions, functions, installations, activities, personnel, records, and equipment are concurrently reassigned or transferred to the command jurisdiction of the appropriate CONUS Army. By order of the Secretary of the Army: W. C. Westmoreland, General, United States Army, Chief of Staff. Official: Verne L. Bowers, Major General, United States Army, The Adjutant General. Distribution: To be distributed in accordance with DA Form 12-4 requirements.

**May 11, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPL Robert L. Rose and CPL Robert L. Perkins, promoted to Sergeant and assigned as Chief of Section.

**May 31, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Jimmy C. Bartlett assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section replacing SGT David E. Lampkin, who is discharged to join Kentucky USAR. SP5 Vernon M. Hedrick assigned Supply Sergeant, replacing SSG Darrell D. Lange, who was discharged. SGT Henry H. Kobza assigned Section Chief of 4th Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Charles E. White, who applied for OCS Training.

**Jun 07, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Roy W. Carter assigned Ammunition Section Chief, replacing SGT Billy D. Freeman, who was discharged.

**Jun 11, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Cubie E. Loveless assigned Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SFC Charles L. Bitsche, who was discharged.

**Jun 20, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LT William L. Barnes assumes temporary Command from CPT Willie L. Basler Jr., attending school at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

**Jul 04, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Willie L. Basler assumes Command from LT William L. Barnes, upon completion of active duty.

**Jul 27, 1971:** Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: State Guard Firing M-16s. Ft. Chaffee, Ark. The Army's ultimate weapon, the soldier, began getting acquainted with his best friend, his weapon, as Oklahoma Army National Guardsmen began familiarization firing with the M-16 rifle here Monday. Elements of the 90th Support Brigade were to begin actual live firing of the rifle Tuesday as part of a 16-hour block of instruction leading to final qualification on the weapon on each guardsman. Old M-1 rifles, long used by the citizen soldiers, have been replaced by the new rifles. Oklahoma Army National Guard artillerymen, making up the 189th, 171st, the 158th Field Artillery Battalions have already qualified on the M-16. They fired them during regular weekend drills earlier in the year. The artillerymen didn't break their routine Monday, continuing to pound away at battered Potato Hill, the name given a prominent knoll which juts up in the middle at Ft. Chaffee's impact area. Guardsmen using 155mm and 8-inch howitzers, pounded the hill from miles away. Photo Caption: Making elevation adjustments on the sight of an 8-inch howitzer is Spec. 4 Jerry Marcum of Anadarko, left, as other crewmen, right, carefully unload one of the big shells for the heavy gun in the background. Crewmen in the foreground include Spec. 4 Bobby Morrow, left, Lookeba; Spec. 4 Orville Barringer, Hinton; PFC Lloyd Bates, Cyril and Spec. 4 Ralph Subia, Eakly. (Staff Photo by George Tapscott).

**Aug 01, 1971:** Published in the "The Daily Ardmoreite" entitled: Awards given area units at Annual Guard Review. By Ron McKeown. Ft. Chaffee, Ark.- Southern Oklahoma Army National Guard unit representatives were on hand Saturday to accept awards presented by Governor David Hall during the Governor's Day Review here. All area units had attended summer training earlier except the 1st platoon, 1145th Transportation Company of Madill. The parade, the third held in three summer camps the guard has had this year, was a highlight of the two weeks of training here. This period has been for the men of the 45th Artillery Group, 90th Support Brigade, Special Headquarters Brigade and other headquarters elements. Governor Hall told approximately 2,600 that the Oklahoma Guard will soon undergo a conversion to bring its organization and capability closer to that of the regular army. The guard's primary duty remains as a compliment to our national defense, he told the guardsmen in announcing the coming conversion. The conversion he said, "should improve your combat efficiency and strengthen the one Army concept." The extent of the conversion is uncertain at this time, but will be made known around Sept. 1, guard officials have been told. Some guard officials say early indications are that the conversion will mean only minor adjustments for most units. During the ceremonies, Captain Joe Reid, Supply Officer with Ardmore's 245th Transportation Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD) was among seven guardsmen who received Oklahoma Guardsmen Medals for outstanding service. Captain Reid resides in Kingston. The 245th Transportation Battalion, HHD was one of three units to receive the Supply Efficiency award. Units judged superior during the previous training year were presented apart from the parade ceremonies. The 245th HHD and 1145th Trans. Co. of the 245th were among those cited for Superior Unit Awards. The Eisenhower Trophy, presented to the most outstanding unit in each state by the chief of the National Guard Bureau, topped a list of several awards won by the 245th MP Company from Marlow and Walters, part of the 45th MP Battalion. The Governor's Trophy presented annually to the outstanding Oklahoma Guard unit was given to Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Chickasha. Receiving the Pershing Award, presented to the unit with the highest average qualification score in individual weapons, was HHD, 45th MP Battalion, McAlester. Winner of the Army Commander's Unit Maintenance Efficiency Award was Battery "B", 1st Battalion 171st Field Artillery from Weatherford, Clinton, and Woodward. The governor praised physicians in the 145th Medical Company of the 120th Medical Battalion for their efforts in providing free physical checkups for children of Oklahoma's Head Start program. Also attending the Review Day were Major General L. E. Weber, adjutant general of the Oklahoma Guard, and the family of the late Specialist 4 Michael D. Zangari. Zangari was killed in the line of duty during the 1967 summer camp while a member of Company A, 145th Signal Battalion. The 1971 camp was named for him. In a press briefing Friday, General Weber told newsmen that the Guard had proposed to the Army that next year's summer camp be held in the two middle weeks of August and that it was believed this would be more convenient for Oklahoma guardsmen. Photo Caption: Motor Sergeant Merle Cox (center) gives instructions as Private Douglas Tyner and Specialist 4 Ron Gibson pull maintenance on one of the



trucks belonging to the 1st Platoon, 1145th Transportation Company of Madill, which is attending Oklahoma Army National Guard summer camp.

**Aug 04, 1971:** Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Too Real. Photo Caption: Too real for simple training exercise was this jeep accident at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., that occurred when lead vehicle in convoy from Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of Oklahoma Army National Guard swerved to avoid "aggressor" roadblock and skidded into a ditch. Pfc. Doug Wheeler, Norman and Spec. 4 Charles Tilley, Prue, are jumping from the jeep before it completes roll. Lt. Herbert O'Neil, Edmond, the battery executive officer who also was in the jeep, has jumped clear and isn't visible. At right are the guilty aggressors, Sgt. Lindy Cornelius, Enid, assigned to Headquarters, 45th Field Artillery Group, and Pfc. Charles Bennett, a Royce City, Tex., reservist attached to the guard unit for summer camp. (Staff Photos by George Tapscott).

**Aug 19, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Claude Wheeler, S-3, reassigned to leave State due to job relocation.

**Aug 20, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Norman E. Duckworth, S-3, Vice MAJ Wheeler. CPT John W. Gaines transferred to HQ 45th Field Artillery Group.

**Aug 31, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Gabe M. Chittum assigned Section Chief of Ammo Section, replacing SGT Freddy D. Reynolds, who was discharged. SGT Cecil H. Sawyer Jr. assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section, replacing SGT Jimmy C. Bartlett.

**Sep 01, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Alan E. Aycock promoted to Captain.

**Sep 03, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Bobby Jantz, assigned S-2 Vice CPT Gaines. LT Freddy C. Ricks assigned Motor Officer Vice CPT Jantz. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LT William L. Barnes assumes Command upon the reassignment of CPT Willie L. Basler to HHB 45th FA Group.

**Sep 08, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Freddy C. Ricks promoted to Captain.

**Sep 30, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Junior D. McLemore retired from active service.

**Oct 01, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Norman E. Duckworth, assigned XO, Vice MAJ McLemore. MAJ Jerry D. Simmons assigned from 45th FA Group as S-3, Vice MAJ Duckworth. Obituary: Byrl Duwayne Boyd. Born October 5, 1931 and dies 1 October 1971, Services at McCarty Funeral Home, Anna, Illinois., Sunday, 3 October 1971 at 3:00 PM, Rev. Waller M. Bartels officiating, interment at Anna Cemetery. Friends may call at the McCarty Funeral Home after 4:00 PM Saturday. Car and truck collide on Route 51, crash kills three youths and a Anna man. Three 17 year old Cape Girardeau, Mo., residents and a 40 year old Anna man were killed in a three vehicle accident Friday near Anna. The accident occurred about 5 PM on Route 51, near the junction with Route 146, according to state police. State police said a truck and trailer driven by Byrl D. Boyd, 40 of Anna, swerved to avoid hitting a car pulling onto the highway, which was driven by Pauline R. Lamer, 72, of Cobden, and hit the car with the four young men inside. Boyd was killed as were Phillip E. Cloud, Derek A. Proffer, and Rick Samuel, all 17, and all from Cape Girardeau. Another person in the car, Donald Wilson, 18, of Cape Girardeau Mo. is in a hospital in that city with major injuries, according to police. Police said Pauline Lamer was not injured. The car with the young men was going north on Route 51, and the truck was going south on Route 51. Services for Boyd will br 3 PM today in McCarty Funeral Home, Anna. Burial will be in Anna Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home. Born October 5, 1931, in Jonesboro, he was the son of Ralph and Naomi Durall Boyd. He married Marcia Fox on August 4, 1950 in Jonesboro. Mr. Boyd was a self employed heavy equipment operator. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Surviving are his wife; a daughter Susan and a son Tony, both at home; his mother, Mrs. Naomi Thompson of Anna, and a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Otten, also of Anna. Sergeant, ASN: 26359239, and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Oct 05, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Alan E. Aycock separated to accept appointment in Arkansas ARNG.

**Oct 08, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Kenneth E. Taylor assigned Wire Team Chief, replacing SGT Larry D. Hinton, who was discharged.

**Oct 09, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MSG Luther L. Chapin transfer to Retired Reserve.

**Oct 23, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC Johnny Walker assigned to Intelligence Sergeant, Vice MSG Chapin.

**Nov 04, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Nicky D. Morrison and SP5 Jackie K. Morrison promoted to SSG and assigned as Ammunition Sergeant and Chief of Section respectively.

**Nov 09, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Billy D. Stephenson assigned FDC Section Chief, replacing SP5 Don F. O'Rear, who was discharged.

**Nov 16 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LT John S. Cole assumes temporary Command from LT William L. Barnes, attending school at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Calvin E. Koonce assigned Battery Commander, replacing CPT Kenneth W. Bray, who was transferred to Battalion Staff.

**Nov 22, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Richard A. Horton was reassigned to Btry "B", 1Bn 158 FA, Duncan, Oklahoma.

**Nov 25, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Terry W. Sparkman assigned Section Chief of 1st Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Richard G. Palczynsky, who was discharged.

**Nov 30, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Jerry G. Davis was reassigned to Btry "C", 1 Bn 158 FA, Chickasha, Oklahoma. Published in the "The Durant Daily Democrat" entitled: 8,800 Men to be affected; reorganization of Guard effective Wednesday. Oklahoma City (UPI): A reorganization that will affect almost all of the Oklahoma Army National Guard's 8,800 men in some way will take effect Wednesday, Gov. David Hall said today. Hall said the changes were being made to bring the Guard up to date and more into line with the needs of the modern Army. Maj. Gen. David C. Matthews, state adjutant general, said the realignment would redesignate some units, convert others and in some cases mean a complete reorganization where portions of units existed before. He said only about 500 men would be directly affected by designation or conversion of units. State artillery and Infantry units will be converted to the newer Army Tables of Organization and Equipment Matthews said. A newly created 45th Support Group, command by Lt Col. Hal Hefner, will take command of the five battalions in the Special Headquarters Brigade and 90th Support Brigade. Both brigades, headquartered in Oklahoma City, will be phased out. The battalions are the 120th Medical of Midwest City, 130th Supply and Service of Ada, 45th MP of McAlester, 245th Transportation of Ardmore and 120th Engineer of Okmulgee. The Thunderbird patch, once worn by the entire Oklahoman Army National Guard when it was the 45th Division, will be on the uniforms of fewer men under the reorganization. Men of the new 45th Support Group and 45th Field Artillery Group will adopt the Fifth Army patch instead. Matthews said artillery units would be largely untouched by the realignment, but some Infantry and support units would have new missions and some cities would be designated stations for new units. He said 1120th Maintenance Co. of Muskogee would be moved to Sulphur and replaced in Muskogee by Co. D of the 120th Engineering Battalion, previously at Bristow. The unit at Bristow will become a detachment of Co. A, 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry. Rifle and weapons elements of Co. A, 179th Infantry at Cushing will be converted to Co. C. 179th Infantry, with a detachment at Fairfax. The old Co C. at Chilocco, will be phased out. The 179th Infantry, a combat support company, will be placed at Ponca City, previously the home station for a detachment of Headquarters, 179th Infantry. Another combat support company, 180th Infantry, will be assigned to Atoka, previously home for a detachment of Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 180th Infantry. Headquarters Detachment 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry at Broken Arrow will be converted to a Rifle Company, 279th Infantry. Tulsa is to become home station for a combat support company of the 279th Infantry, and the 145th Medical Co. will be moved from Tulsa to Sperry. The Seminole unit previously a detachment of Headquarters and Service Battalion, 160th Field Artillery, will be converted to Service Battery of the same battalion. The 1145th Transportation Co., previously split between Madill and Sulphur, is being phased out. The 1120th Maintenance Co. will move from Muskogee to Sulphur, and Madill will get a detachment of the 1245th Transportation Co. The 245th Medical Clearing Co. will be created, with Midwest City as its home station. The 145th Aviation Co., previously at Norman, will be converted to a section in

the Headquarters Co., 45th Infantry Brigade at Edmond. The reorganization will result in an overall gain of three men, Matthews said, with officer strength increasing from 733 to 765 and enlisted strength decreasing from 8,063 to 8,034.

**Dec 01, 1971:** Reorganized to consist of the 1st Field Artillery Battalion. 158th Field Artillery Battalion is reorganized under the "G" Series Table of Organization and Equipment, Command and Control transfers from the deactivated Fourth United States Army to the Fifth United States Army, resulting in the battalion wearing the Fifth United States Army Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. Advisors to the Fourth United States Army Inspectors General Office were SFC Rodolfo Matheu and MAJ Jerry W. Simmons who were replaced with LTC Robert E. Bingham; the new Fifth United States Army Advisor to the Inspectors General Office. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Jerry G. Davis assigned Battery Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Herbert A. O'Neil, who was transferred to Battalion Staff. 2LT John W. Conger assigned Battery Forward Observer.

**Dec 16, 1971:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LT William L. Barnes assumes Command from LT John S. Cole upon completion of school at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

**Dec 23, 1971:** Captain Charles E. Myers has assumed duties of Commander of the National Guard's Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma. Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Takes command. Capt. Charles E. Myers of 1408 "C" has assumed duties of commander of the National Guard's Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery.

**Dec 31, 1971:** Published in the "Annual Report to The Governor of Oklahoma" entitled: Annual report to the governor Oklahoma from Oklahoma Military Department 1971. Troop List: The National Guard of Oklahoma consists of the following units: (Unit and Maximum Authorized Strength) 1st Battalion (8") (SP), 158th Field Artillery-518. Station List: The following is a station list of Oklahoma Army National Guard units and the strength of each unit. (Station and Unit and Authorized Strength) Anadarko, OK-Battery "A" 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-106. Chickasha, OK-Battery "C" 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-106. Duncan, OK-Battery "B" 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-106. Lawton, OK- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-134. Lawton, OK-Service Battery 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-66. ARNG Superior Unit Awards: Recognition by the Chief, National Guard Bureau of all ARNG units receiving a superior rating for the previous training year. Criteria includes 95% or higher strength, 95% or higher MOS qualification, 90% or better drill attendance, 95% or better camp attendance, attainment of all training objectives, satisfactory annual training inspection, satisfactory annual general inspection by the US Army and satisfactory command maintenance management inspection. The following units received certificates in 1971: (Unit and Station) Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery; Anadarko, Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery-Duncan, Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery; Chickasha, and Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery; Lawton. The Governor's Distinguished Unit Award (Governor's Trophy): The Governor's Trophy, initiated in 1969, is awarded annually to the outstanding OKARNG unit which has met all the prerequisites for the award of the ARNG Superior Unit Award, The Eisenhower Trophy, and attained a Superior rating in the additional areas of property audits, armory improvements, support of youth activities, and other requirements as determined by the selection committee. The Calendar Year 1970 winner of this highest State Award was Battery "C" 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma, commanded by Captain Kenneth C. Bray. Oklahoma Supply Efficiency Award: Presented annually to organizations and units for highest efficiency in supply operations, to include property audit ratings, self service supply expenditures, quarterly reports of operational losses, reports of survey, supply administration, and annual general operations. Calendar Year 1970 awards went to the 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Joe A. Wheeler, with units at Lawton, Anadarko, Duncan and Chickasha. OKARNG Armory Improvement Awards: These awards recognize units for their exceptional care and maintenance, beautification and improvement of State owned armories, grounds and surrounding areas of units or split elements of units. Three levels of competition are recognized: Major Command, Battalion, and State. Battalion winners are Battery "C" 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery, Chickasha. Operations and Training Organization: Effective 1 December 1971 following units were reorganized under the "G" Series Tables of Organization and Equipment (TO&E): (9) First Battalion 158th Artillery (8" SP), Annual Training Site Fort Chaffee, AR 24 July - 7 August 1971. Yearly history of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1971: The year 1971 was one of great accomplishments for the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Most of the problems created by the 1968 reorganization were behind us and we could devote our full attention to our training missions. We began the year in much the same manner as previous years, with February Annual General Inspections. All units attained a Satisfactory Rating and the preparation of layout was very good. With the holidays and inspections behind us, we focused our attention on Civil Disturbance Training. We conducted additional assemblies to train Junior Leaders and followed this with an exercise at Fort Sill in April. The period May through July was devoted to RSOP and Live Fire

Exercises at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. This training was geared toward the Battery Level ATT's which the units were to take at Annual Training. Our two weeks Annual Training at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas began on 24 July. In addition to our scheduled training, we got some practice in winching procedures as it rained heavily on most of our operations. Our two weeks at camp included seven nights in the field, a 24-hour tactical problem, Battery Level ATT's, a Governor's Day Parade and most important, a pay day. It is certainly worth mentioning that the Battalion scores were the highest of the 45th FA Group. After camp we direct our attention toward individual weapons firing and qualification with a new M-16 rifles. We then closed out the training year with special emphasis training and maintenance of our equipment. We reorganized to the "G" Series TO&E in December, which made only minor equipment changes, but did give us four more officer slots. During 1971 we received much new equipment and we ended the year with the strong promise of our 8" inch SP Howitzers in the very near future. The year 1971 was very productive and we feel established the battalion as the best artillery outfit in the state. We look forward to an equally event 1972. Yearly history of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1971: The first assembly in January was devoted to Material Care and Maintenance, Techniques of Effective Instruction and learning, Preparation of DA Form 2404. February was devoted to preparing for Annual AGI which was conducted 19 February 1971 by MAJ Jerry W. Simmons and SFC Rodolfo Matheu, I.G. Section of Fourth U.S. Army. This unit received a Satisfactory Rating. It was on the same day that PFC James D. Crossland, a member of this unit, died of an accident accidental gunshot wound on his farm near Granfield. In April we held an additional Training Assembly to train the Officers and NCO's in Civil Disturbance Doctrine, we followed this up with Civil Disturbance Training on 24 April and a Civil Disturbance FTX at Camp Eagle on 25 April. In May, June, and July we trained at Fort Sill, Live Fire to assist the Firing Batteries in preparing for their ATT's at AFT 1971. The unit traveled to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas for AFT on July 1971 with 13 Officers, 1 Warrant and 99 Enlisted Men. We trained for 2 weeks and return to Lawton, 7 August 1971. Drills in August were devoted to Material Care and Maintenance. In September, we returned to Armory training with Marksmanship Preparation and Characteristics of M-16 rifle, a new weapon with which unit was armed. October was devoted to weapon qualification at Fort Sill with the exception of Communications and Survey Sections which supported "C" Battery in a retest of their ATT. November training was devoted to the mandatory subjects and preparations for reassignment which took place when December 1971. Yearly history of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1971: The year of 1971 was one of the great change for those of us in the National Guard. We saw numerous new up-to-date items of equipment sent to us including brand new, fresh from the factory, M16A1 Rifles, M-60 Machine Guns, new multi-fuel 2.1/2 ton and diesel 5 ton trucks. We were issued the M16 rifles in March and didn't get to fire them until October, but got a lot of good training on how to maintain them in between. The most marked change was a reduction in drafts calls and the effect it had on the National Guard. We saw a renewed interest placed on recruiting efforts and retaining personnel already on board. Some help was realized in this area from the increase in the pay benefits as a number of individuals did decide to extend their current enlistment. But, strength problems look like an area of great concern for the upcoming 1972. Our unit continues to work hard, cooperate and excel on inspections and greater training. OUR AGI was completed satisfactorily with a small amount of gigs. Audits were all in the Superior category and our Annual Training was rewarding as we passed the Army Training Test satisfactorily. "B" Battery continues to be a thorn in our side though, as they again edged us out in evaluation during AT. Our time is coming, it just has to be! They tell us we won't be going back to Fort Chaffee for AT in 1972, but to Fort Sill, good to have a little variety. Also, rumors are floating around again that our self-propelled howitzers are due any day. This is probably because the 189th Artillery has been receiving their self-propelled 175's. The general feeling around this unit is, to believe it when you see the guns setting in the armory. A reorganization is coming for the State, but the effect on our unit should be minor. We are looking forward to 1972 with hopes of a break coming in actions for help in maintaining strength in the unit with more new, up-to-date equipment and additional enlistment and reenlistment benefits. Yearly history of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1971: Bravo Battery, now an old hand with the 8-inch Howitzer, proved herself again as the most outstanding and combat-ready Firing Battery in the state. Her Firing Battery, FDC, Communications, Officer-NCO leaders and Mess Section proved itself again in 1971. Early in the year Bravo repeated her 1970 record by scoring a high AGI. Elements of Riot Control training were also reviewed and updated. Preparing for Summer Camp, Bravo made several trips to Fort Sill early in 1971. The bivouac weekends included RSOP, Recruit Training, Personal Hygiene, First Aid, Drill and Ceremonies, and all aspects of field and garrison proficiency were covered. On 24 July, 2:30 a.m., Bravo, wide awake and combat ready, set off on her 295 mile journey to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. Summer Camp and B Battery proved better than anyone had anticipated, the result being a successful encampment for everyone concerned. Bravo won her way once again to the Group Finals, softball tournament, only to be beaten by the 189th. History repeated itself once again as Bravo was awarded the trophy as the best Firing Battery in the 8" Howitzer Battalion. On Bravo's way to the top there were problems of the expected and unexpected nature. Example: During one of the many night problems, Bravo captured an enemy vehicle. During celebration of this victory, the enemy slipped past perimeter guards and captured two of our fine NCO's and a driver. After endless attempts to escape SGT Delong and his two rebels returned to camp the following day in fair condition. With the completion of a successful Summer Camp, "B" Battery returned to her home

station (Duncan), and began preparation for the inactive duty training at home station. Training assemblies after camp followed a routine of Equipment Maintenance and Showdown Inspections. In white T-shirt, LT Cole led the unit through a series of strenuous P.T. tests. Bravo also welcomed LT Barnes as her new Commanding Officer, and LT Horton to our fine staff of officers. SP4 James L. Parsons assumed total command of the organizational responsibilities pertaining to the Training Room and continued to function in his usual outstanding manner. Bravo Battery was proud to welcome to the ranks of truly volunteer Guardsman SSG Nickey D. Morrison, SSG David L. Delong, and SSG Jackie K. Morrison as a result of extending their initial enlistment. Yearly history of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1971: We began the year 1971 in much the same manner as most previous years, preparing for our Annual General Inspection which was to be 17 February 1971. The January and February drills consisted primarily of Instructor Training and Maintenance of Equipment. The March drill was devoted to General Tactical Subjects in preparation for our Field Training in the spring. With the inspections and Special Emphasis Training behind us, we began our Tactical Mission Training in May. This continued through July and was conducted at Fort Sill. Much of the time was spent in Live Fire Exercises with the howitzers, and practice for the ATT's. On 24 July we departed for our Annual Training at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. The first two days were spent establishing camp and final preparation for training. After a week of hard training in the field we were anxious for a little off time Saturday and Sunday. Of course we had to squeeze in a Governor's Day Parade Saturday morning at which we were presented the Governor's Trophy. The second week proved to be as vigorous as the first. The pay call on Friday lifted spirits somewhat and we returned to home station on Saturday, glad to see home as usual. We directed our attention to training and qualification with our new M-16 rifles and crew served weapons in September and October. We closed out the year with an Audit in November and some Special Subjects Training. It is believed noteworthy that we received a "Superior" rating on Audit. The year 1971 was very productive in many respects. We reorganized to the "G" Series TO&E in December which made only minor changes but did authorize us one additional officer. We look forward to a eventful 1972 with the promise of more new equipment to train with. Yearly history of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1971: Our January drill was a busy one and making preparation for AGI, with the Maintenance and Supply sections given particular attention. The Annual General Inspection conducted 18 February 1971 by MAJ Jerry W. Simmons and SFC Roldolfo Matheu, Headquarters, 4th USA, reflected the hard work of the unit during the preceding year. The unit work diligently the remainder of the year to improve the standards we set for ourselves, to be the best in the state. The month of April was highlighted by a Unit Property Audit on 19 April 1971, by LTC Delbert C. Homier. There were very few discrepancies that needed to be corrected. We had two Show Down Inspections during the year. The dates were 10 January and 22 August 1971. The month of May, June, and July found our unit in the field at Fort Sill, supporting the Battalion in Live-Fire Exercises. Training and experience received during these three months proved to be very helpful in preparing the Battalion for our Annual Field Training. Two weeks Annual Field Training was held at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, 24 July to 7 August 1971. Service Battery was rated the number two unit overall on our performance at Summer Camp. Also, we were presented with the Superior Unit Award for the training year 1969-1970 at this years' AFT. Another honor we received was the Battalion Supply Efficiency award for the outstanding work done by the PBO. Rain was a daily occurrence at camp. As hard as it rained our last day in the field most everyone was looking for Noah except for Specialist Bagwell, and he was trying to find his mate, "Ring", to take on the ark with him. The balance of the year was spent concentrating on maintenance and classes.

**Jan 01, 1972:** Official Roster of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery and Stations of Organization:  
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Lawton, OK;  
Battalion Headquarters: Battalion Commander LTC Joe A. Wheeler, Executive Officer MAJ Norman E. Duckworth, S-3 MAJ Jerry D. Simmons, Battalion Motor Officer CPT Freddy C. Ricks, Battalion Surgeon Unassigned, Chaplain CPT James L. Mahan, Communications Officer CPT Donald H. Allen, Field Artillery Liaison Officer CPT Charles D. Houston, S-1 CPT Kenneth W. Bray, S-2 CPT Bobby R. Jantz, Battalion Sergeant Major CSM Donald D. Liles.  
Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Francis P. O'Leary, First Sergeant 1SG Richard E. Bowers, Mess Stewart SSG James H. Lents, Supply Sergeant SP4 Evans P. Warner, Motor Sergeant SFC Kenneth V. Ille, First Cook SP4 Clarence Symes, First Cook SP4 Lonnie G. Dye, Armorer PFC Michael L. Williams, Battery Clerk SP4 Kenneth D. Youngstedt, Cook SP4 Eddy J. Hargraves, Equipment Report Clerk SP4 Erric W. Grant, Powerman SP4 Richard L. Radke, Repair Parts Clerk SP4 Donald L. Tate, Track Vehicle Mechanic PFC Edward D. Repp, Track Vehicle Mechanic PFC Robert B. McClure, Wheel Vehicle Repairman PFC Billy J. Godfrey, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Michael J. Allen, First Cook SP5 Chester L. Fisher, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic PFC Bob J. Bailey.  
Administrative Section: Legal Clerk SP6 William R. Morris, Senior Information Specialist SP4 Hommer L. Ryan, Headquarters Clerk PFC Robert H. Owens, Mail Delivery Clerk PVT Billy C. Davis, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Paul E. Davis. Operations Platoon Headquarters: Assistant S-3 CPT Merrill B. Burruss Jr., Intelligence Sergeant SFC John W. Walker, Operations Sergeant MSG Robert L. Stringer, Chemical NCO SGT Cleo M. Otipoby, Clerk Typist SP4 Edward J. Smith, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Robert I. Wood. Fire Direction Center: Chief Fire Direction Computer SFC Jimmie M. Sims Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG James A. Pahdoco, Fire Direction

Computer SP5 Melvin C. Brown, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Reginald Dungan, Radio Telephone Operator PVT Don P. Yates. Survey Section: Reconnaissance Survey Officer 2LT Stephen M. Hellewege, Chief Surveyor SFC Gary D. Brown, Chief of Survey Party SSG Glen J. Erkenbrack, Chief of Survey Party SGT Don R. Shroeder, Survey Computer SP5 Thommas V. Davis, Survey Computer SP4 Bennie H. Helm, Survey Computer PFC James B. Clark, Survey Computer SP4 Jimmie A. Willis, Survey Computer SP4 Rickey D. Harman, Instrument Operator SP4 Bobby G. Dayton, Instrument Operator PFC Joe D. McClung, Instrument Operator SP4 Loyd D. Teague, Instrument Operator SP4 Jessey W. Teague, Survey Recorder SP4 Larry B. Sparks, Rodman Tapeman SP4 Howard L. Hill, Rodman Tapeman PFC Steven V. Sledge. Liaison Section: Liaison Sergeant SSG Phillip D. Waggoner. Communications Platoon Headquarters: Platoon Leader 1LT Herbert A. O'Neil, Communications Chief MSG George L. E. McDaniel, Senior FADAC/Radio Mechanic SP5 Donald D. 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Williams, Cannoneer PFC Larry D. Holsted, Cannoneer PFC Alan L. Williams, Cannoneer PFC Richard P. Strain, Cannoneer PFC Clyde E. Bingham, Cannoneer PFC Larry D. Dyer, Cannoneer PVT Clifton A. Burris. Howitzer Section #2: Chief of Section SSG Glenn B. Funk, Gunner SGT Steven A. Urbach, Assistant Gunner SP4 Gerald W. Myers, Cargo Carrier Driver SP4 Vincent P. Kobza, Motor Carriage Driver SP4 Dennis W. Williams, Cannoneer PFC Ronald J. Martin, Cannoneer PVT Billy R. Weathers, Cannoneer PFC John K. Hart, Cannoneer PFC Johnny L. Jarel, Cannoneer PFC Terry L. Williams, Cannoneer PFC Bobby C. Jarel. Howitzer Section #3: Chief of Section SGT Cecil H. Sawyer Jr., Gunner SGT Michael L. Lovell, Assistant Gunner SP4 Keith L. McPherson, Cargo Carrier Driver SP4 Donnie G. Cash, Motor Carriage Driver SP4 Larry A. Harbour, Cannoneer PFC Alton L. Allen, Cannoneer PFC Jerry D. Howell, Cannoneer PFC Nolan D. Dorsey, Cannoneer PFC Gary D. Heddlesten, Cannoneer PFC Richard B. Subia. 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Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Danical C. Martin, assigned as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Stephen M. Hellwege, who was transferred to Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Jan 10, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Charles E. White assigned Motor Sergeant replacing SGT Leon N. Harrison, who was discharged.

**Jan 14, 1972:** Obituary: Randell Kerfoot, Born 21 Sep 1914 and died 14 Jan 1972 at the age of 57 and buried at



Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, USA. Courier Journal Obit; 01/15/1972. Randall Kerfoot, 57, of 1112 Fraelm Road, died at 11:50 a.m. at Jewish Hospital. Kerfoot was a mechanic for Dealers Transport Co. He was a native of Hardin County, Ky., and a veteran of World War II. His wife, the former Mildred Grimes survives. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Dixon-Atwood & Adkins Funeral Home, Elizabethtown, Ky., with burial in Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens. The body will be at the funeral home after 10 a.m. Saturday. Private First Class, ASN: 35109233 and served with Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery.

**Feb 18, 1972:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: National guard unit here receiving annual checkup. Lawton's National Guard unit received its annual checkup this morning. Lt. Col. Robert E. Bingham, assistant Inspector General for the Fifth Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., conducted the annual general inspection. The inspection of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, is one of a series being conducted by Col. Bingham at National Guard units. Due to the active forces being reduced to pre-1950 levels, the inspections have taken on an added significance as increased emphasis is being placed on unit readiness, officials said. In line with this, Col. Bingham is paying particular attention to unit readiness, maintenance of equipment, training, and personnel qualification. Accompanying Col. Bingham on the inspection tour are Lt. Col. Clyde T. Sadowsky, Enid, commanding officer of the 45th Field Artillery Group; Lt. Col. Joe A. Wheeler, Oklahoma City, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery; Maj. Lonnie Bray, staff assistant of the 45th Field Artillery, and Maj. Norman Duckworth, Sand Springs, executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. Capt. Francis P. O'Leary, Lawton, is the commanding officer of Headquarters Battery; Sgt. Richard E. Bowers, Lawton, is the unit's first sergeant and Sgt. Jimmy Sims, Gracemont, is the unit's administrative supply technician. Photo Caption: Annual inspection. Lt. Col. Robert E. Bingham, center, checks the kitchen gear of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard here during the unit's annual general inspection today. At left, Capt. Francis P. O'Leary, Headquarters Battery commanding officer, marks the colonel's findings on a checklist as Sgt. 1. C. Jimmy Sims, the unit's administrative supply technician, looks on.

**Mar 01, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Richard A. Bennett, was assigned as Chief of Firing Battery, replacing Cubie E. Loveless, who was discharged.

**Apr 03, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LTC Joe A. Wheeler, released command 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, assigned to HHB 45 FA Group OKARNG, Enid, Oklahoma. LTC Marshal Bathurst, assigned Battalion Commander (01193) FA Vice LTC Joe A. Wheeler.

**Apr 10 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LTC Marshal Bathurst, Honorable Discharge to Commanding General, RCPAC, St. Louis, Missouri.

**Apr11, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Norman E. Duckworth, assigned Battalion Commander (01193) Vice LTC Marshal Bathurst.

**Apr 13, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Robert R. Eddy, appointed assigned as Battalion Surgeon.

**Apr 14, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Max E. Daughtrey returned to duty from USAFAS and assigned as Assistant Executive Officer. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James A. Cunningham, appointed Battery Executive Officer from USAR.

**Apr 17, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT George V. Hamilton appointed and assigned as Section Leader (01193).

**Apr 19, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Norman E. Duckworth, promoted to LTC.

**Apr24, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ J. W. Casper assigned Executive Officer, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery from HHB 45th FA Group. MAJ Merrill B. Burruss, assigned HHB 45 FA Group from Headquarters 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**May 01, 1972:** Reorganized as the 158th Field Artillery.

**May 05, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ J. W. Casper RFA to HHB 45 FA Group, Enid, Oklahoma. MAJ Merrill B. Burrus, assigned Executive Officer, Headquarters 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma from HHB 45th FA Group.

**May 10, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Lionel K. Bentley assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section, replacing SGT Cecil H. Sawyer Jr., who is discharged.

**May 16, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT John S. Cole released from Duty as Executive Officer and assigned to USAR Standby Reserve Control Group.

**May 17, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LT Stephen Helewege, HD Incompatible Occupation to USAR Standby Reserve Control Group.

**May 18, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1SG Richard E. Bowers, transfer to Inactive Reserve ARNG. SFC Johnny W. Walker assigned 1SG Vice 1SG Bowers.

**Jun 02, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC Rudy N. Hightower promoted to MSG E-8.

**Jun 05, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Dennis W. Byford appointed Reconnaissance Survey Officer (01183) Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Jun 16, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Joe D. Hart assigned Supply Sergeant replacing SSG Vernon M. Hedrick who was discharged.

**Jun 19, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Larry R. Bracken assigned to unit as Forward Observer.

**Jul 15, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James A. Cunningham, assigned pending completion of USAFAS, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James A. Cunningham, transferred to Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Jul 20, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Alan W. Bowman appointed Battery Executive Officer from USAR.

**Jul 22, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James A. Cunningham, returned to duty, from USAFAS, and assigned as Executive Officer.

**Jul 25, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Richard A. Horton, transferred to Battery "A", Anadarko, Oklahoma.

**Jul 28, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Bobby G. Morrow assigned Section Chief of Ammunition Section, replacing SGT Gabe M. Chittum, who is discharged.

**Aug 14, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT George C. Hamilton, Honorable Discharge, Incompatible Occupation, assigned the USAR Control Group (AT).

**Aug 31, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Bobby D. Thomasson assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT William R. Nixon, who was assigned to the inactive National Guard.

**Sep 01, 1972:** Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion is reorganized under MTO&E 6-446H. MTOE 6-446H HHB, FA Battalion, 8-inch, Self-Propelled. Mission: To direct and coordinate operations of the battalion and to provide facilities with which the battalion commander controls the battalion. Assignment: Organic to field artillery battalion, 8-inch, self-propelled (TOE 6-445). Capabilities: a. At level 1, this unit provides (1) Staff

planning, supervision, coordination, and control of operations or organic units of the battalion. (2) Survey control for the battalion. (3) Unit-level medical service for units of the battalion. (4) Limited air defense against low-altitude hostile aircraft. (5) Its portion of the battalion communication system. b. This unit is not adaptable to a type B organization. c. Individuals of this organization, except chaplain and medical personnel, can engage in effective, coordinated defense of the unit's area or installation. d. This unit can perform all organizational maintenance on organic equipment, except for automotive equipment. e. This unit can perform battery-level organizational maintenance on automotive equipment. f. This unit can perform all organizational maintenance on communication electronic equipment for units of the battalion. g. This unit depends on the battalion service battery for battalion-level organizational maintenance for automotive equipment. Strength: a. Level 1: Off 15 EM 114 Aggr 129. b. Level 2: Off 14 EM 100 Aggr 114. c. Level 3: Off 12 EM 94 Aggr 106. Basis of allocation. One per field artillery battalion, 8-inch, self-propelled (TOE 6-445). Category. I. Mobility. a. Sixty-five-percent mobile in organic vehicles. b. One-hundred-percent air transportable in USAF aircraft. Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW3 Dennis R. Roper, assigned from Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery to Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW3 Dennis R. Roper, Unit Personnel Technician, transferred to Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Sep 08, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Calvin E. Koonce, assigned from Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery to S-1 Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. CPT Freddy C. Ricks released from and assigned to Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT John W. Conger assigned as Battery Executive Officer from Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, replacing 1LT Thomasson. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Jerry G. Davis, assigned as Battery Commanding Officer, replacing CPT Calvin E. Koonce, who was transferred to Headquarters, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Freddy C. Ricks, assigned from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery and appointed Battery Commander, replacing CPT Charles E. Myers, who was transferred to Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Sep 18, 1972:** The City of Lawton, Oklahoma Official Proclamation: Office of the Mayor, City of Lawton, Lawton, Oklahoma. Don E. Whitaker, Mayor. Official Proclamation: Whereas, the National Guard has long been established in Lawton and is a force trained and equipped to respond to Lawton's needs in civil disaster; and whereas, the National Guard has always demonstrated a willingness to assist civic clubs in any way possible to raise money for charitable causes and the Guard programs are also community oriented; and whereas, the National Guard is a significant contributor to the economic welfare of Lawton, and whereas, the National Guard now comprises 47% of the U. S. Army's combat power directly affecting our nation's security; and whereas, National Guard training offers training in marketable skills to the economically disadvantaged and offers leadership training to the youth, now, therefore, I, Don E. Whitaker, Mayor of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of September 24 through 30, 1972, as: National Guard Week, and urge all citizens to pay tribute and honor to all Guardsmen not only during this period but throughout the entire year. Signed: Don E. Whitaker, Mayor, done at City Hall, this 18th day of September, 1972.

**Sep 22, 1972:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: National guard week proclaimed. Sept. 24-30 has been proclaimed as National Guard week in Lawton by Mayor Don Whitaker in recognition of the city's 200-plus National Guardsmen. Whitaker cited the local National Guard units for their preparedness for civil disasters, participation in civic club projects, contribution to the economic welfare of the community, training for skills of the disadvantaged and leadership training for the youth of Lawton. Units stationed at the National Guard armory on Cache Road are Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, commanded by Lt. Col. Norman E. Duckworth; Headquarters Battery commanded by Capt. Francis P. O'Leary and Service Battery, commanded by Capt. Freddy C. Ricks.

**Sep 25, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Daniel C. Martin Assigned from Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery to Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Richard A. Horton assigned as Forward Observer from Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, replacing 1LT Larry R. Bracken, who was reassigned to Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Larry R. Bracken, assigned as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Danical C. Martin, was transferred to Headquarters, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Oct 06, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Gary L. Ransom, assigned as Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Jerry G. Davis, who took over as Battery Commanding Officer.

**Oct 10, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Bruce C. Wright, was assigned as Battery Mess Sergeant, replacing SFC Thomas J. Hickey.

**Oct 16, 1972:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Jerry L. Marcum assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Lionel K. Bentley, who was discharged.

**Oct 30, 1972:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Sill NCO to help direct governor's honor guard unit. National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Donald D. Liles, of Bethany, assigned with Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery here will serve as assistant director of the Governor's Honor Guard. The 21-man honor unit was reviewed in ceremonies at the state Capital Sunday. State Army and Air National Guard units were reviewed by Brig. Gen. Harry Barnes, commander of the Army National Guard's 45th Infantry Brigade. Members of the brigade will serve a minimum of one year as a ceremonial guard unit for the governor, primarily at military functions in which he participates as state commander-in-chief. Director of the honor guard is Maj. Donald G. Smith, also of Bethany, a member of the 45th Military Police. Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Honor guard positions go to guardsmen. Thirty-two Oklahoma National Guardsmen were designated members of the Governor's Honor Guard Sunday at the State Capital. The Army and Air National Guardsmen were reviewed by Brig. Gen. Harry Barnes, commander of the Army National Guard 45th Infantry Brigade, who pinned the insignia on each of the men. They will serve a minimum of one year as ceremonial support for the governor in his function as state commander-in-chief at military functions. The honor guard insignia is a multi-pointed star emblazoned with the state's outline with a warrior's shield, peace pipe and olive branch. "Governor's Honor Guard" is inscribed on the insignia. Director of the honor guard is Maj. Donald C. Smith of Bethany, a member of the 45th military police. Assistant Director from the Army National Guard is Command Sgt. Maj. Donald D. Liles of Bethany, a member of Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Lawton. Also an assistant director is M. Sgt. Jackie D. LeMasters of Oklahoma City, of the 219th Electronic Intelligence Squadron. Members selected from the Oklahoma City area include James Schmitz, Richard D. Greenway, Brian K. Vincent, Gregg Ransom, Jimmie Hastie, Green Smiley, Carl Vanhooser, Kenneth Biddle and Berle Truman, all of Oklahoma City. Also, Frank Smithers and C. B. Alexander, both of Bethany; Henry L. Franklin, Tuttle; Ted D. Hyde, Moore; Roger L. MaGuire, Midwest City; and Scott Dallam and John A. Sanders, both of Edmond. Photo Caption: Governor's honor guard insignia is awarded by Brig. Gen. Harry Barnes to Sgt. 1c. Carl VanHousor, 2627 Cashion Place, of the 45th Infantry Brigade Headquarters in Oklahoma City. He was one of 32 Oklahoma guardsmen to receive the insignia Sunday. (Staff Photo by George Tapscott).

**Dec 01, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Herbert A. O'Neal reassigned from Platoon Leader (01010) FA to Battalion Motor Officer (00600) FA. 2LT Dennis W. Byford reassigned from Reconnaissance Survey Officer (01183) FA to Platoon Leader (01010) FA. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Daryl K. McCall, assigned Ammunition Officer, replacing 2LT Richard A. Horton, who was reassigned to Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. SFC Robert J. Crabtree assigned First Sergeant, replacing SFC Jerry V.L. Wilson, who was reassigned to Battery Motor Sergeant.

**Dec 03, 1972:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution Morning Press" entitled: Highly regarded. Following the end of World War II, it was learned from captured German Army documents that the Oklahoma Army National Guard's 45th Infantry Division had been rated by the German Whermacht and Waffen SS as one of the top three allied units faced by the Germans during the entire war. Thunderbird changed; From 1923 until 1940, the Oklahoma Army National Guard wore an insignia comprised of a red diamond with a gold reverse swastika in the center. Reflecting an ancient Indian sign for good luck, it was replaced by the "Thunderbird" since it looked too similar to the Nazi Party's twisted cross.

**Dec 05, 1972:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Larry A. York appointed and assigned Reconnaissance Survey Officer (01183) FA.

**Dec 31, 1972:** Yearly history of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1972: The year 1972 was one of great accomplishment and excitement for the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. It seems that great challenges never cease to come and the people of a find outfit never cease to meet them head-on. Annual General Inspections, as usual were the first order of business. All units were very well prepared for the event, as was evidenced by the remarks by LTC Robert E. Bingham, the 5th US Army Inspector General. Battery "C" was cited as

outstanding on their report. With the holidays and inspections behind us, we focused our attention on what is considered by most as and almost sacred event, that of turning in the obsolete 8 inch towed howitzers and commencing training on the self propelled weapons. This was another one of those afore mentioned challenges and provided a tremendous morale lift. With only a short transition period, we were conducting live-fire exercises on weekend drills at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. We made our camp at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 27 July to 12 August 1972, and fired approximately 1,000 rounds of 8-inch ammunition. The units further polished their proficiency in all aspects of artillery soldiering, and in fact drew much praise from the active Army evaluators and visiting officials. Battery "A" was the proud winner of the coveted Best Battery Award for the camp. After a successful camp, our attention was directed toward range firing, special emphasis training, and the ever-increasing recruiting problem, with the latter gaining the most attention. A very demanding recruiting goal (obtaining 100% TO&E Strength) was set for 31 December 1972. Much to the credit of a "can do" attitude and much hard work by many people, we made our goal and will be one of the only two organizations in the state to do so. As we closed out 1972, two of the most prevalent topics of conversation were recruiting and the promise of next annual training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Re-enlistment bonuses and tall pine trees. The year 1972 was certainly very productive and many of us feel established the battalion as the best Field Artillery outfit in the state. We look forward to an equally eventful 1973.

Yearly history of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1972: The first assembly began in December 1971 due to reorganization 1 December 1971. The December assembly was devoted to classes on Defense of Position Area, Camouflage, Combat Intelligence, Administration Formations, Materials Care and Maintenance and inspection by the 45th Field Artillery Group. The January drill consisted of section classes, and Material Care and Maintenance. On 30 January 1972, a additional training assembly for Civil Disturbance Training was conducted for Officers and NCO's. The February drill was devoted to section classes, OJT and MOS Testing on Saturday and Sunday was devoted to classes on Policies and Legal Considerations, Military Leader Responsibilities and Discipline, Control Measures and Application of Force and Riot Control Agents and Munitions. AGI was conducted on 18 February 1972 by LTC Robert E. Bingham. In March this unit had a drill at Fort Sill, Oklahoma which consisted of Prep for Move to Fort Sill, Establishing Bivouac Site, Introduction to Formations, Squad Formations, Platoon Formations, Anti-Sniping, and Recruit Training on station and Material Care and Maintenance. April, May, June and July consisted of both Dry RSOP and Live Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The unit supported the Firing Batteries in Training and Preparation for Annual Training 1972. The unit traveled to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for AFT, 29 July 1972 with 12 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 84 Enlisted Men present. We trained for 2 weeks and returned to Home Station 12 August 1972. Drill in August consisted of day in which a Showdown Inspection was conducted and Material Care and Maintenance was performed. 1 September 1972 this unit was reorganized under MTO&E 6-446H. The September drill was a Armory Drill. Mandatory classes and Material Care and Maintenance was conducted. On 10 October 1972, at TI was conducted by members of the State Maintenance Shop at Norman, Oklahoma. On 11 October 1972, a Tech Visit was conducted by members of the Advisory Staff from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Drill for October was devoted to training in support of Battery and Battalion Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. November drill consisted of Qualification and Familiarization of Arms at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Material Care and Maintenance was conducted after return to home station. December drill consisted of Combat Intelligence, Camouflage, Patrolling, Commanders Time, Material Care and Maintenance and Command Inspection conducted by HQ 45th FA Group. Yearly history of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1972: 1972 will have to be considered the beginning of great, far reaching changes for the National Guard. The beginning of an all out effort to recruit and retain personnel in the Guard, more reliance upon the Guard by the Active Forces for a back-up force, the beginning of plans in earnest about increased benefits, pay and other programs for Guardsman, and the beginning of the end of the war in Viet Nam. One of the major problems we encountered in 1972 was that of Recruiting and Retention. The unit saw its strength dropped from a number of ETS just at a time when the people were needed most. But with a great deal of hard work from the majority of the men in the Battery and a reorganization, we managed to end the year at our authorized full TO&E strength. Speaking of reorganization, we under went two since our last unit history was written. One on 1 December 1971 and the other on 1 September 1972. Both mainly were TO&E reorganizations and were not significant in change to the unit. Except that the last one did drop are full TO&E strength slightly, enabling us to reach full strength by the deadline set by the Adjutant General. The TO&E we are now under authorizes us the latest in all equipment, but getting it will be another matter. It looked as though we might be issued our guns this year, but we enter the year with only one. Of course, that in itself is an improvement over last year, so we look to the future with hope. We pulled our Annual Training this year at Fort Sill. They say "good things come to those that patiently wait". It must be so. Our unit was named this year at "AT" as the Outstanding Unit in the Battalion by the Evaluation Team and the Battalion Staff. The award that has been percentage points out of our reach the past two years is now ours. It couldn't have come at a better time either, as our unit Commanding Officer for the past 3 years gave up the unit just after camp this year. Captain Nixon has been really after that award and it is fitting that he received it prior to giving up the unit. Especially with the "hairy" problems he had to put up with during this AT. The unit won't be losing anything in his successor though, 1LT Thomasson has done great since taking over the unit. All our audits, AGI and other inspections came out okay in 1972, thanks to a

hard-working cooperative unit. We close out 1972 looking forward to Annual Training 1973 to be held in Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Most of the men were pleased at the prospect of AT being in a new surrounding. Also rumors are flying that the possibility of AT outside the United States could be in the future plans. Strength continues to be a problem, but with recent pay raises and the good possibility of enlistment, re-enlistment bonuses, it can be taken care of. As we start into 1973, we wonder with anticipation and apprehension what it holds for the Officers and Men of Battery "A", 158 FA. Yearly history of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1972: The first assembly began in December 1971, due to Reorganization 1 December 1971. The December was devoted to instruction in Defense of Position Area, Camouflage, Camouflage Materials, Combat Intelligence, Civil Defense and Material Care and Maintenance and a Command Inspection by 158FA Command Staff. The January assembly consisted of section classes and Material Care and Maintenance. During this assembly PFC Joe Ross received a broken tooth while cleaning one of the Howitzer tubes, why he had his mouth over the end of the tube, has not been determined as of yet. 29 & 30 January 1972, and additional assembly was held for Civil Disturbance Training for all Officers and NCO's. February training assembly was devoted to section classes and MOS Testing. AGI was conducted on 16 February 1972 by LTC Robert E. Bingham. In March, "B" Battery move to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for Riot Control Training. SP4 Gary R. Gardner received a broken ankle while lying in a ditch during a staged Riot, he has been asked to find more out of the way hiding places in the future. April, May, June and July drills were conducted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where training consisted of both dry RSOP and Live Fire, in preparation for 1972 AT. Unit Property Audit was conducted on 16 May 1972 by CW2 Charles L. Rau, Examiner for USPFO for Oklahoma. In May 1972, "B" Battery welcomed to its staff of fine Officers, 2LT Richard A. Horton as FDC and Training Officer, replacing 1LT John S. Cole, who was assigned to USAR are Standby Reserve Control Group. 29 July 1972, the Battery move to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for AFT and returned to home station on 12 August 1972. Drill in August consisted of one day in which a Showdown Inspection was conducted and Material Care and Maintenance was performed. LTC Normand E. Duckworth, Battalion Commander; CPT Kenneth W. Bray, Bn S-1; CPT Bobby R. Jantz, Bn S-2; MAJ Roy G. Nikkel and SFC Jim Wroge, A/A were visitors to our unit. September drill consisted of classes on Formations, Military Leadership Responsibilities and Discipline, Riot Control Measures and Application of Force and Material Care and Maintenance. In September, 2LT Max E. Daughtrey returned from USAFAS OBC Fort Sill, Oklahoma. October drill was held at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and consisted of Dry RSOP and MOS/OJT in support of Battalion Training. After returning to home station on Sunday, Material Care and Maintenance was performed. During this month 2LT Richard A. Horton was reassigned to "A" Battery 1 Bn 158 FA, Anadarko, Oklahoma. TI Inspection was conducted 11 October 1972 by CW2 Donald L. Truskey, Team Chief CSMS. November drill was devoted to Qualification and Familiarization of Arms at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After returning to a home station Material Care and Maintenance was performed. During this month, to no one surprise, SFC David L. Delong extended his initial enlistment for 2 years. Each man in the unit expressed a willingness to make SFC Delong's next two years as enjoyable and pleasant as they had the past 6 years. December drill consisted of classes on Combat Intelligence, Camouflage, Patrolling, Defensive of Position Area, Material Care and Maintenance and section classes. A Command Inspection was conducted by LTC Norman E. Duckworth, Battalion Commander. Yearly history of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1972: 1972 will be remembered by the men of this unit in several ways. Our AGI Inspection was real good this year. CPT Calvin E. Koonce, our Battery Commander, worked real hard with each Section Chief and section in getting ready for the inspection which really paid off, we came out tops in the Battalion. Also we made an "Outstanding" on our Audit. 1972 will also be remembered by the men in this unit for their hard work in recruiting. Due to men having their time in and getting out, we had a large turnover in men moving and joining other units, but due to hard work from a lot of them, we stayed on top and was at full strength before the deadline set by the Adjutant General of Oklahoma. Ending the year of 1972, we are looking forward to what the new year will bring, such as summer camp at Camp Shelby, Mississippi which will be new ground for most of the men in this unit. Yearly history of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1972: This was a very excited and progressive year for our battery. We are looking forward to 1973, anticipating many overall changes in the complexities of the National Guard, so that we will be able to recruit and retain Guardsman. With the ending of the Vietnam War, our nation will be looking to the National Guard as a strong center of influence in building our nation's defense. We passed our AGI on 17 February 1972, which was conducted by LTC Robert E. Bingham, from Headquarters 5th US Army. In May of this year at Unit Property Audit was conducted by CW2 Orville L. Peters, as the Examiner. On 20 May 1972 battery was redesignated from Service Battery 1st Battalion 158th Artillery to Service Battery 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Then on 1 September 1972, our unit was reorganized under MTO&E 6-446H. SFC Robert Crabtree received his appointment as First Sergeant on 8 June 1972. Our AT this year was conducted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The dates of AT were 29 July 1972 to 12 August 1972. The unit is looking forward to 1973 and "AT" at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The fact there is a strong possibility of a small percentage of the unit taking personal cars will enhance the overall morale of the men. This we feel is another plus factor in recruiting and retention. December drill in addition to the regular schedule training was spent in preparing for AGI in January. All our assemblies this year have been very good in respect to the work all Guardsmen have contributed. With the addition of new members in our unit we have instituted the training classes for them and the following

philosophy. Give a man a fish and you can give him the strength to live another day. Teach a man how to fish and you can give him the ability to live the rest of his life. By this we are continually striving to improve our unit to the point it's the best in the state. The following Commendation was received by HHB 158th Field Artillery Battalion 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. 1972. This commendation is awarded for superior performance in the Adjutant General's Sixth Annual Armory Improvement Program. In recognition for superb performance in bringing your armory to its high state of cleanliness, appearance, repair and maintenance; and for the extra time and additional effort spent and State appropriated monies saved, this Commendation is awarded. This noteworthy contribution in bringing the armory to its present condition attests to the professional abilities, esprit-de-corps, effective supervision, superior leadership and exceptional community support of all officers, noncommissioned officers and personnel. This achievement reflects most favorably upon your unit, the community, the Oklahoma National Guard and the State of Oklahoma. Signed: David C. Matthews, Major General, OKARNG, The Adjutant General.

**Jan 01, 1973:** Official Roster of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery and Stations of Organization: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battalion Headquarters: Battalion Commander LTC Norman E. Duckworth, Executive Officer MAJ Merrill B. Burruss Jr., S-3 MAJ Jerry D. Simmons, Battalion Motor Officer 1LT Herbert A. O'Neil, Battalion Surgeon 1LT Robert R. Edde, Chaplain CPT James L. Mahan, Communications Officer CPT Donald H. Allen, Field Artillery Liaison Officer CPT Kenneth W. Bray, S-1 CPT Calvin E. Koonce, S-2 CPT Bobby R. Jantz, Battalion Sergeant Major CSM Donald D. Liles. Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Francis P. O'Leary, First Sergeant 1SG John W. Walker, Mess Stewart SFC Clem B. Brooks, Motor Sergeant SGT Bob J. Bailey, Supply Sergeant SFC Thomas A. Meyers, Battery Clerk SP4 Kenneth D. Youngstedt, First Cook SP5 Lonnie G. Dye, First Cook SP4 George G. Graybill, First Cook SP4 Paul E. Davis, Senior Wheel Mechanic PFC Edward D. Repp, Armorer SP4 Ronald W. Crymes, Cook SP4 Ronald L. Roberts, Equipment Maintenance Clerk PFC Robert E. McClure, Power Generator Mechanic SP4 James W. Decker, Prescribed Load List PLL Clerk PFC Billy J. Godfrey, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Kenneth V. Ille, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic PFC Reginald D. Dungan, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Richard L. Radke, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic Helper PFC Don P. Yates. Headquarters Support Section: Senior Career Counselor SFC Alvin D. Carper, Personnel Status NCO SFC Jimmie M. Sims, Chaplain Assistant PFC Billy C. Davis, Clerk Typist SP4 Robert H. Owens, Light Vehicle Driver PVT Brent W. Humble, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 David D. Henrick. Fire Direction Center: Chief Fire Direction Computer SFC James A. Pahdoco, Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SGT Edward J. Smith, Fire Direction Computer No. 1 SGT Guy D. Shelly, Fire Direction Computer No. 1 PFC Arnold D. Fischer, Fire Direction Computer No. 2 SGT Eric W. Grant, Fire Direction Computer No. 2 SP4 Hommer L. Ryan, Chart Operator No. 1 SP4 Melvin G. Burnett, Chart Operator No. 2 PVT Robert L. Wood, Command Post Carrier Driver No. 1 SP4 Walter P. Webster, Command Post Carrier Driver No. 2 SFC Clarence M. Priest, Field Switchboard Operator PVT Erskin L. Medford, Light Vehicle Driver PFC James B. McIninch. Operations Platoon Headquarters: Assistant S-3 CPT Charles D. Houston, Assistant S-3 1LT Daniel C. Martin, Intelligence Sergeant MSG Robert L. Stringer, Operations Sergeant MSG Rudy N. Hightower, Chemical Strike NCO SSG Cleo M. Otipoby, Clerk Typist SP4 Larry F. Larson, Operations Specialist PVT Cydney D. Bullard, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Harley P. Pritt II. Survey Section: Reconnaissance Survey Officer CPT Larry A. York, Chief Surveyor SFC Gary D. Brown, Chief of Survey Party No. 1 SSG Glenn J. Erkenbrack, Chief of Survey Party No. 2 SSG Thommas V. Davis, Chief of Survey Party No. 3 SGT Bennie H. Helm, Survey Computer No. 1 SGT Jimmie A. Willis, Survey Computer No. 2 SP4 Bobby G. Dayton, Survey Computer No. 3 SP5 Rickey D. Harmon, Survey Computer No. 4 SP4 Larry B. Sparks, Survey Computer No. 5 PVT Bruce R. Lynn, Survey Computer No. 6 SP4 Richard A. McDonald, Instrument Operator No. 1 PVT Richard J. Teel Jr., Instrument Operator No. 2 SP4 Mearl E. Kendall, Instrument Operator No. 3 PVT Freddy L. Erkenbrack, Survey Recorder SP4 Lloyd Hudson Jr., Light Vehicle Driver PVT Timothy W. Edwards, Rodman Tapeman No. 1 PVT Larry A. Otis, Rodman Tapeman No. 2 PFC Gene W. Cantwell, Rodman Tapeman No. 3 PVT Bert O. Cox, Rodman Tapeman No. 4 PVT Glenn M. Ritter. Communications Electronic Platoon Headquarters: Platoon Leader 2LT Dennis W. Byford, Communications Chief MSG George L.E. McDaniels, Senior FADAC Radio Mechanic PFC Wayne A. Bishop, FADAC Radio Mechanic SP4 Michael D. Seidel, Senior Message Clerk PFC Albert A. Alvarez, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Ronald W. Crymes. Wire Section: Section Chief SSG Chester L. Fisher, Wire Team Chief No. 1 SGT James E. Beene, Wire Team Chief No. 2 SP4 Calvin L. Williams, Wire Team Chief No. 3 SGT Roger C. Horst, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 William D. Snider, Senior Wireman No. 1 PFC Ray E. Fankhauser, Senior Wireman No. 2 PFC Jay B. Shatto, Field Switchboard Operator No. 1 SGT Charles W. Brown, Field Switchboard Operator No. 2 PFC Dennis D. Wommavovah, Field Wireman No. 1 PFC Brent O. Cox, Field Wireman No. 2 PFC Benjamin Marshall Jr., Field Wireman No. 3 PFC Glenn N. White, Field Wireman No. 4 SP4 James B. Clark. Radio Section: Team Chief SP4 Jerry D. Lema, Radio Teletype Operator No. 1 PFC Muriel G. Angel, Radio Teletype Operator No. 2 SP4 Brent W. Humble, Radio Teletype Operator No. 3 SP4 Wallace J. Hoelsher. Medical Section: Section Sergeant SP4 Daniel C. Goddard, Senior Medical Aidman PFC James W. Taylor, Battery Aidman

No. 1 PFC Willie Johnson Jr., Battery Aidman No. 2 PVT Eugene Ray, Battery Aidman No. 3 PVT Walter M. Rhodes. Liaison Section: Liaison Sergeant SFC Ora A. Correll Jr. and Liaison Specialist SP4 Lonnie R. Shoopman. Air Defense Team: Section Chief SSG Clyde R. Narcomey, Redeye Team Chief No. 1 SGT Edward F. Haertel, Redeye Team Chief No. 2 SGT William R. Cozby, Redeye Team Chief No. 3 SP4 Evans P. Warner, Redeye Gunner No. 1 SP4 Eddy J. Hargraves, Redeye Gunner No. 2 SP4 Gregory D. Edwards, Redeye Gunner No. 3 PFC James A. Fischer. Augmentation to Battery Headquarters: Cook Apprentice PVT Garen Franklin. Accounting Section: Senior Pay Specialist SP4 Howard W. Smith, Pay Specialist SP4 Donald L. Tate. Unit Personnel Section: Unit Personnel Technician CW3 Dennis R. Roper, Personnel Sergeant SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr., Personnel Management Specialist SGT Jacob P. Cox, Personnel Records Specialist No. 1 SP4 Terry P. Erman, Personnel Records Specialist No. 2 PVT Paul S. Palmer. Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander 1LT Bobby D. Thomasson, First Sergeant SFC Leslie E. Blalock, Mess Steward SFC Paul E. LaFerr, Motor Sergeant SSG Charles E. White, Supply Sergeant SSG Joe D. Hart, First Cook SP6 Ralph W. Myers, Battery Clerk SP4 John A. White, First Cook SP5 Jerry D. Williams, First Cook SP5 James R. Hoffman, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SP5 Michael J. Dobry, Armorer SGT Larry D. Newell, Cook SP4 Steven W. Rodgers, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP4 Melvin R. King, General Purpose Power Generator Operator/Mechanic SP4 Bobby L. Watson, Prescribed Load List PLL Clerk SP4 Calvin L. Roan, Track Vehicle Mechanic PFC Van G. Smithpeter Jr., Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Carl L. Martin, Light Vehicle Driver SP5 Ernest R. Bolin, Forward Observer 2LT Richard A. Horton. Communications Section: Communications Chief SSG Ray L. Watts, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SGT Michael M. 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Strain, Assembler SP4 Larry D. Dyer, Assembler SP4 Charles E. Lisenbery, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Amma D. Vanscoder. Howitzer Section #1: Chief of Section SSG Terry W. Sparkman, Gunner SGT Gerald W. Myers, Assistant Gunner SP4 Darrell W. Long, Cargo Carrier Driver SP4 Alan L. Williams, Motor Carriage Driver SP4 Larry D. Holsted, Cannoneer PFC Billy R. Weathers, Cannoneer PFC Jerry D. Schimmel, Cannoneer PFC David C. Buckles, Cannoneer PVT Don E. Smith, Cannoneer PFC Carl H. Pyle Jr., Cannoneer PVT Randy G. Bryson, Cannoneer PVT Delane Edwards, Cannoneer PVT Bennie L. Jones Jr. Howitzer Section # 2: Chief of Section SSG Glenn B. Funk, Gunner SGT Vincent P. Kobza, Assistant Gunner SP4 Keith L. McPherson, Cargo Carrier Driver SP4 Johnny L. Jarel, Motor Carriage Driver SP4 John K. Hart, Cannoneer PFC Terry L. Williams, Cannoneer PFC Bobby C. Jarel, Cannoneer PVT Johnny L. Greco, Cannoneer PVT Jaye H. Flynn, Cannoneer PVT Richard M. Jackson, Cannoneer PVT Keith E. Teeters. Howitzer Section # 3: Chief of Section SSG Jerry L. Marcum, Gunner SGT Donnie J. Galindo, Assistant Gunner SP4 Nolan D. Dorsey, Cargo Carrier Driver SP4 Donnie G. Cash, Motor Carriage Driver SP4 Alton L. Allen, Cannoneer PFC Jerry D. Howell, Cannoneer PFC Richard B. Subia, Cannoneer PFC Bruce C. Caesar, Cannoneer PVT Danny E. Boren. Howitzer Section # 4: Chief of Section SSG Henry H. Kobza, Gunner Sgt Johnnie W. Rogers, Assistant Gunner SP4 Donald R. Epperson, Cargo Carrier Driver SP4 Gary D. Heddlesten, Motor Carriage Driver SP4 Lennis D. Miller, Cannoneer Ronald D. Lovin, Cannoneer Michael S. McNeill, Cannoneer PFC Alfred D. Howe, Cannoneer PVT Charles W. Novotny, Cannoneer PVT Robert J. Wilcox, Cannoneer PFC James S. Raines. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SGT Bobby G. Morrow, Light Truck Driver SP4 Philip E. Compton, Light Truck Driver SP4 Jackie L. Pledger, Light Truck Driver SP4 Larry A. Harbour, Light Truck Driver SP4 David W. Gunter, Ammunition Handler PFC Boyd R. Bates, Ammunition Handler PFC Gary L. Mashaney. Augmentation to Battery Headquarters: Cook Apprentice Helper SP4 George A. Harris. Excess Personnel: SFC Richard R. Bell, SFC Bobby J. White, SSG Elton L. Parton, SSG Terrell R. Voyles, SGT Thomas R. Gilpin, SGT Rudy J. King, SGT Louis L. Lemons, SGT Albert D. Thompson and SGT Elmer L. White. Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Duncan, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Bobby R. Jantz, First Sergeant 1SG James D. Spruill, Mess Steward SSG Charles D. Billups Jr., Motor Sergeant SGT Darrell McClain, Supply Sergeant SP4 Steven G. Streich, First Cook SP6 Larry A. Certain, First Cook SP5 Danny V. Perry, Cooks Helper SP4 Randall W. Wilcox, Cooks Helper SP4 Danny G. Bonds, Cooks Helper Robert E. Jackson Jr., Cooks Helper SP4 Rickie E. Heffington, Cooks Helper SP4 Larry D. Eckstein, Battery Clerk SP4 David L. Gray, Equipment Record Clerk SP4 Daniel D. Leu, General Vehicle Repairman SGT Phillip A. Whiteny, General Vehicle Repairman SP4 Paul W. Dodson, General Vehicle Repairman SP4 Jimmy L. McBee, Repair Parts Specialist SP4 Michael D. Powers, Unit Supply Specialist SGT Gene P. Hendricks, Mechanic Maintenance Apprentice PFC John A. Matulis, Radio Telephone Operator PFC Sammye W. Amerson, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Terry L. Caudill. Communications Section: Communications Chief SGT Jimmy D. Buie, SATT Chief CPL Arnold K.



Lee, Wire Team Chief SP4 Ronald K. Wilson, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Randall J. Carrigan, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Dennis E. Gray, Senior Field Wireman SP4 Travis A. Lawrence, Field Switchboard Operator PFC Leslie L. Holt, Field Wireman SP4 Lennie T. Woods. Field Wireman PVT Wesley L. Holt, Field Wireman PFC Elmer L. Thompson. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 1LT James A. Cunningham, Assistant Executive Officer 2LT Max E. Daughtrey, Chief of Firing Battery SFC David L. Delong, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Steve M. Harvill, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Jim E. Richey, Artillery Recorder SP4 John C. Domorowski, Assembler SP4 Ronald L. Hinkie, Assembler PFC Larry D. Scott, Assembler SP4 David L. Davidson, Chart Operator PFC Jarrell T. Heath, Chart Operator PFC James G. Morris Jr., Command Post Carrier Driver SGT Michael L. Ward, Radio Telephone Operator SSG Harvard L. Tomlinson, Chief of Fire Direction Section SSG Thomas R. Hinkie. Howitzer Section # 1: Chief of Section SSG Robert L. Perkins Jr., Gunner SGT Larry E. Davidson, Track Vehicle Driver SP4 Harry D. Linam, Cannoneer SP4 Gary D. Arrington, Cannoneer SP4 George S. Adams, Cannoneer SP4 David L. Cole, Cannoneer SP4 Johnny C. Dillon, Cannoneer SP4 Robert W. Dobson, Cannoneer SP4 Thomas H. Douglas. Howitzer Section # 2: Chief of Section SSG Gary R. Vardell, Gunner SGT Johnny L. Moore, Assistant Gunner SP4 James I. Richards, Track Vehicle Driver SP4 Gerald R. Matulis, Cannoneer SP4 Terry L. Edwards, Cannoneer SP4 David P. Griffin, Cannoneer SP4 Rickie E. Heffington, Cannoneer SP4 Harvey D. Love, Cannoneer SP4 David M. McReynolds, Cannoneer SP4 Calvin L. Monroe. Howitzer Section # 3: Chief of Section SGT Lyndon H. Allen, Gunner SGT Jerry D. Kincannon, Assistant Gunner SP4 James W. Roberts Jr., Track Vehicle Driver SP4 Dennis M. McKee, Cannoneer SP4 Michael W. Morgan, Cannoneer SP4 Joe S. Ross, Cannoneer SP4 Thomas D. Wharton, Cannoneer PFC Lawrence G. Bratcher, Cannoneer PFC Terry L. Caudill, Cannoneer PFC Rickey M. Hazen. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SGT James L. Parsons, Light Truck Driver SP4 William W. Garrett, Light Truck Driver SP4 Donald F. Garrett, Track Vehicle Driver PFC Sydney G. Bullard, Track Vehicle Driver PFC Jerry D. Kelly, Track Vehicle Driver PFC Teddy C. Reynolds, Ammunition Handler PVT Charles Prowse, Ammunition Handler SP4 Timmie D. Davis, Ammunition Handler PFC Glen M. Ritter. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Chickasha, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Jerry G. Davis, First Sergeant 1SG William G. Spangler, Mess Steward SFC Thomas J. Hickey, Motor Sergeant SSG Howard M. Tims, Supply Sergeant SSG John E. Snow, First Cook SSG Bruce C. Wright, Battery Clerk SP5 James H. Spangler, First Cook SP5 Mark E. Cavin, First Cook SP4 Larry W. Barrett, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SP5 Bobby J. Wilson, Armorer SP4 Richard D. Story, Cook SP4 Kenneth A. Kandke, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP4 Kenneth L. Dietrich, General Purpose Power Generator Operator Mechanic PFC James K. Hignite, Prescribed Load List PLL Clerk SP4 Lloyd D. Russ, Track Vehicle Mechanic PFC Troy A. Rogers, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Stephen G. Heavin, Light Vehicle Driver SSG Gary D. Steelman, Track Vehicle Mechanic Helper SGT Ronald A. Baker. Communications Section: Communications Chief SGT Kenneth E. Taylor, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Kenneth L. McComas, Senior Field Wireman SP4 SP4 Darrell W. Langford, Field Switchboard Operator PFC Donald R. Wheeler, Field Switchboard Operator SP5 James L. Moore, Field Wireman SP4 Billy E. Crawford, Field Wireman SGT John W. Reed, Field Wireman SGT Bobby R. Johnston. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 1LT Larry R. Bracken, Assistant Executive Officer 2LT Gary L. Ransom, Chief of Firing Battery SFC Richard A. Bennett, Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Joe C. 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Cook, Cannoneer SGT Robert L. Selzer, Cannoneer PFC Rocky L. Bray. Howitzer Section # 2: Chief of Section SGT Larry D. Singleton, Gunner PFC Patrick M. Francis, Assistant Gunner SP4 Samuel R. Dennis, Cargo Carrier Driver PFC Ronald M. McKinzie, Motor Carriage Driver PFC John S. Surber, Cannoneer PFC Harles D. McCoy, Cannoneer SP4 Alan D. Todd, Cannoneer SP4 Gerald T. Alley, Cannoneer PFC William W. Higgins, Cannoneer SSG R. D. Robnett, Cannoneer SSG Dowrance W. Clifton, Cannoneer SP4 Roy E. Holt, Cannoneer PFC Jerry L. Taylor. Howitzer Section # 3: Chief of Section SGT Jimmy J. Fielding, Gunner SP4 John L. Davis, Assistant Gunner PFC Roger D. Comstock, Cargo Carrier Driver PVT Ellis P. Batchelder, Motor Carriage Driver PFC Billy P. Albers, Cannoneer PFC Johnnie L. Collier, Cannoneer PVT Edward D. Jones, Cannoneer SP4 Patrick C. Winn, Cannoneer SP4 Doil May Jr., Cannoneer PFC George W. Falkner, Cannoneer SSG John W. Miracle, Cannoneer PFC Paul L. Powell, Cannoneer SSG Eddie M. Tubb. 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Mercer, Cannoneer PFC Ronnie G. Beene. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SGT Roy W. Carter, Light Truck Driver SGT Ronald E. Smith, Light Truck Driver SGT William M. Ohl, Light Truck Driver PFC Michael R. Opitz, Light Truck Driver SP4 James E. Powers, Ammunition Handler SP4 David A. Shipley, Ammunition Handler PVT David W. Malone, Ammunition Handler PFC Barry J. Burns, Ammunition Handler SP4 Dwight S. Wolfe, Ammunition Handler SP4 Bobby R. Shurbet. Augmentation to Battery Headquarters: Cooks Apprentice SP4 Gary W. Cambell. Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Freddy C. Ricks, Executive Officer 1LT Alan Bowman, First Sergeant 1SG Robert J. Crabtree, Food Service Stewart SP4 Ralph J. Harper, Motor Sergeant SFC Jerry V. L. Wilson, Supply Sergeant SGT Jimmy G. Pryor, First Cook SP4 John O. Cregg, Battery Clerk SP5 Bobby D. Jones, First Cook SP4 George E. Massey, Armorer PFC Lawrence O. Vaughan, Cook SP4 Tommy A. Lovelady, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP4 Jackie D. Barrett, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Charles D. Coffman, General Purpose Power Generator/Mechanic SP4 Harvey L. Prigmore, Prescribed Load List PLL Clerk SP5 John F. Taylor, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Marvin R. Mercer, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Vern A. Gossett, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Robert P. Wheeler, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic Helper PFC John K. Hinson. Augmentation to Battery Headquarters: Cook Apprentice PVT Stephen L. Hamel. Battalion Supply: Unit Supply Technician CW2 Gene Wells, Supply Sergeant SFC Roylee C. Reynolds, Supply Specialist SSG Paul K. Gilbreath, Petroleum Oils Lubrication POL Specialist SP4 William G. Rodgers, Petroleum Oils Lubrication POL Specialist SP4 Joseph M. Ferrante, Supply Specialist SGT Steve J. Mattoon, Supply Specialist SP4 Elvin S. Lee, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 David L. Lindsey, Supply Clerk SP4 Pat T. Hennessee. Battalion Maintenance: Auto Maintenance Technician CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliary, Motor Maintenance Sergeant SGT Richard A. Bybee, Senior Recovery Vehicle Operator SP5 Marx L. Calhoun, Senior Recovery Vehicle Operator SP5 James R. Wright, Senior Recovery Vehicle Operator SP4 Bobby W. Lee, Senior Track Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Leonard Cowan, General Purpose Generator Operator/Mechanic SP4 Larry D. Wilson, Recovery Vehicle Operator SP4 Johnny M. Graves, Recovery Vehicle Operator SSG George Odom, Recovery Vehicle Operator SP4 Paul Gustafson, Prescribed Load List PLL Clerk SP4 Eugene McClung, Track Vehicle Mechanic SFC Donald W. Poolaw, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP5 George L. Lane, Welder SP4 Tony R. Torres, Wheel Vehicle Repairer SP4 Charles D. Torres, Wheel Vehicle Repairer SP4 Dennis J. Rhode, Wrecker Operator SP4 Ronnie H. Graves, Track Vehicle Mechanic Helper PFC Rodney Raney. Ammunition Headquarters: Ammunition Officer 2LT Daryl K. McCall, Ammunition Supply Sergeant SGT Dennis R. Holland, Ammunition Agent SP4 Tom Thomas, Ammunition Clerk SP4 Glenn D. Fuller. Ammunition Section #1: Section Chief SGT Joe G. Ford, Senior Light Vehicle Driver SGT Earl R. Franklin, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Gerry T. Hendrix, Ammunition Handler SP4 Herman L. Morton, Ammunition Handler SP4 Charles Charton, Ammunition Handler PVT Gary D. Austin, Ammunition Handler PVT Karl Lemaire. Ammunition Section #2: Section Chief SGT Kenneth W. Stradley, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Billy R. Ingram, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Robert C. Hirsch, Ammunition Handler PVT Larry Commings, Ammunition Handler PVT Ivan Pajazetovic, Ammunition Handler SGT Johnnie R. Brown, Ammunition Handler PVT Larry Collins. Ammunition Section # 3: Section Chief SP5 Gerald Knight, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 James A. Shaw, Light Vehicle Driver PVT William D. Keith, Ammunition Handler SFC Roger D. Cowan, Ammunition Handler PFC Miguel A. Rosa, Ammunition Handler SGT Elijah Jackson, Ammunition Handler PFC Gregory L. Harris.

Jan 28, 1973 Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Kenneth W. Bray, assigned Battery Commander, replacing CPT Francis P. O'Leary, assigned Field Artillery Liaison Officer.

**Mar 17, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Michael J. Dobry, assigned Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Charles E. White, who is discharged.

**Apr 19, 1973:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT William L. Barnes, assigned Bn S-2, replacing CPT Bobby R. Jantz, transferred to Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Apr 20, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Richard A. Horton, assigned as Assistant Executive Officer replacing 1LT Patrick A. Brooks, who was separated and assigned to the inactive reserve.

**May 04, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Bobby R. Jantz assumes command from CPT William L. Barnes upon reassignment to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA, Lawton, Oklahoma.

**May 09, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Larry D. Newell assigned as Supply Sergeant, replacing SSG Joe D. Hart, who was discharged.

**May 27, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Boyd J.

Spencer Jr. assigned as FDC Section Chief, replacing SSG Billy D. Stephenson who was discharged.

**May 29, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Vincent P. Kobza, assigned Section Chief of 1st Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Terry W. Sparkman, who was discharged.

**Jun 03, 1973:** Obituary: James Lamont Samuelson. August 15, 1922 – June 3, 1973. James Lamont Samuelson, 50, Oklahoma City, a native of Perry, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday in Veterans hospital, Oklahoma City, where he had been a patient one month. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Parker chapel with Rev. Tom Kirby, pastor of the First United Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in Grace Hill cemetery. Samuelson, a 1940 graduate of Perry high school, was born Aug. 15, 1922, in Perry, where he was an electrical contractor from 1953-62. He served with Battery "C" of the 158th field artillery, as a Technical Sergeant (T/Sgt), ASN: 20830828 of the 45th division, from 1939-45. Samuelson's usual occupation was housing inspector for housing and urban development authority, Oklahoma City, and he had resided in Edmond and Oklahoma City. He was a member of the Methodist church, Masonic lodge, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include two daughters, M. Larry (Sonja) Shelby, Moore, Okla.; and Callie Gayle Samuelson, Edmond; three sons, James V. Samuelson and Scott Aaron, Edmond; and Kevin Todd Samuelson, Gore; one step-son, Barry Coppage, Houston, Texas; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Fred (Connie) Baird, Mobile, Ala.; his mother, Mrs. J. A. Samuelson, Perry; three sisters, Mrs. Fred (Maurine) Peters, Del City; Mrs. Carl (Genevieve) Carmichael, Coronado, Calif.; and Mrs. Jean Nicewander, Tulsa; and four grandchildren. 18 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Samuelson. He was born in Perry August 15, 1922. In addition to attending school in Perry he went to the Enid schools for two years. He was a member of the high school boys' glee club for two years and took part in the operetta in 1937-38.

**Jun 15, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Larry A. Harbour, assigned Ammunition Section Chief, replacing SGT Bobby G. Morrow, who is discharged.

**Jun 18, 1973:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Eric W. Grant appointed Air Defense Section Leader. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Eddie H. Drath, assigned to unit as Forward Observer. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT William M. Ohl, assigned Forward Observer 01193, not previously assigned.

**Jul 30, 1973:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Area guard units called to state pen. By Mick Taylor. Some 400 Oklahoma National Guardsmen from Southwest Oklahoma reported to McAlester today to help secure the state penitentiary after a weekend of rioting that left at least two persons dead and 12 buildings burned. The call was made Sunday afternoon to members of 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, with units at Lawton, Chickasha, Anadarko and Duncan. Col. E. A. Cope of the adjutant general's office in Oklahoma City said the men may be needed at the prison until Wednesday. The rioting, which involved as many as 1,000 inmates, was quelled Sunday. Cope said he is not aware of any injuries involving guardsmen. "These units that we called up yesterday reported at 8 a.m. today to relieve two battalions and a medical company, so they could go to summer camp at Fort Carson (Colo.) this weekend." Cope said. "They were told to expect to stay possibly until Wednesday." Members of the 158th Field Artillery met at the Lawton armory early today, leaving for the prison at 3 a.m. They were equipped with gas masks, mace and other riot control gear. Also reporting to the prison were members of the 145th Medical Company, headquartered at Sperry, and the 120th Engineer Battalion, headquartered at Okmulgee. They replace the 1,000 guardsmen who had been on duty since late Friday. Photo Caption: Area National Guardsmen make last minute preparations at the Lawton armory Sunday for the trip early today to riot torn Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. (Staff photo by Bill Dixon).

**Jul 31, 1973:** Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Battle Clad Guard Troops take over Prison Security. A National guard troops took a firm grip on their duties as they manned the towers and ringed the perimeters of the state prison here Monday while a search continued in the aftermath of the worst convict riot in the state's history. Fresh units moved in during the early morning hours beneath rainy skies to relieve other guardsmen as cleanup operations got underway. While the uprising was over, the scene still resembled an embattled military encampment. While the ranks of highway troopers and sheriff's deputies thinned, the number of guardsmen on hand seemed as big as ever. Capt. Jim Haney, information officer for the Oklahoma Army National Guard, announced that 970 fresh troops arrived Monday to replace a similar number to take over security at the prison. While the battle clad troops watched from guard towers overhead, others with fixed bayonets moved through the prison ruins to check out cells and inmates who had been involved in the rioting. The new units included the 120th Engineer Battalion from Okmulgee; 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery out of Lawton, which included units from Anadarko, Chickasha and Duncan, and the 145th Medical Company with two platoons from Tulsa. They replaced weary troops which had been

on the scene at the beleaguered prison since Friday afternoon when the bloody disturbance began. With the new arrivals, rest came for the 445th Aviation Company in Norman; Company 700th Support Battalion with units from Norman and Shawnee, and Company C, 700th Support Battalion, stationed in Oklahoma City. Portions of several other guard companies also were replaced by the new military contingent. Those that moved out during the day also included the Headquarters Detachment from Sulphur and Holdenville; 180th Infantry Battalion of Durant; a 45th Infantry Brigade Headquarters unit from Edmond; 120th Supply and Service Battalion of Ada; the 445th Military Police unit of McAlester; the 45th Military Police Battalion also in McAlester, the 745th Military Police Company of Oklahoma City, and Company B, 700th Support Battalion, Oklahoma City. Haney said all of the McAlester military police units were summoned to active duty, while portions of the other military organizations were on hand to help secure the prison. The first military arrivals moved in quickly with the medical units to treat the injured inside the prison. Most of the MP outfits remained inside the walls throughout Saturday and into Sunday, after the rioting had been brought to an end. Participation of the guardsmen drew praise from both local and state authorities. Ed Hardy, press secretary to Gov. Hall, said, "The guardsmen were in command most of the time and did an exceptional job in helping to bring a serious situation to an end and restore order at the penitentiary." There was no immediate indication of how long the guard units would be on hand. Gov. Hall said they would remain at the prison as long as they were needed, and it was expected they would be here at least a week or more. Late Monday, an Army field kitchen was moved into the area to provide food for the troops in case they were to have a long duration at the burned out prison. Earlier the units had been supplied food mostly by a Salvation Army canteen which came onto the scene with sandwiches and hot drinks shortly after the rioting began Friday afternoon. The prisoners, meanwhile, were being fed with food carried into the institution or dropped over the wall to those who remained outside of their cells in the yards while the "shakedown" was being made. The shakedowns were being conducted by guardsmen with fixed bayonets. Throughout Sunday night and into Monday, the prisoners were moved by the guards into the big prison rotunda and stripped and searched individually. They then were returned to their cells or to the prison yard, where several hundred still were quartered Monday while awaiting the repair of damaged cell blocks.

**Aug 03, 1973:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Area guardsmen back home. By Mick Taylor; Local National Guardsmen who for three days this week tried to restore order at the riot-torn prison at McAlester said their duties included keeping guard on a roaming crowd of 750 inmates which stabbed to death one of its members Wednesday. The 400 members of 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, headquartered here, returned home late Wednesday. None were reported injured during the three days at McAlester. The men were replaced by fresh troops Wednesday. Capt. Charles Houston, operations and training specialist with the 158th, said the battalion's assignments included keeping the 750 prisoners corralled in a corner of the prison yard, guarding the rotunda that houses the cell-block security system, and manning walls and roofs to prevent a major assault by inmates. The guardsmen were equipped with M-16 rifles but also had on hand M-50 machine guns, 45-caliber pistols, tear gas launchers and grenade launchers if needed. "The attitude of the prisoners toward us was good," Houston said. "They didn't give us too hard of a time except, of course, for a few." He said the moral of the troops was good, there were no complaints, and they were generally well prepared for riot control duty. "We've been having civil defense training sessions for the past five or six years, but this was the first time it was actually put to use," he added. The men established camp in a pasture adjoining the prison, along with some 600 other National Guardsmen from other parts of the state. The troops worked in shifts, with about 200 area troops on duty at a time, Houston said. The 158th Field Artillery is made up of units in Lawton, Chickasha, Duncan and Anadarko.

**Aug 07, 1973:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Frank M. Hyde appointed Battalion Chaplain, replacing CPT James L. Mahan, resigned.

**Aug 27, 1973:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC Alvin D. Carper assigned as 1SG, replacing SFC Jimmie M. Sims, transferred to Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC Jimmie M. Sims, assigned as First Sergeant, replacing 1SG William G. Spangler. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG George L. Lane Jr. appointed Motor Sergeant, replacing SFC Jerry V. L. Wilson. SGT Herman L. Morton Jr. appointed Ammunition Supply Sergeant, replacing SP4 Dennis R. Holland. Obituary: Roland Eltweed Pomeroy: Roland was born second in a set of twin boys on September 25, 1910 in Mesa, Arizona. His twin brother, Ralph De Pomeroy, lived for 6 days. He was the 6th child in a family of 8. The brother just three years older than Roland, George Hyrum (Georgie) died at age 5 ½ when the pharmacist mixed up some prescriptions. Seven of the children lived to adulthood. The children were as follows: Ivan born in 1894, Karl born in 1899, Adah born in 1902, Gladys born in 1904, Georgie born in 1907, Roland born in 1910, Margery born in 1914, and Dorothy born in 1916. The Pomeroy home was located at 246 W 1st Ave, Mesa, AZ. Roland was given the middle name of Eltweed, in honor of the first of the Pomeroy "race" to come to America. Eltweed Pomeroy from Dorchester, England arrived in Boston in May of 1630. Roland was the youngest scout in his Boy Scout troop to

attain Eagle Scout. He was baptized at 8 years of age and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His father wrote, "All through your grammar school days and high school days, while living at home, you were ideal in your deportment and life, and, Oh, how proud we were of you! I told Dora, to which she agreed, "We need have no fear for Roland's life, he will come through alright." He graduated from Tempe Normal School, now Arizona State University, in 1933. He received his Master's from ASU in 1964. He played tenor saxophone in a dance band all the way through college and into his early married years. His son, Gene, remembers sitting in the car with his mom, Eleanor, while they waited for Roland to finish his gig. He joined the Arizona National Guard in 1928, due to the encouragement of his oldest brother, Ivan, who was a career army man. Ivan eventually attained the rank of General. Roland met and then married Eleanor Pauline Stewart on November 30, 1933 in Phoenix, AZ. Eleanor was the daughter of Louis Franklin Stewart, born in 1890 in Riley, KS and Ethel Pearl Brewster Stewart, born in 1894 in Phoenix, AZ. Both Louis and Pearl's families came to Arizona when it was still a Territory. Roland's first teaching job was in Eager, Arizona. He taught one year before getting married and one year after. Eleanor told such funny stories about their early marriage and their first home in Eager. Eleanor was so anxious to be a good wife to Roland. One day, the first week they were married, Eleanor worked all day washing and then ironing his shirts and underwear. And, because she wanted them to be a nice as could be, she starched his underwear as well as his shirts! Because she meant so well, Roland didn't laugh too hard. He simply explained that starched underwear wasn't his favorite type of undergarment. The winters were fierce in this little community of Eager where they lived. Eleanor hadn't lived anywhere but in the hot and dry "valley of the sun." In an effort to get the floors in the little rental house as clean as could be, she scrubbed the floors on her hands and knees. Little did she know, but she had scrubbed the caulking away from between the floorboards and the blistery outside air was coming through! I can only imagine how she felt! And, frankly, I'm not sure how Roland reacted. Roland said they used multiple layers of newspapers on the floor to block the outside air and insulate against the cold that winter. Eleanor got pregnant right away and their son Roland Eugene "Gene" was born on July 16, 1934, in Mesa Southside Hospital, Mesa, AZ. Gene was premature and weighed only 2 lbs. 6 oz. Eleanor came down from Eager to Mesa to have the baby and went home to stay with Frank and Dora until they felt Gene was thriving. At their parent's home, they made a bed for Gene in a shoe box and used men's handkerchiefs for diapers. In 1935, Roland took a job teaching school in the Peoria School District and moved to a home in Peoria, AZ. He taught wood shop among other things. Roland and Eleanor had a son, stillborn, July 28, 1937. In 1940, Roland's army reserve unit was activated. He was called into service Sept 16, 1940 and the family was off to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. He became a 1st Lieutenant on April 18, 1941, Captain on July 3, 1942, Major on Sept 17, 1943 and Lt. Col. On Jan 26, 1946. On May 2, 1941, the 45th Infantry Division was moved to Camp Barkley, Texas. On May 3, 1942, Roland was transferred to Fort Devens, MA. Roland had to live on the base with his men and Eleanor and Gene, who was 8 yrs old, rented a room in a boarding house in Littleton. Eleanor and Gene found a diner near where they lived and ate many of their meals there. Roland would join them when he was off duty. They became friends with the cook. Missing the Mexican food that they were used to in Arizona, they used to lament to the cook. He was interested in the ingredients that made up Mexican food, as the Pomeroy's weren't the only people stationed there at the base that were from the southwest and longed for the food they grew up on. Eleanor told him: ground hamburger, cooked and flavored with a hot sauce, pinto beans, mashed, chopped tomatoes, shredded cheese, chopped onions, and corn and flour tortillas. The cook went to work and one day when they came in, he served them his Mexican dish. He had mixed some kind of a bean with scrambled hamburger and flavored it with tomatoes and hot sauce. Because he had no flour tortillas to wrap it in, he served the mixture over two pieces of white bread and garnished with chopped onions and shredded cheese. It certainly wasn't real Mexican food, but it came as close as they had had in a long time. They approved it and it became a menu item at the diner. They came in one day and up in large letters on the menu written on the wall, "Texas Hamburger". They asked the cook why he had named the new dish, "Texas Hamburger" as they were from Arizona. He had seen their Texas license plate on their car and assumed that they were from Texas. That dish stayed pretty much the same as when it was invented and was served in the Pomeroy home on a regular basis in years following the war. Tanya and Gene grew up on it and took the recipe to their homes when they got married and now Roland and Eleanor's grandchildren are making "Texas Hamburger" in their homes. Roland and his family was transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina in February, 1943 and assigned to Field Artillery. He tore up his knee in training maneuvers and had it operated on in June of 1943. He was laid up in the hospital for several months. Because of the damage to his knee, the doctors warned of the danger of blood clots developing in the knee, which could be deadly. Roland and Eleanor received a gift from heaven in 1944. Eleanor, who had been told after the loss of her second baby, that they should not risk having any more children. Gene was 10 years old and destined to be an only child. Roland's sister, Gladys, died shortly after giving birth to a little girl. Tanya Gladys was born July 4, 1944, in Phoenix, AZ. Her father, Vincent Talmadge Nielson, was in the Air Force and had just been shipped out to overseas duty. Recognizing that he was not able to take care of a baby, Vincent signed papers to allow the baby's adoption by Roland and Eleanor. Tanya was taken home from the hospital by Grandma Dora and Grandpa Frank who loved and adored her as their own until Roland and Eleanor could take leave from their post in North Carolina to come and get her. She was about 8 months

old by then. Gene was 10 years old and tickled to death to have a baby sister. Roland received his discharged from the Army August 5, 1946, as a Lieutenant Colonel. "To live Life," Roland said in one of his diaries. He took a teaching job at Dysart School District and was there for 27 years, as Assistant Superintendent for 15 years. When Peoria voted to become organized as a City, Roland was elected as its first mayor. His picture hangs in the council chamber along with all of the previous mayors of Peoria. Roland held the Boy Scout Silver Beaver and Order of the Arrow honors. He was the scoutmaster for Peoria and Dysart Troop 164. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and the Glendale Ward of the LDS Church. They lived at 423 W Jefferson St. in Peoria, AZ. Roland was generous to a fault and was always willing to help out someone who was struggling financially. They helped put a nephew through college. They bought groceries for sisters-in-laws and their families. His wallet was always open for any project at the school that benefited the kids. In 1956, they moved to Glendale, Az. Their daughter, Tanya, had developed an allergy to dust and they needed to move to an air conditioned home. That address was 8113 N 57th Drive. Eleanor lived there after Roland's death until 2011 when she moved to Hillsboro, Oregon to be close to her daughter and son-in-law and their family. He was an avid deer hunter and had a good bunch of buddies he went hunting with. What stories they would tell! Roland was a great grandfather to his grandchildren. He lived long enough to see four of them born before he died. When Roland had the surgery on his leg during the war, the doctors told Eleanor that Roland was living on borrowed time. They warned her that, anytime, he could develop a blood clot in that knee and, breaking loose, it would cause a pulmonary embolism and death. That was in 1943. His military doctor advised him to have a least one shot of whiskey a day to help keep his blood thinned and less likely to clot. He took the docs order. He loved his prescription. He was fun when he got loosened up. His whole family has fond memories of Roland sitting at the little organ playing "Povre Pancho Villa." Roland died on Aug 27, 1973. He died as the military doctor had said. From a pulmonary embolism. He had outlived all expectations. He is buried at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona. Major, OSN: O-389953 and served with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery.

**Sep 15, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Stephen J. Mattoon appointed Supply Sergeant, replacing SFC RoyLee C. Reynolds, accepted for assignment in USAR unit.

**Oct 03, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Larry R. Bracken, Executive Officer, Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, discharged, assigned USAR Control Group. 1SG William G. Spangler, Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, discharged, appointed CW3, Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Oct 04, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Gary L. Ransom, appointed Executive Officer, Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, released from Assistant Executive Officer. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW3 William G. Spangler appointed Automotive Maintenance Technician, replacing CW3 Kenneth E. Hilliary, discharged.

**Oct 05, 1973:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT George M. Murphy appointed Reconnaissance Survey Officer, replacing CPT Larry A. York, assigned Communications Officer, replacing CPT Donald H. Allen, resigned.

**Oct 31, 1973:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT William R. Nixon appointed Field Artillery Liaison Officer, replacing CPT Francis P. O'Leary, resigned. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Glenn B. Funk, assigned Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SFC Charles W. Watts, who is discharged.

**Nov 22, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Johnnie W. Rogers, assigned Section Chief of 4th Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Henry H. Kobza, who was discharged.

**Nov 24, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Jackie D. Barrett appointed Section Chief, replacing SP4 Gerald W. Knight, discharged.

**Nov 30, 1973:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Nearly 550 Lawton, area National Guardsmen may draw '75 overseas duty. 45th Brigade to intensify '74 training. By Dave Brittain. Nearly 550 National Guardsmen from Lawton, Chickasha, Duncan and Anadarko will begin stepped-up training next year in preparation for probable overseas duty in 1975, Maj. Gen. David C. Matthews, state adjutant general of the Oklahoma National Guard, said today. Matthews said the 45th Infantry Brigade, which is comprised of some 5,000 guardsmen and includes the Lawton-based 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery with batteries at Chickasha, Duncan, and Anadarko, will undergo more frequent and extensive weekend training, army training tests, and other measures at least until the

regular two-week summer training camp next summer. 215 here involved; The move will make the 45th the first ground combat unit of the National Guard trained overseas and be deployed immediately under an overseas commander. Capt. Charles Houston, operations and training specialist for Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, said today that the move will affect some 215 Lawton-area guardsmen. Another 330 men in outlying batteries, each with a strength of 110 soldiers, at Duncan, Chickasha and Anadarko also will be involved in the stepped-up training, he said. Strengths Listed. Houston said the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery has two batteries stationed at Lawton; Headquarters Battery, comprised of about 90 guardsmen, and Service Battery, comprised of some 135 guardsmen. "We have heard rumors about this and have had a briefing on it," Houston said, "but we have not had any word through official channels on the plan yet." The battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. Norman E. Duckworth of Sand Springs. Duckworth was not available for comment this morning. Matthews was to have revealed details of the plan at an Oklahoma City news conference this afternoon. Assistance Asked, The general's announcement this morning also was seen as a call to employers of the citizen soldiers to be understanding of increased demands on their time. Gen. Matthews has said before that the 45th is considered the top-priority National Guard ground combat unit in the nation. "The 45th Infantry Brigade has been considered for this mission because at this point the unit is at the highest state of training of any like unit of the Reserve Components in the United States" Gen. Matthews said in prepared remarks. He said Oklahoma is one of only two states that have high priority infantry brigades and the 45th was chosen because of training evaluations during the summer camp at Ft. Carson, Colo. He said the brigade is expediting preparations to assure readiness if the plan is given final approval. "The airlift transportation has not yet been approved," the general said. "We will not know Air Force planning allocation and priority considerations related to the required airlift before February." The 45th would be supported by other Oklahoma National Guard units "to provide a self sufficient, brigade sized package available for reinforcement to United States Army Europe (USAREUR) on short notice," Matthews said. "It is also planned to use a number of small, combat ready United States Army Reserve units to contribute to support of the 45th." Gen. Matthews said the overseas program, dubbed "OKOCONUS-75," involves 5,000 men from the 45th Infantry Brigade; the 1st Bn., 158th Field Artillery at Lawton, Duncan, Anadarko and Chickasha; the 445th Military Police Co. at McAlester, the 1345th Transportation Co. at Ardmore and Healdton; the 145th Medical Co. at Sperry and "selected personnel" from headquarters, Oklahoma Military Department. The Guard said home-station drills at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., and in local armories will be increased to eight between January and June. "To achieve the mission set for the Oklahoma Guard, if approved we will need the full support of all Oklahoma Guardsmen, their families and their employers," Gen. Matthews said.

**Dec 07, 1973:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Christopher P. Bils, joined Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, assigned Assistant Executive Officer.

**Dec 31, 1973:** Yearly history of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1973: The general scheme of events in the year 1973 did not deviate from previous years to any great degree, for the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. We again kicked things off with Annual General Inspections. The out-briefing of MAJ Diaz, the IG, indicated that no significant deficiencies were noted and all units were in good shape. With the holidays and inspections behind us, we focused our attention on our Civil Disturbance and Tactical Training Missions. The Live-Fire Tactical Exercise at Fort Sill during the Spring and early summer were good preparation for our Battalion FTX at Annual Training. Our Annual training was conducted at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the last two weeks in June. This must be considered one of the highlights of the year. Reactions of the man to the new camp environment seem very favorable. The entire mid-weekend was scheduled as free time and bus trips to Gulfport and New Orleans were arranged. The training and Live Fire Exercises went very well throughout both weeks. Battery "C" was the proud winner of the coveted "best battery" award for the camp. We had just settled down from Camp when we receive a call to State Duty at the McAlester prison. At mid-afternoon, on 29 July 1973, we received the alert and by 0730 hours the next morning we had equipped the battalion with bayonets and ammunition, and were in the process of relieving the 1st Battalion 180th Infantry at the prison. A very tense 3 days followed. Missions assigned the battalion included Perimeter Security and Surveillance, Rotonda guard and Clearing Operations. We also provided Rooftop Security, Task Force Reserve and Tower Guard. At this point we directed our attention to range firing, special emphasis training and the ever-present recruiting problems, with the latter demanding the most attention. We closed out the Year with much AGI preparation, and conversation about the possibility of Annual Training 1975 in Europe. The year 1973 was very productive and continued our reputation as the best Field Artillery Battalion in the state. We look forward to an equally eventful 1974. Yearly history of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1973: The year of 1973 got off to a fast start, on 5 January we had our AGI inspection conducted by MAJ William K. Bias and SFC Nicholas P. Caruso, Headquarters, 5th U.S. Army. On 28 January, CPT Francis P. O'Leary was Duty Changed from Battery Commander to FA-LO (51193) FA. CPT Kenneth W. Bray was reassigned from FA-LO to Battery Commander (02900) FA. Also on 28 January an additional Training Assembly was conducted for 39 Officers and NCO's on the subject of Civil Disturbance. There was no schedule

weekend assembly in the month of January. The February assembly was devoted to FDC team drills; all other sections trained in support of Battalion and Battery Training. On 21 February 1973 our METS Inspection was conducted by SFC Roy Raymes from State Maintenance Shop. The March, April and May drills were conducted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and were devoted to Section Training in support of Battery Training. Our main objective during these months was to prepare ourselves for Summer Camp and try to get the unit strength back up. With the Vietnam War at an end, our Regular troops at home, large reductions in the Regular Army, and no more draft, it did not take long to find that HHB was in for a strength struggle. In the in the month of March a Tech Visit was conducted by members of The Advisory Staff from Oklahoma City. On 2 April 1973 a METS Inspection was conducted by 2LT James G. Howard from CSMS and a Security Inspection was conducted by CPT Willie L. Bausler Jr. from HHD OKARNG. On 1 May, Examination and Inventory were conducted by CW3 Carl G. Bateman, Examiner for USPFO for Oklahoma. During the May drill we were visited by MG David C. Mathews, AG of Oklahoma and BG Harry W. Barnes, Task Force Commander. The June drill was conducted at the Army with instructions on Readiness Briefing, Service Benefits, Civil Affairs, Safeguarding of Information, Emergency Medical Care, Stability Operations, Counter Guerrilla Operations, Familiarization with SOP's, Familiarization with Battalion ATT and Material Care and Maintenance. The unit departed 16 June 1973 for Camp Shelby, Mississippi in convoy, a real test for the Maintenance Program. We arrived at Marshall, Texas, over 350 miles, at 1700 hours on 16 June with at least 350 more miles to go on the 17th for a first look at Camp Shelby. The unit arrives at Camp Shelby 1830 hours, 17 June 1973, no accidents, incidents or injuries, 3 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 80 Enlisted Men present. It was an interesting 16 day Summer Camp, to say the least. The training went well in the unit, and everyone enjoyed the change of environment. To bivouac in the tall pines, a weekend at the ocean, or in New Orleans, it was Summer Camp and vacation all in one. The trip home from Camp was without accidents or incidents. The July drill was one day with Admin Formation, Showdown Inspection, Church Services and Maintenance Care and Equipment. The unit was ordered to State Active Duty at McAlester, Oklahoma, 30 July through 1 August 1973. Since the prison riots came unexpected, it became a test of our Unit Alert Plan and on Sunday of all days. At McAllister the men soon understood why we spent all those boring days with Riot Control Training. In August it was Qualification and Familiarization Firing with Individual and Crew Served weapons, Church Services and Material Care and Maintenance. The unit was visited by COL James M. Bullock, Commander 45th FA Group. The September drill was devoted to Commander's Time, Material Care and Maintenance and Battalion FDC classes. On 16 September we had our Open House. The October drill was Live Fire with M-16, 45 Cal, and Crew Served weapons, Church Services, Material Care and Maintenance. The November drill was devoted to classes on Individual Responsibilities, Standards of Conduct, Application of Force, Chemical Munitions for Civil Disturbances, Riot Baton Training and Civil Disturbance FTX. On 3 December 1973, a METS Inspection was conducted by CW2 Franklin Melott, Team Chief State Maintenance Shop. The December drill was classes on Sat Part, Benefits of Honorable Discharge, Exam of Individual Subjects, Drug Abuse and Command Inspection conducted by COL James M. Bullock, Commander, HQ 45th FA Group and his staff. The year of 1973 with the McAlester action proved to be a new experience for many of the unit's members. HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery unit realized a new and growing pride in the importance of the OKARNG. Yearly history of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1973: 1973 has come and gone! As we look back at it, in regard to our unit, it was not a year of any great significance. We did see the end of the Vietnam War, the return of Prisoners of War and complete withdrawal of ground forces from the area. Although 1973 had its big events world-wide, for our unit not much happened. We did go through a year without being reorganized, which is something of an event. We saw added and increased emphasis and pressure come because of strength. All the stops were pulled to recruit and retain personnel. Our unit has managed to hold its own and maintain the goal set by higher headquarters, but it has been a struggle. We closed out last year's history with the rumor that a possibility of AT outside of the United States could be our future plans. Well, sure enough, 1973 brought the announcement that our Battalion had been one of those picked to go to Europe for AT 1975. But, it seems now that those plans have "run out of gas". Due to the flare up of the Israel-Arab War and our own Nation's shortage of fuel, we can forget about those wonderful plans. Our AT this year was somewhat different from those of the past. We convoyed to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the whole 772 miles, one way! The camp was a good one and we even envied the Mississippi guard a little for being so lucky as to have it facility like they do, to train on. We did get to bring back a souvenir from down there that we luckily didn't have around here, a Coral snake. Seems like him and one of our troops had business in our latrine at the same time and he wound up pickled and preserved. Course, you really couldn't blame the snake, as the area we were assigned for field training probably hadn't had a human in it since before he was an egg. Our gun crews got in a little engineer training on clearing out a Firing Point before we could even lay. Boy! talk about deep, dark and snakey. The high point of the year, for at least what we will all be talking about for years to come, was the prison riot and "Big Mac". Our Battalion was ordered to State Duty for the prison riot at McAlester from 29 July to 1 August 1973. Our unit responded with 77 people. All the training situations and things we had been told about in all the past years of training suddenly became very real. Live rounds were issued and bayonets were fixed and we were part of a tense situation for a time. The men from my unit did themselves proud in the way that they handle themselves and responded to any and every situation that they were



called upon to take part in. Although the pay was a little slow in coming, the experience was one none of us would take for. Equipment has continued to improve during 1973 to the point that we only have three vehicles that are not new. We received the new "Gamma Goat" to replace the old 3/4 ton truck and all other larger trucks are new also. Looks like in 2 years we will have all 4 howitzers we are authorized, since we got 1 issued in 1972 and one this year. Sure is a lot better having your own equipment to train with. All our audits, AGI and other inspections came out Okay in 1973. Looks like luck is with us still. As we look forward to 1974, we can see real problems with strength, and a renewed, concentrated effort will be required from all of us to overcome it. We have given completely up on ever getting any help in the way of enlistments, re-enlistment bonuses, so it looks like we will have to do our best with other means. So, with a little luck and a lot of hard work, we hope 1974 is one of the better years for the Officers than Men of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, OKARNG. Yearly history of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1973: The First Assembly of 1973 was held in January and was devoted to the instruction of section classes and Material Maintenance and Care. An additional assembly was held in January for Officers and NCO's on Civil Disturbance Training. AGI was also held in January by Major William K. Bias. The February assembly was devoted to section classes and MOS Testing. On the arrival of March, "B" Battery was on his way to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to participate in Riot Control Training. In April of 1973, "B" Battery was found once again at Fort Sill, Oklahoma involved in Live Fire Battalion RSOP Training. The May assembly was a follow-up of the April assembly in which "B" Battery was once again involved in Live Fire RSOP Training. The June assembly found "B" Battery back at his home station (Duncan) devoting it's time to instruction in Service Benefits, Civil Affairs, Safeguarding Defense Information and other General Subject material. At 0600 June 16, 1973, "B" Battery along with 1st Battalion 158 FA, set forth on its 330 mile march by motor convoy to Marshall, Texas for an overnight bivouac. The following day "B" Battery departed the bivouac area, Marshall, Texas, at 0600 on the remaining 360 mile march to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to begin its 1973 two-week Annual Training. At 0500 June 30 1973, "B" Battery along with 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery set out on its 400 mile march by Motor Convoy to Tyler, Texas to establish overnight bivouac area. The following day "B" Battery departed bivouac area on its remaining 285 mile journey to home station (Duncan). The July assembly was devoted to PRI instruction, a Showdown Inspection and Material Care and Maintenance. Up to July 29 1973, "B" Battery's training had followed a routine schedule of training and events. Several nights prior to the 29th of July, rioting broke out at the State Penitentiary at McAlester. On the 29th of July members of the 1st Battalion 158 FA were notified by radio and television broadcast to report to their Duty Station at once. By early morning July 30 1973, "B" Battery was in route to McAlester, Oklahoma. Upon arrival at the state prison "B" Battery along with the other batteries of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery joined forces with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and the State Prison Officials in an effort to restore security and maintain control. Upon arrival at the state prison "B" Battery found the prison in almost total devastation and still smothering from fires, set by prisoners the nights prior. The remains of prison structures reflected the resemblance of a wartime bombing raid. On July 31, 1973 "B" Battery was involved in the task of assisting Oklahoma Highway Patrol remove prisoners from their unsecured sales to the prison yard. Guardsmen and OHP Troopers then searched individual cells for weapons. Once this task is completed, Prison Officials proceeded to repair cell doors in order to restore control and security. Members of the OHP and Guardsman witnessed fights and a killing which occurred between prisoners while being held at gunpoint in a prison yard. On August 1, 1973 the 1st Battalion 158 FA was relieved by other units of the Oklahoma National Guard allowing, "B" Battery to return to home station (Duncan). The September assembly was devoted to Materials Maintenance and Care. In October, "B" Battery returned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for Live Fire RSOP Training. The November assembly was devoted to General Subject instruction. The December assembly was again devoted to General Subject instruction, and a Command Inspection by the Battalion Commander and Battery Commander. Yearly history of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1973: 1973 started with an early AGI inspection which was conducted by MAJ W. K. Bias, IG, HQ 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army on 3 January 1973. There was no scheduled drill in January however 12 NCO's and 3 Officers attended Civil Disturbance Training on 28 January 1973 at Battalion HQ Lawton, Oklahoma. The unit strength moved ahead by 1 individual during the month of January with 2 gains and 1 loss bringing the total strength to 108; 3 Officers and 104 enlisted men. February drill was conducted on 24-25 February 1973 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Training consisted of Bn RSOP and section MOS/OJT. The unit dropped by 1 individual with 1 gain and 2 losses for the month for a total of 3 Officers and 103 enlisted men. March drill was conducted 17-18 March 1973 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Training consisted of Bn RSOP and section MOS/OJT. The strength showed a gain of 1 EM for a total of 3 Officers and 104 enlisted men. April drill was conducted on 15-16-17 April 1973. The drill was a MUTA 5 beginning at 1300 hours 17 April 1973. Training consisted of establishing bivouac site, Drivers Training, Battalion RSOP (Live Fire) and section MOS/OJT. Strength picked up by 1 individual with 2 gains and 1 loss for a total of 3 Officers and 105 enlisted men. May drill which was a MUTA 5 conducted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma beginning at 1300 hours 4 May 1973. A Property Examination conducted by CW3 Carl Bateman, Examiner USPFO for Oklahoma on 1 May 1973. Drill training consisted of Battalion RSOP (Live-Fire) and section MOS/OJT. Strength held with 1 EM gain and 1 EM loss for a total of 3 Officers and 105 enlisted men. June drill was conducted at home station 2-3 June 1973. Training consisted of Mandatory Subjects, Material Care and Maintenance with a little AT preparation on the side. Strength dropped by 1 individual for a total of 3 Officers and

104 enlisted men. AT 1973 began at 16 June 1973. The unit convoyed to Camp Shelby, Mississippi and bivouac in Marshall, Texas on the night of the 16th. The unit arrived at Camp Shelby, Mississippi for 2 weeks training on the 17th of June 1973. Strength took a drop just prior to AT. Strength the first day of AT was 3 Officers and 97 Enlisted Men. 2LT William M. Ohl returned to the unit as a Second Lieutenant effective 18 June 1973. The strength adjusted to 4 Officers and 96 Enlisted Men. The unit had an outstanding AT in that three of its Gunners won best Gunner Awards, FDC won Best FDC and the battery was selected as Best Firing Battery in 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. The unit returned to home station 1 July 1973, 1SG William G. Spangler retired from his fulltime position as AST during AT 1973. July drill was a MUTA 2 which was conducted on 15 July 1973. Training consisted of Showdown Inspection, Preliminary Rifle Instructions and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength showed a gain of 2 Enlisted Men for a total of 4 Officers and 98 Enlisted Men. On 30 July 1973, the unit was ordered to State Duty at McAlester, Oklahoma to help which rioting Prisoners. The unit departed home station at 0100 hours 30 July and returned at 1700 hours 1 August 1973. August drill was conducted 18-19 August 1973, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Training consisted of Qualification and Familiarization of Individual and Crew Served Weapons. Strength held its own with 1 EM gain and 1 loss for a total of 4 Officers and 98 EM. SFC Jimmy M. Sims transferred to this unit has full-time AST and First Sergeant effective 27 August 1973 from HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma. September drill was conducted at home station on 15-16 September 1973. Training consisted of Command Time and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength plunged forward with 7 gains and 3 losses for a total of 4 Officers and 102 Enlisted Men. October drill was conducted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 6-7 October 1973. Training consisted of Battalion RSOP Live-Fire, Section MOS/OJT and Material Care and Maintenance. 1LT Larry R. Bracken was discharged effective 3 October and assigned to USAR Control Group. Unit strength held a steady total of 106 with 1 Officer loss and 1 EM loss and 2 EM gains. First Sergeant William G. Spangler was discharged effective 3 October to accept appointment as CW3 in Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. November drill was conducted at home station 10-11 November 1973. Training consisted of CD Training and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took another jump with 7 EM gains and 3 EM losses for a total of 3 Officers and 107 Enlisted Men. A METS Inspection was conducted on 6 December 1973, by members of CSMS. December drill was conducted at Home Station 8-9 December 1973. Training consisted of Command Inspection conducted by 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Individual Examination and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took an upward trend with 1 Officer and 2 EM gains and 1 EM loss for a total of 4 Officers and 108 Enlisted Men. 1LT Christopher P. Bills join the unit effective 7 December 1973. 31 December closed out a very exciting year for Battery "C" with a Summer Camp 850 miles away, 3 days at McAllister, and a series of outstanding events. Yearly history of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1973: The year 1973 was a very rewarding one for Service Battery as we received several honors for outstanding achievement. We had two drills in December of 1972 to prepare for our AGI on 4 January 1973. Consequently we didn't have our first drill in 1973 until February. The February drill was devoted to Ammunition School and Familiarization with the M-88, the M-577 and M-578 and then our normal maintenance. On March drill was spent at Fort Sill supporting the Battalion in training. In April and May we had MUTA 5's, in preparation for Summer Camp. The drills were at Fort Sill with MOS training in support of the Battalion. The June drill was highlighted with classes and Material Care and Maintenance. Also we were making last minute preparation for AT. On 16 June the unit pulled out for a 750 mile, two day trip to Camp Shelby, Mississippi for a 16 day Summer Camp. The halfway point was a chigger infested air field in Marshall, Texas. We arrived in Camp Shelby on Sunday evening. After the first week of AT a well deserved free weekend was enjoyed by many of the troops in New Orleans. The second week we were involved with tactical problems and final test. The returned home from AT was made safely. It seems we were no longer home and back to civilian life and we were called out by the state to help with the prison riot at McAllister. Our August drill was highlighted by a visit from our Group Commander, COL James M. Bullock. During this drill, time was spent in qualification and familiarization with individual and crew served weapons. In September we had Open House for families and employers so that they could become familiar with what the National Guard accomplishes. October found us at Fort Sill involved with Live Fire RSOP Training. The drill in November was spent in classes. We ended the year with a Command Inspection in December conducted by LTC Norman Duckworth. Awards and honors won by the unit were: Governors Trophy, Armory Improvement Program, Superior Unit Award and Supply Efficiency Award.

**Jan 01, 1974:** Official Roster of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery and Stations of Organization: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battalion Headquarters; Battalion Commander LTC Norman E. Duckworth, Executive Officer MAJ Merrill B. Burruss Jr., S-3 MAJ Bobby R. Jantz, Battalion Motor Officer CPT Herbert A. O'Neil, Battalion Surgeon CPT Robert R. Edde, Chaplain CPT Frank M. Hyde, Communications Officer CPT Larry A. York, Field Artillery Liaison Officer CPT William R. Nixon, S-1 CPT Calvin E. Koonce, S-2 CPT William L. Barnes, Battalion Sergeant Major CSM Donald D. Liles. Battery Headquarters; Battery Commander CPT Kenneth W. Bray, First Sergeant SFC Alvin D. Carper, Mess Stewart SFC Clem B. Brooks, Motor Sergeant SGT Emmit D. Unsell, Supply Sergeant SSG Lelian Hickey, Battery Clerk SGT Bob J. Bailey, First Cook SP4 Paul E. Davis, First Cook SP4 Willie Williams, First Cook SP4 Eddie J. Hargraves, Senior Wheel

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Correll, Liaison Specialist SP4 Thomas H. Meads. Air Defense Team; Platoon Leader 2LT Michael J. Mande, Section Chief SSG Edward F. Hartel, Redeye Team Chief No. 1 SSG Harold L. Davis, Redeye Team Chief No. 2 SGT Carlos F. Pagan, Redeye Team Chief No. 3 SGT Deyo W. Warren, Redeye Gunner No. 1 SP4 Richard D. Barger, Redeye Gunner No. 2 SP4 Joseph D. Schelanko, Redeye Gunner No. 3 SGT Edward D. Repp. Augmentation Battery Headquarters; Cook Apprentice PVT Tommy L. Smith. Accounting Section; Senior Pay Specialist SGT Stanley L. Greenfield, Pay Specialist SGT Roger C. Horst. Unit Personnel Section; Unit Personnel Technician CW3 Dennis R. Roper, Personnel Sergeant SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr., Personnel Management Specialist SP5 Frankie L. Wauahooah, Personnel Records Specialist No. 1 SGT David O. Nixon. Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Battery Headquarters; Battery Commander CPT Bobby D. Thomasson, First Sergeant 1SG Leslie E. 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**Jan 21, 1974:** Obituary: Russell C. Charlton. Published in "The Albuquerque Journal" entitled: R. C. Charlton dies on coast. Santa Fe (AP). Gov. Bruce King expressed his regrets Tuesday over the death of Russell C. Chariton, a former New Mexico adjutant general who died Monday in California. Charlton was adjutant general from 1935 to 1944 and served as state Selective Service director from 1940 to 1944, during most of World War II. After the war he became chairman of the military tribunal of the Nuremberg trials in Germany. "We are certainly saddened at the passing of a man who was a devoted servant to his state and nation," King said Tuesday. Memorial Chapel in Santa Fe is in charge of funeral arrangements for Charlton. He was a Brigadier General, OSN: O-205558 and served with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery.

**Feb 01, 1974:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Michael J. Mande assigned as ADA Section Leader.  
Feb 15, 1974 Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Merrill B. Burruss assigned S-3, replacing MAJ Jerry D. Simmons, reassigned to HHB 1 Bn 189 FA.

**Mar 21, 1974:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT John Wayne Chapman assigned Assistant S-3, replacing CPT Daniel C. Martin, resigned.

**Apr 13, 1974:** Obituary: John Albert Ward, 70, 2309 NW 15, died Saturday at Baptist Medical Center. Services will be 2 pm Monday at Guardian Westside Funeral Home with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Ward was born near Millcreek and moved to Oklahoma City in the early 1930s. He was a former employee of Greyhound Bus Lines and a retired employee of Mid-Continent Coaches Inc. He belonged to the United Transportation Union, the Masons, and the Olivet Baptist Church. He was a past master of Masonic Lodge No 23, Healdton. He is survived by his wife, Leona; three sons, Larry, of the home; Harold, Breckenridge, CO; and Tom, Hillsboro, IN; a brother, R. L., Oak Harbor, WA; and two sisters, Mrs C. P. Howard, Tulsa; and Mrs L. B. Brown, Sapulpa. Private and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Apr 15, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Daryl K. McCall assigned to unit as Executive Officer replacing 1LT John W. Conger who was separated effective 20 February 1974. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Daryl K. McCall transferred to Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery replaced by 1LT Guy C. Spence as Ammunition Officer.

**Apr 19, 1974:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Bobby R. Jantz assigned Battalion Executive Officer. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Gary R. Youell assumes command of Battery "B" from CPT Bobby R. Jantz, upon reassignment to HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton Ok.

**May 03, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW3 William G. Spangler promoted to CW4.

**Jun 17, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Dwight S. Wolfe assigned & joined as Forward Observer upon reassignment of 2LT Truman M. Horn to 171 FA. 2LT Truman M. Horn transferred to FLRNG Plt Cdr Elk City, Ok.

**Jun 23, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James A. Cunningham departed for USAR School, Fort Sill, OK.

**Jun 24, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Max E. Daughtrey appointed Executive Officer in absence of 1LT Cunningham, in school at Fort Sill, Ok.

**Jul 08, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW4 William G. Spangler retired from Active Service.

**Jul 10, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1SG Robert J. Crabtree, promoted to CW2, replacing CW4 William G. Spangler, Automotive Maintenance Technician. SFC Thomas A. Meyers promoted to 1SG replacing 1SG Robert J. Crabtree.

**Jul 19, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Cunningham returned to duty from 5038 USAR School, Fort Sill, OK assumed duty as Executive Office.

**Jul 22, 1974:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Guardsmen begin training at Sill. Oklahoma National Guardsmen from the 45th Artillery Group are staying close to home for their summer training this year. Almost 2,000 guards will bivouac on the Fort Sill range for the next two weeks. Three Oklahoma Field Artillery Battalions arrived Saturday. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, headquartered in Lawton with units in Anadarko, Duncan and Chickasha, plans to fire 8-inch self-propelled howitzers. This howitzer, which weighs approximately 58,500 pounds, has earned the reputation as the most accurate field artillery weapon in the U.S. Army. A crew of 13 can emplace and fire this weapon within two minutes after arriving at a firing position. A 200-pound shell can be hurled a distance of over 10 miles. Over 500 soldiers from the 158th plan to base their operations along Blue Beaver Road here until July 31, when they move into the Rabbit Hill area. Observation points around the range will be utilized for firing into the Signal Mountain impact area. Special Weapons instruction is planned by personnel of III Corps Artillery, who also will conduct Army Training Tests (ATT) for the battalion. The 1st Battalion, 171st Target Acquisition Battalion, headquartered in Altus with units in Hollis, Mangum, Hobart, Elk City, Weatherford and Clinton, will be "listening" and "watching" the other battalions in the field. The 517 guardsmen plan to bivouac and maintain operations along Tower Two Road where they will monitor the movement of other forces by use of sound and flash base devices. These sensitive devices are set along a "no-man's land" zone. Movement and artillery fire flashes are pinpointed and this information passed on to the friendly forces. III Corps Artillery will furnish the 171st two 105mm towed howitzers for training. These howitzers weigh approximately 3,340 pounds and the maximum firing range is over 5 miles. Four-hundred-ninety-six guardsmen from the 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery headquarters based in Enid with units from Blackwell, Alva, Tonkawa and Cherokee, are firing from the vicinity of Quanah Range into Signal Mountain. The 189th is a 175mm self-propelled gun battalion. The gun weighs about 52,100 pounds with a cannon tube 35-feet long. A 147 pound high explosive shell can be fired a distance of over 20 miles. This gun is employed as a general support weapon. Camp Eagle is headquarters here for the 45th Artillery Group for the next two weeks. One hundred seventy soldiers will be at this installation under the command of Lt. Col. Lonnie M. Bray. The National Guardsmen will pass in review at a retreat ceremony on Friday, July 26, before Governor David Hall at Fort Sill's Polo Ground. The Guard will have the weekend off to relax before they hit the field again on Monday morning for the final week of training which ends August 3. Photo Caption: Spec. 4 George Huse, Lawton, a member of Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, makes repairs to a vehicle starter at Fort Sill Saturday, when the Lawton Guard unit began its annual two-week summer encampment along with other units of the 45th Field Artillery Group.

**Jul 25, 1974:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Guard review slated Friday. Oklahoma National Guardsmen from the 45th Artillery Group, currently undergoing summer training at Fort Sill, will hold a Governor's Day Review at 4 p.m. Friday at the post Polo Ground. The near 2,000 guardsmen bivouaced on the Fort Sill range for the July 20-Aug. 3 training period include the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Lawton; 1st Battalion, 171st Target Acquisition Battalion, Altus; and 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery, Enid. Following Friday's review before Gov. David Hall, the guardsmen will take the weekend off then return to the field Monday morning for the final week of training.

**Jul 26, 1974:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: State guardsmen have tough, proud tradition. By Paul McClung; The 2,000 Oklahoma National Guardsmen from the 45th Artillery Group, training at Fort Sill for two weeks, are tough and proud. Their big brothers were in the Korean War and their fathers fought at Salerno and Anzio and Cassino, and many never made it back home. Today's state National Guard units are descendants of the old Oklahoma National Guard 45th Thunderbird Division. Not all Oklahoma guardsmen still wear the old 45th Division patch, the red triangle with the yellow Thunderbird, but the spirit is still there. What used to be the 45th Division is now the 45th Infantry Brigade, training at Ft. Chaffee, and the 45th Field Artillery Group training at Fort Sill. The Field Artillery group wears the Fifth Army patch, except for those who served with the 45th in Korea, who are entitled to wear the Thunderbird. The 45th Infantry Brigade continues to wear the Thunderbird patch. The Headquarters, Oklahoma National Guard, has an Indian head on a blue background patch. The official lineage of the Oklahoma National Guard began in 1895, when the Oklahoma Territorial Legislature authorized a militia. But traditions reach back through the Cherokee Confederates of Brig. Gen. Stand Watie and also to the state's plains

Indians and their traditions. Indians won four of nine Medals of Honor awarded to 45th Division soldiers during World War II and the Korean conflict. The Oklahoma National Guard furnished four companies of Infantry and a troop of Rough Riders in the Spanish American War. Its First Oklahoma Infantry, after 1916-1917 Mexican Border service, was integrated into the 36th Division and served in the Meuse Argonne Offensive in World War I. The 45th Division organization was completed in 1923, with about two-thirds of the division allocated to Oklahoma and the balance divided among Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. During World War II, thousands of men from other states also served in the division. Its original insignia was the swastika, and Indian symbol. In 1938, the division gave up this insignia because of the Hitler swastika, and adapted the Thunderbird. The thunderbird in Indian legend is a huge bird capable of producing thunder, lightning and rain. The Thunderbird insignia was designed by Woodrow Big Bow, Kiowa artist now living in Yukon, and a descendant of Kiowa Chief Big Bow. Woodrow's brother, Harding, who now lives in Carnegie, was one of many Indians who served with the Thunderbirds. He was missing in action for a long period, and was wounded several times. Once husky, he was thin when he came back. When he returned to the States, he phoned his sister, Pearl Kerchee of Lawton, and told her he hesitated to come home because he didn't look like himself anymore. The Thunderbirds were called to active service Sept. 16, 1940. Less than three years later, July 10, 1943, under command of Maj. Gen. Troy H. Middleton, president of Louisiana State University, they hit the beaches of Sicily. Under leadership of Middleton and Brig. Gen. Ray McLain, his artillery commander, they cut the island in half in 21 days. Gen. Patton described the Thunderbirds, "One of the best, if not actually the best division in the history of American Arms; You behaved as veterans on the first day." At Salerno, Italy, Sept. 10, 1943, they met one of the most vicious counterattacks of the war. Lt. Col. Hal Muldrow's 155mm howitzers smashed a large force of German armor at 600 yards. Clerks and cooks of the artillery fought as infantry. When withdrawal was suggested by higher authority, Middleton said, "Place rations, ammunition and water on the beaches; the 45th is staying." It stayed, some for eternity. At Anzio, six German divisions in late January, 1944, drove against the Thunderbird sector. The 45th and the "Rock of the Marne" Third Division held. German Field Marshal von Kesserling described them as "the two best divisions faced by the Wehrmacht." The division on Aug. 15, 1944, had its fourth "D" day on the Riviera coast, and fought all the way through Europe to Munich, culminating 511 combat days, eight major campaigns, 28,000 casualties and the capture of 125,000 prisoners of war. Someone wrote at the close of World War II, "Whatever destiny may have in store for our great country and however long that country's military history may endure, readers in the future will search long before finding a chapter more brilliant than that written by the quill that was dipped in the blood of the Thunderbirds." Photograph: Battalion Staff and 5th U.S. Army Advisors of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery pose for photograph at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. First Row: SFC Jim H. Wroge & MAJ Hubert U. McGuffin (5th US Army Advisors), CPT Larry A. York, MAJ Bobby R. Jantz, LTC Norman E. Duckworth, MAJ Merrill B. Burruss, CPT Charles D. Houston, CPT John W. Chapman, CPT Calvin E. Koonce, CPT William R. Nixon. Second Row: 1LT Richard A. Horton, 2LT Eddie H. Drath, 1LT Daryl K. McCall, CPT Bobby D. Thomasson, CPT Kenneth W. Bray, 2LT Dennis W. Byford, CW2 Braley L. Brence, CPT Jerry G. Davis, CPT Richard R. Burroughs. Third Row: 1LT Christopher P. Bills, 1LT Gary L. Ransom, 2LT William M. Ohl, CPT Robert E. Edde, CW3 Dennis R. Roper, CPT Herbert A. O'Neil.

**Aug 01, 1974:** Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Shell narrowly misses guardsmen. By Janis Berry. Ft. Sill: A live explosive round from a 155mm howitzer misfired here Tuesday, narrowly missing a small group of National guardsmen, it was learned Wednesday. The incident occurred around 3:45 p.m. Tuesday on the west firing range when the shell fired at about a 90 degree angle away from the correct target area. The shell exploded about 50 yards from the National Guard's Battery "A", 1/158 Field Artillery from Anadarko, a spokesman for the National Guard said. No injuries from shrapnel were reported. Details on the incident were sketchy and some military personnel said they had been instructed not to discuss the matter. Anne Powell, assistant information officer at Ft. Sill, said it had not been determined whether units of the regular Army were responsible for the misdirected shot. But a National Guard spokesman said the guard does not use or possess 155mm howitzers. The Army spokesman refused to elaborate on details, saying that it was only known that "there were no injuries and no property damage." However, the National Guard reported one of their all-terrain vehicles, known as a "gamma goat," was damaged by flying shrapnel. Miss Powell said the shell landed inside the military reservation, but outside the safety area. A Guard spokesman said the shell "hit about 150 yards inside the outer edge of the post, near civilian areas. "A little farther and it would have been on somebody's farm," he added. Miss Powell said a crater analysis team was dispatched to the area and had confirmed that the shell was shot from a 155mm howitzer. She said an investigating officer has been assigned to look into the incident. She termed the probe "normal investigative procedure." It will be about 30 days before investigation findings are released, she said. The explosion of the shell touched off a grass fire and about 10 acres of land burned before the fire was brought under control, she said.

**Aug 14, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Danny A. Perry assumed duty as Mess Stewart upon discharge of SFC Charles D. Billups. SP4 Robert Dobson assumed duty as Section Chief upon discharge of SSG Gary R. Vardell. SSG Harvard L. Tomlinson assumed duty as Section Chief



upon discharge of SSG Robert Rose.

**Aug 15, 1974:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Richard R. Burroughs resigned as Recon Survey Officer.

**Sep 01, 1974:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Howard W. Smith transferred from HHB 45 FA Group, assigned Reconnaissance Survey Officer.

**Sep 08, 1974:** Obituary: Billy Botone; Birth: Oct. 25, 1920, USA. Death: Sep. 8, 1974 in Edmond Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, USA. Botone was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery. He was affiliated with the Native American Church and was a member of the Kiowa Gourd Clan, Kiowa Black Leggings Society and the First Baptist Church in Anadarko. He had served over 30 years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Anadarko. Wife: Mary of Pawnee. Son: Thomas, of Lawrence, KS. Daughter: Lawanda Tonge of New York. Step-daughters: Virginia Moore of Pawnee, Marie I. EchoHawk of Fort Washakie, Wyo and Ida Tonemah of Albuquerque. Sisters, Kate Karty of Lawton and Georgia Dupont of Carnegie. The Carnegie Herald. Burial will be at Rainy Mountain Church Cemetery, Mountain View, OK.

**Sep 22, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Donald R. Epperson assigned Section Chief of 1st Howitzer Section replacing SSG Vincent P. Kobza who was discharged. SGT Lennis D. Miller assigned Section Chief of 2nd Howitzer Section replacing SSG Gerald W. Myers who was discharged.

**Oct 01, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Max E. Daughtrey assumed duty as Executive Officer upon discharge of 1LT James A. Cunningham.

**Oct 03, 1974:** Published in the "The Stillwell Democrat Journal" entitled: Thunderbird veteran's reunion is Oct 4-5. Veterans of the 45th "Thunderbird" Infantry Division who served with the unit during World War II through out the European Campaign, and during the Korean War, will convene during the 29th annual national convention and reunion of the 45th Infantry Division Association at Fountainhead State Lodge near Eufaula, Oklahoma, from Friday, Oct. 4, through Sunday, Oct. 6. The veterans who will be attending the reunion will represent at least 35 states and the District of Columbia, along with former members of the division who are current members of the Oklahoma National Guard from which the division was formed. A feature of the reunion, according to acting Association President Donald G. Smith, Oklahoma City, will be the presentation by Mike Murphy, Tulsa, of the original artist's rendition of the "Thunderbird" from which the division insignia was officially adapted. The rendition is a painting by the Indian artist, Woody Bigbow, and it will be placed in the 45th Infantry Division Museum which is being planned for a site near Oklahoma City's state military complex. Smith explained that among various resolutions to be discussed at the association's business meeting on Saturday will be current proposals on conditional amnesty for draft evaders, disposition of Vietnam War era cases concerning deserters, proposed Congressional cuts in the national defense budget, and representation of the association's board of directors by out of state members.

**Oct 19, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Christopher P. Bills assumes command of Battery "B" from 1LT Gary R. Youell upon resignation from OKARNG. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Christopher P. Bills transferred to Battery "B" 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, assigned as Battery Commander.

**Oct 21, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Dwight S. Wolfe assumed duty as Executive Officer upon reassignment of 1LT Max E. Daughtrey as Executive Officer.

**Nov 01, 1974:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Robert R. Edde, Battalion Surgeon, transferred to HHB 1 Bn 171 FA. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Jerry D. Kincannon assigned as Section Chief upon Honorable Discharge of SSG Lyndon H. Allen.

**Nov 14, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Darrell W. Long assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section replacing SSG Jerry L. Marcum who was discharged.

**Nov 30, 1974:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Guy C. Spence, appointed Commanding Officer, replacing CPT Freddy C. Ricks, who was appointed Commanding Officer, HHB, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, Ok.

**Dec 01, 1974:** 2LT Howard W. Smith, reassigned from Reconnaissance Survey to Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. 2LT Dennis W. Byford transferred from Assistant Communications to Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. CPT Kenneth W. Bray transferred from Battery Commander to HHB 1 Bn 189 FA. CPT William A. Abshire transferred from HHD, OKARNG and assigned as Reconnaissance Survey Officer. CPT Freddy C. Ricks transferred from Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery and assigned as Battery Commander. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Howard W. Smith transferred from HHS 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, assigned as Assistant Executive Officer Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Dec 31, 1974:** Yearly history of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1974: The 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery started 1974 in much the same manner as previous years with January Annual General Inspections, LTC Richard Day and MSG Ralph McLaughlin conducted the inspections. As in the past the out briefing indicated that there were no major deficiencies and all units were an excellent shape. With the inspection behind, we directed our full attention to preparing to take a battalion Army Training Test (ATT) during Annual Training 1974. The months of March, April, and May were spent at Fort Sill, Oklahoma conducting RSOP and Live Fire exercises. During the MUTA 6 in June, training consisted of practice ATT, with members of the 45th FA Group staff functioning as the test team. The results indicated there were no problems that could not be corrected prior to AT, we thought. Our two weeks Annual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma began on 20 July 1974. The first week and Monday and Tuesday of the second week were devoted to preparing for the ATT. We did not satisfactorily complete the ATT, which was graded by Active Army personnel from III Corps Artillery, because of a lack of timeliness of fire. Although we failed to successfully complete our ATT, the evaluator stated "the battalion is in a very high state of training and can be declared combat-ready." After Annual Training, we focused our attention to another round of Annual General Inspections, of which we receive notice in June that FY 1975 AGI's would be conducted during the period September-November 1974. When we receive the official schedule, it showed HHB, "B" and Service Batteries would be inspected during the second week of September, by LTC Thomas Hardy and "A" and "C" Batteries would be inspected by MAJ Joseph Nunnelee, the first week of October. HHB, "B" and Service Battery received Annual General Inspection Commendations from the Adjutant General of Oklahoma, because of remarks on the report. We then closed out the year with two trips to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for RSOP and Live Fire exercises in preparation for another Army Training Test during Annual Training 1975. We received notice Annual Training 1975 would be conducted at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. A recon was made to select the training areas, however in December we were advised that the battalion would become affiliated with III Corps Artillery at Fort Sill and would be required to go there for AT 1975. The troops went to Fort Sill for training, qualification and familiarization on the .45 Cal pistol, M-79, M-60 and .50 Cal MG. Church services were held in the field on Sunday. The tenth month of calendar year 1974, brought 10 accessions to the manpower and 3 separations for a new total strength of 148. It also saw the unit training at Fort Sill with MOS/OJT training in support of training. MG David C. Matthews, State AG, COL James M. Bullock, COL Curtis W. Milligan and COL Richard M. Thomason visited the unit during training. Church services were presented in the field on Sunday. November saw 3 enlistments and 6 separations for the strength of 145. Training was accomplished at Fort Sill, with MOS/OJT in support of battalion training with Material Care and Maintenance after return to the armory. Church services were presented in the field Sunday. The final drill of calendar year CY1974 showed an accountable strength of 137, allowing for an accession of 6 and a separation of 14 from the previous month's strength. Training consisted of Individual Responsibilities and Standards of Conduct, Application of Force and Stress Training, Riot Control Agents and Munitions, Riot Baton Training and church services. Command Inspection was accomplished by COL James M. Bullock and staff. Yearly history of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1974: The year 1974 was not, as the old saying goes "anything to write home about," as far as our unit was concerned. On the national and state level we did get us a couple of new Commander In Chiefs as President Ford took over from President Nixon and David L. Boren was elected as our governor replacing Governor Hall. After the election, Governor Elect Boren announced that he was appointing Colonel John Coffey Jr. as our Adjutant General for Oklahoma. Colonel Coffey Jr. was assigned as our Battalion Commander here in Anadarko back in 1965-1966. We wish him good luck. We have gone another year scratching and clawing trying to keep our strength up in the "All New Volunteer Army" concept. I guess as we look back over 1974 we would have to consider our efforts as being successful. Thanks to a good effort from a few of the members on recruiting new individuals and our exceptional number deciding to extend their enlistment, our unit stayed right at or just a few below our required strength level. The strength problem is still very much with us though, as we begin 1975. We were again fortunate to complete our AGI in good shape and also received another Superior on our Annual Audit. We did run into a snag on our ATT at Annual Training this year at Fort Sill. Of course, in some people's opinions, the location of AT was a snag in itself. Our unit did receive another Superior Unit Award from the National Guard Bureau this year. That makes it three years in a row! We were optimistic about equipment to train on as we started 1974, but boy, what a turn around! As 1974 drew to a close, so did the incoming of equipment and the outgoing picked up steam. We lost the new "gamma goats" we just got and rumor has it we can kiss our trucks goodbye, plus our

howitzers that it took so long to get. Just as we thought we were going to have our own equipment to train, on we started losing instead of gaining. It would be a toss-up as to what 1975 might have in store for us. We look forward to increased help and benefits for our strength problems. Possibly a year of great change for not only our unit, but the National Guard and our Nation as a whole. But the officers and men of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, OKARNG, look forward to it with anticipation. Yearly history of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1974: 1974 started on 5 Jan 1974 with Classroom Instruction at the armory, and the afternoon devoted to prep for AGI. LTC Norman E. Duckworth, Battalion Commander and staff held short inspection of unit. Annual AGI held on 16 Jan 1974 by LTC Richard K. Day and MSG Ralph L. McLaughlin, HQ 5th US Army. February drill was back in the classroom, with MOS Testing. March was the start of several week-ends at Fort Sill, with RSOP on the West Range. April brought "B" Battery a new commander with CPT Jantz being assigned to Battalion, to 1LT Gary R. Youell, a old Arty Hand came in eager to keep "B" at the top of the heap, Safety Officer and NCO School held at Battalion on 6 and 7 April 1974. 17 April 1974 saw "B" Btry being Audited by CW2 Oren L. Peters with a Superior Rating. 20 and 21 April 1974 was again to Fort Sill for Live Fire and Night Firing. 1SGT Spruill, for his 15th consecutive year was selected for the 5th US Army Rifle Team at Fort Riley, KS. He received his Distinguished Marksman Badge with this and became the 5th US Army Rifle Coach. May assembly was a follow-up of March and April with firing at Fort Sill, also MOS Testing. 30 May 1974, was MET Inspection conducted by CW2 Melott. June assembly started early on 31 May, 1 and 2 June with practice ATT at Fort Sill. 1SGT Spruill departed for Fort Benning, GA. as All Army Rifle Team Coach for the 5th US Army NG Rifle Team. July brought on home station drill, with classroom training on Camouflage and Observe Fires, the ETS Factor has begin to show in the Battery with the loss of 5 good E.M., with this thought in mind there were several E.M. on recruiting leave for July. 20 July 1974 brought Summer Camp to the 158th FA at Fort Sill, OK. This Summer Camp was to be one of great importance to "B" Battery and the 158th as we took on a Battalion ATT, only to be whipped by a time factor. July also brought reenlistment of SSG Danny A. Talley and SSG Robert L. Perkins and SP4 William W. Garrett. Victory in the 45th Group Softball tournament was finely a reality for "B" Battery after 3 years as runner-up, the championship was won. The victory was celebrated with lots of joy with the climax being a turtle race won by 1SG Spruill over PVT's Bratcher and Hazen. August the 4th was the Annual Showdown Inspection with only one day drill. 24 August brought classroom and Care and Maintenance of Equipment, with this drill the ETS Factor brought 10 losses of highly trained EM, which will be missed greatly. September was a repeat of August on ETS Losses, the battery was on the rifle range for M-16, M-60, .50 Cal, M-79 firing. Annual General Inspection (AGI) came early this year, being conducted on 10 September 1974 by LTC Thomas O. Hardy and SGM Donald A. Kostuck, HQ, 5th US Army. 1SG Spruill was selected to represent the OKNG at the Winston P. Wilson N.G. National Rifle matches at Little Rock, Ark. October again brought a new commander to Battery "B" in 1LT Christopher P. Bills, with the reassignment from the Guard of Lt. Youell. Training was at Fort Sill, RSOP. November was back to Fort Sill, for Live Fire, the loss of the DA Form 1 (Morning Report) came about this month with replacement with the DA 1379. December was Civil Disturbance Training at Duncan with Command Inspection by LTC Duckworth and Staff. Yearly history of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1974: Drill 5-6 January 1974 was a Armory drill consisting of classes on Principles of Instruction, Presenting Instructions, Speech Techniques, Training Aids, Planning the Lesson, and Material Care and Maintenance. The unit had its Annual Open House on Sunday 6 January 1974. Assigned Strength 1 January 1974 was 106 Enlisted Men and 4 Officers. Charlie Battery was presented a Superior Unit Award by the Battalion Commander, LTC Norman E. Duckworth during the weekend for Training Year 1973. AGI was conducted on 17 February 1974, by LTC Richard K. Day and MSG Ralph L. McLaughlin from HQ 5th US Army. February drill was conducted on 23-24 February 1974, at home station. Training consisted of classes on Combat Intelligence, Defense of Position Area, Communications Classes, Duties of the Gun Section during Direct Fire, OJT, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took a forward step with a gain of 1 EM for a total of 111 EM and 4 officers. March drill was conducted at Fort Sill, Ok. on 16-17 March 1974. Training consisted of RSOP, Section MOS/OJT, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took another step forward for a total of 112 EM and 4 Officers. April was a big month for Charlie Battery. Audit was conducted on 16 April 1974. During drill at Fort Sill 20-21 April members of Charlie Battery became Movie Stars for a Documentary Film, filmed by a professional film company. Other highlights consisted of a visit from MG David C. Mathews, Adjutant General of the State of Oklahoma and an excellent weekend of live fire training. Assigned strength took a net gain of 2 EM for a total of 114 EM and 4 Officers. May settled to a running pace with a field drill at Fort Sill, OK conducted 18-19 May 1974. Training consisted of Live Fire, RSOP, MOS/OJT, and Material Care and Maintenance. A METS Inspection was conducted on all equipment on 29 May by a team from State Maintenance Office, Norman, Ok. Strength took a large drop with the loss of 8 EM, dropping the total assigned strength to 106 EM and 4 Officers. June started with a bang with a MUTA 6 drill beginning on 31 May and jumping into 1-2 June 1974. Drill consisted of a practice ATT given by members of HQ 45th FA Group, Enid, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength jumped with a gain of 5 EM, closing the month with 111 EM and 4 Officers. July drill was conducted 13-14 July 1974 at home station. Training consisted of classes on Camouflage, Observed Fire Procedures, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength climbed to 114 EM and 4 Officers. Summer Camp began on 20 July at Fort Sill, Ok. and lasted through 3 August 1974. Strength had dropped as of the

first day of camp to 110 EM and 4 Officers. On 4 August 1974 the unit had a one day drill in which to conduct a Showdown Inspection of Individual Equipment, and maintenance of equipment. The unit's regular drill was conducted on 24-25 August 1974 at the Armory. Classes conducted on mandatory subjects. Strength dropped by 3 EM for a total of 107 EM and 4 Officers. In September the unit traveled to Fort Sill, OK. for small arms qualification on 28-29 September 1974. Strength dropped by 3 EM for a total of 104 EM and 4 Officers. On 4 October 1974, the unit received its second AGI Inspection for the calendar year conducted by MAJ Joseph D. Nunnelee from HQ 5th US Army. Drill was conducted at Fort Sill, OK on 27-28 October 1974. Training consisted of Live Fire, RSOP, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength dropped to 102 EM and 3 Officers. 1LT Christopher P. Bills transferred to Battery Commander Btry "B" 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. November drill was conducted at Fort Sill, Ok. 16-17 November 1974. Training consisted of Live Fire, RSOP, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength dropped to an annual low of 99 EM and 3 Officers. 2LT Howard W. Smith was assigned Assistant Executive Officer on 1 December 1974. Drill 14-15 December 1974, was a Army drill. A Command Inspection was conducted by Battalion Commander, LTC Norman E. Duckworth and members of his staff. Training consisted of Civil Disturbance Training and Material Care and Maintenance. The Battery had its annual Christmas Party on Saturday 14 December 1974 at the San Man Restaurant. Strength showed a gain of 2 EM and 1 Officer for the month, closing out an outstanding year with 101 EM and 4 Officers. Yearly history of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1974: The year was a very rewarding year for Service Battery, as we received several honors for outstanding achievement. We had two drills at the beginning of January to prepare for the Annual General Inspection, which was held, 17 January 1974. This inspection was passed with Superior Rating. The February drill was spent at the Armory with classes in Ammunitions and Military Explosives. The March drill was spent at Fort Sill, in support of the Battalion and Unit Training. SFC Jim Wroge, Sergeant Army Advisor was present at the drill. The April drill was also spent at Fort Sill, in support of the Battalion. CW2 Oren Peters, completed Examination and Inventory of Unit on 18 April for USPFO for Oklahoma. The May and June drill were MUTA 5 and was spent at Fort Sill, Ok., as a practice ATT, in preparation for summer camp at Fort Sill, Ok. The July drill was highlighted with classes in Material Care and Maintenance. From 15 July to 4 August we were at Fort Sill, Ok. for 15 days summer camp. The August drill we were back at the Armory, Material Care and Maintenance, also classes in Race Relations and Drug Abuse. The drill in September was spent at Fort Sill ranges qualifying with individual and crew served weapons. The Annual General Inspection was conducted 9 September and passed with Superior Rating. The October drill was again spent at Fort Sill in support of Battalion and Unit Training. There was a visit to the Armory by MG David C. Mathews, AGC OKARNG, The Adjutant General. The November drill was again spent at Fort Sill in support of Battalion and Unit Training. The December drill was held at the Armory with a Class "A" Inspection. Inspection was done by Unit Commanders and Battalion Commander, LTC Duckworth. This ended our drill year for 1974. Awards and Honors: Annual General Inspection awarded "Outstanding". Unit Award, Honored "Superior". Eisenhower Trophy earned "Runner Up". Examination and Inventory rated "Superior". The following Commendation was received by HHB 158th Field Artillery Battalion 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. 1974. This commendation is awarded for superior performance in the Adjutant General's Eighth Annual Armory Improvement Program. In recognition for superb performance in bringing your armory too its high state of cleanliness, appearance, repair and maintenance; and for the extra time and additional effort spent and State appropriated monies saved, this Commendation is awarded. This noteworthy contribution in bringing the armory to its present condition attests to the professional abilities, esprit-de-corps, effective supervision, superior leadership and exceptional community support of all officers, noncommissioned officers and unit personnel. This achievement reflects most favorably upon the unit, the community, the Oklahoma Army National Guard and the State of Oklahoma. Signed: David C. Matthews, Major General, OKARNG, The Adjutant General.

**Jan 01, 1975:** 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 Norman E. Duckworth, Executive Officer MAJ Merrill B. Burruss, S-3 MAJ Bobby R. Jantz, Battalion Motor Officer CPT Herbert O'Neil, Battalion Surgeon CPT Robert E. Edde, Battalion Chaplain CPT Frank M. Hyde, Communications Officer CPT William A. Abshire, Field Artillery Liaison Officer CPT Larry A. York, S-1 CPT Calvin E. Koonce, S-2 CPT John W. Chapman, Command Sergeant Major CSM Donald D. Liles. Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Freddy C. Ricks, First Sergeant SFC Alvin D. Carper, Dining Facility Manager SFC Clem B. Brooks, Motor Sergeant SSG Emmitt D. Unsell, Supply Sergeant SSG John R. Mulhall, Battery Clerk SP4 Robert H. Owens, First Cook SP5 Charles E. Anderson, First Cook SP5 Jerry D. McCarley, Senior Wheel Mechanic SP4 Reginald Dungan, Armorer SP4 Robert E. McClure, Cook PFC Robert C. Jones, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP5 James A. Fischer, Power Generator Mechanic PVT Wallace R. Jones, Prescribed Load List PLL Clerk PVT Steven A. Foster, Track Vehicle Mechanic SGT Charles H. Daugherty, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Danny R. Crow, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Danny

E. Paddie, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic Helper SP5 Kenneth E. Carman. Administrative Section: Senior Career Casualty Reporter SFC Kenneth V. Ille, Paralegal Staff NCO SSG David O. Nixon, Legal Clerk SSG Bob J. Bailey, Chaplain Assistant SP4 Billy C. Davis, Clerk Typist SSG Harold L. Davis, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Eugene Johnson, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Bennie D. Myers. Operations Platoon Headquarters: Assistant S-3 CPT William R. Nixon, Assistant S-3 CPT Charles D. Houston, Intelligence Sergeant MSG Robert L. Stringer, Operations Sergeant MSG Ora A. Correll, Chemical NCO SSG Tony R. Torres, Clerk Typist, Operations Specialist SP4 Paul E. Davis, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Wayne A. Bishop. Fire Direction Center: Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Cleo M. Otipoby, Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Larry F. Larson, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Arnold D. Fischer, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Robert L. Wood, Chart Operator PFC Tommy L. Smith, Chart Operator SP4 Richard D. Barger, Command Post Carrier Driver PVT Reginald Bryant, Command Post Carrier Driver SP4 Walter P. Webster, Field Switchboard Operator PFC Charles Washington, Light Vehicle Driver PVT Michael L. Shook. Survey Section: Reconnaissance and Survey Officer CPT William A. Abshire, Chief Surveyor SFC John W. Wlaker, Chief of Survey Party SGT Bennie H. Helm, Chief of Survey Party SSG Larry B. Sparks, Chief of Survey Party SP5 Walter L. McCarley, Survey Computer SP5 Joe D. McClung, Survey Computer SP5 Dennis Woommavovah, Survey Computer SP5 Freddy L. Erkenbrack, Survey Computer SP5 Richard A. McDonald, Survey Computer SP5 Walter D. Coates, Survey Computer SP5 Bobby G. Dayton, Instrument Operator SP4 Donald L. Tate, Instrument Operator PFC Dallas K. Haskell, Survey Recorder SP4 Joe D. McClung, Survey Recorder PVT Ronald K. Schooler, Survey Recorder PFC Jessie L. Austin, Light Vehicle Driver PVT Robert P. Schooler, Rodman Tapeman SP4 Bruce Jones, Rodman, Tapeman SGT Jimmy B. Fields, Rodman Tapeman PVT Melvin E. Danna. Liaison Section: Liaison Sergeant SSG Kenneth Youngsted and Liaison Specialist SSG Ronnie H. Graves. Communications Platoon Headquarters: Platoon Leader 1LT Alvin D. Brown, Communications Chief MSG George L. McDaniel, Senior FADAC Radio Mechanic SP4 Wayne A. Bishop, FADAC Radio Mechanic SGT Stanley Greenfield, Senior Message Clerk SP4 Albert A. Alvarez, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Joe Crawford. Wire Section: Section Chief SSG Vernon R. Ward, Wire Team Chief SP5 James E. Beene, Wire Team Chief SGT Joseph V. Rogers, Wire Team Chief SGT Calvin L. Williams, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 William D. Snider, Senior Tactical Wire Operation Specialist SP4 Ray Fankhauser, Senior Tactical Wire Operation Specialist SP5 Deyo W. Warren, Senior Tactical Wire Operation Specialist SP4 Benjamin Marshall, Field Switchboard Operator PFC Albert J. Heath, Field Switchboard Operator PFC Rodger B. Johnson, Tactical Wire Operation Specialist PFC Clifford J. Johnson, Tactical Wire Operation Specialist PFC Lonzell Lewis, Tactical Wire Operation Specialist PFC Donald E. Needs, Tactical Wire Operation Specialist PVT Kenneth Washington, Tactical Wire Operation Specialist PVT Donald R. Washington, Tactical Wire Operation Specialist PVT Reginald Bryant, Radio Section: Team Chief SP5 Booker T. Loud, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Brent W. Humble, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Joseph L. Scott, Medical Section: Section Sergeant SSG Jerre J. Burton, Clinical Specialist PFC Harry L. Williams, Senior Medical Aidman SP4 Walter M. Rhodes, Ambulance Driver PVT Roger B. Johnson, Battery Aidman SGT George A. Cotton, Battery Aidman PVT Joseph H. Ettiger, Battery Aidman SP4 Larry D. Richardson, Battery Aidman PVT Stanley W. Stevenson. Air Defense Team: Platoon Leader 2LT Austin Atkinson, Section Chief SSG Michael P. Kelley, Redeye Team Chief SGT Edward D. Repp, Redeye Team Chief SGT Carlos Pagan-Figueroa, Redeye Team Chief SFC Clarence M. Priest, Redeye Gunner SGT Glenn N. White, Redeye Gunner SP4 Jesse J. Eppler, Redeye Gunner SP4 Donald R. Tharp. Unit Personnel Section: Unit Personnel Technician CW3 Dennis R. Roper, Personnel Sergeant SFC Joseph L. Stevens, Personnel Management Specialist SGT Bob J. Bailey, Personnel Records Specialist SSG Harold L. Davis, Personnel Records Specialist SSG David O. Nixon, Personnel Actions Specialist SP5 Kenneth E. Carman, Finance Specialist SGT Daniel W. White, Finance Specialist SP5 Jack R. Codopony. Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Bobby D. Thomasson, First Sergeant 1SG Leslie E. Blalock, Mess Steward SFC Paul E. Laferr, Motor Sergeant SSG Michael J. Dobry, Supply Sergeant SGT Larry D. Newell, First Cook SP6 James R. Hoffman, Battery Clerk SP5 Phillip E. Compton, First Cook SP5 Steven W. Rodgers, First Cook SP5 George A. 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Tharp, Cannoneer SP4 Sylvester J. Williams, Cannoneer SFC Richard R. Bell, Cannoneer SFC Charles W. Watts, Cannoneer SGT Elmer L. White, Cannoneer SGT John A. White. Howitzer Section #3: Chief of Section SGT Darrell W. Long, Gunner SGT Nolan D. Dorsey, Assistant Gunner SP4 Alton L. Allen, Cargo Carrier Driver SP4 Richard B. Subia, Motor Carriage Driver SP4 Bruce C. Caesar, Cannoneer PVT Steve L. Marrow, Cannoneer PFC Charles A. Price, Cannoneer PFC James L. Hannum, Cannoneer PVT Walter T. Raines, Cannoneer SSG Henry H. Kobza, Cannoneer SGT Rudy J. King, Cannoneer SGT Earl B. Moog Jr., Cannoneer SSG Terrell R. Voyles. Howitzer Section #4: Chief of Section SSG Johnnie W. Rogers, Gunner SGT Donnie G. Cash, Assistant Gunner SP4 Ronald D. Lovin, Cargo Carrier Driver SP4 Alfred D. Howe, Motor Carriage Driver PFC Gary D. Heddlesten, Cannoneer PFC Michael S. McNeill, Cannoneer PFC Robert J. Wilcox, Cannoneer PFC James S. Raines, Cannoneer PFC Johnny L. Greco, Cannoneer SGT Glen R. Blue, Cannoneer SP5 Cecil D. Snider, Cannoneer SGT Phillip R. Castro, Cannoneer SSG Jerry L. Marcum. Ammunition Section: Chief of Section SGT Larry A. Harbour, Light Truck Driver SP4 Jackie L. Pledger, Light Truck Driver SP4 David W. Gunter, Light Truck Driver SP4 Boyd R. Bates, Light Truck Driver SGT Bobby G. Morrow, Ammunition Handler PFC Freddie W. Morrow, Ammunition Handler SP4 William A. Pinion, Ammunition Handler PVT Clyde A. Jackson. Augmentation to Battery Headquarters: Cook Apprentice Helper SP4 Thurman L. Brake Jr. Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery, Home Stationed at Duncan, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT James A. Cunningham, First Sergeant 1SG James D. Spruill, Mess Steward SFC Oscar L. Bishop, Motor Sergeant SGT Sydney G. Bullard, Supply Sergeant SGT Steven G. Streich, First Cook SSG Danny V. Perry, Battery Clerk SP5 David L. Gray, First Cook SP5 Danny G. Bonds, Armorer SP4 Jerry D. Kelly, Cook PFC William D. 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Riggs, Cannoneer SP4 David L. Dehaven, Cannoneer PVT Thomas Christenson, Cannoneer PVT Clayton R. Riddles, Cannoneer PFC James R. Dodson. Howitzer Section #3: Chief of Section SGT Robert E. Dodson, Gunner SP4 Sammye W. Amerson, Assistant Gunner SGT Gary R. Vardell, Cargo Carrier Driver SP4 Ty L. Prestidge, Motor Carriage Driver SP4 Glen M. Ritter, Cannoneer SP4 Richard C. Britten, Cannoneer SFC Victor L. Hamel, Cannoneer PVT Billy A. Myers, Cannoneer SSG Richard E. Dannenburg, Cannoneer SP4 Ira P. Burden, Cannoneer SP4 Billy B. Dean, Cannoneer SGT Edward J. Cusato. Howitzer Section #4: Chief of Section SFC Danny A. Talley, Gunner SP4 Jerry D. Kincannon, Assistant Gunner SGT Joe D. Arrington, Cargo Carrier Driver SGT Richard L. Bechtel, Motor Carriage Driver SP4 Rickey D. Heffington, Cannoneer SP4 Johnny L. Kuykendull, Cannoneer SP4 William A. Biffle, Cannoneer PVT John M. Kaiser, Cannoneer SGT Richard D. Williams, Cannoneer PVT Johnny R. Pearson, Cannoneer SP4 Billy R. 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**Jan 05, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Dwight S. Wolfe assigned to TDY at FTTD USFA School.

**Jan 16, 1975:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Michael J. Mande transferred to Battery "A", 1st Battalion 171 Field Artillery. CPT Charles A. Houston, reassigned from Assistant S-3 to S-1. CPT William L. Barnes, reassigned from S-2 to S-3. CPT Herbert A. O'Neil, reassigned from Motor Officer to S-2. CPT Calvin E. Koonce, reassigned from S-1 to Motor Officer. 2LT Austin L. Atkinson, transferred from HHB 45 FA. 1LT Arthur R. South, transferred from HHB 45 FA. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Nolan D. Dorsey assigned Section Chief of 4th Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Johnnie W. Rogers, who was discharged.

**Feb 07, 1975:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LTC Norman E. Duckworth, transferred to 1st Battalion 171 Field Artillery, MAJ Merrill B. Burruss, reassigned from S-3 to Battalion Commander, MAJ Bobby R. Jantz, reassigned from Executive Officer to S-3, MAJ Jack A. Rogers, transferred from HHB to HQ 45 FA Group. 1LT Alvin D. Brown, appointment effective 24 February 1975. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Bills promoted to Captain.

**Feb 24, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Arthur R. South transferred from HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, and assigned as Fire Direction Officer.

**Mar 02, 1975:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Charles D. Houston, reassigned from S-1 to Battalion Executive Officer. MAJ Jack A. Rogers, transferred to HHB 45 FA Group. CPT Larry A. York, reassigned from COMMEL Officer to S-1. 1LT James R. Hollander, appointment effective 14 March 1975. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Henry H. Kobza assigned Chief of Firing Battery replacing SFC Glenn B. Funk, who was discharged.

**Mar 25, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Alan L. Williams assigned Section Chief of 2nd Howitzer Section, replacing SGT Lennis D. Miller who was discharged.

**Apr 01, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Robert F. Braly, assigned as First Squad Leader, 2nd Platoon, replacing SSG Aubrey J. Mays Jr., discharged.

**Apr 04, 1975:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW2 B. L. Brence, transferred to SVC Btry. CW2 Robert J. Crabtree, transferred from Service Battery to HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP6 James R. Hoffman assigned as Unit Mess Stewart, replacing SFC Paul E. Laferr who is discharged.

**Apr 08, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Dwight S. Wolf returned to duty from FTTD USFA School.

**Apr 10, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT William M. Ohl, separated incompatible occupation relation, Forward Observer. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW3 B. L. Brence assigned from HHB, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, replacing CW2 Robert J. Crabtree, transferred to HHB, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.



**Apr 21, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Kenneth S. Brower, assigned as Fire Direction Section Chief replacing SSG Boyd J. Spencer Jr. who was discharged.

**May 01, 1975:** Reorganized to consist of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, the 1st Battalion with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery home stationed at Lawton, Oklahoma with Lieutenant Colonel Merrill B. Burruss as the Battalion Commander and Captain Freddy C. Ricks as Battery Commander. Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery home stationed at Anadarko, Oklahoma, with Captain Bobby D. Thomasson as Battery Commander, Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery home stationed at Duncan, Oklahoma, with Captain James A. Cunningham as Battery Commander, Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery home stationed at Chickasha, Oklahoma, with Captain Jerry G. Davis as Battery Commander, and Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery home stationed at Lawton, Oklahoma, with Captain Herbert A. O'Neil as Battery Commander. State of Oklahoma Military Department General Order Number 105, dated Apr 30, 1975 creates the 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery with Headquarters and Service Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery home stationed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with Lieutenant Colonel Melford L. Scott as the Battalion Commander and Captain Gary D. Maynard as Battery Commander. Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery home stationed at Marlow, Oklahoma, with First Lieutenant Jimmie D. Sparks as Battery Commander, Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery home stationed at Walters, Oklahoma, with Second Lieutenant Mark S. Brown Jr. as Battery Commander, and Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery home stationed at Healdton, Oklahoma, with First Lieutenant Marvin G. Mosley as Battery Commander. Official Roster of the 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery and Stations of Organization: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Oklahoma City, OK; Battalion Headquarters: Battalion Commander LTC Melford L. Scott, Executive Officer MAJ Calvin E. Koonce, S-3 CPT Henry D. Thornton, Battalion Surgeon CPT Robert R. Edde, Communications-Electronic Staff Officer 1LT John J. Hawk, Liaison Officer CPT Christopher P. Bills, S-1 CPT Kenneth F. Perry, S-2 1LT Charles P. Jones, S-4 CPT Preston F. Willoughby, Command Sergeant Major SGM Rudy N. Hightower. Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Gary D. Maynard, First Sergeant MSG Bobby G. Pierce, Dining Facility Manager SFC Wallace R. Hall, First Cook SP5 Gerald W. Robinson, First Cook SP4 Kenneth R. Pickard, First Cook SP4 Ronald Fletcher, Cook PFC Tony L. Mullins, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SSG William F. Seiter, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP4 Roy L. Waldroop, General Purpose Power Generator Operator/Mechanic SP5 J. B. Cooper, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Anthony E. West, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Matthew A. Davis, Power Generator Equipment Helper SP4 Gerald W. Williams, Supply Sergeant SGT Edgar Y. Ragle, Armorer SP4 Warner P. Bentley, Unit Clerk SP5 Edgar D. Quaid, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Charles A. Gasaway. Headquarters Support Section: Personal Staff NCO SFC John C. Gibson, Legal Clerk SP5 Alfred N. Blakely, Clerk Typist SP4 Kenneth I. Stone, Light Vehicle Driver PVT Clifford N. Townley. Unit Personnel Section: Unit Personnel Technician CW2 Loyd Todd Jr., Personnel Management Specialist SP5 Gary P. Bates, Personnel Records Specialist PVT Larry D. Tempson, Personal Action Specialist PVT Jackson J. Ross, Finance Specialist SP4 David J. Jones, Finance Specialist SP4 Thomas W. Duncan. Operations and Fire Direction Section: Fire Direction Officer CPT Vincent J. Scalice, Operations Sergeant SFC George C. Roper, Chief Fire Direction Computer SFC Jean R. Herring, Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SGT Donald Watson, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Walter M. Stoyoski, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Randolph M. Baker, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Gary L. Maxon, Clerk Typist SSG Richard D. Mutz, Clerk Typist SP4 Edward A. Beson. Survey Section: Chief Surveyor SFC Elmer C. Kelley, Survey Computer SGT Randolph A. Knight, Instrument Operator SP4 Uley R. Jones Jr., Survey Recorder SP4 Corey L. Nimsey, Chief of Survey Party SGT Jimmie L. Wells, Survey Computer SGT Johnnie L. Turnage, Survey Computer SGT Stephen L. Vinson, Instrument Operator SP4 Carl M. Dossier, Survey Recorder SP4 William G. Schmite, Rodman Tapeman SP4 R. J. Akins, Chief of Survey Party SP5 Elbert B. Rouse, Survey Computer SP4 Don L. Litle, Survey Computer PVT Jeffrey L. Honrbeck, Instrument Operator SP4 Grady L. Sullivan. Liaison Section: Liaison Sergeant SGT Danny J. Dill. Communications Electronic Platoon Headquarters: Platoon Leader 1LT Terrell L. Berkenbile, Communications Chief SFC Robert O. Mullinax, Senior FADIC Mechanic SP4 Carl L. Shepherd, Teletype Equipment Repairman SP4 Donald L. Foster, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Johnny L. Holcum. Wire Section: Section Chief SSG Randall J. Ritter, Wire Team Chief SGT Ronald G. Moss, Senior Field Switchboard Operator PFC Joe Mayabb, Senior Tactical Wire Operations Specialist SP4 Dennis W. Narney, Tactical Wire Operation Specialist SP4 Lee R. York, Wire Team Chief SGT Larry E. Herdlitchka, Senior Tactical Wire Operations Specialist SP4 Jerry W. Whitney, Tactical Wire Operations Specialist SP4 Billy Joe Bell Jr. Radio Tele-Typewriter Section: Section Chief SGT William T. Barton and Radio Teletype Operator PFC Danny J. Rees. Battalion Supply Section: Unit Supply Technician CW4 Billy G. Taylor, Battalion Supply Sergeant SFC Ralph E. Coffey, Supply Specialist PVT Nolan D. Long, Supply Specialist SP4 Gilbert E. Price, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Richard I. McDaniel, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Curtis R. Lee, Light Vehicle Driver SSG Calvin L. Wallis. Battalion Maintenance Section: Automotive Maintenance Technician CW2 Donald L. Truskey, Battalion Motor Sergeant MSG Jesse H. Stotts, Material Supply Specialist SP4 Wilbur C. Hazelton, Welder SP4 Danny D. Cabe, Wheel Vehicle

Mechanic SP4 Michael D. Helton, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Edgar R. Riley, Wrecker Operator PFC Dennis R. York. Battalion Medical Section: Section Sergeant SSG Charles E. Saxon, Clinical Specialist SGT Carey D. McMillan, Senior Medical Aidman SP4 Stephen R. Lynch, Ambulance Driver SP4 Gerald D. Smith, Battery Aidman SP4 Kenneth W. Baucom, Battery Aidman SP4 Thomas R. Calaway, Battery Aidman SP4 Daniel S. Snare. Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Marlow, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander 1LT Jimmie D. Sparks, First Sergeant Slot Vacant, Dining Facility Manager SFC Louis D. Brower, Supply Sergeant SSG Steve H. Brown, Motor Sergeant SSG Herbert W. Martin, First Cook SP6 Woodrow W. Carter Jr., First Cook SP5 Bobby J. Miller, Unit Clerk SP5 William D. Alexander, Armorer SSG James H. McNeil III, Cook SP5 Max V. VanDyke, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP4 Jimmy A. Nichols, General Purpose Power Generator Operator Mechanic SP4 Dennis K. Langham, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Stephen R. Condit, Light Vehicle Driver Radio Telephone Operator PFC Tony L. Davis. Communications Section: Communications Chief SSG Willard G. Koch, Radio Teletype Team Chief SGT Steve F. Dowling, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Gary L. Langham, Radio Teletype Operator PFC Donnie D. Lowry. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 2LT Carl G. Bateman Jr., Chief Firing Battery SSG George D. Kulbeth, Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Jerry A. Green, Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SGT Robert L. Talley, Fire Direction Computer SSG Lester E. Peterson, Fire Direction Computer SSG Franklin Tow, Radio Operator SP4 Bennie D. Whaley, Rocket Firing Section #1: Section Leader Slot Vacant, Section Chief SSG John B. Graham, Gunner SGT George W. Faulkner, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Jerry W. Morgan, Assembly Specialist SP4 Monty S. Brown, Assembly Specialist SP4 Larry G. Martin, Field Artillery Recorder PVT Cecil L. Wright Jr., Launcher Crewman PVT Woody I. Hopkins, Launcher Crewman PVT Lee W. Millhouse, Launcher Crewman PVT Howard L. Henderson, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Rickey W. Nunn, Assistant Launcher Crewman, Assistant Launcher Crewman. Rocket Firing Section #2: Section Leader Slot Vacant, Section Chief SFC Arthur D. Mullin, Gunner SSG Theodore L. Lawrence, Senior Assembly Specialist SSG Gilbert D. Riley, Assembly Specialist SSG Ronald M. Sparks, Assembly Specialist SGT Buddy R. Aldridge, Field Artillery Recorder SGT Joe B. Harper, Launcher Crewman SGT Harry L. Alsobrook, Launcher Crewman SP4 Loyd K. Epperson, Launcher Crewman SP4 Ronald J. Gilpin, Assistant Launcher Crewman SP4 Elvin T. Hines, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Everett G. Edwards. Assembly and Transport Section: Ammunition Officer Slot Vacant, Assembly and Transportation Sergeant SGT Jerry C. Hankins, Senior Assembly Specialist SGT David J. Robinson, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Gary L. Bray, Assembly Specialist SP4 Kern C. Heffington, Assembly Specialist SP4 Michael S. Brown, Boom Operator SP4 Jerry D. Howell, Boom Operator SP4 Ricky D. Peck, Launcher Crewman SP4 Hayden D. Sparks, Launcher Crewman SP4 Richard L. Radke, Launcher Crewman SP4 Gary L. Samples, Launcher Crewman PVT Randy L. Stone. Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Walters, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander 2LT Mark S. Brown Jr., First Sergeant MSG Albert J. Vardell, Mess Stewart SSG Robert F. Braly, Supply Sergeant SSG Michael L. Berry, Motor Sergeant SSG Alton L. Burnett, First Cook SGT Clinton D. Thurman, First Cook SP4 Curtis M. Parrack, Unit Clerk SP4 David F. Turnbo, Armorer SP4 Keith W. Chasteen, Cook SP4 Richard D. Taylor, General Purpose Power Generator Operator PFC Raymond Cole Jr., Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Brian C. Johnson, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic PFC Clinton L. Whittington, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Billy F. Berry. Communications Section: Communications Chief SGT Larry R. Johnson, Radio Teletype Team Chief SGT Robert W. Dilbeck, Radio Teletype Operator PVT Frankie L. Gilbert, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP4 Stephen L. Fletcher, Senior Tactical Wire Operations Specialist PFC Curtis G. Kittrell, Tactical Wire Operations Specialist PFC Bobby L. Sparks. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 2LT Danny T. Carter, Chief Firing Battery SFC Donald J. Logan, Chief Fire Direction Computer SFC Terry L. Ball, Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Clay F. Dudenhoeffer, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Arthur L. Ochsner, Fire Direction Computer SP4 Darrell E. Coker Jr., Radio Operator PFC Ricky S. Dean. Rocket Firing Section #1: Section Leader Slot Vacant, Section Chief SSG Larry H. Douglas, Gunner SGT Mickey L. Bentley, Senior Assembly Specialist SGT Doyle L. Newman, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Clinton A. Auld, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Sammy D. Blair, Launcher Crewman SP4 Michael L. Hooper, Launcher Crewmen SP4 Gary J. Thurman, Assistant Launcher Crewman SP4 Gregory J. Mercado. Rocket Firing Section #2: Section Leader Slot Vacant, Section Chief SSG John D. Wahnee, Gunner Richard SGT Richard R. Briley, Senior Assembly Specialist SP5 James R. Weaver, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Wendell W. Cromwell, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Jack D. Hicks, Launcher Crewman SP4 Joseph J. McPherson Jr., Launcher Crewman SP4 David E. Minton, Launcher Crewman SP4 Bobby D. Preston, Launcher Crewman SP4 Robert F. Odom. Assembly and Transport Section: A&T Sergeant SSG Glend D. Smith, Senior Assembly Specialist SGT Gary L. Jarvis, Senior Assembly Specialist SGT Carl E. Leseney Jr., Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Ralph L. Holt, Assembly Specialist SP4 Barry D. Spurlock, Boom Operator SP4 Richard N. Phillips, Boom Operator SP4 Cletis R. Ball, Launcher Crewman SP4 David L. Thurman, Launcher Crewman PFC Phil E. Norman, Launcher Crewman PFC Robert D. Walling Jr. Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Healdton, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander 1LT Marvin G. Mosley, First Sergeant SFC Jerry A. Wilson, Dining Facility Manager SFC Billy R. Hayes, First Cook PFC Roland D. Martin, First Cook SP4 Jimmy D. Gallop, Cook SP4 Gary W. Gallop, Cook SP4 Rocky L. Patty, Cooks Helper PFC Allen K. May, Motor Sergeant SP5 Bobby W. Wilson, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP4 Rickie A. Hudson, General Purpose

Power Generator Operator Mechanic SP4 David M. Wallace, Prescribed Load List Clerk SP4 James M. Burris, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Danny D. Morse, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 George L. Lowery III, Supply Sergeant SSG Johnny E. Crabb, Armorer SP4 Roy O. Tynes, Unit Clerk SP5 Marshall L. Hunt, Unit Clerk SP5 Gordon A. Smith, Light Vehicle Driver PVT Michael R. Manley. Communications Section: Communications Chief SP5 Blankenship, Communications Chief SP5 Ronnie A. Hayes, Radio Teletype Team Chief SP4 Max N. Burris, Radio Teletype Team Chief SP5 Stanley O. Welch, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Robert D. Henley Jr., Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Jerry W. Carpenter, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP5 John L. Spradlin, Senior Field Switchboard Operator SP5 Warren Monday, Senior Tactical Wire Operations Specialist SP4 Johnny C. Fizer Jr., Tactical Wire Operations Specialist PVT Clifford K. Hall, Tactical Wire Operations Specialist PVT Wesley R. Alexander. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer Slot Vacant, Chief of Firing Battery SFC Billy Z. Fore, Chief Fire Direction Computer SFC Charles R. Devenport, Chief Fire Direction Computer SGT Jimmy D. Denney, Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Robert D. Dickerson, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Thomas J. Phelps, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Larry R. Pickelsimer, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Larry D. Milson, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Clyde M. Folsom, Radio Operator PVT Kenneth G. Tyler, Radio Operator PVT Frank A. Goldenstein. Rocket Firing Section #1: Section Leader Slot Vacant, Section Chief SSG William C. Mitchell III, Gunner SP5 Roger D. Carney, Gunner SP5 Johnny L. Hartman, Senior Assembly Specialist SP5 John J. Kloiber Jr., Senior Assembly Specialist SP5 Loran R. Hacker, Assembly Specialist SP4 Jimmy D. Carnell, Assembly Specialist SP4 Larry D. Gilcrease, Field Artillery Recorder PVT Robert E. Lee, Launcher Crewman SP4 Jerry L. Brown, Launcher Crewman SP4 Donald K. Banes, Launcher Crewman PVT Lovell G. Perry, Launcher Crewman PVT Thomas C. Parker, Assistant Launcher Crewman SP5 Thomas C. Harris, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Jerry L. Landram, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Johnny B. Webb, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT John R. Brecheen. Rocket Firing Section #2: Section Leader Slot Vacant, Section Chief SSG Vernon K. Isbell, Gunner SP5 Wayne D. Reid, Gunner SP5 Lindsay D. Thomas, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Carl W. Adams, Assembly Specialist SP4 Craig Roberts, Assembly Specialist SP4 Gen D. Brown, Field Artillery Recorder PFC Robert A. Brecheen, Launcher Crewman SP4 Michael R. Belvin, Launcher Crewman SP4 George E. Hodge, Launcher Crewman PVT James M. Blackerby, Assistant Launcher Crewman PFC Ricky J. Smith, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Fred D. Franklin, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Michael R. Gregg, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Johnny D. Doughty. Assembly and Transport Section: Ammunition Officer CW2 Robert D. Treadwell, Assembly and Transport Sergeant SSG Gerald L. Timmons, Senior Assembly Specialist SP5 Allen C. White, Senior Assembly Specialist SP5 Larry K. Longest, Assembly Specialist PFC Leonard T. Jones, Assembly Specialist PVT Kenneth D. Pickelsimer, Boom Operator PVT Michael G. Williams, Boom Operator SP4 James D. Cottrell, Launcher Crewman SP4 Ola W. Williams, Launcher Crewman SP4 Kenneth R. Varner, Launcher Crewman SP4 Arthur A. Wilson, Launcher Crewman SP4 Raymond A. Brown, Launcher Crewman PFC Ricky L. Pender, Launcher Crewman PFC Vernie L. Thompson, Launcher Crewman SP5 Jack E. Brown, Launcher Crewman PVT Andy J. Wilson. Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Herbert A. O'Neil, transferred to SVC Btry. CPT Calvin E. Koonce, transferred to HHS Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery. CPT John W. Chapman, reassigned from Assistant S-3 to S-2. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James A. Cunningham appointed and assigned as Battery Commander. 1LT Arthur R. South reassign from Fire Direction Officer to Executive Officer. 1LT Max Daughtrey transferred to Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. CPT Bills transferred to HHD Svc Battery 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Alan W. Bowman transferred from 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, OK assigned as Forward Observer. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Herbert A. O'Neil assigned from HHB, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, and appointed Battery Commander replacing 1LT Guy C. Spence, discharged. 1LT Max E. Daughtrey assigned from "B" Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery and appointed XO, replacing 1LT Alan W. Bowman, transferred to "C" Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. SSG George M. Odom, assigned from SVC Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, and appointed as 1SG, replacing 1SG Thomas A. Meyers, transferred to 700 Support Battalion, Norman. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Jimmie D. Sparks, assigned Battery Commander from Company Commander, 245th MP Company (-) (GG) due to reorganization. 2LT Carl G. Bateman Jr., assigned as Battery Executive Officer from Platoon Leader, 245th MP Company (-) (GD) due to reorganization. First Sergeant Loyd Todd Jr. unassigned, transferred to HHS Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, to accept Warrant Officer appointment and duty position as Unit Personnel Technician.

**May 04, 1975:** Published in the "The Sunday Oklahoman" entitled: State Guard gets Honest John unit. The Oklahoma National Guard first full Honest John missile battalion was formed this week by realigning four other units, state Adjutant General Maj. Gen. John Coffey announced Saturday. Designated the 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, the battalion is composed of units in Healdton, Marlow, Walters, and Oklahoma City. Gen. Coffey said the realignment will not cost the Guard any units, and the Guard could pick up eight more people under the change. The

new unit has approximately 300 men and is made up of personnel from units formerly known as the 205th Signal Company, Oklahoma City; Detachment 1 of the 1345th Transportation Company, Healdton, and the 245th Military Police Company of Marlow and Walters. Headquarters will be located in Oklahoma City, as will the unit's Service Battery. The Honest John, Gen. Coffey explained, can be used as either a surface-to-surface or surface-to-air missile and is launched from a trailer. Ft. Sill has its own Honest John Battalion, and Gen. Coffey said the Guard will go there for training. He added that it will take a year or two of training before the unit will be ready to practice fire the missiles.

**May 05, 1975:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Realignment. Realignment of four Oklahoma Army National Guard units to form a new Honest John artillery battalion was completed May 1, Maj. Gen. John Coffey, state adjutant general, announced today. The realignment will not cost the Oklahoma Guard any units, nor will it cost any Oklahoma town its Guard unit, he said. In fact, the Guard could pick up eight more people under the new change. The new Honest John Battalion will be designated the 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, and will be composed of units in Healdton, Marlow, Walters and Oklahoma City. The battalion will be a sister unit to the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which has 8-inch self-propelled howitzers. The unit has approximately 300 men and is made up of personnel from units formerly known as the 205th Signal Company, Oklahoma City; Detachment 1, 1345th Transportation Company, Healdton, and the 245th Military Police Company of Marlow and Walters, Headquarters for the new Honest John Battalion will be in Oklahoma City, as well the unit's service battery. Battery A will be located in Marlow, Battery B in Walters and Battery C in Healdton.

**May 16, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Bruce M. Wood, assigned as Section Leader, First Rocket Firing Section, filling vacant position.

**May 31, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW2 Robert J. Crabtree assigned from HHB, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, assigned to Maintenance Technician, replacing CW3 B. L. Brence, retired.

**Jun 01, 1975:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Joe C. Graham, appointed Motor Officer effective 30 May 1975. CPT Robert J. Duggan, appointment effective 20 June 1975. MAJ Roy D. King, appointment effective 25 June 1975 as Battalion Surgeon. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Ritchey promoted to Sergeant. SGT Gene Hendrick promoted to SSG. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Alan W. Bowman, Separated incompatible occupation, released, Forward Observer. Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1 June 1975: SFC Floyd T. Todd assigned as Intelligence Sergeant. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SFC William A. Woodworth Jr., transferred from Battery "B", 1 Battalion 160th FA, and assigned First Sergeant, to fill vacancy.

**Jun 05, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Dwight S. Wolf to TDY to U.S. FA School.

**Jun 06, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: David L. Cole released to enlist in Texas National Guard.

**Jun 13, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Danny J. Dill, assigned as Ammunition Officer, filling vacancy. 2LT Richard L. Sackett, assigned as Section Leader, Second Rocket Firing Section, filling vacant position.

**Jun 16, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC I. B. Jones HQ to retired. 2LT Joe Johnston appointed and extended temporary Federal Recognition. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT John A. White, appointed and extended temporary federal recognition, joined and assigned as Forward Observer. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Doyle L. Newman, appointed Second Lieutenant and assigned as Section Leader of Firing Section Rocket Number #1, replacing 2LT Michael D. White, assigned as Section Leader of Firing Section Rocket Number #2.

**Jun 18, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Mickey L. Bentley, assigned as Section Chief of Firing Section Rocket Number #1, replacing SSG Larry H. Douglas, discharged.

**Jul 03, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: CPT Donald R. Hathorn, assigned as Battery Commander, replacing 1LT Marvin G. Mosley, who was assigned as Battery Executive Officer. 1LT Marvin G. Mosley, assigned as Battery Executive Officer, filling a vacancy in the battery for this assignment. 1LT James L. Welch, assigned as Ammunition Officer, replacing CW2 Robert D. Treadwell, who was assigned as Section Leader, First Rocket Firing Section. CW2 Robert D. Treadwell, assigned as Section Leader, First Rocket Firing Section, filling a vacancy in the battery for this assignment.

**Jul 10, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SFC Arthur D. Mullin, Section Chief, Second Rocket Firing Section, discharged leaving vacancy.

**Aug 01, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Gary L. Ransom, transferred to SVC Battery 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, OK released from Executive Officer. 1LT Dennis W. Byford, transferred from SVC Battery 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, OK assigned as Executive Officer. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Gary L. Ransom assigned from "C" Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, assigned as Ammunition Officer, replacing 1LT Dennis W. Byford, transferred to "C" Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SFC Louis D. Brower assigned as Dining Facility Manager, replacing SFC Wallace R. Hall. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SP6 Woodrow W. Carter Jr., assigned Dining Facility Manager, replacing SFC Louis D. Brower Jr., transferred to HHS Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Gary L. Jarvis, assigned as A&T Sergeant of A&T Section, replacing SSG Glend D. Smith, discharged.

**Aug 08, 1975:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT John D. McReynolds, appointment effective 7 August 1975 as Communications Platoon Leader. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Larry D. Holsted assigned as Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section replacing SSG Darrell W. Long who was discharged.

**Aug 29, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT George W. Faulkner, assigned as Section Chief, First Rocket Firing Section, replacing SSG John B. Graham, discharged.

**Sep 01, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Clinton D. Thurman, assigned as Mess Stewart, replacing SSG Robert F. Braly, discharged.

**Sep 15, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: CPT John H. Scaggs, assigned as Battery Commander, replacing 1LT Mark S. Brown Jr., discharged.

**Oct 01, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG Clay F. Dudenhoeffer, assigned as Chief Fire Direction Computer, replacing SFC Terry L. Ball, discharged.

**Oct 09, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Danny J. Dill. resignation to become enlisted man in HH&S Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery.

**Oct 19, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT William F. White, transferred from Headquarters, 45th Artillery Group and assigned as Ammunition Officer of the A&T Section.

**Oct 22, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Joe Johnston assigned to TDY U.S. FA School.

**Oct 30, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James A. Cunningham promoted to Captain.

**Nov 07, 1975:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Kenneth W. Barney, attached from HHD 1 November 1975. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Duane G. Naccarato assigned as Forward Observer replacing 2LT Michael J. Mande who transferred to the Colorado National Guard effective 27 October 1975.

**Dec 01, 1975:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SFC Floyd T. Todd assigned as Personnel Staff NCO, replacing SFC John C. Gibson, which was assigned as Intelligence Sergeant. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Bobby J. Miller, assigned as Dining Facility Manager, replacing SFC Woodrow W. Carter, Jr., transferred. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Robert A. Red Elk, assigned as Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Alton L. Burnett, discharged.

**Dec 12, 1975:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT William L. Barnes, assigned to USAR 22 December 1975. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Alton L. Allen assigned as Section Chief of 4th Howitzer Section replacing SSG Nolan D. Dorsey who was discharged.

**Dec 19, 1975:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Jimmy A. Nichols, assigned as Unit Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Herbert W. Martin, discharged.

**Dec 31, 1975:** Yearly history of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: The 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery started 1975 with renewed vigor haven't been declared "combat ready" by regular army evaluators at Annual Training 1974. The battalion set its sights on passing the ORTT at annual training 1975 held 9-23 August 1975 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. We spent the months of March, April, June, and July and the first week of AT-75 focusing our training efforts on passing the ORTT. The second week of AT-75 we took the ORTT. It was administered by III Corps Artillery. We passed it with flying colors. The morale of the entire battalion was extremely high. To quote COL. Joe S. Owens, acting Commander of III Corps Artillery and Chief Umpire for ORTT: "...they not only achieved of score of 88% in timeliness and accuracy of fire but also accomplished most of the missions and from one-third to one-half the required time. All of the umpires were most impressed with the dedication and professionalism displayed by the Battalion, and the standard set by this unit serve as goals for active Army units." September 1975 found the battalion on the small arms and crew-served weapons ranges familiarizing in qualifying with the individual and crew-served weapons. October and November for training drills at home stations with emphasis on section and individual MOS instruction. December drill schedule called for Civil Disturbance Training which was held in the individual home stations. Annual General inspection was held in December 1975 and January 1976. Charlie battery was inspected 1 December 1975 by Major James H Williams Jr. and Master Sergeant William M. Arguelles. The same individuals inspected Service Battery on 3 December 1975 and Headquarters Battery 4-5 December 1975. Colonel William W. Kelly and CW4 Billy G. Taylor inspected "B" battery on 21 January 1976 and "A" battery on 23 January 1976. The out-briefing at the conclusion of the AGI was that there was no major deficiencies and all units were an excellent shape. Yearly history of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: History of Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery 1975, the first drill of calendar year 1975 was held at the Armory, with FDC, Communications, Survey, MOS and OJT training given to the troops. Sunday services were held by the chaplain. The final training period was occupied with MOS Testing, Material Care and Maintenance, and Signal Section briefing. March and April drills were schedule with overnight missions at Fort Sill. Sunday services were performed in the field by the Battalion Chaplain. Moves to the Armory were accomplished during the final training periods, followed by Material Care and Maintenance. The May drill was held at the Armory, with training classes on the Benefits of an Honorable Discharge, Military Justice, Race Relations and Conduct of a Patrol. Church services were held on Sunday by the Battalion Chaplain. August drill consisted of Inspection In the Ranks and a Showdown Inspection in preparation for summer camp. Camp was at Fort Sill from 9-23 August. Distinguished visitors included LTG A. M. Burdett, Jr., 5th Army Commander and MG John Coffey, the Adjutant General of Oklahoma. September drill consisted of Drug Abuse and Awareness Training at the Armory and Small Arms Qualification on the range at Fort Sill. October and November disclosed training at the Armory in Section Training, OJT, Material Care and Maintenance, followed by training critiques. December drill brought about a very active participation in Riot Control Training, consisting of classroom training followed by an actual field exercise. The "bad guys" (members of the battalion dressed in civilian clothes), attempted to "take" the Armory and were successfully repelled by the newly trained and quite enthusiastic Guardsmen. Yearly history of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: As we bid 1975 farewell, we do so without any regret. It was a tough year as far as training was concerned, but it did pay off for us with the passing of the Battalion ATT at Annual Training at Fort Sill. The passing of the ATT was really a feather in our cap, as we were one of only three National Guard units to ever take and pass and ATT on the Battalion level. It was an accumulation of many overnight weekends in the field (some very cold) and dedication to duty by the man that finally brought our unit and Battalion this honor. Strength continued to be the most pressing and troublesome problem in 1975. Our unit ended the year at authorized strength, but trouble is brewing as we face a number of losses in 1976. We are asked to recruit and re-train people, but not given any incentives to work with and offer personnel. In fact, the very few we have are being reduced, and at a time when recruiting is at its hardest. We look to 1976 as a year that will bring us some relief in this

area. One Improvement, that didn't look like it was going to be, was the new pay system we went under in 1975. Our unit's pay converted to JUMPS (Joint Uniform Military Pay System) in April. The transition was pretty smooth with the pay going from once quarterly to once monthly. Although the majority of the men thought they wouldn't like a small monthly check compared to the larger quarterly check, almost all now confess that this system is the best. Our unit also participated in an Environmental Protection Program called Operation Save-A-Lake. From November 1974 to November 1975, selected members of the unit, each month drew water samples from four different sites in the county around Fort Cobb Lake. The samples were then mail to an agency in Corvallis, Oregon. The results of the program have not reached us as yet, but we hope our efforts help contribute to a better environment. We thought we were really having a stroke of good luck, when notified that we were to be exempt from an AGI from 5th Army this year. But our joy was short-lived, as the Oklahoma Military Department decided that they would take up the slack and pull AGI on all units in the state that were exempt by 5th Army. Just can't get away with anything anymore! In a related area, we were extremely proud of the results of our Annual Audit this year. We received an Outstanding Rating. The first in 10 years for sure, and quite possibly the first ever. As we enter the Bicentennial Year, we look forward the interesting and unknown changes that lay ahead for us and hope that the unit history for 1976 will reflect bigger and better things for the officers and men of Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard. Yearly history of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: History of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery 1975: 1975 started out just right. On 15 February "B" Battery was visited by MAJ Hubert McGuffin U.S. Army Advisor, MAJ Merrill Burruss, Battalion Commander, MAJ Bobby Jantz, Battalion S-3, and 2LT Austin Atkinson, Battalion Training Officer. The battery and staff personnel discussed "B" Battery's objectives for the year, and it was agreed that the Battalion ATT would be passed this year. Of the next five months only one was to be used for home station drill. The rest of the time was spent on sharpening artillery skills in the only tried and true method, practice, practice, practice. March, April, June, and July saw "B" Battery and the Battalion conducting Live Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Did it work? Let's look at the results! 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery scored one of the highest scores ever attained at Fort Sill, outscoring many combat ready Regular Army units. It took a lot of hard work and was truly a team effort. In short "B" Battery should be, and is, proud of its prowess as a "CRACK" artillery unit. September, and it's home from summer camp and time to qualify with individual and crew-served weapons. As usual no one failed to qualify. Objectives of 1975 will be Recruiting and ATT. Both were met with eagerness and resolve, and both were accomplished. October and November saw "B" Battery training at home station with such section classes as Wire Laying and FDC procedures. December! Busy, busy, busy. Command Inspection by MAJ Merrill Burruss, preparation for AGI and the unit Christmas party, a success as always. At summer camp, 9 August-23 August, SSG Harvill was asked to help out HHB by operating their FADAC during the ATT. He did so with great speed and accuracy, and as always was a credit to his unit. In early December selected NCO's attended Junior Leadership Training at Fort Sill. 1SG Dale Spruill, again made the 5th U.S. Army Rifle Team. Yearly history of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: January 1975 was a quiet month in which the unit had no scheduled drill most of the month was spent on recruiting and Audit preparation. Strength took a net loss of 1 EM with 4 losses and 3 gains for the month for a total of 4 Officers and 102 Enlisted Men. Audit was conducted on 3 February 1975, by CW2 Oren L. Peters, Examiner for USPFO for Oklahoma. Drill for February was conducted at home station and consisted of MOS/OJT Section Training and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took and a net gain of 2 EM with 5 gains and 3 losses for a total of 4 Officers and 104 Enlisted Men. Percentage drill attendance was 100%. March was the first field for the Battalion in 1975 which was conducted 15-16 March, and consisted of Live Fire, RSOP, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength held its own with 3 gains and 3 losses for a total of 4 Officers and 104 Enlisted Men. Percentage drill attendance was 100%. In April the unit return to Fort Sill for a MUTA 5 which began at 1800 hours on 11 April and extended through 1700 hours 13 April. Training consisted of BN RSOP, Live Fire, Section Training, Church Services, and Material Care and Maintenance. A COMET Inspection was conducted by CW3 Donald L. Truskey and team members from CSMS, Norman, Oklahoma. Strength for the month took a net loss of 1 officer and 3 enlisted men for a total of 3 Officers and 101 Enlisted Men. Percentage drill attendance was 94.6%. The unit was reorganized effective 1 May 1975 under MTOE any 6-445 HNG01 by General Order 105 OMD dated 30 April 1975. Authorized strength of 4 Officers and 92 Enlisted Men. Strength and equipment for the only categories effected by this reorganization. Drill was conducted at home station and consisted of classroom instruction on SAT Participation, Military Justice, Benefits of Honorable Discharge, Race Relations, Map Reading, Conduct of Patrols, Church Service and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took a net gain of 1 officer for a total of 4 Officers and 101 Enlisted Men. Percentage drill attendance was 97%. June drill was the second MUTA 5 conducted by the unit in 1975. Training was conducted at Fort Sill beginning at 1800 hours on 20th June 1975 in the ending at 1700 hours on 22 June 1975. Training consisted of Life Fire, Battalion RSOP, Section Training, Church Services and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took a net loss of 3 EM with 5 losses and 2 gains for our for a total of 4 Officers and 98 EM. Percentage of drill attendance was 95%. July drill was conducted at Fort Sill a 19-20 July. Training consisted of Live Fire, Section Training, Battalion RSOP, Church Services and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took a loss for the second month in a row of 1 EM to close the month with 4 Officers and 97 EM. Percentage of drill attendance was 98% August drill was a MUTA 2 conducted

on 3 August at home station. A Showdown Inspection was conducted on all Individual Clothing. The unit received a training briefing from Battalion Headquarters and made preparation for Annual Training. Strength for the month took a big loss with 7 losses and 2 gains for a total of 4 Officers and 92 Enlisted Men. Percentage of attendance was 97%. The unit attended Annual Training 9 to 23 August at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Most of the training consisted of Life Fire and RSOP in preparation for a Battalion ATT. The Battalion ATT was conducted on 20 August with all units receiving a Satisfactory Rating. The unit was visited by MG Mott from National Guard Bureau on 11 August, and a 19 August by Lieutenant General A.M. Buedett Jr., Commander, 5th U.S. Army and Major General John Coffey Jr., Adjutant General for Oklahoma. In September the unit returned to Fort Sill on the 20th for Weapons Qualification and Familiarization. Drill on 21 September was conducted at home station. Training consisted of Church Services, Commanders Time, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took a large gain with the 7 gains and 2 losses for a total of 4 Officers in 97 Enlisted Men. Percentage of drill attendance was 97%. October drill was conducted at home station on 18-19 October. Training consisted of Individual Section Training, Church Services, and OJT, Strength held its own with 3 losses and 3 gains for a total of 4 Officers and 97 Enlisted Men. Percentage drill attendance was 94%. The month of November was a catch up month with a MUTA 2 conducted on 9 November and a MUTA 4 conducted on 15-16 November. Drill 9 November consisted of Material Care and Maintenance, MOS Testing, Commanders Time, and a Command Inspection conducted by Battalion Headquarters. Drill 15-16 November consisted of classroom training on Privacy Act, MOI, Readiness Briefing, Section OJT, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength dropped with 7 losses and 3 gains for a total of 4 Officers and 93 Enlisted Men. Percentage drill attendance was 96%. The units AGI was conducted on 1 December by MAJ James H. Williams and MSG William M. Arguelles from HQ 5th US Army, Fort Sam Houston, Tx. The unit received a Satisfactory Rating and it was recommended that it receive a Commendation from the Adjutant General of Oklahoma for its outstanding achievements. AUDIT was conducted on 8 December by CW4 Billy G. Taylor, Examiner USPFPO for Oklahoma. The unit received a Superior Rating. Drill for December was conducted 13-14 December 1975 at Home Station. Training consisted of classroom training, and PE on Riot Control Formations, Maintenance of Protective Mask, CD Control Measures, Use of Riot Batons, Apprehension and Search of Individuals and Vehicles, Policies and Legal Considerations, Individual Protective Measures for CBR, Church Services, and Material Care and Maintenance. Strength took a net gain of 2 EM with 6 gains and 4 losses to close the year with 4 Officers and 95 Enlisted Men. Percentage drill attendance was 97%. 31 December brought to close another outstanding year for Charlie Battery as has been a tradition from years past. The unit achieved all goals that were expected and at no time was the unit below authorized strength. Yearly history of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: The year of 1975 brought about more new adventures and rewarding experiences for the battery and its personnel. February was the first drill for the year. We started at the Armory for in-depth classes on Communication Procedures and Map Reading. An open house was also held for the local residents of the community. March and April were overnight drills at Fort Sill in support of the battalion for RSOP and Live Fire. With everyone putting forth a good effort, each chore and duty was made easier for the unit. A COMET Inspection, completed on 29 April by CW Donald L. Trusky, from OKARNG Maintenance Shop, rated the unit satisfactory, thanks to the fine Maintenance Support Section. The May drill consisted of classes at the armory, subjects lectured on were: Benefits of Honorable Discharge, Military Justice, and a Race Relations Seminar. June and July were spent in support of Battalion RSOP at Fort Sill. The August drill brought Inspections in Ranks and a Showdown Inspection. August also brought 15 days of Summer Camp at Fort Sill. During this period, 9-23 August, the unit was visited by LTG A. M. Burdett, Jr., 5th Army Commander and MG John Coffey, the Adjutant General of Oklahoma. Summer Camp also took its toll on fingers, three cut or smashed. All in all, the unit returned to the Armory without any major accidents. In the month of September, classes on Drug Abuse were held at the armory, and Small Arms Qualification was conducted at Fort Sill. October and November were good months for OJT Classes. Material Care and Maintenance were stressed during this period. Also, a Command Inspection was conducted by MAJ Merrell Burruss, Jr., Battalion Commander, 158th Field Artillery. The 1975 year was closed with the December drill, where Riot Control was the emphasis. Riot Control Techniques and Methods were conducted with armory members taking turns being rioters against riot squads organized by the unit. In addition to having fun, a great deal of knowledge was derived from this practice. Classes on Legal Considerations and Control Measures were also conducted at this time. On 3 December an AGI was conducted by Major James Williams, 5th Army, and recommended that the State recommend the unit for a recommendation for the fine job well done. On 10 December CW4 Bill Taylor, Examiner, USPFPO for Oklahoma, gave the unit a Property Audit. The examination revealed the unit to be superior in maintaining and accounting for its property. Awards and Honors: Superior Performance Commendation in Ninth Annual Armory Improvement Program. Commendation for Outstanding Accomplishments in Annual General Inspection. Yearly history of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: During multiple unit training assembly conducted on 18 and 19 January 1975, personnel received training in On-The-Job Training for Specialist, Survival Evasion and Escape, Emergency Medical Treatment and Civil Defense Training. A training assembly was conducted on 8 and 9 February 1975. This units Command Inspection was conducted on 8 February by MAJ Morgan, Battalion Commander and MAJ Shunatona, Battalion XO. Training consisted of Maintenance, MOS



Testing, Air Mobility and Commanders Time. The unit conducted a training assembly on 1 and 2 March 1975. Personnel were trained on Civil Disturbance Control Operation, Apprehension and Detention of Civilians, Neutralization of Special Threats, Campus and Open Area Operations, and Riot Control Formations. Training presented for multiple unit training assembly conducted on 4, 5, and 6 April 1975 was Marksmanship Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Unit was reorganized and redesignated effective 1 May 1975. The new unit designation is Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery. MAJ Melford L. Scott was present during training assembly conducted on 17 & 18 May 1975 to talk with members of this unit. Training presented related to the reorganization and the Mission of the Field Artillery. The old unit designation was 205th Signal Company (Combat Area). This unit conducted a training assembly on 7 and 8 June 1975, which consisted of sectionalized training for the newly organized sections. On 11 July 1975 unit prepared for Annual Training. Loading of personal and unit equipment was accomplished during this drill. During the period 12 thru 26 July 1975, this unit proceeded to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas by Motor March. Training consisted of OJT and Section Training assisted by personnel from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The summer encampment was highlighted by the firing of one Honest John Rocket on 24 July 1975. A multiple training assembly for maintenance of equipment used during Annual Training was conducted on 3 August 1975. Drill on 16 & 17 August 1975, consisted of OJT and Section Training. On 13 and 14 September 1975, this unit conducted multiple unit training assembly. Unit personnel received training in On-The-Job Training for Specialist, FDC Personnel received training at Marlow, Oklahoma. Unit received Riot Control Training during drill 4 and 5 October 1975. Training consisted of Patrol of Disturbed Area, Crowd Control and Maintenance of Equipment. NCO's received Junior Leadership Training from Battalion Officers on 19 October 1975, the Junior Leadership Training was held at the Walters National Guard Armory. During training assembly conducted on 8 and 9 November 1975, personnel received training in On-The-Job Training for Specialist, FDC Sections received instruction at Marlow, OK. Privacy Act Instruction for the entire unit was conducted as well as Maintenance of Equipment. On 1 December 1975, a unit training assembly was held and personnel received instructions on Affirmative Action. This unit's Annual General inspection was held on 5 December 1975 conducted by CPT William F. Hixon II and Master Sergeant Jack L. Nicholson. Drill 13 and 14 December 1975 included OJT Training of Specialist. FDC Training was conducted at Marlow, OK Armory. Yearly history of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: The activities of the 245th MP Co/2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery during 1975 as follows: During the multiple unit training assembly conducted on January 18 and 19, 1975, personnel received training on Manual of Arms with the M-16 Rifle, Military Police Basic Unit Training Subjects and Map Reading. Proficiency Testing was also conducted concurrently. Personnel assigned to Administrative, Supply, Motors and Mess Sections conducted On-The-Job (OJT) Training. Time is allotted each weekend assembly to perform Material Care and Maintenance (MC&M) on all individual/section equipment and vehicles. A Unit Property Examination and Inventory was conducted on February 3, 1975, by CW2 Charles Rau, Examiner for the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Oklahoma (USPFO). Mr. Rau was very impressed by the appearance and accountability of Unit Property and Records. The unit received a "Superior" rating. Training conducted February 8 and 9, 1975, was normal On-the-Job Training for Administrative, Supply, Motors and Mess Section personnel. The Guard Platoons and Machine-Gun Section participated in Military Police Basic Unit Training, Proficiency Testing, Communications Training and Maintenance of Equipment. Training conducted on March 8 and 9, 1975, consisted of OJT for Administrative, Supply, Motors and Mess Sections. Civil Disturbance Refresher Training, Riot Baton Training, Riot Control FTX, Drill and Ceremonies, Military Police Basic Unit Training and Material Care and Maintenance for all other personnel. The training assemblies on April 19 and 20, 1975, were to be our last as a Military Police Company due to a pending reorganization. All instruction was Military Police Basic Unit Training with four (4) hours allotted for Material Care and Maintenance. The Marlow and Walters units were reorganized to the 245th MP Company on 1 February 1968, and existed as such for seven (7) years, three (3) months. The unit received many awards for outstanding unit performance and efficiency to include the highly valued "Eisenhower Trophy". Effective 1 May 1975, General Order number 105, State of Oklahoma Military Department, dated 30 April 1975, and the 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery Battalion became a reality. The New Unit and the Old Unit Location: HHS Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery and 205 Signal Company (Combat Area) Oklahoma City, OK; Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery and 245 Military Police Company (-Det 1) (Gd) Marlow, OK; Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery and Detachment 1, 245 Military Police Company (Gd) Walters, OK; Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery and Detachment 1, 1345th Transportation Company Healdton, OK. Authorized strength for HHS Battery is 14 Officers, 3 Warrant Officers and 107 Enlisted Men. Authorized strength for each of the Firing Batteries is 5 Officers and 62 Enlisted Men. The reorganization was no doubt the most drastic and major reorganization ever implemented in the Oklahoma National Guard. "Honest John" was believed to be a used car dealer not a 4,700 pound, solid propellant rocket with nuclear capability and a range of 38,000 meters. Can we as Signal, Military Police and Transportation personnel become highly proficient Artillerymen in two days a month and fifteen days of each summer? Retaining the many Prior Service and Non-Obligated Personnel due to the reorganization was sure to be a challenge. Would we be able to survive this reorganization during a period of individual apathy to military service? A Command Maintenance

Evaluation Team Inspection (COMET) was conducted May 1, 1975, by the State Maintenance Office personnel. The unit received a score of "96" out of a possible 100 points, a "Satisfactory" rating. The training conducted on May 17 and 18, 1975 consisted of "Reorganization" briefings. Films were shown of the Honest John Rocket Battery and Battalion Organization and Battalion Officers explained the goals and objectives of the new battalion. Our fears of losing non obligated personnel was indeed justified. Our strength began to drop each week and enlistments were practically none. The weekend of June 7 and 8, 1975, we begin to scratch out information on the Honest John Rocket. Classes were conducted in Fire Direction Communications, Assembly and Transport and Fire Sections. OJT was conducted by Administration, Supply, Mess and Motors Section personnel. The four hour assembly on July 11, 1975, was for Material Care and Maintenance and loading of supplies and equipment for Annual Training 1975. All Personnel were present at Muster Formation and ready for our early morning departures to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. Travel to Fort Chaffee by organic transportation, July 12, 1975, was without accident incident or injury. Our quarters were General-Purpose Medium Tents on wood platforms, latrines were chemical "outhouses" and the Mess Facility was a Field Kitchen. Showers were set up in General Purpose Medium Tents a short hike from the Battery area. The setup was nice and the upkeep was no problem. Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Batteries shared kitchen facilities and our cooks and kitchen police requirements was greatly reduced thus boosting morale and giving more free time. Guard Duty, Charge of Quarters, Headcount and security of weapons was no problem and nearly 90% of all the men were quartered in air-conditioned motels in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Training as an Honest John Firing Battery was a completely new experience for every Officer and Enlisted man. The Firing Battery Training was divided into sections as follows: Administration, Mess, Supply and Maintenance Sections performed On-the-Job Training, Fire Direction, Rocket Firing, Assembly and Transport and Communications Sections participated in Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Training. All personnel worked hard to become proficient and their specific field. Our two weeks training was completed when the Battalion participated in a 16-hour Tactical Field Training Exercise FTX on Thursday July 24, 1975, a select number from all units in the Battalion conducted a Live Fire Demonstration with the Honest John Rocket. It was the highlight of AT when the first rocket was blasted from the launcher. It completed "rocket burn time" in sight of the large crowd of spectators and arched toward "Potato Hill" impact area and landed on target. Everyone marveled over the tremendous thrust and back blast of the rocket upon ignition. This was the day that proved that we were capable of doing our job as "Honest John Rocket Artillerymen". Friday July 25, 1975, was a day to remember; payday. After pay call, we worked preparing for a move to home station the following morning. Everyone had time to shop in the Post Exchange (PX) and enjoy a swim in the Post Swimming Pool or take in a good movie at the Post Theater. Get-up time was early. The area was ready for inspection and we were loaded on unit vehicles by 7:00 a.m. Our trip home to Marlow was safe but not without incident. Specialist Gary L. Bray did a commendable job controlling and stopping a 5-ton Launcher Vehicle that lost its brakes, at a gas point on Interstate 40 near Webber Falls, Oklahoma. SP4 Bray's quick thinking and instant response saved a sure smash up with other vehicles and possible injury to personnel. After arrival in Marlow, we secured the weapons and other sensitive items in the Armory Vault and the Battery was dismissed until 8:00 a.m. August 3, 1975. August 3 1975 was devoted completely Material Care and Maintenance of vehicles and equipment. August 16 and 17, 1975, training consisted of Recruiting and Retention, Personal Records Verification, First Aid, Map Reading, Internal Defense, Physical Training, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Military Driving, Equipment Records and Mobility Training. Some time was devoted to Material Care and Maintenance. Training conducted on September 13 and 14, 1975, was section training and Material Care and Maintenance. Captain Vincent J. Scalici and SFC Jean R. Herring of HH&S Battery in Oklahoma City, have been working with all unit Fire Direction Center (FDC) personnel at the Marlow Armory. This armory was chosen due to the central location and the excellent classroom facilities. Training here was a real plus for our people since it eliminated the drive to attend class at another armory. The launcher Section personnel had classes on Laying the Launcher, Pre-Fire Checks, and the AN/PMQ-6 wind set. The Assembly and Transport Section had instruction on Electrical Test of the Rocket Motor, Wrecker Operations, Misfire Procedures and Use an Operation and Preventive Maintenance on the M-05 Rocket Handling Unit. Communications personnel received some good Physical Training with classes on Pole Climbing and Circling. Sunday, Communications personnel had the opportunity to rest their legs. Classes were ground level on Ties, Tagging and Splicing Operations and Preventive Maintenance on the Field Switchboard, SB-22. Training on October 4 and 5, 1975, consisted of Civil Disturbance Training, MOS OJT and MC&M. Although we must be trained to control Civil Disturbances, we hope it will never be necessary to confront our community as a military force. Training was effective and a good refresher for all of us. As the year 1975 draws closer to the end, we can definitely see great progress. Although we still have little or no equipment on which to train, the individual initiative of the unit personnel was outstanding. On November 8 and 9, 1975, our assembly was busy as usual. All Battalion FDC personnel dug into their firing tables and learned to operate the Fire Direction Computer. The Launcher and Assembly and Transport Section attended 10 hours instruction at Fort Sill each weekend with Regular Army instructors sharing their knowledge of the Honest John Rocket. Sunday was devoted to Material Care and Maintenance of vehicles and equipment. On December 1, 1975, we were reorganized again. This reorganization was just a "paper change" and put us under a Modified Table of Organization and Equipment (MTOE). The reorganization was effected by General Order Number 312, State of Oklahoma Military Department, dated

December 31, 1975 and effective December 1, 1975. Annual General Inspection (AGI) was conducted December 2, 1975, by Major James H. Williams and Master Sergeant William M. Arguelles of the 5th U. S. Army Headquarters, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Both were greatly impressed by the appearance of our 1936 Model Armory, vehicles, equipment, supply and administration. The unit received a "Satisfactory" rating with a comment for the Adjutant General of Oklahoma to commend the unit for its outstanding condition. On December 8, 1975, the assembly was devoted to the Affirmative Actions Program and Material Care and Maintenance. Our final assemblies for the year were conducted on December 14 and 15, 1975. Training presented was MOS/OJT training for Mess, Supply, Administration and Maintenance Sections; MOS Qualification training for Launcher Assembly and Transport personnel and section training for Fire Direction and Communication personnel. As a new Rocket Battery we realized our requirements and goals. Our Marlow Guardsmen have always been outstanding and competitive Rocket Artillerymen will continue to set the pace and example for other units. Yearly history of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: During multiple unit training assembly conducted on 18 and 19 January 1975, personnel received training in On-The-Job Training for Specialist, Proficiency Testing, Manual of Arms, Patrol Responsibilities, Combat Training, Map Reading, Land Navigation and Maintenance of Equipment. The training for assembly conducted on 8 and 9 February 1975 was On-The-Job Training for Specialist, Drill and Ceremonies, Proficiency Testing, Transportation of Sick and Wounded, Camouflage, Operation One Ten, Communications Training and Maintenance of Equipment. The unit conducted a training assembly on 8 and 9 March 1975, personnel were training in On-The-Job Training for Specialist, Introduction to Civil Defense, Riot Control FTX, Drill and Ceremonies, Leadership, First Aid and Maintenance of Equipment. Unit conducted open house and served refreshments to dependents of members and other guests. A training assembly conducted on 19 and 20 April 1975 was devoted to training in On-The-Job Training for Specialist, Inspection in Ranks, Camouflage, Concealment of Crew-Served Weapons, Physical Fitness and Maintenance of Equipment. On 1 May 1975, Detachment 1, 245th Military Police Company was reorganized and designated as Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, TO&E 6-527H. Parent unit Headquarters Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and sister units Battery "A" at Marlow, Oklahoma and Battery "C" at Healdton, Oklahoma. Also on 1 May 1975, the State Maintenance Officer's COMET Team was present and conducted Maintenance Inspection. No major deficiency was noted on Unit Equipment or Maintenance Procedures and a Numerical Rating of "99" was received. During multiple unit training assembly conducted on 17 and 18 May 1975, unit was visited by new Battalion Commander MAJ Melford L. Scott and his entire staff. Training was presented on organization of Honest John Battery, Mission of Field Artillery and Maintenance of Equipment. Training presented four multiple unit training assembly conducted on 7 and 8 June 1975, consisted of Artillery Mathematics, Artillery Terminology, Artillery Communications Equipment, Construction of Firing Tables and Maintenance of Equipment. Unit conducted unit training assembly on 11 July 1975 in preparation for Annual Training. Loading of equipment and supplies was accomplished during this drill. Annual Training was conducted at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas During the period 12-26 July 1975. Training was On the Job Training or Specialist, AIT instruction for FDC, Firing Sections and A&T Sections, Maintenance of Equipment, 16 hour Tactical FTX, Firing of Honest John Rocket on 24 July 1975 by a crew made up of personnel from Batteries "A", "B", and "C", motor march to and from Fort Chaffee Arkansas. A multiple training assembly was conducted on 3 August 1975, unit conducted Maintenance of Equipment during this drill. During training assemblies conducted on 16 and 17 August 1975, unit personnel received training in On-the-Job Training for Specialist, Recruiting and Retention, First Aid, Map Reading, Internal Defense, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Duties of Military Driver, Mobility Training and Maintenance of Equipment. On 13 and 14 September 1975, unit conducted multiple unit training assembly, unit personnel received training in On-the-Job Training for Specialist, FDC Personnel received training at Marlow, Firing Sections and A&T Section received AIT Instruction at Fort Sill. The unit conducted a training assembly on 4 and 5 October 1975, and personnel were instructed in Riot Control Training, Crowd Control, Patrol of Disturbed Area and Maintenance of Equipment. On 19 October 1975, Officers and NCOs of this unit participated in Junior Leadership Training conducted by Battalion for all units at the Walters National Guard Armory. During training assembly conducted on 8 and 9 November 1975, unit personnel received training in On-the-Job Training for Specialist, FDC Section received instruction at Marlow, Firing Sections and A&T Section received AIT training at Fort Sill. Map Reading and Privacy Act Instruction for entire unit plus Maintenance of Equipment. On 1 December 1975, a unit training assembly was held and personnel received instruction on Affirmative Action and Maintenance of Equipment. The training for multiple unit training assembly conducted on 13-14 December 1975, included OJT Training for Specialist, FDC training was conducted at Marlow Armory, Firing Sections and A&T Section received AIT Training at Fort Sill and Maintenance of Equipment. COL J. M. Bullock Jr., Commander, 45th Artillery Group, visited the unit during drill on 13 December 1975. Yearly history of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1975: Once again, for you history fans, it's time to put on paper to history of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, Healdton, Oklahoma. The period covered was 1 January thru 31 December 1975. We will start with our January training assembly, pick up the events between drills and finish up with the training assembly for the month of December. We hope you find the record informative. Our January assembly was held on the 18th and 19th. The training consisted of Transportation and Mandatory

Subjects. An intensive recruiting drive was initiated in the unit. SFC Wilbour L. Barbour was put on full-time Recruiting Duty for the unit. Due to his hard work and untiring efforts, SSG William C. Mitchell III, SP5 Thomas H. Harris, SP5 Bobby W. Wilson, SP4 Arthur A. Wilson, PVT John R. Brecheen, and PVT Michael L. Gregg were enlisted. The month of February found the unit drill on the 15th and 16th. The unit moved by organic vehicles to the Ardmore Industrial Air Park located just North of Ardmore, Oklahoma. A Driver Proficiency Course was set up and all of our drivers had the opportunity to drive their assigned vehicle through the course. It was a very enjoyable weekend, but the temperature was around 30 degrees most of the weekend. Our recruiting effort was still going strong. SP4 Kenneth R. Varner, reenlisted in the unit and also enlisting was SP5 Rodger D. Carney, SP4 Craig Roberts, and SGT Jimmy D. Denny. We did however, discharge SP5 Ronald L. Irwin, SP5 Jerry D. Howery, and SP5 Max R. Kilcrease. March found the unit training on the 8th and 9th. Classes were conducted on Transportation and Marksmanship Training related classes. March was declared as "Minuteman Month" for the National Guard. Information was distributed to unit personnel as well as the news media. Reorganization rumors were at a high state. This is typical in a military organization. April was a very busy month for the unit. Our weekend training assembly was conducted on the 12th and 13th. Our Machine Gun Crews were sent to the rifle range at Paul's Valley, Oklahoma to fire for qualification and familiarization. Transportation subjects were presented during the formal phase of instruction. SFC Charles R. Devenport transferred into the unit from HHD 120th Med Bn, SFC Jerry A. Wilson from 1345th Trans Co (-), SP4 David M. Wallace, SP4 Jimmy D. Gallop, SP4 Danny D. Morse, and SP4 George L. Lowery III all from the 1345th Trans Co (-). The word "reorganization" popped-up again several times during the month. Then the official word was received that on 1 May 1975, our unit would be reorganized and the new unit would be: Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John), 158th Field Artillery. LTC Estle H. Halmark, Commander of the 245th Transportation Battalion and his staff were present on 12 April 1975, to bid farewell to our unit. A COMET Inspection was conducted on 22 April 1975, by 1LT James G. Howard, CSMS for Oklahoma. On 1 May 1975, our reorganization became official. We had the challenge of converting a unit of truck drivers into a complete battery of "Honest John Rocket" personnel. Personnel of the unit were real pleased with the reorganization due mainly to the placing of a complete unit in Healdton and the mission of the new unit. Many hours were devoted by key personnel in the unit, in trying to assign each member in a TO&E position that corresponded with their ability and desires. Our unit training assembly during May was conducted on the 17th and 18th. Our complete unit moved to the rifle range at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma and fired Individual Weapons for Qualification and Familiarization. Personnel were also tested on a CBR Proficiency Test during the training assembly. A Unit Property Audit was conducted on 1 May 1975 by CW2 Oren L. Peters, Field Examiner for USPFO for Oklahoma. The month of June found the unit training on the 7th and 8th. The training consisted of Honest John Rocket orientation, Section Training, and a period of instruction on our forthcoming Annual Training Period at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. Our recruiting efforts during June paid off with the enlistment of SSG Billy S. Warrington, SGT Larry E. Denney, and SP4 Scott V. Horn into the unit. The month of July found the unit with a new Battery Commander and Ammunition Officer. CPT Donald R. Hathorn, a former officer of the unit, was assigned as Battery Commander. 1LT James L. Welch, also a former member of the unit was assigned as the Ammunition Officer. He came to the unit from the Texas Army National Guard. We conducted a training assembly on 11 July 1975, the night prior to movement to Summer Camp. This time was devoted to loading of unit equipment and maintenance of unit vehicles. Well, Summer Camp time again. The unit moved to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas on 12 July 1975, for a two weeks Camp Training Period. The primary mission of our unit during the encampment was to train the various sections of the unit. This was accomplished by instructors and equipment provided by Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The unit was set up in "Tent City" at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. All the barracks we were used to using in during prior Summer Camp Periods were occupied by the Vietnamese Refugee's. The tents were not at all bad to operate out of. All of the personnel adjusted quickly. After many hard hours of training, the unit had the opportunity, along with the other units of our Battalion, to set-up and fire a "Honest John Rocket" on Wednesday of the second week of camp. This was the first "Honest John Rocket" ever fired at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas and thrill for all the members of the unit, to have participated in it. The news media covered this firing in an excellent manner and the Governor of Oklahoma, Mr. David Boren was present for the firing. We returned home from our Encampment Period on 26 July 1975, unloaded and secured weapons, unloaded personal equipment and "went to the house" for the evening. Our drills on the 3rd, 16th and 17th of August were primarily devoted to Section Training and General Subjects. SP4 Virgil M. Gallop and PFC Lyndon B. Teafatiller were enlisted into the unit. Other than the monthly training assembly the month of August was fairly uneventful. During the month of September, the unit conducted drill on the 13th and 14th. Training consisted of Artillery Subjects and each section involved in section training. Recruiting efforts slacked off somewhat, but the unit obtained from the unit members several names of good prospects to contact for enlistment. October found a unit enlisting SGT Ronald W. McMillen, SP5 Billy H. McLaughlin, PVT Marlan C. Banta Jr. and PVT Alan L. Buck. Enlistment of these personnel were a result of 1LT Marvin G. Mosley being on full time recruiting duty for the unit. Training during the month of October, consisted of all the assigned Officers and key NCO's attending a Junior Leadership Training Phase for Civil Disturbance on 19 October 1975. This training was conducted at the Walters, Oklahoma Armory. The regular scheduled drill for the unit was held on the 4th and 5th of the month. Civil Disturbance Training was conducted along with Section Training. The month of November found a unit conducting

training on the 8th and 9th. Due to the shortage of equipment to train with, the unit sent the First and Second Firing Sections and the Assembly and Transport Section to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to receive training. Arrangements were made to transport the unit personnel to Fort Sill, Oklahoma on a military bus. Barracks and Mess Facilities were provided. Instruction at Fort Sill, Oklahoma was presented by Fort Sill Instructors. Equipment assigned to Fort Sill was also available for use by our personnel. On 9 November 1975, the unit conducted a "Open House" for the citizens of Healdton and surrounding communities. Equipment was put on display and personnel of the unit were available for questions and demonstration of the equipment. A lot of interest was generated mainly due to the display of a "Honest John Rocket" at the armory. December found the unit conducting training on the 1st, 13th and 14th of the month. Instruction was presented on Artillery related subjects, with special emphasis being placed on Recruiting and Retention. Our First and Second Firing Sections and Assembly and Transport Section loaded on the bus once again, and moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for additional section training. SP5 Jerry N. Underwood transferred from Battery "A", 1 Battalion 160th FA located at Paul's Valley, Oklahoma. This was a good productive year for Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery. We learned through hard work, intensive planning and a display of initiative, a unit can make the "big" change from Transportation to Artillery. Our recruiting efforts throughout 1975 were outstanding. Many new personnel joined our ranks. The retention rate of unit personnel was "great". An excellent Training Year and Summer Camp period indicated that this unit is probably one of, if not the best unit in the state of Oklahoma. We believe we had contributed our part to the defense of our country in 1975 and have faith that we will be able to continue in 1976, with any mission we might be assigned. The following Commendation was received by HHB First Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery Battalion for its performance in the 1975 Annual General Inspection: State of Oklahoma Military Department Annual General Inspection Commendation. To: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, First Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard. Is commended for outstanding accomplishments in administration, equipment condition and appearance of the facilities during the Annual General Inspection conducted by the Inspector General, Fifth United States Army, fiscal year 1975. This noteworthy commendation is awarded only to those units whose members have demonstrated a high degree of efficiency, morale, spirit de corps, discipline and devotion to duty. It also established a goal to maintain for future inspections. This honor reflects favorably upon the Commander, each unit member, unit technicians, the Oklahoma Army National Guard, and the United States Army. I commend all members of the unit for a job well done: Signed: John Coffey, Jr., MG (OK), AGC, OKARNG, The Adjutant General. The following commendation was received by HHB First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Battalion by the National Guard Bureau for its overall rating in 1975 and awarded a Superior Unit Award: Departments of the Army and Air Force. National Guard Bureau. Army National Guard. Superior Unit Award. Presented to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. For attainment of an overall rating of Superior during training year 1975. Signed: L. E. Weber, Major General, Chief, National Guard Bureau.

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Huse, Prescribed Load List PLL Clerk PFC Edward Foley, Track Vehicle Mechanic SFC Donald W. Poolaw, Track Vehicle Mechanic SP5 Rodney Raney, Welder SP4 Douglas Dankowski, Wheel Vehicle Repairer SP4 Charles D. Torres, Wheel Vehicle Repairer SP5 James L. Sikes, Wrecker Operator PFC Willie Warn, Track Vehicle Mechanic Helper SP5 Phillip E. Herd. Ammunition Headquarters: Ammunition Officer 1LT Gary Ransom, Ammunition Supply Sergeant SSG Herman L. Morton, Ammunition Sergeant SP4 Jack Hick, Ammunition Clerk SP4 Billy R. Ingram. Ammunition Section #1: Section Chief SGT Zane Ochs, Senior Light Vehicle Driver SP5 Robert P. Wheeler, Light Vehicle Driver PVT Roger D. Cowan, Ammunition Handler PFC John K. Hinson, Ammunition Handler SP4 Jesse W. McKinney, Ammunition Handler SP4 Gary D. Austin, Ammunition Handler PFC John Bonehill. Ammunition Section #2: Section Chief SP5 Spencer Kendall, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Willie L. Williams, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Robert P. Hirsch, Ammunition Handler SGT Larry Commings, Ammunition Handler SP4 Joseph P. Taylor, Ammunition Handler SGT Charles D. Torres. Ammunition Section #3: Section Chief SGT William D. Keith, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Willie Smith, Light Vehicle Driver SP5 Lauerne Davis, Ammunition Handler SP5 Stanley L. Davis, Ammunition Handler SP4 Elijah Jackson, Ammunition Handler SP4 Miguel A. Rosa, Ammunition Handler SP4 James L. Pembleton. Official Roster of the 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery and Stations of Organization: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Oklahoma City, OK; Battalion Headquarters: Battalion Commander



LTC Melford L. Scott, Executive Officer MAJ Calvin E. Koonce, S-3 CPT Henry D. Thornton, Battalion Surgeon CPT Robert E. Edde, C-E Staff Officer 1LT John J. Hawk, Liaison Officer CPT Christopher P. Bills, S-1 CPT Kenneth F. Perry, S-2 1LT Charles P. Jones, S-4 CPT Preston F. Willoughby, Command Sergeant Major SGM Rudy N. Hightower. Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Gary D. Maynard, First Sergeant 1SG Bobby G. Pierce, Dining Facility Manager SFC Louis Brower, First Cook SP5 Gerald W. Robinson, First Cook SP4 Kenneth R. Pickard, First Cook SP4 Ronald Fletcher, Cook PFC Tomy L. Mullins, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SSG William F. Seiter, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP4 Roy L. Waldrop, General Purpose Power Generator Operator/Mechanic SP5 J.B. Cooper, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Anthony E. West, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Matthew A. Davis, Power Generator Equipment Helper SP4 Gerald W. Williams, Supply Sergeant SGT Edgar Y. Ragle, Armorer Warner P. Bentley, Unit Clerk SP5 Edgar D. Quaid, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Charles A. Gasaway. Headquarters Support Section: Personnel Staff NCO SFC Floyd T. Todd, Legal Clerk SP5 Alfred N. Blakely, Clerk Typist SP4 Kenneth I. Stone. Unit Personnel Section: Unit Personnel Technician CW2 Loyd Todd Jr., Personnel Management Specialist SP5 Gary P. Bates, Personal Records Specialist PVT Larry D. Tempson, Personnel Actions Specialist PVT Jackson J. Ross, Finance Specialist SP5 David J. Jones, Finance Specialist SP4 Thomas W. Duncan. Operations Section and Fire Direction Center: Fire Direction Officer CPT Vincente J. Scalice, Operations Sergeant SFC John Snow, Intelligence Sergeant SFC John C. Gibson, Chief Fire Direction Computer SFC Jean R. Herring, Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SGT Donald Watson, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Walter M. Stoyoski, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Randolph M. Baker, Fire Direction Computer SP5 Gary L. Maxon, Clerk Typist SSG Richard D. Mutz, Clerk Typist SP4 Edward A. Beson. Survey Section: Chief Surveyor SFC Elmer C. Kelley, Survey Computer SGT Randolph A. Knight, Instrument Operator SP4 Uley R. Jones Jr., Survey Recorder SP5 Johnnie L. Turnage, Survey Computer SGT Stephen L. Vinson, Instrument Operator SP4 Carl M. Dossier, Survey Recorder SP4 William G. Schmitz, Rodman Tapeman SP4 R. J. Akins, Chief of Survey Party SP5 Elbert B. Rouse, Survey Computer SP4 Don L. Little, Survey Computer PVT Jeffery L. Hornbeck, Instrument Operator SP4 Gary L. Sullivan. Liaison Section: Liaison Sergeant SGT Danny J. Dill. Communications Electronic Headquarters: Platoon Leader 1LT Terrell L. Berkenbile, Communications Chief SFC Robert O. Mullinax, Senior FADIC Mechanic SP4 Carl Carl L. Shepherd, Teletype Equipment Repairman SP4 Donald L. Foster, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Johnny L. Holcum. Wire Section: Section Chief SSG Randall J. Ritter, Wire Team Chief SGT Ronald G. Moss, Senior Field Switchboard Operator PFC Joe Mayabb, Senior Tactical Wire Operator Specialist SP4 Dennis W. Narney, Tactical Wire Operator Specialist SP4 Lee R. York, Wire Team Chief SGT Larry E. Herdlitchka, Senior Tactical Wire Operator Specialist SP4 Jerry W. Whitney, Tactical Wire Operator Specialist Billy SP4 Billy Joe Bell Jr. Radio Tele-Typewriter Section: Section Chief SGT William T. Barton and Radio Teletype Operator PFC Danny J. Rees. Battalion Supply Section: Unit Supply Technician CW4 Billy G. Taylor, Battalion Supply Sergeant SFC Ralph E. Coffey, Supply Specialist PVT Nolan D. Long, Supply Specialist SP4 Gilbert E. Price, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Richard I. McDaniel, Light Vehicle Driver SP4 Curtis R. Lee, Light Vehicle Driver SSG Calvin L. Wallis. Battalion Maintenance Section: Automotive Maintenance, Technician CW2 Donald L. Truskey, Battalion Motor Sergeant MSG Jesse H. Stotts, Material Supply Specialist SP4 Wilbur C. Hazelton, Welder SP4 Danny D. Cabe, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Michael D. Helton, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Edgar R. Riley, Wrecker Operator PFC Dennis R. York. Battalion Medical Section: Section Sergeant SSG Charles E. Saxon, Clinical Specialist SGT Carey D. McMillen, Senior Medical Aidman SP4 Stephen R. Lynch, Ambulance Driver SP4 Gerald D. Smith, Battery Aidman SP4 Kenneth W. Baucom, Battery Aidman SP4 Thomas R. Calaway, Battery Aidman SP4 Daniel S. Snare. Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Marlow, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander 1LT Jimmy D. Sparks, First Sergeant SFC William A. Woodworth Jr., Unit Clerk SP5 William D. Alexander, Light Vehicle Driver PVT Stephen R. Ensminger, Dining Facility Manager SP5 Bobby J. Miller, First Cook SP5 Max V. VanDyke, First Cook SP4 Gary W. Gallop, Cook PVT Randy L. Stone, Supply Sergeant SSG Steven H. Brown, Armorer SSG James H. McNeil III, Motor Sergeant SP4 Jimmy A. Nichols, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP4 Dennis K. Langham, General Purpose Power Generator Operator Mechanic SP4 Stephen R. Condit, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic PVT Lloyd A. Sanders, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic PVT Harold P. Melton. Communications Section: Communications Chief SGT Steven F. Dowling, Radio Teletype Team Chief SGT Gary L. Langham, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Donnie D. Lowry, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Freddy D. Haragan. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 1LT Carl G. Bateman Jr., Chief Firing Battery SSG George D. Kulbeth, Chief Fire Direction Computer SFC Jerry A. Green, Assistant Chief Fire Direction Computer SSG Robert L. Talley, Fire Direction Computer SSG Lester E. Petersen, Fire Direction Computer SSG Franklin Tow, Radio Operator SP5 Bennie D. Whaley. Rocket Firing Section #1: Section Leader 2LT Bruce M. Wood, Section Chief SGT George W. Faulkner, Gunner SP4 Johnie E. Farley, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Monty S. Brown Assembly Specialist SP4 Hayden D. Sparks, Assembly Specialist SP4 Loyd K. Epperson, Field Artillery Recorder PFC Cecil L. Wright Jr., Launcher Crewman PFC Lee W. Millhouse, Launcher Crewman PFC Howard L. Henderson, Launcher Crewman PVT Billy J. Calhoun. Rocket Firing Section #2: All Slots Vacant: Section Leader, Section Chief, Gunner, Senior Assembly Specialist, Assembly Specialists, Field Artillery Recorder, Launcher Crewman and Assistant Launcher Crewman. Assembly and Transport Section: Ammunition Officer 2LT Richard L. Sacket, Assembly and Transportation Sergeant SGT Jerry C. Hankins, Senior Assembly Specialist SGT David J.

Robinson, Senior Assembly Specialist SGT Buddy R. Aldridge, Assembly Specialist SP4 Kern L. Heffington, Assembly Specialist SP4 Michael S. Brown, Boom Operator SP4 Jerry D. Howell, Boom Operator SP4 Ricky D. Peck, Launcher Crewman SP4 Tony L. Davis, Launcher Crewman PFC Rickey W. Nunn, Launcher Crewman PFC Woody I. Hopkins, Launcher Crewman PFC James M. Lee. Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Walters, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT John H. Scaggs, First Sergeant MSG Albert J. Vardell, Unit Clerk SP4 David F. Turnbo, Food Service Sergeant SGT Clinton D. Thurman, First Cook SP4 Curtis M. Parrack, Cook SP4 Gary J. Thurman, Supply Sergeant SSG Michael L. Berry, Armorer SP5 Keith W. Chasteen, Motor Sergeant SP4 Robert A. Redelk, General Purpose Power Generator Operator PVT Raymond Cole Jr., Assistant Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Brian C. Johnson. Communications Section: Communications Chief SGT Carl E. Leseney Jr., Radio Teletype Team Chief SGT Robert W. Dillbeck, Radio Teletype Operator PVT Frankie L. Gilbert, Tactical Wire Operator Specialist PVT Bobby L. Sparks. Firing Battery Headquarters: Executive Officer 1LT Danny T. Carter, Chief of Firing Battery SFC Donald J. Logan, Chief Fire Direction Computer SFC Clay F. Dudenhoeffer, Fire Direction Computer SSG Arthur L. Cohsner, Fire Direction Computer SGT Darrell E. Coker Jr., Radio Operator SP4 Ricky S. Dean. Rocket Firing Section #1: Section Leader 2LT Doyle L. Newman, Section Chief SSG Mickey L. Bentley, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Clinton A. Auld, Assembly Specialist SP4 Sammy D. Blair, Assembly Specialist SP4 Layne D. Sterett, Assistant Launcher Crewman PFC Billy F. Berry, Assistant Launcher Crewman SP4 Gregory J. Mercado. Rocket Firing Section #2: Section Leader 2LT Michael D. White, Section Chief SSG John D. Wahnee, Gunner SGT Michael D. Hooper, Senior Assembly Specialist SP5 Larry W. Shelton, Assembly Specialist SP5 James R. Weaver, Field Artillery Recorder SGT David E. Minton, Launcher Crewman PVT Larry W. Tyson, Launcher Crewman SP4 Eddie S. Overstreet, Launcher Crewman PVT Charles A. Gibson II, Assistant Launcher Crewman SP4 Bobby D. Preston, Assistant Launcher Crewman SP4 Joseph J. McPherson Jr. Assembly and Transport Section: Ammunition Officer 2LT William F. White, Assembly and Transportation Sergeant SSG Gary L. Jarvis, Senior Assembly Specialist SP5 Barry D. Spurlock, Senior Assembly Specialist SP4 Ralph L. Holt, Assembly Specialist SP4 Cletis R. Ball, Boom Operator SP4 Richard N. Phillips, Launcher Crewman PVT Charles J. Coonfield, Launcher Crewman PVT Bobby Sides, Launcher Crewman SP4 David L. Thurman, Launcher Crewman PFC Phillip E. Norman. Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery; Home Stationed at Healdton, OK; Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT Donald R. Hathorn, First Sergeant SFC Jerry A. Wilson, Dining Facility Manager SFC Billy R. Hayes, First Cook SP4 Roland D. Martin, First Cook SP4 Jimmy D. Gallop, Cook SP4 Virgil M. Gallop, Cook PFC Rocky L. Patty, Cooks Helper PFC Larry D. Gilcrease, Cooks Helper PFC Allen K. May, Motor Sergeant SGT Bobby W. Wilson, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SP4 Rickie A. Hudson, General Purpose Power Generator Operator/Mechanic SP4 David M. Wallace, Prescribed Load List PLL Clerk SP4 Scott V. Horn, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP4 Danny D. Morse, Wheel Vehicle Mechanic SP5 Billy H. McLaughlin, Supply Sergeant SSG Johnny E. Crabb, Armorer PFC Lyndon B. Teafatiller, Unit Clerk SP6 Marshall L. Hunt, Light Vehicle Driver PFC Michael R. Manley. Communications Section: Communications Chief SSG Billy D. Blankenship Radio Teletype Team Chief SP5 Max N. Burris, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Robert D. Henley Jr., Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Jerry W. Carpenter, Radio Teletype Operator SP4 Billy S. Hornbeck, Senior Field Switchboard Operator PFC Vernie L. 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Jones, Assembly Specialist SP4 Kenneth D. Pickelsimer, Field Artillery Recorder PFC Robert E. Lee, Launcher Crewman SP4 Ola W. Williams, Launcher Crewman SP4 Jerry L. Brown, Launcher Crewman PFC Ricky J. Smith, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Jerry L. Landram, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT John R. Brecheen, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Johnny D. Doughty. Rocket Firing Section #2: Section Leader 2LT James W. Kimberlin, Section Chief SSG Vernon K. Isbell, Gunner SGT Wayne D. Reid, Senior Assembly Specialist SP5 Johnny L. Hartman, Assembly Specialist SP4 John W. Kloiber Jr., Field Artillery Recorder SP4 Craig Roberts, Launcher Crewman SP4 Larry D. Mercer, Launcher Crewman PFC Raymond D. Brown, Launcher Crewman PFC Andy J. Wilson, Assistant Launcher Crewman PFC Kenneth G. Tyler, Assistant Launcher Crewman PFC Larry E. Denney, Assistant Launcher Crewman PVT Marlan V. Banta Jr. Assembly and Transport Section: Ammunition Officer 1LT James L. Welch, Assembly and Transportation Sergeant SSG Gerald L. Timmons, Assembly and Transportation Sergeant SSG Allen C. White, Senior Assembly Specialist SP5 Larry D. Milson, Assembly Specialist SP4 James D. Cottrell, Assembly Specialist SP4 Arthur A. Wilson, Boom Operator SP5 Larry R. Pickelsimer, Boom Operator SGT Ronald W. McMillen, Launcher Crewman SP4 Kenneth R. Varner, Launcher Crewman PFC Michael G. Williams, Launcher Crewman PFC Thomas C. Parker, Launcher Crewman PVT Johnny G. Webb, Launcher Crewman SP5

Roger D. Carney, Launcher Crewman SP4 Robert A. Brecheen, Launcher Crewman SP4 Jimmy D. Denney, Launcher Crewman PVT Alan L. Buck. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Lawrence G. Bratcher transferred to Co D, 700th Support Battalion.

**Jan 07, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Gary L. Langham, assigned Communications Chief, replacing SGT Steven F. Dowling, discharged.

**Jan 23, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Thomas R. Southard assigned Battery Commander from Company C (-) 1 Battalion 180th Infantry, Ada, Oklahoma, replacing 1LT Jimmie D. Sparks, discharged. SSG George D. Kulbeth, assigned First Sergeant from Chief of Firing Battery, leaving position vacant. SFC William A. Woodworth Jr., reassigned from First Sergeant to Light Vehicle Driver.

**Jan 27, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Ronald D. Lovin assigned Section Chief 2nd Howitzer Section replacing SSG Alan L. Williams, who is discharged.

**Feb 01, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LTC Roy D. King, appointed 7 February, extended temporary federal recognition in the rank of LTC effective 25 June 1975. CPT Joe C. Graham, reassigned from Motor Officer to Assistant S-3. CPT Jerry G. Davis, transferred from Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, effective 1 February 1976. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Duane G. Naccarato reassigned from Forward Observer to Executive Officer replacing 1LT Daryl K. McCall who is transferred to Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Chickasha and assigned as Commander. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Marvin D. Stout transferred from Battery "C", 160th Field Artillery. SP4 Danny G. Bonds promoted to SP5. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Daryl K. McCall was appointed Battery Commander replacing CPT Jerry G. Davis who was transferred to HHQ Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton. Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: CPT Charles P. Jones, assigned as Battery Commander. LTC Robert E. Clark, assigned as Battalion Commander. CPT William R. Nixon, assigned as S-3. 2LT William F. White, assigned as Reconnaissance and Survey Officer. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Larry W. Long transferred from Battery "A", 1st Battalion (175mm SP) 189 Field Artillery, and assigned as Ammunition Officer of the A&T Section replacing 2LT William F. White, who was transferred to HH&S, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery.

**Feb 06, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT James W. Kimberlin, assigned as Section Leader, First Firing Section replacing CW2 Robert D. Treadwell who was assigned as overstrength.

**Feb 12, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG Robert L. Talley assigned Chief Fire Direction Computer replacing SFC Jerry A. Green, discharged.

**Feb 13, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Richard L. Sacket transferred to HHB 700th Support Battalion, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from Ammunition Officer leaving position vacant.

**Feb 16, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Jerry C. Hankins discharged leaving Assembly and Transport Section Sergeant position vacant. SP5 William D. Alexander discharged leaving Battery Clerk position vacant.

**Feb 21, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG John W. Armstrong enlisted and assigned Dining Facility Manager replacing SP5 Bobby J. Miller assigned as First Cook. SGT Billy G. Kiehn enlisted and assigned Assembly and Transport Sergeant filling vacant position. SSG Robert E. Grissom enlisted and assigned Section Chief of Fire Section Two filling vacant position. SGT Michael L. Ward enlisted and assigned Communications Chief replacing SGT Gary I. Langham reassigned Radio Teletype Team Chief.

**Feb 27, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Robert E. Cox appointed and assigned Ammunition Officer filling vacancy.

**Feb 28, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG Herbert W. Martin enlisted and assigned Motor Sergeant replacing SGT Jimmy A. Nichols reassigned as Equipment Maintenance Clerk.

**Mar 01, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Teddy C. Reynolds promoted to Sergeant. SP4 Sammye W. Amerson promoted to Sergeant. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Max E. Daughtrey assigned duties of the Unit Training Officer, replacing 2LT Gary L. Ransom, discharged.

**Mar 06, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: CPT John E. Arstingstall assigned as S-2.

**Mar 12, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Freddie C. Ricks, released from command, reassigned to Assistant S-3. CPT Joe C. Graham assumed command, reassigned from Assistant S-3. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Vernon D. Green assigned Supply Sergeant replacing SSG Larry D. Newell, who is discharged.

**Apr 01, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Kenneth W. Barry, received federal recognition effective 1 November 1975. MAJ Ronald W. Holt, transferred from 1 Battalion 171 Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Larry D. Scott promoted to Sergeant. SP5 Danny V. Perry promoted to Staff Sergeant. SGT Ronald K. Wilson promoted to Staff Sergeant. Sp4 Kenneth W. Woods promoted to Sergeant. SP4 Jackie D. Shelton promoted to Sergeant. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: CPT Kenneth F. Perry, transferred from HH&S, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery:, and assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT John H. Skaggs, discharged.

**Apr 15, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Alan S. Miller assigned as Supply Sergeant.

**Apr 27, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Gary R. Stebbins assigned to unit as Fire Direction Officer.

**Apr 29, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Jimmy L. Farris assigned as Ammunition Section Chief replacing SGT Larry A. Harbour, who was discharged. SP5 Douglas L. Zenger assigned as Fire Direction Section Chief replacing SSG Kenneth S. Brower, who was discharged.

**Apr 30, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Larry W. Long reassigned as Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Danny T. Carter, discharged.

**May 01, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: LTC Merrill B. Burruss, promoted effective 30 April 1976. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT John E. Valerius Jr. assigned as Communications Section Chief replacing SSG Ray L. Watts who was transferred to HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton. Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SFC Jerry W. Chedrick assigned from HQ 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, OKARNG and assigned as 1SG, replacing SFC George M. Odom, reassigned SVC Battery 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT David L. Brown enlisted and assigned Motor Sergeant replacing SSG Herbert W. Martin assigned Chief of Firing Battery filling vacant position.

**May 17, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Richard B. Subia assigned from HQ OMD and appointed Ammunition Officer, replacing 2LT Gary L. Ransom, discharged. Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Dennis D. Livesay assigned as Platoon Leader. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Carl G. Bateman Jr. assumes temporary command. CPT Thomas R. Southard to Field Artillery Basic Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. 2LT Buddy R. Aldridge appointed and extended temporary Federal Recognition, assigned as Fire Section Leader. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Henry R. Holasek, transferred from HH&S 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, and assigned as Ammunition Officer of the A&T Section.

**May 25, 1976:** The following commendation was received by HHB First Battalion (8" SP), 158th Field Artillery Battalion by the State of Oklahoma Military Department: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, First Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501, for unit contribution to Battalion's Achievement of Supply Efficiency Award, calendar year 1975, is awarded in recognition of Outstanding Achievement in behalf of the Oklahoma National Guard, this Certificate of Commendation. Signed: John Coffey, Jr., MG, AGC, OKARNG. 25 May 1976.

**Jun 01, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Ronald E. Ballard promoted to Sergeant. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James L. Welch, transferred from Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, and assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT Kenneth F. Perry, who was transferred to HH&S, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery.

**Jun 04, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Sanford W. Wylie Jr. assigned as Chaplain. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: Jimmy D. Armstrong assigned as Executive Officer replacing 1LT Marvin G. Mosley who was assigned as Section Leader of Second Firing Section. 1LT Marvin G. Mosley assigned as Second Firing Section replacing 1LT James L. Welch.

**Jun 21, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Richard C. Britton promoted to Sergeant. SGT David N. McReynolds promoted to Staff Sergeant.

**Jun 29, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Bobby G. Smith assigned as Mess Stewart, replacing SSG Ralph Harper, discharged.

**Jun 30, 1976:** Published in the "Annual Report to The Governor of Oklahoma" entitled: Annual report to the governor Oklahoma from Oklahoma Military Department 1976. Troop List: The National Guard of Oklahoma consists of the following units: (Unit and Maximum Authorized Strength) 1st Battalion (8") (SP), 158th Field Artillery-491. 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery-325. Station List: The following is a station list of Oklahoma Army National Guard units and the strength of each unit. (Station and Unit and Authorized Strength) Anadarko, OK-Battery "A" 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-96. Chickasha, OK-Battery "C" 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-96. Duncan, OK-Battery "B" 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-96. Healdton, OK- Battery "C" 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery-67. Lawton, OK- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-129. Lawton, OK-Service Battery 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery-74. Marlow, OK- Battery "A" 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery-67. Oklahoma City, OK- Headquarters, Headquarters & Service Battery 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery-124. Walters, OK- Battery "B" 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery-67. OKARNG Armory Improvement Awards: These awards recognize units for their exceptional care and maintenance, beautification and improvement of State owned armories, grounds and surrounding areas of units or split elements of units. Two levels of competition are recognized: major command and State. Major Command awards were won by Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, and Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery, Lawton. The Adjutant General's Unit Maintenance Award: This award, a certificate signed by the Adjutant General, is presented each year to the OKARNG unit(s) that achieves and maintains a superior maintenance program during the fiscal year. The Fiscal Year 1976 winners are: Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Duncan, Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton and Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, Walters. ARNG Superior Unit Awards: Recognition by the Chief, National Guard Bureau of all ARNG units receiving a superior rating for the previous training year. Criteria includes 95% or higher strength, 95% or higher Military Occupational Specialty qualification, 90% or better drill attendance, 95% or better Annual Training attendance, attainment of all training objectives, satisfactory Annual General Inspection by the US Army and satisfactory command maintenance management programs. The following units received this award in 1975: (Unit and Station) Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery-Lawton, Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery-Chickasha, and Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery-Lawton. Job proficiency was further enhanced during Annual Training 1976 by the selection of the best possible training sites and dates to allow the individual soldier to maintain his job skills. The dates and sites selected were: (Unit/Organization, Site, and Dates) 1 Bn 158 FA (8" SP)-Ft. Chaffee, AR- 31 Jul-14 Aug 76 and 2 Bn 158 FA (HJ)- Ft. Chaffee, AR- 31 Jul-14 Aug 76. Jul 01, 1976 Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CW4 Dennis R. Roper, received federal recognition effective 1 March 1976. CPT Freddie C. Ricks, transferred to 45th FA Group. CPT Ronald G. Horton, received federal recognition effective 6 February 1976. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Billy B. Dean promoted to Sergeant. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John)

158th Field Artillery: SP4 David M. Wallace assigned as Motor Sergeant replacing SGT Bobby W. Wilson who was discharged.

**Jul 09, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Lester E. Petersen assigned as Ammunition Officer of Assembly and Transport Section.

**Jul 15, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT James R. Frazier transferred from Btry "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Jul 21, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG Bobby G. Maddox, transferred from HH&S, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, and assigned as 1SG, replacing MSG Albert J. Vardell, discharged.

**Jul 23, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Gary D. Heddesten assigned as Section Chief of 4th Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Larry D. Holsted.

**Jul 25, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SP5 Billy H. McLaughlin assigned as Communications Chief replacing SSG Billy G. Blankenship who was discharged. Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: National guardsmen prepare for annual training. Oklahoma Army National Guard jeeps and trucks will be moving down Oklahoma highways Saturday transporting men and equipment to Arkansas and two weeks of intensive summer training. The guardsmen of the 45th Field Artillery Group, commanded by Col. Erman Winner, of Oklahoma City, will go to Ft. Chaffee, Ark., just outside of Ft. Smith. The guardsmen will be the second large contingent to go to Ft. Chaffee from Oklahoma this year. The 45th Infantry Brigade completed two weeks of training at that Arkansas military reservation on July 3. The 45th Field Artillery Group is headquartered in Enid and has artillery battalions located in Lawton, Oklahoma City, Altus, and Enid. The 45th Support Center has battalions headquartered in Okmulgee, Midwest City, Ada, Ardmore, and McAlester. Gov. David Boren is scheduled to visit Ft. Chaffee during the two-week encampment to see the guardsmen in action. When Boren became governor, he cancelled the Governor's Day reviews which had been held at past camps and chose instead to visit the guardsmen when they are on the job performing their training. During the two-week encampment, some units will take Army Training Tests to check their proficiency at accomplishing their assigned missions. The 45th Support Center Units that will be taking training tests are the 1st Battalion, 120th Engineers from Okmulgee and the 120th Supply and Service Battalion, Ada. Units of the 45th Field Artillery Group going to camp are: First Battalion 158th Field Artillery which has the eight-inch self-propelled howitzer. The battalion has units in Lawton, Anadarko, Duncan, and Chickasha. Also going will be the 2nd Battalion 158th Field Artillery (Honest John) with units in Oklahoma City, Marlow, Walters, and Healdton. The 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, a target acquisition unit, will be sending units from Altus, Hollis, Mangum, Hobart, Elk City, Kingfisher, Guthrie, and Watonga. Also attending with the Artillery Group will be the 1st Battalion 189th Field Artillery with units in Enid, Blackwell, Alva, Tonkawa, and Cherokee. This Battalion is equipped with the 175mm Self-Propelled howitzer. Other units going to the camp will be the 120th Engineers, headquartered in Okmulgee, with units located in Henryetta, Tahlequah, Stilwell, Wagoner, Muskogee, and Haskell; the 120th Supply and Service Battalion, Ada with units in Sulphur, Holdenville, Wewoka, and Konawa. The 445 Aviation Company of Lexington will also attend.

**Jul 29, 1976:** Published in the "Stilwell Democrat-Journal" entitled: Oklahoma News. Stilwell's National Guardsmen will be moving out by convoy Saturday morning, bound for their annual two-week summer camp at Fort Chaffee, Ark. The Stilwell and Tahlequah units are part of the 120th Engineers, headquartered in Okmulgee. Other units are at Henryetta, Wagoner, Muskogee, and Haskell. They and other guardsmen of the 45th Support Center and 45th Field Artillery Group will be the second large contingent going to Fort Chaffee this year. The 45th Infantry Brigade completed two weeks of training there on July 3. Gov David Boren is scheduled to visit Ft. Chaffee during the two-week encampment to see the guardsmen in action. Reviews Cancelled When Boren became governor, he cancelled the Governor's Day reviews which had been held at past camps and chose instead to visit the guardsmen when they are on the job performing their training. During the two-week encampment, some units will take Army Training Tests to check their proficiency at accomplishing their assigned missions. Units of the 45th Field Artillery Group going to camp are: 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, which has the eight-inch self-propelled howitzer. The battalion has units in Lawton, Anadarko, Duncan, and Chickasha. Others Going Also going will be the 2nd Battalion 158th Field Artillery (Honest John), with units in Oklahoma City, Marlow, Walters, and Healdton. The 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, a target acquisition unit, will be sending units from Altus, Hollis, Mangum, Hobart, Elk City, Kingfisher, Guthrie, and Watonga. Also attending with the Artillery Group will be the 1st Battalion 189th Field Artillery with units in Enid, Blackwell, Alva, Tonkawa and Cherokee. This Battalion is equipped with the 175mm Self Propelled howitzer.

**Jul 30 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Dennis R. Holdge assigned as Communications Section Chief, replacing SSG John E. Valerius Jr., who was discharged. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG Robert E. Grissom discharged leaving Fire Section Two Section Chief position vacant. Obituary: Edward Quine Brengle; December 30, 1891 to July 30, 1976; Funeral arrangements were pending Saturday at Parker Funeral home for Edward Quine Brengle, 84, 803 Kaw street, who died at 2 p.m. Friday at Western State hospital at Fort Supply. Brengle was born Dec. 30, 1891, at Bluffs, Ill., and came to Perry in 1895. He had been a member of the National Guard, Captain, OSN: O-268671 and served with Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery and was a World War I veteran. He was a charter member of the Ellis-Jirous American Legion post. Brengle was a retired postal service employee. He was married June 3, 1917, at Springdale, Kan., to the former Letha Davis, who survives. In addition to his wife, of the home in Perry, survivors include three sons, Quine Jr., Garden City, Mich.; Donald, Dover, Del.; and Kenneth, Cortez, Colo.; and a brother, Dan, Perry.

**Aug 10, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Austin L. Atkinson, promoted to 1LT effective 12 August 1976.

**Aug 19, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: CPT Thomas R. Southard assumes command upon completion of Field Artillery Officer Basic Course. 1LT Carl G. Bateman Jr. reassumes Executive Officer position.

**Aug 20, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SP4 Michael N. Thompson enlisted filling vacant Battery Clerk position. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Larry W. Long transferred to 45 FA Group.

**Aug 24, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Duane G. Naccarato separated to accept assignment in Arkansas National Guard. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Ronald L. Roberts assigned Section Chief First Firing Section replacing SGT George W. Faulkner, discharged.

**Aug 30, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Michael D. White transferred to HHB 45 FA Group.

**Sep 01, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SGT Jack L. Codopony reassigned to Chief Fire Direction Computer, replacing SFC Clay D. Dudenhoeffer, transferred to HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Sep 05, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG John D. Wahnee reassigned to Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SFC Donald J. Logan, discharged.

**Sep 10, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Gary K. Neller assigned as Battalion Surgeon. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG Gary L. Jarvis, A&T Sergeant, discharged.

**Sep 12, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Jerry D. Howell assigned as Section Chief of 1st Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Donald R. Epperson.

**Sep 22, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG Steve H. Schaefer appointed as Ammunition NCO, replacing SSG Herman L. Morton, discharged.

**Sep 26, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SSG William R. Lynn Jr. assigned from HQ Battery 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, OKARNG and appointed Unit AST, replacing SSG James Wright, transferred to Detachment 1, HHC 1 Battalion 179 Infantry, OKARNG.

**Sep 27, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT James R. Frazier promoted to Assistant Executive Officer.

**Sep 29, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Robert E. Cox transferred to Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, Walters, Oklahoma, leaving Ammunition Officer position vacant. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John)

158th Field Artillery: 1LT Robert E. Cox assigned as Executive Officer.

**Oct 01, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Kenneth W. Barney Jr., transferred to Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. CPT Bobby D. Thomasson, transferred from Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Kenneth W. Barney Jr. assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT Bobby D. Thomasson who was transferred to HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery Battalion staff. 1LT Eddie H. Drath reassigned as Executive Officer from Forward Observer. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Dennis W. Byford was transferred to Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Duncan, OK. SP4 Dannie Mann and PFC Rickie L. Drew received the Army National Guard Recruiting Badge.

**Oct 05, 1976:** Obituary: Alton Elster Ricks: The Daily Standard, Thursday, October 7, 1976. Alton E. Ricks, 115 Saratoga, was pronounced dead on arrival Tuesday at the Excelsior Springs Hospital. He was 72. Mr. Ricks was born Sept. 13, 1904, at Altus, Okla., the son of Joseph Allen and Virginia Lee (Lumpkin) Ricks. He had resided here about only two weeks. Mr. Ricks was an Army veteran of World War II. Graveside rites will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Salem Cemetery, the Rev. A. Vane Miller officiating. Mr. Ricks lies in state at the Prichard Funeral Home. Private, ASN: 18098192, and served with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery.

**Oct 10, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Arthur R. South promoted to Captain. 1LT Dennis W. Byford transferred from Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

**Oct 11, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Jaye H. Flynn assigned as Supply Sergeant, replacing SSG Vernon D. Green.

**Oct 19, 1976:** Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Sgt. Maj. Donald D. Liles. Services for Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Dean Liles, 44, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Hahn-Cook Funeral Home with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery. Liles died Sunday at Baptist Medical Center after a sudden illness. Born at Okemah, the Korean War veteran served as store manager of the Oklahoma National Guard, 158 Headquarters Battalion. Friends may call at the funeral home till 9 a.m. Wednesday. Survivors include his wife, Sara; two stepsons, Gary Brogben, of the home, and Don Dayton Brogben, Oklahoma City; one daughter, Katheryn E. Liles, Oklahoma City; one step-daughter, Mrs. Hanna Knowles, Dallas; one brother, James, Del City; three sisters, Mrs. Rudy Taylor, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Bonnie Chaffin and Mrs. Mollie Hill, both of Okemah, and one grandson.

**Oct 31, 1976:** Published in the "The Daily Ardmoreite" entitled: Healdton NG Unit Offers Open House. (Staff) A four day open house is scheduled for the armory here so the public can view the men and equipment of "C" Battery, 2nd Battalion of the 158th field artillery unit of the National Guard. On Nov 2, 4, 9 and 11, an open house will be held from 7-10 pm to display the 5,000-pound "Honest John " rocket which the unit has experience launching. Seventy three men staff the unit.

**Nov 01, 1976:** Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Carl G. Bateman Jr. assigned as S-1. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James L. Welch transferred from Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, Walters, Oklahoma, to Executive Officer position. 1LT Carl G. Bateman Jr., Executive Officer transferred to HH&S Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery:, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: CPT Kenneth F. Perry transferred from HH&S, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, assigned as Battery Commander, replacing 1LT James L. Welch, transferred to Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery.

**Nov 11, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG Gary L. Jarvis assigned as A&T Sergeant.

**Nov 13, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MSG Jerry V. L. Wilson assigned as Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Richard A. Bybee, transferred to WETEP, Denver, Colo.

**Nov 19, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Daryl K. McCall was promoted to Captain.

**Nov 28, 1976:** Published in the "The Sunday Oklahoman" entitled: Sill unit hosts 350 guardsmen. Ft. Sill's 4th Battalion, 4th Field Artillery recently hosted 350 Oklahoma National Guardsmen from 1st Battalion, 158th Field



Artillery, headquartered in Lawton, for a live direct fire exercise through the III Corps Artillery Affiliation Program. The affiliation program improves the operational readiness of certain reserve units which will be mobilized early in emergencies, Army officials said. Those units work closely with regular Army units for training.

**Dec 01, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Gary D. Heddlesten assigned from 4th Howitzer Section Chief to 2nd Howitzer Section Chief, replacing SSG Ronald D. Loving, who was discharged. SGT Michael S. McNeil was assigned as 4th Howitzer Section Chief, replacing SGT Heddlesten. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGT Sydney G. Bullard promoted to Staff Sergeant. SFC Marvin D. Stout transferred to HHD. Command Staff Changes of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Loyd Greenfield Jr. assigned as Battalion Commander. Command and Staff Changes of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SP6 Otis D. Holdge transferred from Battery "B" (-) 1 TAB 171 Field Artillery, assigned as Motor Sergeant replacing SP4 Robert A. Redelk, discharged. 2LT Walter M. Stoyanoski, assigned as Section Leader, Second Firing Section.

**Dec 20, 1976:** Command and Staff Changes of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery: SSG Johnny L. Hartman assigned as Section Chief of Second Firing Section replacing SSG Vernon K. Isbell who was in the process of being discharged.

**Dec 31, 1976:** Yearly history of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: And as the nation began its Bicentennial Celebration 1st Battalion 158 Field Artillery looked ahead. In place of looking backwards, the Battalion was looking forward and anticipating the glory of Number One. Great victories were in store. The victories which were to come were due to morale of the troops and expertise of the Superior Officers. In retrospect the Battalion had to maintain Number One. It not only reached this plateau of Superiority of National Guard effectiveness, but excelled over the Regular Armies' Best in a "shoot out" at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with a score of 3 to 2. This supreme effectiveness is the basis of pride and a job well done. The success of 1st Battalion was due mostly to the effective use of Fort Sill's firing ranges. The Battalion Commander, LTC Merrill B. Burruss Jr., has continued to emphasize that it is in the "field" where effectiveness is best achieved. During the months of May and June the weekend drills were spent in the actual field operation. The Live RSOP has always been the asset that has given this Battalion its pride. There was never a doubt in the minds of Officers or Enlisted Men that they were Number One. The Battalion was reminded that the Annual Training was the real test of the year. The Battalion was expecting victories during Annual Training at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. AT started on 31 July and finished on 14 August 1976. Before the victories were to begin there was time of sadness. Command Sergeant Major Donald Liles was stricken with a heart attack and had to be admitted to the municipal Hospital Fort Smith, Arkansas. CSM Liles was never to return as our active CSM, he passed away in October 1976. Master Sergeant Robert Stringer temporarily took over the Annual Training responsibility and later was promoted to CSM. The Battalion never stopped training just because AT was. Training continued in areas of CBR and Defense Against Air Attack by the Use of Small Arms. The Officers and Enlisted men continued to receive the respect of the Higher Command. The Battalion was highly praised during the Command Inspection in September. LTC Walter N. Wharton and MSG James L. Kahrs of the Fifth Army conducted the AGI in October 1976; again the 1st Battalion was not surprised by the rating that was received. All three units expected were commended. October was an important month for Battery "B" 1Bn 158 FA, because they moved into a new Armory and were host to a Junior Leadership Training School. This physical structure and has not only brought pride to the city of Duncan, but has also influenced the morale of the Battery. In the closing months of the year, overnight drills were planned and were well accepted by the Enlisted Persons and Officers, because they knew that this kind of training was a necessity in maintaining the superiority that the Battalion had set as a beginning goal. With the bicentennial Spirit 1st Battalion 158th FA looks forward with the Spirit of the Minutemen that made the National Guard what it is today. Yearly history of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: The first drill for calendar year 1976 was held at the Lawton Armory with classroom instruction and a Command Inspection by the 45th Field Artillery Group. Church Services were held on Sunday under the Chaplain. Drill attendance was 94%. February drill was also accomplished at the Lawton Armory, featuring classroom instruction and section training. Worship Services were held on Sunday by the Chaplain. Drill attendance was 90.5%. March drill formed at the Lawton Armory on 13 March 1976, in convoy to Fort Sill, for Live Fire RSOP, returning to the armory that afternoon. Sunday was occupied with worship services by the Chaplain and with classroom instruction and Race Relations, Recruiting and Retention, and Material Care and Maintenance. Drill attendance was 96%. April drill again saw the first day in support of Live Fire RSOP at Fort Sill. Sunday included Section OJT, Church Services, Rappelling and Operation Training in the field and Material Care and Maintenance. Drill attendance was 95.1%. May drill was performed with an overnight stay in the field at Fort Sill, performing support of Live Fire RSOP, followed by Material Care and Maintenance upon return to the armory. Church services for performed by the chaplain in the field and drill attendance was 96.8%. June drill was also performed in the field at Fort Sill, featuring support of Live Fire RSOP and M16 Qualification, followed by

Material Care and Maintenance upon return to the armory, Church Services were performed in the field by the Battalion Chaplain. Drill attendance was 95.3%. Active-duty was performed at Fort Chaffee from 31 July to 14 August 1976. The Battalion convoyed from the Lawton Armory, picking up the Firing Batteries along the convoy route. There were no accidents or incidents, going or returning from Fort Chaffee. Drill for July was performed on 17 and 18 July, in preparation for summer training, Material Care and Maintenance and Informational Critiques. Church Services were well attended under the direction of the Battalion Chaplain. Drill attendance was 95.6%. August drill was performed the week after returning from Summer Training, featuring Dismounted Drill, MOS Testing, ARTEP Orientation for Section Chiefs and a Showdown Inspection. Church Services were held by the Chaplain. Drill attendance was 90.4%. September drill began with instruction in Drill and Ceremonies followed by a Command Inspection. Classroom training consisted of courses on Defending Against Air Attack by use of Small Arms, CBR Training, Disassembly and Assembly of Weapons. Church Services were held by the Chaplain. Drill attendance was 92.5%. October drilled featured an AGI conducted by LTC Walter N. Wharton and MSG James L. Kahrs of Fifth Army. Junior Leadership Training was accomplished at and hosted by Battery "B" at Duncan's new Armory. Church Services were conducted on Sunday. Drill attendance was 94.3%. November drill was accomplished with Saturday spent in the field at Fort Sill in support of Direct Fire Exercises and ARTEP Oriented Training. Sunday brought MOS Testing, Drill and Ceremonies and Church Services. Drill attendance was 95.9%. A Management Workshop was also conducted on 20-21 November at the Lawton Armory. Chaplain (CPT) Hyde attended the U.S. Army Training School for Chaplains in Chicago on 9-11 November 1976. The last drill of the year in December featured a Property Audit conducted on 6 December by LTC Davidson. The one day drill included preparation for training and Church Services. Drill attendance was 96%. Yearly history of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: Our nation's 200th Birthday Year 1976, has come and gone. Looking back, our Bicentennial Year did not have much impact on our unit. We continued to struggle with strength problems as we tried to recruit and retain men to keep our unit strength up to authorized level. We were fortunate again this year to end the year, as we did last year, at our authorized strength. But, as was noted in the unit history last year, we are again expecting a rough year in 1977 as far as keeping strength up to par. We revisited dear 'ole Fort Chaffee, Arkansas this year for Annual Training. Must admit though, the camp was one of the better ones we have had in some time. The training was more relaxed with the ATT out of the way and the men seem to have higher morale and got more out of the training when it is conducted that way. We were assigned a new unit Commander during the year. Captain Kenneth W. Barney Jr. was assigned to replace CPT Thomasson, effective 1 October 1976. CPT Thomasson put in all of his time in the Guard, which started in January 1965, in the unit in Anadarko, and a little over 4 years as our Commander. He was reassigned to the Battalion Staff as Battalion Fire Direction Officer and there is no doubt that he will continue doing an outstanding job. CPT Barney is a little bit of a new wrinkle for a unit. He is the first Commander that hasn't come from the unit and worked his way up. All the past Commanders of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery had a background of serving in the unit and some capacity prior to commanding. But, from all indications, it looks like CPT Barney will be another in a long line of "good" Commanders. We would like to take a little space right here and do a little crowing! During our drill in November, we had training in Direct Fire with the howitzer. A contest was worked up to match the best shooting section in our Battalion against a representative section from a Regular Army unit at Fort Sill. Our Battery won the shoot off in the Battalion and we were to go against the Regular Army section. In the contest, judged and timed by Battalion officers from each of the respective units, our unit's gun section out-shot the Regular Army section. The score was 3 to 2, due to us having three target hits to none for the Regular Army. They received their two points for beating us on time, but we could have got them on time too, if the loader rammer of the gun hadn't malfunctioned. Needless to say, our unit was quite proud of the man in the section as was their Sections Chief SSG Alton Allen. We completed all of our inspection from higher headquarters in fine fashion, receiving a Commendation on AGI from the Fifth Army. Our Audit results dropped a little to Superior from last year, but still we were pleased with the overall performance of the unit this past year. Yearly history of Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: The January drill was held at the Duncan Armory. The FDC section had classes on MP1/High Burst Registration, while other members of the battery have classes on CBR. On 21 February the FDC and Howitzer sections went to Fort Sill for special training. The remainder of the battery stayed at Duncan for Individual, Section Training and Material Care and Maintenance. On 22 February, the Gunners return to Fort Sill for tests. The rest of the battery had classes. March, April, May, and June drills were spent at Fort Sill in life fire operations in preparation for summer camp. The July drill was at Duncan and was spent in Material Care and Maintenance and loading equipment in preparation for summer camp. Summer camp 1976 was held at Fort Chaffee from 29 July to 14 August. All of the hard work and practice in the spring paid off, as in the tradition of "B" Battery, it was another fine performance. The August drill was spent in ARTEP Training by Administration and Supply Sections with the rest of the battery performing maintenance on equipment. On 18 September, the battery went to Fort Sill for qualification on individual and crew served weapons. The drill on 19 September was spent cleaning the weapons and classes in First Aid and Counterintelligence. The October drill was spent at the home station with classes for everyone on Saturday and broken down by sections for Section Training on Sunday. In November, we returned to Fort Sill for exercises in Direct Fire on Sunday the battery was at the home station performing maintenance and

ARTEP Training by section. The December drill was at Duncan again conducting training on Civil Disturbances and Riot Control. Yearly history of Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: "In the beginning", January 1976 was spent in the Armory with classroom instruction on Orientation Toward Nuclear Warfare. Items such as classification of, characteristics of, defense of, and following Decontamination Purposes and Principles were studied. COL Fink, HHD OKARNG, perform Security Inspection on January 30. Percentage drill attendance was 98%. "Test, test, and retest!" February's Gunner Test took precedent over everything. Saturday was spent developing proficiency in all areas and Sunday the actual test took place at Fort Sill. The remainder of the Battery participated in Section Operation and Proficiency and OJT training. Percentage of drill attendance was 99%. "Fire!" Fire was the word of the day during March drill as the Battery moved to Fort Sill for its first field drill of the year. OJT and special Section Training in support Battery and Battalion Operations accompanied the Live RSOP Exercise. The Battery was back at home station Sunday for some very important instruction on Race Relations and Recruiting and Retention. Percentage of drill attendance is was 97.8%. "Don't look down!" The April drill was highlighted by the Battery, along with wives and kids, traveling to Fort Sill for a demonstration and participation in Rappelling down a mountain. Everyone enjoyed the exercise very much. Live RSOP Exercises were also a part of the weekend along with preparation for the upcoming COMET Inspection. Percentage of drill attendance was 97%. "Up the hill!" The May drill took on a more serious note with thoughts and training toward Summer Camp. The Live RSOP Training conducted during this drill included spending the night in the field with a Night Operation and firing shortening the hours of sleep. Percentage drill attendance was 98%. On May 3, 1976 the Command Maintenance Evaluation Team performed the yearly inspection. We were given a "Satisfactory" Rating with very high percentage of scores in Small Arms, Tactical Vehicles, Sighting and Fire Control, Quartermaster Equipment and Chemical Equipment. "Be quick but be safe!" Operational field training was again stressed and June's overnight drill. Once again the Battery saw midnight come Saturday before shutting down with major emphasis on the Night Operations Safety Procedure. Intrigal training this weekend included M16 Qualification and Nuclear Weapon Defense and Awareness. Percentage of drill attendance was 96.6%. "All systems go!" With summer camp around the corner, July's drill concentrated efforts on being sure every section was ready. AT briefings, Safety Conferences and check and rechecking items kept everyone busy. Percentage drill attendance was 98%. "Fort Chaffee or Bust!" Chevy or bus the main emphasis of 1976 AT was group coordination. From the individual in the section to the entire Battalion and Group, everyone pushed doing our thing but doing it together. In preparation for the Group FTX, to be held the second week of AT, the individual battalion had their own FTX. Defense, Night Occupations with special attention to Noise Discipline and coordination of section support were all part of the training. The concept of ARTEP Training was tried and presented a new challenge to the Battery. Section Chief participation in designing the training proved to be effective and rewarding. The "hip-shoot" was another good idea and itself challenged the Battery for coordination and proficiency. AT also provided the members of the Battery with some concurrent cross-training. Due to a shortage of men and the addition of the fourth gun, people in the Motor Pool, Kitchen, Supply and CP went to the guns and took part in a Fire Mission. However, there is no doubt that the very best part of camp was "going home". "Back to work" With just 5 days rest from AT, the Battery returned to start refilling and cleaning up after AT. And what better way to straighten up than a Showdown Inspection. The ARTEP type training proved to be acceptable and carried over into the monthly schedule planning. The individual section spent much of the August drill briefing themselves on the areas they fell short at "AT". Percentage of drill attendance was 95.6%. "Practice makes perfect." Familiarization and qualification of crew served weapons was the order of the day in September. The entire Battery traveled to Fort Sill and participated either in the weapon practice or performed intrigal Air Attack Defense or Assembler Training. ARTEP Oriented Training by the sections was preceded by a practical exercise in Land Navigation and Map Reading. Percentage of drill attendance was 94.5%. "Neither rain, nor snow, nor cold" and it was cold on top of that hill on the November Direct Fire Exercise on Fort Sill. Everybody was glad to get back even if it meant the classroom. A special feature during the year is the Open House each Battery holds at the armory. It gives the residents of Chickasha to see though simulated Fire Missions and Practical Exercises in each section, what the Guard actually trains for. This year's Open House was a great opportunity for the advertising and promotion of "Operation full-strength". LTC Davidson, USPFO Examiner completed a complete Property Audit on 29 November. Percentage of drill attendance was 94%. "The party's over..." A good time was had by all at the 1976 Battery Christmas Party, with good food provided by our own Mess Section and entertainment from a good old Country and Western band. Do it again next year, was the vote taken. The drill itself consisted of updating the Civil Disturbance Training and Riot Control and ARTEP and home station ARTEP training included. 5th Army HQ Evaluation was conducted by CPT McMahon. Percentage of drill attendance was 97.7%. Yearly history of Service Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: The year of 1976 gave forth many adventures and rewarding experiences for the battery and its personnel. January opened the year with classes at the Armory on Operation and Defense on a Nuclear Environment. The training during February was comprised of OJT at the Armory and Material Care and Maintenance. The March drill was in support of a Battalion Live Fire RSOP with Service Battery supplying ammunition and maintenance facilities for the firing batteries. The April drill was again in support of Live Fire RSOP at Fort Sill. A seminar was held at Fort Sill's Medicine Bluff on rappelling. Several personnel were willing participants. Some

received a dunking from lack of knowledge of release mechanisms on the rappelling cable. The seminar proved both educational and amusing. The drills for both May and June were spent in support of Live Fire RSOP at Fort Sill. Included in both drill dates were exercises in Night Convoy Operations with light and noise discipline emphasized. A COMET Inspection was conducted on 4 May by CW2 Franklin T. Melott, State Maintenance Shop (SMS). Mr. Melott found the battery to be in fine order, consequently a rating of Satisfactory was received. The July drill proved to be twofold. First was the presentation of classes: Safety and Maintenance of Convoy Vehicles, Loading Procedures of Unit Equipment, Safety Considerations, Energy Conservation, Race Relations and Maintenance and Care of Equipment. Second of the two proved to be the application of the many classes with the actual preparation for Summer Camp. August provided an excursion to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas for Summer Camp. During the period 13 July to 14 August 1976, in spite of the guardsman being met with hotter than usual temperatures the unit accomplished its task with the usual high level of effort and enthusiasm. The level of morale seem to be higher than that of recent camps and was so reflected by having a softball team, the first, in several years. The team won his first game only to fall victim to the powerful "B" Battery in the second game. Further signs of the high morale were noticeable at a final picnic attended by most, and enjoyed by all who did attend, even the officers, who ended up being thrown into the lake, a true expect expression of a successful camp. Most felt the camp was the most successful they had attended. August also held another drill in which a Showdown Inspection of Individual Equipment was conducted by CPT Herbert A. O'Neil. Following the inspection the task of clean-up and put away of summer camp equipment was began. September brought familiarization and qualification of both crew-served and individual weapons at the Fort Sill ranges. ARTEP oriented training was given on various subjects: Types and Uses of Artificial Obstacles, Construction of Wire and Non-Wire Obstacles and Breaching Obstacles. Classes were held at the Armory during the October drill in the following subjects: Drill and Ceremonies, Modern Weapons of the Modern Battlefield, SEADA orientation and Communications Security. A Command Inspection In Ranks was held by MAJ Charles D. Houston and MAJ Ronald W. Holt. A seminar was held for Junior Leaders, Civil Disturbance Training. November provided training and support of Direct Fire Exercises at Fort Sill. Material Care and Maintenance were stressed during this period. Sunday open house was held with a fine variety of displays and recruitment material available. December drill closed the year with classes and OJT at the Armory. Classes which were held included: Legal Considerations and Policies, Types of Civil Disturbances, Civil Control Formations, and Riot Baton Training. The practical exercises which followed provided each unit member the opportunity to experience both sides, as a rioter and that of the riot controller. The exercises proved to be both educational and enjoyable. The USPFO Audit by LTC L. D. Davidson resulted in Service Battery receiving a rating of Superior. Awards and Honors: Certificate of Commendation for Achievement of Supply Efficiency Award by John Coffey Jr., MG, AGC, OKARNG. The Adjutant General's Unit Maintenance Award by John Coffey Jr., MG, AGC, OKARNG. SSG Stephen H. Schaefer received "Outstanding Participant for Above and Beyond Duty" of E-5 and above, during Annual Training. Award was a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond. SP4 Elijah Jackson received "Outstanding Participant for Above and Beyond Duty" of E-4 and below, during Annual Training. Award was a \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond. Mess Section received the "outstanding Section Plaque" for services during Annual Training. Yearly history of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: Activities of Headquarters Battery 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery during 1976 as follows: During Multiple Unit Training Assembly (MUTA) conducted on 17-18 January 1976, personnel received training in on-the-job training for specialist. This unit's Command Inspection was conducted on 18 January 1976 by COL James M. Bullock Jr., 45th Field Artillery Group Commander. A training assembly was conducted on 21-22 February 1976. Training consisted of on-the-job training for specialist, Applied Communications Procedures, Recruiting and Retention Update, FDC Section conducted training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The unit conducted a training assembly 13-14 March 1976 training consisting of on-the-job training for specialist and Section Training. Unit conducted annual Showdown inspection as concurrent training on 13 March 1976. Training presented for Multiple Unit Training Assembly conducted on 3-4 for April 1976 was Marksmanship Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on 3 April 1976 and Fitting and Masking Procedures, Individual Protective Measures Against CBR Attack, Standard CBR Markings. Unit conducted annual Showdown Inspection makeup as concurrent training. COMET Inspection was conducted 7 April 1976 by CWO Franklin T. Melott. Unit Property Audit was conducted on 26 April 1976 by LTC L.D. Davidson. During Multiple Unit Training Assembly conducted on 1-2 May 1976 unit performed a battery RSOP at Lake Thunderbird 1 May 1976 to May 1976 unit head critique of battery RSOP at Lake Thunderbird on 1 May 1976. On 2 May 1976 unit had Critique of Battery RSOP and Recruiting and Retention update. During Multiple Unit Training Assembly conducted on 5-6 June 1976 a Battalion RSOP was conducted at Lake Murray. The unit established position 0800-1200 and the RSOP was conducted from 1230-1700 hours. The RSOP continued from 07300-0930 hours on 6 June 1976 and ended with a critique of the RSOP by the Battalion Commander. After critique, units returned to home station. The unit conducted at training assembly on 17-18 July 1976, training consisted of on-the-job training for specialist and Section Training. During the period 31 July-14 August 1976 this unit proceeded to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas by motor March for Annual Training. Training consisted of on-the-job training and Section Training. The summer encampment was highlighted by the firing of three (3) Honest John Rockets. Drill was conducted on 21-22 August 1976, training consisted of

OJT/Section Training, Individual Protective Measures Against CBR Attack. On 11-12 September 1976, this unit conducted a Multiple Unit Training Assembly. Unit personnel received training in Military Justice, Construction of Individual and Crew Served Weapon Emplacements, Security and Defensive Preparation. A Command Inspection was conducted by COL Lonnie M. Bray, Commander 45th Field Artillery Group on 12 September 1976. The unit conducted a training assembly on 2-3 October 1976, training consisted of on-the-job training for specialist and Section Training. Annual General Inspection (AGI) was conducted on 14 October 1976 MAJ Dickie H. McCleney and MSG William M. Arguelles, Headquarters 5th US Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. A battery CPX was conducted during drills on 2,4,9,11 November 1976. The unit conducted a training assembly on 11-12 December 1976, personnel were trained on: Types of Civil Disturbances, Techniques of Crowd Control, Crowd Control Formations, Weapons and Riot Control Agents, Apprehensions, Documentation and Detention of Civilians, Use of Riot Baton, Legal Considerations and Race Relations. Yearly history of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: The activities of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery during 1976 as follows: Eight months have passed since reorganization to an honest John Rocket Firing Battery. Unit strength stands at 45 of the required 67. Equipment is still in short supply and with this highly complex rocket system, the question is, will we become a highly skilled and proficient unit. Training conducted January 17-18, 1976, involved Administration, Maintenance, Kitchen and Supply personnel in Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and on-the-job training (OJT). The Fire Direction Center (FDC), Assembly and Transport (A&T) Section and Launcher Sections traveled by private automobile to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to conduct section training supervised by battalion and Fort Sill personnel. As Personnel returned to the Armory Sunday afternoon, instruction is being given on Promotion of Community Relations by 1LT Southard. The assemblies came to a close after one hour of Drill and Ceremonies, along with two hours of Material Care and Maintenance of section equipment and vehicles. During the Multiple Unit Training Assembly (MURA) conducted February 21-22, 1976, FDC, A&T and the Fire Sections return to Fort Sill for section training. Meals were served to our personnel by mess halls located at Fort Sill. At Home station Administration, Maintenance, Kitchen and Supply personnel went about their normal duties. The Communications Section began a group study program in the 36k (Tactical Wire Operations Specialist) and 05F (Radio Teletypewriter Operator) career management fields. Visits were made on February 11, 17 and 21 by LTC Robert E. Clark and MAJ Calvin E. Koonce, our Battalion Commander and Executive Officer respectively, to evaluate the progress of the unit. Classes February 22 were conducted by 1LT Bateman on The Challenge of Leadership, the Armory Fire Plan and Fire Fighting Equipment. Battery "A" won the battalion recruiting contest with 12 enlistments during February. Eight losses detracted from our outstanding recruiting effort, so we now more diligently endeavor to retain qualified personnel to preclude loss of trained and motivated personnel. COL Lon R. Fink, representing the Adjutant General of Oklahoma made an unannounced Physical Security Inspection on March 11. The Colonel gave us a "pat on the back" and a favorable report. Training for all sections March 13-14 were identical to previous months training with the exception of special subjects taught Sunday afternoon. Classes were taught by 1LT Southard on Benefits of Oklahoma Army National Guard (OKARNG), requirements for membership in the OKARNG and what is expected after one joins. Two hours were devoted to the Material Care and Maintenance of vehicles and other equipment. A Clothing Showdown Inspection was conducted concurrently with unit training. Our strength figures for March were some better with four enlistments and only one loss. Congratulations to our commander on his promotion to Captain, March 19. Assemblies on April 13-14 began at 7:20 a.m. so members could depart at 4 p.m. and have more time for work, play and travel. On April 13 Battery "A" traveled by organic transportation to the Fort Sill Range to conduct M-16 rifle, M60 machine gun, M203 grenade launcher and .45 caliber pistol familiarization and qualification training. All members enjoyed this training since it is hands on and "real" training. Several of our key NCO's assisted in operation of the ranges and safety on weapons. The move to and from Fort Sill and the live-fire training was without accident, incident, or injury. Upon return to home station all the weapons were thoroughly cleaned and secured in the unit vault. On Sunday, April 4, all personnel attended classes on Fitting the Protective Masks and Masking Procedures, Individual Protective Measures against CBR Attack and Standard CBR Markings. The afternoon was devoted to Material Care and Maintenance of vehicles and equipment and a Clothing Showdown Inspection makeup. CW2 Oran L. Peters representing the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Oklahoma (USPFO), conducted an Audit of Unit Property on April 26-27 with favorable results. The month of May got off to a "fast and furious" start with assemblies conducted the first and second day of the month. On Saturday the entire Battery moved to the Close-In Training Area (CITA) for Battery Reconnaissance Selection an Occupation of Position (Battery RSOP). The day of field training was the first as a unit for the majority of our people, and each man began to realize the need for action, application and positive results. We had much to learn and accomplish before we could "light the fuse" on a powerful Honest John Rocket. On Sunday the Commander assembled the battery in our main classroom and reviewed the progress on Saturday's training. CPT Southard also presented a Recruiting and Retention Update and an Orientation on Annual Training 1976. The afternoon was used exclusively for Material Care and Maintenance of vehicles and equipment. CW2 Lewis J. Barnard and his team of specialists conducted at Commander's Maintenance Evaluation Team (COMET) Inspection, May 7 for the State Maintenance Officer for Oklahoma (SMO for OK). Results were very favorable with our unit receiving a score of 97 out of a possible 100 and a citation commending the unit for

the outstanding maintenance program. On May 10, CW2 to Joe T. Halkins and his Calibration Assistant Team (CAT) representing the SMO for OK, made a stop here in Marlow, to test, calibrate and schedule tests and calibrations of the unit's many test sets, meters, torque wrenches, etc. On May 9, CSM William E. Nichols and two other high-ranking NCO's visited our armory for the Statewide Armory Improvement Contest. They were apparently impressed since we won the Major Command Award for for the older style Workers Progress Administration (WPA) Armories. Some more good news for May was an overall strength gain of four for the month. The assemblies conducted June 5-6, 1976, were definitely different. Our unit along with HH&S Battery from Oklahoma City, Battery "B" from Walters, and Battery "C" from Healdton travel by motor convoy to Lake Murray near Ardmore, Oklahoma. Our position area was a point extending into Lake Murray, surrounded on three sides by water. Naturally in combat you wouldn't choose that position but for peacetime training it was nice to have an attractive young lady water ski right in front of your perimeter defense. Our Motor Section protected our left flank with fishing poles and lawn chairs while the other sections perform their various tasks in preparing the position area. Our only casualty was Private Isral W. Reynolds. Private Reynolds was ambushed by a rough road and gravel while on reconnaissance with the Motor Sergeant's 350cc Honda. Seems the cycle when one way and the gravitational forces prevailed as Reynolds plowed up the road with his head and shoulder. After a doctor at the Ardmore Hospital cleaned Isral's face and put in a few stitches near his eye, Isral was ready for the helicopter ride to Reynolds Army Hospital and a few days observation. Private Reynolds was released to duty in a few days and then we could joke about his "eventful" weekend at Lake Murray. The remainder of the unit did bivouac at Lake Murray and returned to Marlow without accident, incident, or injury. The afternoon was devoted to Material Care and Maintenance of vehicles and equipment and all personnel were dismissed to prepare for Monday morning civilian employment. Training Assemblies for July were conducted on the 17th and 18th. Administration, Maintenance Kitchen and Supply personnel worked in their respective areas but were encouraged to attend as much of the specialized training as possible. Classes in which all personnel were to attend: Procedures to be Taken in Security of Individual Weapons, Radio Telephone Procedures, Security and Defense of Battery Area. The Fire Direction people had instruction on Communication Channels, Section Operations and Crew Drill. The Launcher Sections and Assembly and Transport Sections trained in Crew Drill. The Communications Section continued its group study program in Wire and Teletype Training. A special feature for the weekend training was the Intelligence School conducted by Warrant Officers Ragsdale and Gosset from the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The class was of three hours duration and extremely interesting and informative. Annual Training 1976, began July 31, authorized by General Order Number 124, Oklahoma Military Department. SSG Steve H. Brown, SSG Bobby J. Miller, SSG James H. McNeil III and SP4 Wayne R. Cross were placed Full Time Training Duty (FTD) July 29 and 30 to represent the unit as our Advanced Detachment. There were no accidents, incidents, or injuries enroute to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. The first day of August was the second day of Annual Training. Attendance for training was 3 officers and 32 enlisted men. With the unit short 2 officers and 30 enlisted men could we do the job or be the laughing stock of the Battalion? The men performed in an outstanding manner and on August 10, 1976, our unit fired the first Honest John Rocket as a unit. Rocket "splash" was observed as less than 30 meters from target center. Since several members had enlisted only a few months prior to Annual Training and had never heard of an honest John Rocket, we were especially proud of their performance and proficiency. There were no incidents pertaining to serious injury the personnel. No line of duty investigations were conducted on members of the unit during Annual Training. Incidents pertaining to damage or government property consisted of fender and bumper damage to four vehicles or trailers damaged on night occupation of position. Annual Training was a resounding success and we pondered how much more successful it could be could be in with the other half of the battery present for training. One week after return from Annual training Battery "A" assembled to conduct a Clothing Showdown Inspection, special classroom instruction and material care and maintenance. Several members turned in "fair wear and tear" clothing items for replacement after the Showdown Inspection and others began turning in field gear for accounting and display in the Supply Room. Every man worked hard the hot August weekend and all members were dismissed at 4 p.m. Surprise guest Saturday, August 21, was LTC Edwin S. Alsmith and MAJ Thomas P. Tysdal from Headquarters, United States Army Readiness Region, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Other visitors Saturday were MAJ Benjamin J. Sultenfuss Jr. and MSG Joel I. Bessire, United States Army Advisors for our Battalion. These gentlemen lend assistance and information in all aspects of training, administration and supply. Assemblies conducted September 11-12, 1976, were extremely busy. Saturday the entire unit participated in Reconnaissance Selection and Occupation of Position (RSOP) training in the Closed In Training Area west of Marlow. Sunday morning the Battery conducted one hour of Drill and Ceremonies in preparation for the Battalion Commanders In Ranks Inspection. A 3-hour block of instruction on Military Justice by 1LT Bateman followed the Drill and Ceremonies. After a delicious meal prepared by our Food Service Personnel every man performed material care and maintenance for 2 hours, then changed into Army Greens for the Battalion Commander's visit. While LTC Clark looked over the men in ranks, his staff inspected Supply, Motor, Mess, Administration and the Training Room. The staff did find some problem areas, nether the less, we are confidence this unit is still the LTC Clark's best. Training October 2-3, 1976, was to say the least intensive. After 30 minutes of Close-Order Drill, sections plunged into training, such as, Nuclear Weapons, Surety and Security,

Nuclear Weapons Publications and Forms, Anti-jamming Measures, Construction of Internal Wire Nets, Call for Fire, Fire Order, etc. Naturally with the many classes there must be many instructors and long hours of study. The unit officers and NCO's or commended for their willingness and ability to train the unit for combat readiness. COL William W. Kelly, the Oklahoma Military Department Race Relations and Equal Opportunity Officer visited the unit Sunday morning and encourage us to enlist minority members. With our strength still down by five people, COL Kelly was assured we would do our best. During November 1976 our unit assembled 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 11th. On November 2, CPT Southard assembled the entire unit in the main classroom and presented the plan for "Open House" and the following three assemblies. Various Officers and NCO's were responsible as Armory Guides, Recruiting Advisors, Section Area Personnel and City Canvas Teams. After a 30-minute presentation and discussion everybody got busy preparing the Armory and Equipment for the show. The Canvassing Team also distributed handbills welcoming everyone to this exciting event. On Thursday November 4, we had a very good turnout, with the people most interested in the mannequin in full battle dress to include flak jacket and M-16 rifle. SSG James H. McNeil III, the unit armorer, did an outstanding job in showing and explaining the use and function of individual weapons and equipment. After a complete explanation and showing of the Honest John Rocket and Launcher Vehicle, the Commander gave the order to Fire the Rocket. As people reached to hold their hands over their ears, a small "pop bottle" rocket shot to the roof of the Armory and popped, giving the guest a good laugh. They realized a 4,700 pound Honest John Rocket travelling 38,000 meters would have to make a little more noise than that. The turnout for the November 9, "Open House" was half of the previous night. The weather and sporting activities did limit the numbers but the young people thoroughly enjoyed themselves and consumed much soda pop, cake and cookies served by our Mess Section. On Thursday the 11th, the temperatures went down to 20 degrees and the wind speed went up to 40 miles per hour, so our attendance was not good. About 9 p.m. we began to shut down and clean up the Armory, but we're very encouraged by the positive response and support of our unit by the General Public. The assemblies conducted December 11-12, 1976, were of a mandatory nature. Civil Disturbance Training was of 8 hours duration on Saturday. On Sunday the Physical Training Test separated the heavyweights from the lightweights, and even the lightweights were gasping for air. With the PT Test out of the way we had the day to recuperate while attending Race Relations, Command Information, Equipment Historical Records and two hours of Material Care and Maintenance. Still winded and with weary muscles, we were dismissed to return to families and civilian employment. As we stop and ponder our value and cost to the taxpayer, we realize as taxpayers we are a need and a "must have" organization. If it were not for the Reserve Components Manpower and Equipment Availability, our National Defense would be in dire need. Might we, the Officers and Enlisted Men for Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, always be ready, willing and able to accept our responsibility and perform as so many American Servicemen before us. While we have not yet reach perfection, we are a highly skilled and proficient National Guard Unit. Watch our "smoke" in 1977. Yearly history of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: Activities of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery during 1976 as follows: During Multiple Unit Training Assembly (MUTA) conducted on 17-18 January 1976 personnel in Mess, Supply, Administration and Maintenance sections received on-the-job training for specialist, Proficiency Testing, Drill and Ceremonies and Maintenance of Equipment. The FDC, A&T and Launcher Sections received FADAC training at Fort Sill. On 21-22 February 1976, unit conducted multiple unit training assembly, unit personnel received on-the-job training for specialist, FDC, A&T, and Launcher Sections received training at Fort Sill. All personnel reviewed Armory Fire Plan and Fire Fighting Equipment, Recruiting and Retention and Maintenance of Equipment. During training assembly conducted on 13-14 March 1976 unit personnel receive training in on-the-job training for specialist and Maintenance of Equipment, a Command Inspection was conducted by the Battalion Commander and his staff. On 3-4 for April 1976, unit conducted multiple unit training assembly, unit personnel were qualified and familiarized with individual weapons at Fort Sill. All Personnel received NBC instruction and maintenance of equipment. On 26 April 1976 a Unit Property Audit was conducted by CW2 to Charles Rau, USPFO and CPT Preston Willoughby; Battalion S-4. The unit received a Superior Rating. The unit conducted a training assembly on 1-2 May 1976, personnel participated in a Battery RSOP in the Closed In Training Area, receive training in Recruiting and Retention and Maintenance of Equipment. COL Bray, Commander, 45th Field Artillery Group visited the unit on 1 May 1976. On 6 May 1976, COMET was conducted by CW2 Melott, CSMS. The battery received a Satisfactory Rating. During Multiple Unit Training Assembly (MUTA) conducted on 12-13 June 1976, Battery personnel participated in a Battalion RSOP at Lake Murray. A training assembly conducted on 17-18 July 1976, was devoted to training for on-the-job training for specialist, Security and Defense of Battery Area, Securing Individual Weapons and maintenance of equipment. Annual training was conducted at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, during the period 31 July- 14 August 1976. Training was on the job training for specialist, AIT instruction for FDC, Firing Sections and A&T Section, maintenance of equipment, NBC Chamber Exercise was conducted on 4 August 1976, Battery RSOP on 4-5 August 1976, Battalion RSOP 9-10 August 1976, 16 Hour Field Training Exercise on 11 August 1976, firing of Honest John Rocket on 11 August 1976 by a crew made up of personnel from "B" Battery, and a motor march to and from Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. A training assembly conducted on 21-22 August 1976 was devoted to training for on-the-job training for specialist, Showdown Inspection, Construction of Individual and Crew Served Weapons and Placement Security and

Defensive Preparation, Security Force, Composition of an Assault Techniques, Field Fortifications and maintenance of equipment. The unit conducted a training assembly on the 11-12 September 1976, personnel were instructed in Drill and Ceremonies, Military Justice, Battery RSOP in Closed In Training Area. Command Inspection was conducted by MAJ Calvin E. Koonce, Battalion Executive Officer, 2 Battalion (HJ) 158 Field Artillery on 11 September 1976. A multiple training assembly was conducted on 2-3 October 1976, unit personnel received training and on-the-job training for specialist, Drill and Ceremonies and maintenance of equipment. On 13th October 1976, AGI was conducted by LTC Wharton and MSG Kahrs, 5th US Army Inspector General, San Antonio, Texas. The unit received a Satisfactory Rating. During multiple unit training assembly conducted on 2-4-9-11 November 1976, unit conducted open house and served refreshments to dependents of members and other guests. Training presented for multiple unit training assembly conducted on 11-12 December 1976, consisted of types of Civil Disturbance, Techniques of Crowd Control, Crowd Control Formations, Weapons and Riot Control Agents, Apprehension, Documentation and Detention of Civilians, Use of Riot Batons, Psychological Influences on Crowd and Control Forces Behavior; Legal Considerations for Civil Disturbances, Drill and Ceremonies, Race Relations, PT Test, Command Information, Equipment Historical Records (Log Books) and maintenance of equipment. Yearly history of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery for the calendar year 1976: Another year has passed and it's time once again to put on paper the history of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery, Healdton, Oklahoma. The period covered was 1 January thru 31 December 1976. We will start with our January training assembly, pick up the events between drills and finish up with the training assembly for the month of December. We hope you find the record informative. Our January assemblies were held on the 17th and 18th. The majority of the unit moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to receive section training conducted by personnel assigned to Fort Sill on active duty. This type of training was well received by all who attended. Many hours of preparation were spent in preparation for the units Annual General Inspection which was conducted on 21 January 1976 by COL William W. Kelley and CW4 Billy G. Taylor who are assigned to the Oklahoma Military Department. The inspectors found the unit in real fine shape and had several good comments. During the month of January, the unit enlisted PVT Michael D. Clark and SFC John W. Walker who transferred into the unit from the unit located at Lawton, Oklahoma. The month of February found the unit training at the Healdton Armory on the 21st and 22nd. The entire weekend was devoted to Care and Maintenance of Equipment and classroom instruction on the up-date of the roll of the Guard plays in our overall defense structure. Our recruiting efforts during the month produced the enlistments of PVT Dennis E. Miller, PVT Jerry W. Mitchell, PVT Marvin K. Smith, PVT Royce D. Mackey, SP4 Michael D. Minyard, and SP4 Kenneth D. Russell. We had one officer and two enlisted men attend the 45th Field Artillery Group CBR School conducted at Oklahoma City on 21-22 February 1976. 1LT James L. Welch departed for Fort Sill, Oklahoma to attend the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course. March found the largest portion of the unit moving to Fort Sill to receive section training once again on the Honest John Rocket system. Our training was conducted on the 13th and 14th of the month. One officer and two enlisted men attended the CBR School in Oklahoma City the same weekend the unit drilled. PVT Michael D. Clark and PVT Dennis E. Miller departed for their four months active duty training at Fort Sill on 28 March 1976. During the month, the unit enlisted PVT Jimmy D. Norton and SGT Donald R. Barrett transferred into the unit from the unit located at Ada, Oklahoma. April was a very busy month for the unit. The unit training assemblies were conducted on the 3rd and 4th April. The entire unit moved to the rifle range located at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma on the 3rd April and fired qualification and familiarization with their individual weapons. Personnel were also tested on a CBR Proficiency Test during the April assemblies. Training on the 4th April consisted of CBR training and maintenance of equipment. SGT Max N. Burris and SP5 Billy S. Hornbeck attended a Recruiting and Retention School on 24-25 April 1976 conducted at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This school certified these personnel as qualified recruiters for our unit. The unit enlisted PVT Roger D. Griffin and PVT Kenneth G. Sanders during the month. A unit Property Audit was conducted on 26-27 April 1976 by LTC L. D. Davidson, Field Examiner for USPFO for Oklahoma. The unit received a rating of "Superior" on the audit. A COMET Inspection was conducted on 27 April 1976 by CPT James G. Howard, CSMS for Oklahoma. May found our unit moving to our outdoor training area at Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, Oklahoma on 1 May 1976. The unit conducted tactical training at Lake Murray and enjoyed the opportunity to receive training in different surrounding. On Sunday, 2 May 1976 the unit was briefed on the previous days training. The remainder of the drill was devoted to clean-up and maintenance of equipment. During the month. The unit asked to participate in the Armed Forces Day Parade at McAlester, Oklahoma on 15 May 1976. CW2 Robert D. Treadwell, SSG Gerald L. Timmons, SP5 Larry K. Longest, and SP4 Kenneth R. Varner moved our Honest John Rocket and launcher to McAlester for the parade. These personnel and equipment were well received. PVT Johnny M. Watkins was enlisted during the month. 1LT James L. Welch returned to the unit from Fort Sill where he completed the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course. The month of June found the unit loading up all of it's equipment and moving to Lake Murray State Park for training on the 5th and 6th June. These were two days of tactical training with the remainder of the units of the battalion. The unit bivouaced overnight with training being conducted during the night time hours. Many hours were devoted to moving and setting up the Honest John Rocket and launcher for firing. The rocket crews had reached the peak of proficiency desired. A well planned and excellent weekend of training. The unit moved back to the armory on the afternoon of the 6th. SFC Charles R. Davenport



attended the Recruiting and Retention School conducted at Oklahoma City on 26-27 June 1976. PVT Alan L. Buck and PVT Marlan C. Banta Jr. departed for four months active duty training on 6 June 1976. This training was conducted at Fort Jackson, S.C. 1LT Jimmy D. Armstrong transferred into the unit on 4 June 1976 from the unit located at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. July found the unit conducting training on the 17th and 18th. The training consisted of section training and individual training. Classroom instruction was presented on mandatory subjects and a briefing on our summer camp was presented. The unit also prepared its equipment for movement to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas on 31 July 1976. 1LT Lester E. Petersen was appointed and assigned to the unit on 9 July 1976. SFC Wilbur L. Barbour transferred into our unit from the unit located in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Well, summer camp time again. The unit moved to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas on 31 July 1976 for a two week training period. The primary mission of our unit during the encampment period was to conduct section training and to fire a Honest John Rocket during the second week of camp. Many hours of training and preparation for the firing of the rocket were spent by the entire unit. On Tuesday of the second week of camp, the unit drew the rocket from the Ammunition Issue Point at Fort Chaffee. The unit assembled the rocket and performed the electrical checkout of the "big bird" prior to firing. At approximately 7:30 p.m. on the evening of 10 August 1976, the countdown started and the rocket was launched downrange for a distance of approximately 14 miles. The firing was a great success and pride among the unit members was at a all time high. The unit departed Fort Chaffee on 14 August 1976 and returned to Healdton, Oklahoma. Upon arrival to the armory, the personnel unloaded and secured weapons, unloaded the personal equipment, and "went to the house" for the evening. The month of August found the unit conducting training on the 21st and 22nd of the month. Training was devoted to section type training and Preventive Maintenance on unit equipment. PVT Marvin K. Smith and PVT Johnny M. Watkins departed for four months active duty on 1 August 1976. SGT James H. Briscoe enlisted in the unit during the month. September found the unit drilling on the 11th and 12th of the month. On Saturday, 11 September 1976, the unit was having a Command Inspection conducted by LTC Robert E. Clark, Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery and his staff. The unit personnel were inspected in ranks and the unit's equipment and facilities were also inspected. The results of the inspection indicated the unit was in excellent condition. This was an opportunity for the battalion to evaluate the units progress towards the upcoming Annual General Inspection of the unit in October. PVT Alan L. Buck and PVT Marlan C. Banta Jr. returned from four months active duty at Fort Jackson, S.C. on 19 September 1976. The unit training assembly for the month of October was conducted on the 3rd and 4th. Training during the month was devoted to section training and classroom instruction on security. Final preparations were made towards the units Annual General Inspection to be conducted on 12 October 1976. The recruiting efforts during the month were rewarding in that SGT Max N. Burris reenlisted, PFC George R. French Jr. and PVT Eddie L. Couets enlisted into the unit. PVT Eddie L. Couets departed for four months active duty training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma during the month. On 12 October 1976, the unit received its Annual General Inspection conducted by MAJ James H. Williams and MSG Frank E. James which were stationed at Headquarters, Fifth US Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. All records, procedures, equipment, and facilities were inspected. After eight hours of checking, the unit had completed its second such inspection within a period of ten months. The inspectors were well pleased with the condition of the unit. November found the unit departing from the normal weekend training sessions. Due to state-wide recruiting effort; our unit held its training assemblies at night on the 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 11th of the month. A "open house" was held each night with all of the units equipment on display and manned by qualified unit personnel to demonstrate the equipment and answer questions the public attending asked. Refreshments were served each night of the "open house" and attendance by citizens of this and surrounding communities was very good. PFC Dennis B. Bettis transferred into the unit from the unit located in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. PVT Ronald G. Paul was enlisted into the unit. Also, during the month, CPT Ronald R. Hathorn and CW2 Robert D. Treadwell made recruiting presentations at five local area high schools. These presentations were made to high school senior boys. These personnel were well received in each school. The month of December found the unit conducting its training on the 11th and 12th. The training during the month was devoted to Civil Disturbance Training. This type of training is conducted annually due to the change in policy and procedures and the roll of the Guard plays in such disturbances. CPT Donald R. Hathorn attended the National Guard Preventive Maintenance Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky during the period 12-17 December 1976. This was a productive year for Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery. We demonstrated through hard work, careful planning, and a desire to excel in whatever we undertook in the training and recruiting areas, we are one of the best and most qualified units in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. We believe we have contributed our part to the defense of our country in 1976 and have faith that we will be able to continue in 1977, with any mission we might be assigned. The following Commendation was received by HHB 158th Field Artillery Battalion for its performance in the 1976 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. 1976. This commendation is awarded for superior performance in the Adjutant General's Tenth Annual Armory Improvement Program. In recognition for superb performance in bringing your armory too its high state of cleanliness, appearance, repair and maintenance; and for the extra time and additional effort spent and State appropriated monies saved, this Commendation is awarded. This noteworthy contribution in bringing the armory to its present

condition attests to the professional abilities, esprit-de-corps, effective supervision, superior leadership and exceptional community support of all officers, noncommissioned officers and unit personnel. This achievement reflects most favorably upon the unit, the community, the Oklahoma Army National Guard and the State of Oklahoma. Signed: John Coffey, Jr., Major General, OKARNG, The Adjutant General.

**May 01, 1977:** Command Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Gary L. Stebbins appointed extended temporary federal recognition.

**May 13, 1977:** Command Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT John D. McReynolds assigned Battery Commander replacing CPT Joe C. Graham, resigned.

**May 26, 1977:** Command Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT William A. Abshire appointed Liaison Officer replacing CPT John D. McReynolds, reassigned.

**Jun 21, 1977:** Command Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT William R. Johnson assigned Communications Officer replacing 1LT Alvin D. Brown, reassigned.

**Jun 30, 1977:** Command Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT Gary L. Stebbins assigned Reconnaissance Survey Officer vice CPT William A. Abshire, resigned.

**Sep 28, 1977:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: National guard members honored. Four members of the Oklahoma Army National Guard recently received special awards at ceremonies held at the Lawton armory. Capt. Herbert A. O'Neil and CW3 Gene E. Wells, both of the Service Battery, 1st Bn., 158 Field Artillery, and Maj. Charles D. Houston, of Hq. Btry., 1st Bn., 158 Field Artillery, received the "Oklahoma Guardsman Medal" for "unusually high character of duty performance." Staff Sgt. Harold L. Davis, Hq. Btry., 1st Bn., 158 Field Artillery, received the Army National Recruiter Badge for completion for a recruiting/retention course.

**Oct 08, 1977:** Obituary: Winfield Bird Sale, Jr.; a veteran of the World war with a record of overseas service and an officer in the National Guard of the United States in Colorado, succeeded his father as Denver Representative of the National Lead Company. He was born at Woodlawn, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 12th of October, 1894, a son of Winfield Bird Sale, Sr., and Anne (Raeburn) Sale, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work. His early education, acquired as a grade school pupil in Denver, Colorado, was supplemented by a course of study in the East Side high school of Denver after which he attended Parks Business College. His initial experience in the business world was obtained in real estate operations. The military record of Captain Winfield B. Sale is a very interesting one. He early became a member of Battery "B", Denver, CO, Army National Guard. The spring of 1917 found him in the Wyoming cattle country, but he at once rejoined his battery in Denver and with that command was assigned to the 147th Field Artillery, which later merged with the 158th Field Artillery. With this command he served overseas for seventeen months as sergeant major under Major Henry Nickerson participating in the Champagne campaign, the Marne Defensive, the Aisne Marne offensive, the engagement at St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He remained in France from July 7, 1917, until November 11, 1918, and subsequently spent some time with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Upon the completion of his military service he took a trip through the Mediterranean country, returning home in June, 1919. He resumed his connection with the National Guard upon its reorganization and now has the rank of captain. Following his return to Denver he was identified with the Ross Investment Company until the death of his father in the summer of 1924, when he succeeded the latter as Denver representative of the National Lead Company and is thus now serving. He is widely recognized as a young business man of pronounced ability and sound judgment for whom the future holds much promise. In September, 1919, Captain Sale was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Dougan, and to them has been born a son, William Stanley. Member the Masonic fraternity and also has membership in the National Paint, Oil and Varnish Club. One of the pleasant recollections of his sojourn in the Wyoming cattle country is a charming correspondence with Owen Wister, the noted author. From: History of Colorado; James H. Baker, Editor, Linderman Co., Inc. Publishers, Denver, 1927. Volume IV, p.119- 120. Captain W. B. Sale and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Dec 31, 1977:** Yearly history of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery for calendar year 1977: The first Drill for calendar year 1977 was held at the Lawton Armory with ARTEP training for each section. Battalion Chaplain held church services on Sunday. Material Care and Maintenance was performed on all equipment. Drill attendance was at 97% of the 117 personnel assigned. During the February drill we saw the battery again drilling at the Armory with classes in Nuclear Weapons; initial effects and protective measures, for the entire battery. These classes were followed by unit ARTEP training. Following Church services performed by the battalion Chaplain on Sunday, Material Care and Maintenance was performed on assigned personnel on assigned equipment. This month's assigned

strength of 120 reflects an increase of 2% with 95% of personnel in attendance. On the first day of the March drill the unit moved to the field for the first field exercise for the year. Live Fire at Fort Sill was conducted by the unit. Church services were held Sunday morning followed by ARTEP training. The annual COMET inspection was conducted on 15 March 1977 by CW3 Donald Truskey. Attendance was at the 95% level of the 118 personnel assigned. Again in April, as in March, the drill began with Live Fire being conducted in the field at Fort Sill. Following Church services on Sunday, Material Care and Maintenance was performed by battery personnel. Of the 114 assigned personnel 93% in attendance. The May drill saw the first full weekend of field training by the unit at Fort Sill. After moving to the field, the personnel were trained in Occupation and Improvement of Position, Preparation of Defense diagrams and in the Defense of Perimeter. Live Fire continued until 2400 hours. On Sunday the battery performed ARTEP training in support of Live Fire. Of the 118 personnel assigned 91.6% were in attendance. For the third time in 1977 the battery moved to the field during the June drill. ARTEP oriented training was completed by 1500 hours Sunday, at which time the unit returned to the Armory. The battery had 88% of the 115 assigned personnel in attendance. July saw the battery training in preparation for Summer Camp. ARTEP oriented training on Saturday was followed with Material Care and Maintenance of equipment on Sunday. 91% of the 113 assigned personnel were in attendance. Active Duty for training was accomplished at Fort Chaffee, AR, from 16 to 30 July 1977. Visiting the battery during this period were the Honorable David L. Boren, Governor of the State of Oklahoma; BG John Coffee Jr., Adjutant General of the State of Oklahoma; BG James M. Bullock, Task Force Commander, and BG Charles F. Gordon, III Corps Commander. On Saturday the August drill began with a showdown inspection at the Armory followed by ARTEP oriented training. Material Care and Maintenance of equipment followed church services on Sunday. Of the 117 personnel assigned 88% were present. Individual weapon qualifications on the M-16 and Machine gun ranges at Fort Sill were accomplished on the first day of the September drill. ARTEP training was conducted on Sunday. Assigned strength was 122 with 89.2% in attendance. The Annual General Inspection was conducted on 2 September 1977 by MAJ John M. Rapp and MSG Frank E. James Jr., HQ, 5th U.S. Army. Examination and Inventory was conducted on 6 September 1977 by CW2 Charles L. Rau and CW4 Billy G. Taylor, Examiners for USPFO for Oklahoma. ARTEP training and Material Care and Maintenance was conducted during the October drill. 89% of the assigned 115 personnel were present. Training for November was also ARTEP oriented the first day, while Material Care and Maintenance occupied Sunday's drill periods. Assigned strength was 118 with 91% in attendance. The last drill of the calendar year saw our annual training sessions on Civil Disturbances consisting of studies of actual civil disturbances, laws, uses of the riot baton and a practical exercise. Since "McAlister" this has been one of the more favorite drill periods of all. Sunday's training consisted of a Commanders Call with emphasis on recruiting and retention. ARTEP oriented training was conducted with the men. 92% of the 131 assigned were in attendance. This assigned strength of 131 reflects a gain of 14 over the 117 that were assigned as of 1 January 1977, or an 11.9% gain in enlisted strength for the year. The following Commendation was received by HHB First Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery Battalion for its performance in the 1977 Annual General Inspection: State of Oklahoma Military Department Annual General Inspection Commendation. To: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, First Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard. Is commended for outstanding accomplishments in administration, equipment condition and training during the Annual General Inspection conducted by the Inspector General, Fifth United States Army, fiscal year 1977. This commendation is awarded to those units whose members have demonstrated a high degree of proficiency, morale, esprit de corps, discipline and devotion to duty. This efficiency is evidenced by the unit's overall condition. This honor reflects favorably upon the Commander, each unit member, unit technicians, the Oklahoma Army National Guard, and the United States Army. I commend all members of the unit for a job well done: Signed: John Coffey, Jr., MG (OK), AGC, OKARNG, The Adjutant General. The following commendation was received by HHB First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Battalion by the National Guard Bureau for its overall rating in 1977 and awarded a Superior Unit Award: Departments of the Army and Air Force. National Guard Bureau. Army National Guard. Superior Unit Award. Presented to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. For attainment of an overall rating of Superior during training year 1977. Signed: L. E. Weber, Major General, Chief, National Guard Bureau.

**May 16, 1978:** The following commendation was received by HHB First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Battalion by the Oklahoma National Guard Bureau for 100 Percent Strength in 1977: Oklahoma National Guard 100 Percent Strength Award presented to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, OK for maintaining authorized strength continuously during calendar year 1977. Awarded this 16th day of May 1978. Signed: Harold C. Dallam, COL, GS, OKARNG, Recruiting Officer. Signed: John Coffey, Jr., MG (OK), AGC, OKARNG, Adjutant General.

**Dec 31, 1978:** The following Commendation was received by HHB 1/158th Field Artillery Battalion for its performance in the 1978 Annual General Inspection: State of Oklahoma Military Department. Armory Improvement Program Category II. To: HHB, 1/158th Field Artillery, 45th Field Artillery Group, Oklahoma Army National Guard. 1978. This commendation is awarded for superior performance in the Adjutant General's Twelfth Annual Armory

Improvement Program. In recognition for superb performance in bringing your armory too its high state of cleanliness, appearance, repair and maintenance; and for the extra time and additional effort spent and State appropriated monies saved, this Commendation is awarded. This noteworthy contribution in bringing the armory to its present condition attests to the professional abilities, esprit-de-corps, effective supervision, superior leadership and exceptional community support of all officers, noncommissioned officers and unit personnel. This achievement reflects most favorably upon the unit, the community, the Oklahoma Army National Guard and the State of Oklahoma. Signed: John Coffey, Jr., MG, AGC, OKARNG, The Adjutant General.

**Feb 28, 1979:** Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: Affiliation the key to improved readiness. By LTC Merrill B. Burruss. "I believe that a good deal can be done by making the Reserves more ready by engaging them in peacetime in activities that are more directly connected with the role of the Active forces."-Secretary of Defense Harold Brown The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard (OKARNG), has just completed its third year of affiliation with III Corps Artillery, Fort Sill, OK. The relationship has produced positive results and is one of growing mutual respect. In terms of the affiliation program objective of improving Reserve readiness, it has been a resounding success. The contractual agreements of affiliation involve the III Corps Artillery Commander; Commander, US Army Readiness Region VII; and the Oklahoma Adjutant General. The functional level of affiliation rests primarily with my battalion (1-158th FA) and the Active Army host battalion (4-4th FA), currently commanded by LTC William F. Kelly. Involved to a lesser degree are our two headquarters, the 75th Field Artillery Group (for the 4-4th FA) and the 45th Field Artillery Brigade (our higher headquarters). A prime factor enhancing affiliation success is the proximity of the units. Headquarters and service batteries of the 1-158th FA are located in Lawton; firing batteries are located in Anadarko, Chickasha, and Duncan, OK, all within 50 miles of Fort Sill. Additionally, most of the 1-158th's tracked vehicles are located at Fort Sill. With limited annual training hours, the 1-158th plans training or training objectives as far in advance as possible. Another long-standing practice is not to ask our affiliated Active Army unit for anything (instructors, classes, or other training support) that we can provide for ourselves. Since the advent of the Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) and decentralized training concepts, input for future training is solicited at the lowest possible level. Our battery commanders, battery training officers, and training NCOs monitor and listen to their sections for training desires and needs. The section input is combined with that of my battalion staff and discussed with the affiliated unit commander and his personnel. As ideas become plans, the 45th Brigade and the 75th FA Group are advised, and their input is requested. This process is a continuing one that must be rigid enough to obtain the desired training results, but flexible enough to accommodate changes in regulations, personnel, and availability of ammunition and training areas. The challenge is to develop a yearly training plan and quarterly training schedules that will produce the best training possible and the highest degree of unit readiness, in the limited hours of available training time. Calendar year 1977 began with our preparation to conduct battery-level training ARTEPs during annual training 1977 (AT 77). The ARTEPs were to be administered by III Corps Artillery with the nuclear weapons surety program to be evaluated in July by Fifth Army. Preparation for these two events occupied most available training time during the first two quarters of 1977. LTC William Kelly, commander of the 4-4th, made his staff, key NCOs, and equipment available as needed. This effort by the 4-4th was in addition to their own unit responsibilities, and many of these personnel gave up weekends to accommodate our weekend training schedule. Although the requirements for personnel and equipment are planned and known far in advance, the call for an additional item of equipment to replace a dead lined item often comes the day before a weekend drill. When this happened, the assets of III Corps Artillery were made available to us. The most common, effective method of using the 4-4th on drill weekends was a one-on-one basis with their respective Guard counterpart. This procedure resulted in better communication and rapid identification of problems, as well as prompt corrections and solutions. The most frequently called on Active personnel are shown in table 1. After each training period, Lieutenant Colonel Kelly consolidates the comments and suggestions of his people and discusses them with me and my staff. These sessions are also used to discuss future training plans, operations, and any support needed. In addition, battalion-prepared general information booklets are shared and compared. We train only one weekend per month, but my unit's full-time technicians are in communication with the 4-4th weekly, if not daily. As the 4-4th prepared for its own ARTEP, the two battalions developed great interest and concern as to training progress, problems, and, in particular, innovations that would gain the required accuracy and speed on the ARTEP. Nineteen members of the 1-158th observed all or part of the 4-4th's external evaluation. Affiliation funds allowed some of the Guard personnel to be paid, and some attended a portion of the ARTEP on a non-paid status. Viewing a comparable unit undergoing evaluation was very beneficial. The realization that other units, regardless of component, have problems, make mistakes, and have equipment failure gave us incentive. Our annual training was held 16 through 30 July 1977 at Fort Chaffee, AR. Our tracked vehicles had been moved to Fort Chaffee earlier for use by the Arkansas National Guard; so, for our last live-fire training at Fort Sill, it was necessary for us to draw equipment from the 4-4th. Lieutenant Colonel Kelly was the chief evaluator for the 1-158th for all of AT 77 except the ARTEPs. His evaluation team consisted of key personnel from his battalion. All elements of the 1-158th were monitored constantly, and detailed reports were prepared daily. On-the-spot corrections were made, and the 1-158th made

maximum use of the time available to prepare for its battery ARTEPs. This method of evaluation by the 4-4th proved far superior to prior AT evaluations. The old method of evaluation involved having one field grade officer and perhaps one to three enlisted assistants evaluate the entire battalion. Three or four individuals simply cannot cover every aspect of a battalion-size operation, and the rate of improvement during an AT period is much slower. During AT 77, the two nonaffiliated battalions of the 45th Brigade had the old-type evaluation and their rate of progress was much slower. During the second week of AT 77, a team from III Corps Artillery moved in to administer the battery ARTEPs. The 1-158th was especially honored when the commander of III Corps Artillery arrived for the actual ARTEP. All batteries of the 1-158th received satisfactory ratings on their overall AT evaluation. Our nuclear weapons surety training was handled somewhat differently. Since we are close to Fort Sill, our nuclear weapons personnel train at Fort Sill on weekend drills that involve special weapons training. One of the special weapons NCOs in the 4-4th was especially interested in the 1-158th and visited the unit regularly on weekend drills, and the S2 made several visits. Since most of our special weapons personnel were trained in the unit without benefit of formal training, they observed only themselves in action. The 4-4th special weapons personnel, many of whom were school trained, put on a demonstration and seminar for us, which helped us overcome some inbred on-the-job training problems. The nuclear weapons surety program of the 1-158th was evaluated by Fifth Army on a drill weekend in July 1977. We were well prepared for the inspection. The evaluator's comments were quite favorable and resulted in a letter of commendation from the Fifth Army Commander. The 4-4th was pleased to have had a part in the program and proud to have the 1-158th affiliated with their unit. In September 1977, my battalion XO and training NCO accompanied the 4-4th to Fort Carson, CO, to participate in a one-week CPX. The guardsmen worked in the 4th's tactical operations center and played an important part in the CPX. October marked the second annual fire competition between the 1-158th and 4-4th. The two battalions' representative sections competed, with the battalion commanders and S3s as judges. In 1977 the 4-4th was the winner on time, but each battalion had the same number of hits. The 1-158th won the competition in 1976. Retention and recruiting problems are not unique to the Active element. The retention of qualified people and the recruiting of interested and qualified individuals to man the Guard in our highly technical and exacting MOSs are a continuing challenge. Personnel turnover is a constant problem in obtaining security clearances, in section reorganization and training, and in maintaining small-unit readiness. The Authorized Manning Level (AML) for the 1-158th is 488. Full TOE strength is 504. During the past year, the battalion has maintained strength at or near the AML, which is no small task. Retention and recruiting are primary concerns for our battery commanders and technicians. My staff and I believe affiliation has been a very positive contributor to better retention and recruiting. Being aware of the 1-158th's concern about strength, the 4-4th commander initiated a program to assist. He interviews all personnel being discharged from the 4-4th and talks to them about the National Guard; the 1-158th in particular. He has also talked to the Active Army recruiters in the area, soliciting their help and cooperation in working with my battalion's recruiters. At his suggestion, we placed National Guard recruiting material at the out-processing area at Fort Sill to make the people aware of the unit. To support recruiting, the 4-4th commander has made unusual efforts to see that all affiliated activities with the 1-158th were reported to the news media. Several articles have appeared in The Fort Sill Cannoneer, and affiliated activities have been reported in the regional civilian newspapers and on TV and radio stations. Lieutenant Colonel Kelly has accompanied me on visits to each of my armories to discuss recruiting and retention with the battery commanders, full-time technicians, and unit recruiters. The close association and mutual respect that have developed between the 1-158th and its Active Army counterpart have had a positive effect on the retention of quality personnel in the unit. Not only does the guardsman have pride in, and an identity with, the 1-158th, he also has, through affiliation, an identity with the elite III Corps Artillery, the 75th FA Group, and the 4-4th FA. The 4-4th usually brings their new officers out to watch the 1-158th train and operate. They have used our equipment many times and have adopted some of our innovations. Because it is close to Fort Sill, the 1-158th is fortunate to have numerous civil service employees as members. With their training and experience, these people make outstanding guardsmen. Affiliation extends beyond the drills and AT, and necessarily so. During the past year, members of the 1-158th have been invited to attend III Corps Artillery ceremonies and receptions. Officers of the 4-4th FA have invited their counterparts and wives to command social functions at the Fort Sill Officers Club. The officers from the 1-158th reciprocated by inviting their 4-4th counterparts to the Oklahoma National Guard Military Ball. According to the 4-4th commander, affiliation is a "two-way" street; not only does it help the Guard unit but it also helps the Active unit. Affiliation has resulted in two units working together, where cooperation and mutual respect have added to the readiness and professionalism of both. Isn't this what the "one Army" concept is all about? The 4-4th FA and 1-158th FA attended AT 78 at Camp Shelby, MI, during July 1978. During AT 78, the 1-158th received the following written comment from the Forces Command evaluator: "This unit has achieved the highest level of performance of any Field Artillery unit in this Region (Readiness Region VII)." Rounding out the "one Army" concept during AT 78 was LTC Robert Allen, USAR, a member of the Individual Ready Reserve, who "counter-parted" with an Active Army battalion commander for annual Active duty training. Lieutenant Colonel Allen accompanied the 4-4th FA and the 1-158th FA, OKARNG, to AT 78. LTC Merrill B. Burruss Jr. is the Commander of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard. Photo Caption: LTC William F. Kelly and his Active Army battalion took on the added responsibility of assisting a National Guard battalion. Photo

Caption: More realistic training was one benefit of affiliation for the Oklahoma guardsmen.

**Mar 01, 1979:** Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: Conversion to new howitzers. Washington, D.C.-The National Guard Bureau has announced that the 1-158th FA Battalion of the Oklahoma Army National Guard is the first ARNG unit to complete conversion of M110 self-propelled howitzers to the M110A1. All ARNG units authorized the M110A1 are scheduled to be converted by June 1979.

**Apr 21, 1979:** The following Commendation was received by 158th Field Artillery Battalion for its performance in the 1978 Annual General Inspection by the 45th Field Artillery Brigade Commander: Headquarters. 45th Field Artillery Brigade, Oklahoma Army National Guard, P. O. Box 3046, Enid, Oklahoma 73701. 21 April 1979. Subject: Transmittal of Annual General Inspection Commendation. Thru: Commander. 1st Bn 158th FA. PO Box 5008, Sheridan Station, Lawton, OK 73504. To: Commander. HHB 1st Bn 158th FA. PO Box 5008, Sheridan Station, Lawton, OK 73504. 1. I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your unit for having been commended on your last Annual General Inspection. 2. It is a privilege and an honor to receive a commendation of this magnitude. The efforts expended by you, your unit technicians, and all of your unit personnel are most evident when recognition such as this is given. High unit standards and unequalled expectations of your unit will always result in a superior unit. 3. I appreciate your work and encourage you to continue to excel. Signed: Norman E. Duckworth, COL, FA, OKARNG, Commanding. 1 Incl. 1. Commendation.

**Jul 05, 1979:** The following commendation was received by HHB First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Battalion by the Oklahoma National Guard Bureau for 100 Percent Strength for one calendar year: Oklahoma National Guard 100 Percent Strength Award presented to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, OK for maintaining authorized strength continuously during calendar year 1 July 1978 – 1 July 1979. Awarded this 5th day of July 1979. Signed: Charles D. Houston, MAJ, FA, OKARNG, Recruiting Officer. Signed: Robert M. Morgan, MG (OK), AGC, OKARNG, Adjutant General.

**Jul 17, 1979:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Phot Caption. A general's view. Maj. Gen. Robert Morgan, adjutant general of the Oklahoma National Guard, looks through a scope during firing exercises at Fort Sill today involving the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Lawton's guard unit. To Morgan's left is Capt. Ken Guillory, a Fort Sill evaluator, Lt. Col. Merrill Burruss, the unit's commander, is standing in the background. The local unit is in its second week of summer training at Fort Sill. (Staff Photo).

**Dec 31, 1979:** The following Commendation was received by HHB First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Battalion for its performance in the 1979 Annual General Inspection: State of Oklahoma Military Department Annual General Inspection Commendation. To: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard. Is commended for outstanding accomplishments in administration, maintenance, and training reflected by the report of the Annual General Inspection conducted by the Inspector General, Fifth United States Army, fiscal year 1979. This commendation is awarded only to those units whose members have demonstrated a high degree of proficiency, morale, esprit de corps, discipline and devotion to duty. This award reflects favorably on the Commander, each unit member, unit technicians, the Oklahoma Army National Guard, and the United States Army. I commend all members of the unit for a job well done: Signed: Robert M. Morgan, MG (OK), AGC, OKARNG, The Adjutant General.

**Jan 01, 1980:** Official Roster of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8-Inch) (Self-Propelled) 158th Field Artillery and Station of Organization; Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Battalion Headquarters: Battalion Commander LTC Jerry D. Simmons, Executive Officer MAJ Jackson H. Adams, S-3 MAJ Bobby D. Thomasson, Battalion Motor Officer CPT Austin L. Atkinson, Battalion Chaplain MAJ Marvin D. Hays, Communications Electronic Officer CPT James L. Welch, Field Artillery Liaison Officer CPT Jerry G. Davis, S-1 CPT John D. McReynolds, S-2 CPT Leland F. Kliewer, Command Sergeant Major CSM Robert L. Stringer. Battery Headquarters: Battery Commander CPT David G. O'Neal, First Sergeant Clay F. Dudenhoeffer, Food Service Sergeant SFC Marx L. Calhoun, Motor Sergeant SP5 John C. Spurlock, Supply Sergeant SSG Michael C. Hinson and SSG Jesus M. Salazar, First Cook SSG Oliver J. Gordon, Unit Clerk SSG James V. LeCompte and SP4 Robert Sims, Armorer PFC Frank E. Sales and PVT Tyron A. Barnes, Cooks SP4 Rossevelt Danna, SP5 Wallace Carrier Jr., SGT Garen Franklin, SP5 Richard Limon, SP5 Charles E. Anderson, SP5 Jimmie L. McAfee, PFC Reginal Bryant and SP4 Marcus West, Equipment Maintenance Clerk SGT Randall Dedert, Power Generator and Wheel Mechanic SSG William W. Layton, PVT David M. Pierce, SP5 James Tinnell, SGT Charles R. Taylor, and SSG Michael S. Pirtle, Track Vehicle Mechanic PFC Berrick E. McBath, Light Vehicle Driver SGT Kyle Riggs and SP5 Danny E. Paddie, PAC Clerk SSG William Foote, Chapel Act Specialist SGT Earl L. Smith, Clerk Typist SSG Carl J. Kulow, PAC Clerk SP5 Jerry Wiser, Fire Direction Officer CPT Daryl K. McCall, Intelligence Sergeant MSG Kenneth V. Ille, Operations

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**Jan 14, 1980:** Obituary: James Wiley McClellan, Sr., funeral services were held Jan. 16 at 2:00 at the Bahner-Fox Chapel for James W. McClellan, sr., 77, who passed away Jan. 14 in an Oklahoma City hospital. Rev. Jim House officiated. Interment was in Green Hill Cemetery with arrangements by Bahner-Fox. Born Oct. 11, 1902 in Beard County, Tex., he had lived in Davis most all of his life. He married Jewell Clark Dec. 21, 1925 in Sulphur. He was a former employee of the City of Davis, working in the Water Dept. He was a retired member of the Davis Fire Chief from 1962-64. He was a veteran of WWII, and a member of the VFW and American Legion. Survivors include his wife, Jewel, of the home; two sons, Jack McClellan, Davis, and Roy McClellan, Moore; one daughter, Mary Van Buskirk, Oklahoma City; eleven grand children and six great grand children. One daughter, Shirley, preceded him in death in 1948. Printed in The Davis News on Jan. 17, 1980. Sergeant, ASN: 20830319 and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**May 24, 1980:** Published in the "The Odessa American" entitled: Aiming gun. Gov. George Nigh looks through the sight to an 8-inch howitzer during an inspection tour of Oklahoma National Guardsmen at summer camp at Fort Chaffee. Sgt. Marvin Sewell, left, of Duncan, and Sgt. Howard Tomlinson, Duncan, show Nigh how the gun works. Both men are in the 1st battalion, 158th field artillery unit.

**Aug 22, 1980:** Obituary: Everett Leland Hayes; Newspaper source and date unknown. "The funeral services for Everett L. (Lee) Hayes, 76, Belok, Kansas, was held Monday, August 25th at St. John's Catholic church in Beloit, Kansas. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Beloit. Mr. Hayes died at the Mitchell County Hospital after an unexpected illness. He was born March 19, 1904 in Victor, Kansas. Lee was the son of Rutherford B. and Sophronia Hayes. He grew up in and graduated from Plainville High School, Plainville, Kansas. After graduation he was employed by Western Light and Telephone. He was manager for the company at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, when called to the service of his country. Lee enlisted in the 45th National Guard at Kingfisher, Okla. in 1938. He served in the 45m infantry Division known as the Thunderbirds. He had an outstanding service record having seen 6 years with 511 days of combat, made 6 amphibious landing, with some of the most fierce fighting at Anzio. He served in the African Theater, Sicilian and the Italian Campaigns. He received a Bronze and Silver Star, an American Defense Medal and Citation. He was Honorably discharged Jan. 1, 1946. Lee was baptized Dec. 21, 1946 at Salina, Kansas and was united in marriage to Christine Considine April 7, 1947 at St. John's Catholic church, Beloit, Kansas. Together they established the Mastercraft Interiors and worked side by side until Aug. 15, 1970, when they sold their

business to Ron and Phyllis Gridley. Lee worked from time to time at the Home Center after his retirement. Lee was a member of the V.F.W, American Legion and was instrumental in organizing the Beloit Elks Lodge and became the first and second Exhalted Ruler of that organization. He was also a charter member of the Beloit country Club and spent many happy hours on the golf course. Lee served many years as councilman of the Second Ward and was chairman of the Chautauqua Park committee, which he took great pride in. Lee is survived by his wife Christine, his son George B. Hayes, Lantana, Florida, two grandsons, Gary and Donald, Hampden, Massachusetts, a granddaughter, Jana Eaton of New York City; two brothers, R. B. Hayes, Kansas City, Kans. and Vemon Hayes, Topeka and two sister, Mrs. Richard (Marilyn) Michels, Denver, Colo, and Dorothy Burboth, San Francisco and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass was held Aug. 25, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's catholic Church, Beloit, with Rev. Robert Vering, Rev. Fritz Bergmann and Deacon Albert DeSanctis officiating. Harold Heidrick was the reader. A C.C. of A. rosary was said Sunday afternoon with parish rosary and Bible Service Sunday evening. Karol Kadel Stone sang "Wherever You Go, I Go," accompanied by Mrs. Helena Wiegand. Joe and George Bergmann sang, "Sleep Soldier Boy Sleep." Graveside services were conducted by the V.F.W. and American Legion with George Bergmann officiating. Casket bearers were Ton Gridley, Dr. Jim Considine, Ralph D. Considine, Pete Mick, Arnold Lambertz and Noel Kadel. Warrant Officer Junior Grade, WSN: W-2117851, ASN: 20830391 and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Sep 01, 1980:** Assumption of Command: by authority of paragraph 3-1a, AR 600-20, CPT Leland F. Kliever assumes command of Headquarters Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery, UIC: WPS6T0, effective 1 September 1980.

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**May 02, 1981:** Subject: Superior Unit Award. Thru: Commander, 1st Battalion (8" SP), 158th Field Artillery, P. O.Box 5008, Sheridan Station, Lawton, OK 73504. To: Commander, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8" SP), 158th Field Artillery, P. O. Box 5008, Sheridan Station, Lawton, OK 73504. 1. It is with great honor and a tremendous sense of pride that I forward to you the National Guard Bureau's "Army National Guard Superior Unit Award" Certificate for Training Year 1980. 2. The outstanding efforts and keen sense of devotion to duty which have been displayed by all the officers and enlisted personnel of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery have been duly noted at all levels of command and the presentation of the Superior Unit Award is the reward for those efforts. However, an even greater reward should be in the knowledge that you have one of the best units in the Army National Guard of the United States; a unit which all the members of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade and I are extremely proud to be associated with. 3. Please continue with these outstanding accomplishments which are the tradition and heritage of your unit, your battalion and the Oklahoma Army National Guard. 1 Incl as. Norman E. Duckworth, COL, FA, OKARNG, Commanding.

**May 13, 1981:** Permanent Orders 40-1. Dated 12 May 1981: Headquarters 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. Oklahoma Army National Guard. P. O. Box 5008, Lawton, Oklahoma 73504. 13 May 1981. Subject: Request for the Governor's Distinguished Unit Emblem. The Adjutant General of Oklahoma. ATTN: OKPA-IG. 3501 Military Circle, NE. Oklahoma City, O K 73111. 1. Reference is made to Permanent Orders 40-1, State of Oklahoma Military Department, dated 12 May 1981. 2. In compliance with paragraph 4129 g, Chapter 4, SOP TAG OK, it is requested that 121 Governor's Distinguished Unit Emblems and 5 Oak Leaf Clusters be issued this Headquarters for presentation to eligible members of HHB 1st Bn 158th FA. 3. Roster of personnel authorized award attached. For the Commander: Signed Dennis R. Roper, CW4, OKARNG, Military Personnel Technician. State of Oklahoma. Military Department. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111. Permanent Orders 40-1. 12 May 1981. The Governor's Distinguished Unit Award. HHB First Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Lawton, OK 73504. The following award is announced. Award: The Governor's Distinguished Unit Award. Date (s) of period of service: Calendar Year 1980. Authority: Section 195.5 (k), Title 44, Oklahoma Statutes 1961. Reason: For outstanding performance and ratings, as determined by Committee appointed under provisions of Title 44, Oklahoma Statutes 1961. Format: 320. By order of the Governor: Signed: Leon C. Shackelford, MAJ, IN, OKARNG, Personnel Staff Officer. Distribution: 10 OKPA-AS. Roster of Personnel. HHB 1st Bn 158th FA- Governor's Distinguished Unit Award-1980. Permanent Orders 40-1. Governor's Distinguished Unit. 12 May 1981. Stebbins, Gary, R., CPT. Thomasson, Bobby, D., MAJ. McReynolds, John, D., MAJ. Terrell, Richard, C., 1LT. Davis, Jerry, G., CPT. Kliewer, Leland, F., CPT. Campbell, David, Jr., PV2. Comforti, Kathleen, A., PFC. Jensen, Karl, G., SGT. Rogers, Joseph, V., SSG. Layton, William, W., SSG. Fitzgerald, Willie, L., SGT. Bass, Steve, M., SGT. Freeman, William, Jr., PFC. Nelson, Richard, W., SP5. King, Walter, E., SGT. Sappington, Earl, E., SSG. Tuckness, James, A., SP5. Wiser, Jerry, A., SP5. Smith, Otho, Jr., SSG. Watts, Ray, L., SSG. Franklin, Dwight, W., SP4. Galbreath, Billy, D., PV2. McCarley, Walter, L., SSG. Adams, Russell, B., PV2. Unsell, Emmitt, D., SFC. Dyer, Alice, F., SP4. Sales, Frank, E., SP4. Frazier, Jeffrey, H., PV2. McCarley, Jerry, D., SP5. Tuck, Hershel, W., Jr., SSG. Simerly, Donald, W., SP4. Burton, Jerre, J., SP6. Richardson, Harry, L., SP4. Wilks, Gary, D., PV2. Correll, Ora, A., MSG. Danna, Roosevelt, Jr., SP4. Dover, Arty, L., Jr., SP5. Hicks, Loyal, E., Jr., PFC. Kittle, Ernel, L., SSG. Wooten, Tommy, E., SP5. Davilla, Victor, G., PFC. Meeke, Monte, E., SP4. Zumwalt, Timothy, W., SGT. Owens, Amos, J., Jr., SP5. Bailey, Bobby, J., SSG. Johnson, James, E., PV1. Stewart, Thomas, L., PFC. Knudsen, Michael, G., SP4. Limon, Richard, SP5. Manning, Addie, M., PFC. Tinnell, James, H., SP5. Spurlock, John, C., Sr., SSG. Dedert, Randall, R., SGT. Foote, William, E., Sr., SSG. Garey, Bennie, J., Jr., SGT. Pagan - Figueroa, Carl, SSG. Davis, Larry, C., SP6. LeCompte, James, W., SSG. Pierce, David, M., PV2. Priest, Clarence, M., SSG.

Lopez, Rodriguez, M., A., SP5. Love, Frank, SGT. Atkinson, Austin, K., CPT. Hays, Marvin, D., MAJ. Holt, Ronald, W., LTC. Adams, Jackson, H., MAJ. Smith, David, B., 2LT. O'Neal, David, G., CPT. Tyler, Michael, A., SP4. Tolliver, Gary, L., SP4. Snyder, James, G., SSG. Gross, Ronald, J., Jr., PV2. Jones, Edward, L., SGT. Crumpton, James, H., PV1. Anderson, Charles, E., SSG. Powers, Jack, D., PFC. Kulow, Carl, J., SSG. Scott, Adolph, S., PV2. Sullivan, Donald, M., SP5. Paddie, Danny, E., SP5. Williams, Calvin, L., SSG. McCarley, Paul, G., SP4. Morris, Cynthia, J., PFC. Gordon, Winfred, D., PFC. Johnson, Darnell, K., PV2. McCarley, Roy, D., SSG. King, Rudy, J., SSG. Franklin, Garen, SGT. Zumwalt, Johnnie, F., SGT. Riggs, Kyle, E., SGT. Rackler, Kenneth, D., PV2. Pennington, Richard, PFC. Crow, Danny, R., SGT. Burnett, Jackie, E., PFC. Ward, Vernon, R., SSG. Middleton, Eddy, D., PV2. Daughterty, Charles, H., SGT. Gordon, Oliver, J., SSG. Layton, Charles, F., SSG. Fish, Marvin, W., SGT. Nixon, David, O., SFC. Calhoun, Marx, L., SFC. Parker, Ralph, G., SP5. Straughter, Sharline, SP5. Huntley, Donald, A., SGT. Stringer, Robert, L., SGM. Ille, Kenneth, V., MSG. Richardson, Larry, D., SGT. Land, Daniel, Clinton, PFC. Reed, Timothy, W., SSG. Smith, Dora, A., SP5. Carter, Ronnie, A., PV2. Aguilera, Domingo, Jr., PV2. Tharp, Donald, R., Sr., SSG. Catlett, Barbara, R., SP5. McAfee, Jimmie, L., SSG 2nd Award: McCall, Daryl, K., CPT. Roper, Dennis, R., CW4. Dudenhoeffer, Clay, F., 1SG. Stevens, Joseph, L., Jr., SFC. Hinson, Michael, C., SSG.

**Aug 01, 1981:** Assumption of Command: by authority of paragraph 3-1a, AR 600-20, 1LT James R. Frazier Jr. assumes command of Headquarters Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery, UIC: WPS6T0, effective 1 August 1981.

**May 09, 1982:** Published in the "The Duncan Banner" entitled: Photo Caption. A check for \$700 is presented to James R. Fox, 17, who received the Thunderbird Scholarship for achieving a top level score on the Army enlistment test. All state Juniors and seniors are eligible for the scholarship if they meet enlistment requirements of the National Guard. Presenting the check to Fox is Capt. Gary D. Bray of the Duncan National Guard battery.

**May 20, 1982:** Published in the "The Oklahoman" entitled: Guards big guns thunder complete. The big guns of the Oklahoma Army National Guard competed with the thunder at Fort Chaffee. The guard's 45th Field Artillery Brigade hauled out some of its eight-inch howitzers and began firing them Tuesday. The self-propelled howitzers are the largest artillery in the Guard arsenal. Because of storms that swirled above the Fort Chaffee training area, it sometimes was hard to tell whether the noise came from the howitzers or the thunder clouds. Only one artillery battalion, the 158th, which is headquartered in Lawton and has units in Anadarko, Duncan and Chickasha, was involved in actual firing during Tuesday's exercise. Before training ended, the battalion planned to fire 180 rounds into the artillery impact area. While some artillerymen were firing howitzers, others were launching balloons. Staff Sgt. Norris Sonntag was in charge of the artillery brigade's meteorology division, which launches helium balloons to provide information for the firing. Sonntag, a child psychologist working for the county Health Department in Enid, said the balloons have small radios attached to them that transmit wind, temperature and humidity information for use in firing the howitzers.

**Jun 09, 1982:** Published in the "The Duncan Banner" entitled: Figuring all angles. Photo Caption: Sgt. Tim Ballweg, 158 "B" Battery, Duncan, figures the angle of a round fired from one of the big guns used at annual training. Duncan joined with National Guard units from the western part of the state in a training exercise held at Ft. Chaffee, Ark.

**Jun 22, 1982:** Published in the "The Oklahoman" entitled: Museum displaying young GI's artwork. The combat sketches of Norman Maffei, World War II 45th Division artilleryman, are on display in the special exhibits room of the 45th Infantry Division Museum, 2145 NE 36. The exhibit includes sketches made by Maffei when he was an 18-year-old private in the 158th Field Artillery in Sicily and Italy in 1943 and 1944. A short tape-recorded message on the sketches and artist will be available. The sketches were made mainly during the Sicilian, Anzio and Salerno campaigns. Maffei sketched on lined tablet paper, wrapping paper and stationery while riding in trucks and lying in ditches. Maffei is an artist and art dealer in Franklinville, N.Y.

Nov 30, 1982 Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Three plead guilty. Three Duncan men, including one who is an officer and full-time employee of the Oklahoma National Guard, pleaded guilty Monday to federal charges of interstate transportation of stolen oilfield equipment. Joe Don Arrington, 32, described as a second lieutenant and a full-time employee of the 158th Field Artillery unit at Lawton; Stanley Wayne Stubblefield, 32, and Louis Alan Stubblefield, 24, pleaded guilty to the charges before U.S. District Judge Ralph Thompson in Oklahoma City federal court, officials said. Stanley Stubblefield is an employee of the Beco Co. of Cement. Louis Stubblefield is owner of Stubbs Hotshot Company, an oilfield servicing firm in Duncan. No sentencing date was set. The charges were in connection with the theft of four oilfield valves, valued at \$2,341 each taken Sept. 16 from the Haliburton Company, according to Gene Pogue, a spokesman for the FBI.

**Jan 06, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2 LT John T. Helms, Reconnaissance Survey Officer RSO, separated to accept appointment in Alabama Army National Guard.

**Jan 14, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Joe D. Arrington, Liaison Officer, separated, resignation.

**Jan 16, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Timothy D. Laster, assigned and joined as Reconnaissance Survey Officer RSO, replacing 2LT John T. Helms, separated to accept appointment in Alabama Army National Guard.

**Feb 15, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT James D. Martin, Motor Officer, transferred to Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. CPT Leland F. Kliewer, reassigned from Fire Direction Officer to Motor Officer. CPT Gary D. Bray, assigned and joined as Fire Direction Officer, replacing CPT Leland F. Kliewer, reassigned as Motor Officer.

**Feb 25, 1983:** Permanent Orders #. 21-6: State of Oklahoma, Military Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111. Permanent Orders 21-6 dated 25 February 1983. Oklahoma ARNG Units listed on Inclosure 1. Following unit action directed: Action: Reorganize Redesignate as indicated on Inclosure 1. Effective date: 1 March 1983. MTOE and date: See Inclosure 1. Authorized strength: See Inclosure 1. Required strength: See Inclosure 1. Authority: NGR 10-1, TDA NGW8A8AA, MTOE 5-115HNG01, MTOE 6-185HNG02, MTOE 6-401HNG01, MTOE 6-445HNG01, MTOE 8-126HNG01, MTOE 7-15HNG02, MTOE 17-085HNG01, MTOE 19-500HNG01, MTOE 29-146HNG03, MTOE 29-408HNG01, MTOE 55-016HNG01 and Reorganization Authority No. 25-83, dtd 24Feb83. Additional instructions: (a) For the purpose of this order all UIC's except W8A8AA, W8A8A1, W8A8A2 and W8A8A3 will retain their basic MTOE structure. In addition to reorganization of TDA units mentioned above this order adds STARC TDA augmentations to MTOE units. No further personnel actions for MTOE units are required, to include submission of officer and warrant officer reorganization rosters. (b) Files, records and orders of units reorganized (RO) will remain active. Redesignate (RD) unit will initiate a new series of orders. Military Personnel Records will be maintained in accordance with OMD Pamphlets 640-2-1, 640-10 and other appropriate directives. Redesignated (RD) unit will cite the authority for Redesignation, Permanent Orders 21-6, OMD, 25 February 1983, above the heading of the first order issued thereafter. Orders will comply with NGR 310-10. Reorganization Redesignation will be recorded on Unit Record of Reserve Training (DA 1379) in accordance with Rule 6 and 7, Table II, NGR 680-1. (c) Units are reorganized redesignated under MTOE/TDA series indicated at Inclosure 1. (d) Units will generally be manned at authorized strength for officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel unless otherwise indicated. (e) Commanders will insure that units maintain minimum strength of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel as required by NGR 10-1 for retention of federal recognition. (f) Equipment will be transferred, disposed of, or requisitioned as directed by USPFO for Oklahoma. (g) Unit Status Reports for reorganization redesignation units are due at this Department, ATTN: OKOT, not later than 15 April 1983, reference AR220-1. (h) Officers and enlisted personnel assigned in an over strength status as a result of this reorganization may be retained for one year or until absorbed, whichever occurs first, but not to exceed 29 February 1984. Format: 740. By order of the Governor: Signed Robert E. Clark, COL, GS, OKARNG, ACofS, Personnel. 1 Incl. Distribution: 10-Cdr, HQ 1 Bn 158 FA, 10-Cdr, HHB 1 Bn 158 FA. Inclosure #1: ARNG MTOE Reorganization, State of Oklahoma, Effective, 1 March 1983. New Unit: HHB 1 Bn (8" SP) 158 FA (plus attachment of para 024A & 024B TDA NGW8A8AA) WPS6T0. ARNG MTOE/TDA Organization Reorganization, State of Oklahoma, Effective 1 March 1983: New Unit: HHB 1 Bn (8" SP) 158 FA (plus attachment of para 21A & 21B of TDA NGW7SUAA) WPS6T0. Station and Federal Recognition Date: Lawton, OK 73501 (20 September 1946). MTOE No. & Date: MTOE 6-445HNG03 Effective Date 1 September 1978. Strength: Required: Off=15, WO=0, EM=119, Total=134. Authorized: Off=15, WO=0, EM=115, Total=130. Remarks: RO.

**Mar 01, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: MAJ Marvin D. Hays, Chaplain, transferred to HHB 45th Brigade, Enid, OK.

**Mar 15, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: SGM Robert L. Stringer, Battalion Sergeant Major, transferred to USAR Control Group, Retired.

**Apr 01, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CPT Sanford W. Wylie Jr., assigned and joined as Chaplain, replacing MAJ Marvin D. Hays, transferred to HHB 45th Brigade, Enid, OK. CSM Medgar D. Beaver, assigned and joined as Battalion Sergeant Major replacing SGM Robert L. Stringer, transferred to USAR Control Group, Retired.

**May 11, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Michael R. Anderson,

Section Leader, separated, resignation.

**May 28, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Michael D. Avery, Field Artillery Forward Observer, separated, ROTC-EC officer entering 3 year volunteer Active Duty.

**Jun 10, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT George K. Farley, assigned and joined as Section Leader, replacing 2LT Michael R. Anderson, separated, resignation.

**Jul 31, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 2LT Douglas B. Kelly, assigned and joined as Field Artillery Forward Observer, replacing 2LT Michael D. Avery, ROTC-EC officer entering 3 year volunteer Active Duty.

**Sep 09, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1LT James L. Chandler, Communications Platoon Leader, separated, acceptance of appointment in USAR.

**Oct 01, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: CSM Medgar D. Beaver, Battalion Sergeant Major, transferred to HHB 1 Bn 171 FA, Altus, OK.

**Nov 26, 1983:** Obituary: George John Miller, age 63, November 26 of Taylor. Beloved husband of Delores A. Miller. Dear father of Mrs. William (Nancy) Mascaro, George J. Jr., and Michael A. Miller. Son of William H. Miller. Dear brother of Mrs. Dorothy Hayes, Mrs. Jean Zaddock, Mrs. Alice Pritula. Leaves four grand children. Services were held November 29 from Martenson Funeral Home, Allen Park. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park. Sergeant, ASN: 36152674 and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Dec 15, 1983:** Command Staff Changes of HHB 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery: 1SG Clay F. Dudenhoeffer, 1SG, appointed to Master Sergeant. MSG Clay F. Dudenhoeffer, 1SG, reassigned as Battalion Sergeant Major, replacing CSM Medgar D. Beaver, transferred to HHB 1 Bn 171 FA, Altus, OK.

**Dec 27, 1983:** Obituary: Charles Clifford Ivey, Ypsilanti Township, Mich., age 61, died suddenly Tuesday, December 27, 1983 at Beyer Memorial Hospital. He was born August 26, 1922, in London, Ontario, Canada, the son of Edward H. and Florence I. (Hassard) Ivey. He married the former Edith L. (Hummel) King, February 26, 1966 in Ann Arbor and she preceded him in death August 20, 1982. He was an Army veteran of WW II serving in the European Theater. Private First Class, ASN: 36547337 and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery. He was employed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. retiring August 1, 1982. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 2250 and the American Legion Post No. 282, both of Ypsilanti and the Loyal Order of Moose of Ann Arbor. Surviving are two stepsons, Donald H. King, Jr. of Ypsilanti and Karl E. King of Flint; one step daughter, Tammy Lee King of Ypsilanti and eight grand children. Several nieces and nephews also survive. One brother preceded him in death. A Fraternal Order of Eagles service will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Moore Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday at Graceway Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence Byrd officiating. Burial will follow in Washtenong Memorial Park. Those desiring may make contributions to the Michigan Cancer Fund or Graceway Baptist Church at Moore Memorial Chapel where friends may call from 7:00 p.m. Wednesday through 9:00 p.m. Thursday and at the church from 12:00 noon Friday until the time of service.

**Feb 01, 1984:** Assumption of Command: by authority of paragraph 3-1a, AR 600-20, LTC Johnny L. B. McWhirter assumes command of 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery, UIC: WPS6AA, effective 1 February 1984.

**Jun 02, 1984:** Published in the "The Oklahoman" entitled: Oklahoma guards head for training. Author/Byline: John Greiner. More than 5,000 Oklahoma Guardsmen and women will head for two weeks of summer camp training at several locations today. The largest group of Oklahoma Army National Guard troops will go to Fort Chaffee, Ark., near Fort Smith. Other Guard units will be at Fort Sill near Lawton, Camp Gruber near Muskogee, and Fort Polk, La., Guard officials said. The Troop Command and the 45th Infantry Brigade, two of the Oklahoma Guard's largest units, will train at Fort Chaffee. Troop Command, headquartered in Oklahoma City, is commanded by Brig. Gen. Joe Thomas of Wilburton. The infantry brigade is commanded by Col. James J. Wasson, Cushing. The First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery from Lawton, commanded by Lt. Col. Kenneth Bray, also will be at Fort Chaffee. The Guard's 245th Medical Co., headquartered in Midwest City and part of the Troop Command, will spend two weeks at Fort Sill beginning Saturday. Another Troop Command unit, the 45th Support Center, also headquartered in Oklahoma City, will train at Camp Gruber, as will the infantry brigade's 245th Engineer Co. Scheduled to train at Fort Polk is an antitank infantry company from Heaton and Walters. The unit is part of the Troop Command's 2nd Battalion, 180th

Infantry, which fires anti-tank missiles. During the first week of training at Fort Chaffee, most units will train in the field, but live in the main post area. In the second week, most units will live in the field and run combat maneuvers, Guard officials said.

**Jun 14, 1984:** Published in the "The Oklahoman" entitled: Governor dons camouflage for guard exercises. Author/Byline: John Greiner. Gov. George Nigh smeared paint on his face for camouflage, strapped on a steel helmet and took part in combat maneuvers with the Guard Wednesday. Wearing the latest battle fatigues, Nigh visited the guard at Camp Gruber, the former World War II training post near Muskogee, and then flew to Fort Chaffee to meet other guard members. At Camp Gruber he rode in a convoy that was ambushed, fired an M-60 machine gun and followed an infantry company in an ambush of an M-60 tank. He also handed out awards for valor and efficiency and visited a guardsman who is hospitalized in Fort Smith with injuries suffered in a traffic accident last week. The first leg of Nigh's visit was to Camp Gruber where he joined the 45th Military Police Battalion from his hometown of McAlester. MPs were running an exercise on escorting VIPs. Although they were at Gruber, the scenario for the exercise said they were in Korea. Before the convoy got a mile down the road it was ambushed but the MPs drove through red smoke and got the governor to his destination. Nigh then visited Cushing and Sapulpa members of Company B, First Battalion 179th Infantry. They let Nigh fire the M-60 machine gun which was loaded with blanks. "We didn't do much of this in the Navy," said Nigh. He fired two bursts and then the machine gun jammed. A guardsman fixed it and Nigh said, "Well, it must have been the operator." Nigh then dabbed grease on his face to camouflage it and joined Capt. David Robbins of Cushing in an ambush of a tank, which was supposed to be guarding a convoy carrying the enemy's payroll. At each stop, Nigh told guard members he and the people of Oklahoma appreciate what they're doing. "We hope we don't have to call you, but it's nice to know you're there," he said. The Cushing and Sapulpa unit assisted Tulsans after recent flooding there. At Fort Chaffee, Nigh ate lunch with members of the 2120th Supply and Service Company from Wewoka and Konawa. He visited more 45th Infantry Brigade units in the field and presented awards to others including four who won Oklahoma's highest honor. Four members of the First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, were presented the Oklahoma Star of Valor for rescuing a Lawton man during flooding last October. Those getting the award were Maj. John McReynolds, and Chief Warrant Officer Robert Crabtree both of Lawton, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Pirtle, of Chattanooga, and SSG Tommy Wooton, of Geronimo. Other awards presented by Nigh included a maintenance proficiency award to the 2120th Supply and Service Company. He presented Oklahoma City's 745th MP Company with the Eisenhower Trophy and headquarters detachment of the MP battalion with the Governor's Trophy. Both awards are for outstanding unit performance. Nigh's last stop was at the Sparks Hospital in Fort Smith to visit James A. Carr, Tulsa, who was injured with three other guardsmen in a traffic accident last week. Carr is in intensive care.

**Aug 12, 1984:** Obituary: Martin Diamond; 66, formerly of Syracuse, died Sunday in North Lauderdale, Fla., where he had resided for a year. Born in New York City on 27 August 1917, Mr. Diamond had lived in Syracuse for 38 years. He was employed by Dave Ball Chevrolet for 35 years. Mr. Diamond was employed by Empire Auto Co. for three years before retiring in 1983. He was an Army veteran of World War II, having served with the 158th Field Artillery in Europe. Surviving are his wife, Hilda; two daughters, Judi Torres of Manlius and Sheila Kaminski of Golden Valley, Minn.; two brothers, Edward of Encino, Calif., and Morris of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; a sister, Hilda Brown of Las Vegas, Nev.; and five grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Birnbaum Funeral Chapel, Rabbi Theodore S. Levy, officiating. Burial will be in Frumah Packard Cemetery. Calling hours are 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday. Following services, friends may call at their convenience at the home of Mrs. Torres, 7900 Red Fox Drive, Manlius. Obit-Syracuse Herald-Journal, Monday, August 13, 1984. Private, ASN: 20248169 and served with Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Sep 08, 1984:** Published in the "The Anadarko News" entitled: Whatever happened to Robert Shipman. Former Caddo County resident Robert E. Shipman is living in Oklahoma City, where he retired last August as director of the oil and gas division of the Commission of the Land Office at the Oklahoma State Capitol, a position he held for 29 years. Shipman is the son of Della Shipman of Anadarko and Knox Shipman of Fresno, Calif., a former Anadarko police chief. He was born in Hinton in 1923 and started school in a rural school near there. The family moved to Anadarko during Shipman's sophomore year. He and his twin sisters, Ruby Lee Mingus of Anadarko and Anna Lee Law of Norman, all three graduated from Anadarko High School the same year, in 1940. Shipman explained how he graduated with his sisters, who were 15 months older. "I had a good teacher at the rural school who let me skip the fifth grade, putting all three of us in the same class," he said. After graduation, Shipman went into active duty with the Army's 45th Division, he was commander of Battery "B" of the 158th Field Artillery in Anadarko. In September 1947, he was elected Caddo County treasurer. He resumed his duties as treasurer after the war. In 1954, Shipman accepted the position under the Commission of the Land Office. He retired from the Army Reserves in 1965. He and his wife, Jean, who is employed by Tenneco Oil Company, in Oklahoma City, have two children. Their son, David, recently accepted a position with the Commission of the Land Office, and their daughter, Lisa Smith, is a certified

public accountant for an Oklahoma City law firm. The Shipmans also have a grandson, Blake Smith.

**Feb 15, 1985:** Assumption of Command: by authority of paragraph 3-1a, AR 600-20, CPT Austin L. Atkinson assumes command of Headquarters Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery, UIC: WPS6T0, effective 15 February 1985.

**Nov 07, 1985:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Local Guard recruiter honored. Sgt. 1st Class Dean A. Vargas believes in the National Guard so much that he signed up 113 new Guardsmen last year. Vargas, a recruiter for the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, led the state in recruiting for fiscal year 1985, and next month he'll go to Washington, D.C., to receive one of the Chief's 50 awards that will be handed out to the top recruiters from all 50 states. Vargas said his success as a recruiter comes from his own belief in the value and benefits of the Guard. "I probably couldn't sell ice boxes in Saudi Arabia, but I believe in the National Guard, so I come across that way," he said. "I'm not a high pressure salesman. I just tell them my experience with the Guard." Much of his recruiting work is in area high schools, where he presents programs on career planning and funding for higher education. During the programs he explains the training and education benefits that the Guard can provide. The biggest attraction of the National Guard now is educational benefits, Vargas said, adding that members can join in high school, complete training in the summer and begin enjoying benefits by the time they're ready to go to college. "We want young people who are interested in going to post-secondary education. That's what we strive to get." In addition to providing funds for students to continue their education, the Guard can teach skills through its own training programs, he said. Guardsmen in Lawton, for example, can be trained in 69 different military occupational specialties. Vargas, who works full-time for the Guard, began his military career 18 years ago in the Navy. He left the Navy after 10 years of active duty and moved to eastern Oklahoma. The only unit there was an Army engineer unit, so he joined the Guard part-time. In 1981 he became a full-time employee and moved to Lawton as a recruiter. Last year wasn't his all-time best; in 1984 he recruited 122 new Guardsmen, which placed him third in the state. On his trip to Washington he'll be accompanied by Maj. John McReynolds, executive officer for the battalion, and Master Sgt. Charles Smith, non-commissioned officer in charge of recruiting for the 45th Artillery Brigade. Vargas said it takes the support of the entire unit to continue to recruit and retain new Guardsmen. "It's total unit involvement. I really appreciate the help they give," he said.

**Nov 19, 1985:** Obituary: Raymond Hendley Coombs, Colonel, 84, born 13 December 1900 and graduated US Military Academy at West Point, NY, Class of 1924 died 19 November 1985 and is buried at Presidio Monterey National Cemetery. Was activated with the 13st Ordnance Maintenance for WWII and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery as a Second Lieutenant, OSN: 15561, while it was home stationed in Colorado. Spouse was Francis A. Coombs and resided in Lawton and Comanche, Oklahoma and Monterey, California.

**May 13, 1986:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Asbestos removal work to begin at national guard armory. The Lawton National Guard Armory dome will begin to lose its coating of asbestos after local Guardsmen leave for summer camp this weekend. Jim Kidd, supervisor for the asbestos removal crew, said he's not sure how long it will take to scrape the 100-foot dome and the adjacent rooms. "With an area this size, it's almost impossible to tell. I'd say in the area of two to three months," he said during a preliminary visit to the armory Monday. "I wouldn't want to be held to that." Steve Allen, director of the asbestos division of the state Department of Labor, said the dome-covered drill floor and adjacent rooms are the No. 1 priority on a list of asbestos cleanup projects compiled by the state Department of Health. An office area to the east of the drill floor is a lower priority and will be dealt with later. The state Legislature last year approved funding to remove asbestos from state buildings, and the armory was identified as a priority during inspections last year. Kidd said equipment will be moved in and some preliminary work done this week. The cleanup will begin after the soldiers leave for annual training at Fort Chaffee, Ark., on Saturday. The drill floor will be sealed off from the office area for the project, and all openings to the outside will be sealed to make sure no asbestos escapes. Workers will spray the asbestos, which is 2 to 4 inches thick on the ceiling, with water to help keep fibers from floating about the building. They will then scrape off the asbestos and put it into bags for burial in a landfill. Machines will suck fresh air into the building, then filter it before returning it to the outside, Kidd said. Workers will be wearing full protective clothing, including respirators, and asbestos levels and heat and humidity will be monitored to make sure the workers are in no danger, Kidd said. Maj. John McReynolds, executive officer for the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, said about 20 people work at the armory daily, and more than 200 Guardsmen show up for weekend drills. The Guard will be deprived of the use of the drill floor during the cleanup, and McReynolds said officials haven't decided how to solve that problem. "There are a lot of little things we haven't got worked out yet," he said.

**Aug 01, 1986:** Assumption of Command: by authority of paragraph 3-1a, AR 600-20, CPT Donald R. Thomas assumes command of Headquarters Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion (8" SP) 158th Field Artillery, UIC: WPS6T0,

effective 1 August 1986.

**Aug 04, 1986:** Obituary: Otis Lampkin, Funeral services for Otis Lampkin, 70, of 1501 San Andres were set for 2 p.m. Monday at Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Prairie Haven Cemetery with the Reverend Leon Green of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Otis was born June 11, 1916 in Oklahoma, he died Thursday August 4, 1986 at Lea Regional Medical Center Hospital in Hobbs, New Mexico. Buck was preceded in death by his parents and a son Paul E. Lampkin of Hobbs, New Mexico. Survivors include his wife Ina Lampkin of the home; five sons; Billy Lampkin of Dallas, Robert Lampkin and Luther Lampkin both of Wilson, Oklahoma, Raymond Lampkin of Ardmore, Oklahoma and Gary Lampkin of Hobbs, New Mexico; two daughters, Mona Dae Redden of Meadow Bridge, West Virginia, and Janetta Carrillo of Hobbs, New Mexico; a brother, Benson Gipson, of Pontiac, Oklahoma; 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association. We wish to extend a heart felt Thank You to DLM of Lovington, NM for providing the obituary for Otis Lampkin's Find a Grave memorial. Private and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**May 19, 1987:** Obituary: Harold Lee Robnett. The Duncan Banner, 21 May 1987. Cushing, OK. Service for Ryan native Harold Lee Robnett, 66, who died at his Cushing home Tuesday, 19 May 1987, will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church of Christ in Cushing with Gary Rollins, minister, officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Friday in the Ryan Cemetery under the direction of the Davis Funeral Home of Cushing. Robnett was born 14 Oct 1920 in Ryan. He was a watchmaker and repairman. He also was a World War II veteran, serving in the US Army from November 1939 to June 1945, and was a member of MARS (Military Artillery Radio Service). He was a member of the Church of Christ in Cushing. Robnett married Harriett Cassie Cates on 11 June 1942 at Ayers, Massachusetts. She preceded him in death on 8 July 1970. Survivors include two sons, Joe and Harold Jr. of Cushing; two daughters, Nancy McEntire of Sand Springs and Sandra Broughton of Poteau; two brothers, Donald Robnett of Weatherford and David Robnett of Iowa Park, Texas; one sister, Beth Lana of Abilene, Texas; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. Son of Virgil Robnett (1897-1970) and Texie Ola English (1896-1985). Brother of: Carroll Dee Robnett (1923-1924), Doris Beth Robnett Lana (1925-2013), Charles Donald Robnett (1932-1995) and Virgil David Robnett (living). Married Harriett Cassie Cates (1925-1970) on 11 June 1942 at Ayers, Essex, Massachusetts. Father of Cassandra Lee Robnett, Harold Donald Robnett, Nancy Annette Robnett and Joel David Robnett. Technician Sergeant, ASN: 20830451 and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery.

**May 06, 1987:** Published in the "The Durant Daily Democrat" entitled: Area men, women in military service. Rodney A. Pedersen of Caddo recently enlisted as a private in Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard. Private Pedersen will be trained as a cannon crewman and will receive an initial enlistment bonus of 81,000, with payments of 8500 to follow at the end of his second and fourth years of service The bonus Pedersen will receive is only one of several available to qualified individuals when they join the Guard. Other bonus programs available to Oklahoma Guard members include the re-enlistment bonus, affiliation bonus and the New G.I. Bill.

**Jun 29, 1987:** Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Guardsmen turn in self-propelled guns for missiles. By James Johnson, Staff writer. Fort Carson, Colo. First a giant roar, and GI helmets flew high in the air amid the drifting gun smoke. Cheering Oklahoma National Guard artillerymen this week celebrated firing their 8-inch howitzers for the last time. Miles away, 11 shells could be seen bursting above the desert yucca and flannel weed, followed a moment later by a 12th. That was the last howitzer round fired by the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which is losing its big self-propelled guns. "I plan that one to be just a little behind the others," said Command Sgt. Major Dale Spruill, of Duncan, who pulled the lanyard on the final shot. "I wanted our last round to be seen." After 19 years of serving them, the 1st Battalion is turning in the big guns and is the first unit outside the regular Army to get the newest missiles designed to wipe out enemy artillery. In changing to the new Multiple Launch Rocket System, the 1st Battalion will increase its firepower 500 percent, said Lt. Col. Jim Swafford of Cushing, Battalion Commander. Firing batteries that formerly had four guns now will have nine tracked Bradley Fighting Vehicles carrying a dozen rockets apiece. The 8-inch guns were capable of firing nuclear shells. Non-nuclear, each rocket propels 644 bomblets to blow a gory hole in a line of artillery massed in accordance with Soviet army techniques. The idea is for the crew to fire its rockets, then move its position quickly, pick up another load of rockets and fire again before the enemy can shoot back. It's called shoot and scoot warfare. "Nowadays everyone's got something to detect you, and you have to move around a lot more," Swafford said. He said the change won't affect the size of his battalion, but it will mean that for the next three years the unit will be in training and not operational. The manufacturer will deliver the first launcher July 10 to an Oklahoma National Guard acceptance team at the Camden, Ark., factory. But the 1st Battalion really won't get its first rocket vehicle until next April, Swafford said. For the time being, rocket vehicles will be kept at Fort Sill, where the batteries will train. Later they will be kept at their home armories, Swafford said.

Cannoneers decorated their last projectiles with chalked messages. Some were signed by the entire crew. The last rounds were activated electronically by proximity fuses which caused them to explode 10 yards above the ground. National Guard retirees and other old hands from the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion still on duty were invited to see the guns fired for the last time. They watched the impact critically. They agreed it was a well shot, tight pattern. The last shot was still reverberating as gun crews retrieved their helmets, revved up their tank-like carriers and headed back to the main post at Fort Carson. They would wash the grime from the guns and load them on rail cars for shipment home, temporarily, at Anadarko, Duncan and Chickasha. Photo Caption: Last Message: Jimmy Flute of Apache writes a message on a shell before the Oklahoma National Guard's 8-inch howitzers were fired for the last time.

**Jul 3, 1987:** Obituary: Bryan Lavine Rakestraw, COL, Birth December 5, 1910 Snyder, Kiowa County, Oklahoma, to Death July 3, 1987, Oklahoma City- Ok. Bryan L. Rakestraw, COL USAF (retired), OKC, passed away July 3, 1987. Born Dec. 5, 1910 in Snyder, OK. BA & Law degrees from the University of Oklahoma. Master of Law Degree as outstanding graduate Georgetown University. Distinguished 30 year military career included service with the 45th Infantry Division as an artillery commander in the Pacific in WW II & key positions in the USAF. Judge Advocate General's Corps as the Chief Staff Judge Advocate for the Tactical Air Command & the U.S. Air Force in Europe. Retired to OKC in 1965 and after serving 10 years as an officer of Fidelity Bank entered private law practice. Active in civic affairs including Rotary, Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown NOW, and County, State and American Bar Associations. Served as chairman of PTA, Protestant Men of the Chapel, Crown Heights United Methodist Church Board, OKC Cerebral Palsy Association and as Commander of Military Order of World Wars. Survived by his wife, Judge Arthur Lory Rakestraw of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Kay Harris; 2 sons, Don and Lee and 5 grandchildren. Services will be 2 pm Monday, July 6, at Crown Heights United Methodist Church with internment at Arlington Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, Oklahoma County Unit. Directed by Guardian Midtown. Colonel, OSN: O-305751 and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Jul 23, 1987:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Oklahoma guard to get MLRS units. Oklahoma National Guard units in Southwest Oklahoma are gearing up for some major changes this fall, including introduction of the state-of-the-art Multiple Launch Rocket System. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which has its headquarters in Lawton, is converting from 8-inch howitzers to the MLRS. The 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery, based in Altus, will be doubling its number of 8-inch howitzers and picking up detachments in two cities. The 1st/158th is the first reserve unit to field the MLRS, and local Guardsmen know that how well they perform may determine the future of the system with the reserve components. The 1st/158th fired its last rounds as an 8-inch unit during summer camp at Fort Carson, Colo., and soldiers from the battalion officially accepted the first MLRS launcher-loader at the LTV factory in Arkansas last month. Second Lt. Craig Kerr, training officer for the battalion, said the first equipment is to arrive at the battalion next spring. Eventually the battalion will receive 29 launcher-loaders, as well as support equipment. The equipment won't be the only thing that's changing for the battalion. Currently the battalion has its headquarters battery and its service battery in Lawton and firing batteries in Duncan, Chickasha and Anadarko. Beginning Sept. 1, the headquarters and service batteries will be combined and based in Lawton. A firing battery also will be stationed here. In all, the number of Guardsmen stationed here will remain almost unchanged. B Battery will continue to be located in Duncan, although a detachment will also be stationed in Walters. C Battery will remain in Chickasha, but a detachment will be stationed in Marlow. The Anadarko unit, now a firing battery in the 1st/158th, will be shifted to the 1st/171st. The unit headquartered in Altus will also pick up a detachment to be formed in Frederick. That detachment will be part of the service battery that has its headquarters in Altus. Both the Walters and Marlow units now are made up of TOW missile artillerymen; they will be given the option of shifting to artillery or transferring to an infantry unit elsewhere. "The biggest challenge that we see as far as the training side goes is to convert the TOW missile infantry into artillerymen," Kerr said, but the changeover will mean work for all the Guardsmen. Kerr said about 300 soldiers will have to be trained in new military occupational specialties to qualify them as MLRS operators. For the unit to be qualified by fall 1989, the Guardsmen will have to participate in three-week annual training camps in 1988 and 1989, compared to the normal two-week camps they've been attending. Kerr said employer support will be especially important when the Guardsmen are called upon to take an extra week for annual training. "Without that employer support, it's going to hurt us," Kerr said. "It's going to be a big challenge, one of the biggest challenges we've ever faced, but we know we can do it," Kerr said.

**Aug 08, 1987:** Published in the "The Oklahoman" entitled: Bellmon takes controls of guards launcher. Gov. Henry Bellmon took the controls of the Oklahoma National Guard's new multiple rocket launcher at the Capitol Thursday and put the Army's new generation of artillery through a few maneuvers. The big rocket pack on the bed of the tracked vehicle moved through a double arc as it changed from a firing position to become travel-ready. Afterward, Bellmon a Marine Corps tanker during World War II, expressed pleasure at the sophistication of the new



weapon. And he voiced pride in the fact that the Oklahoma National Guard is the nation's first reserve component to be equipped with the Army's potent new weapon. Maj. Gen. Donald F. Ferrell, Oklahoma adjutant general, said 29 of the new launchers will be assigned to units of the 158th Field Artillery in Lawton, Duncan, Marlow, Chickasha and Walters. The launcher vehicles are valued at \$160 million and will provide 76 full-time jobs at the armories where they are stationed. That will be 26 more civilian jobs than previously when the unit was equipped with 8-inch artillery pieces. Col. Tommy Alsip, commander of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade, said that in switching to rockets, the 158th Field Artillery probably also will change its wartime mission. Until now the unit trained in the expectation that it would be sent to Europe in event of war. Alsip said that with the new multiple launch rocket system the unit probably will be prepared for wartime service in Korea. Although not fitted with nuclear warheads, the shoot-and-scoot rockets are designed to scatter bomblets over wide areas and obliterate massed enemy artillery, a favored Soviet bloc tactic. Requiring only a three-man crew, a vehicle can fire its dozen rockets and clear the area in three minutes to avoid enemy retaliation. Although the Oklahoma National Guard received the first of the new rocket vehicles at a rollout ceremony in Camden, Ark., July 12, it won't take delivery until April. Those will be kept at Fort Sill where the missile men will be trained. Later, rocket vehicles will be delivered to home armories starting next August. Officials said only the vehicles and launchers will be stored in Oklahoma armories.

**Sep 18, 1987:** Obituary: Rex Edward Spangler, a lifelong Marland resident, died Thursday morning, September 18, 1997, at his home. He was 81. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trout Funeral Home Chapel, Ponca City, with Robert L. Ferris, minister of the Marland United Methodist Christian Disciples of Christ Church, officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery. Rex E. Spangler was born November 11, 1915, in Bliss, the son of James Monroe and Erma M. (Gallaway) Spangler. He grew up in the Bliss community southwest of Marland and graduated from Marland High School in 1935. He lived and worked on the 101 Ranch for several years. In June 1941, Spangler entered the U.S. Army as a tank driver. His tank division was one of the few confronted by the German Wolverines during battle. He also served at Normandy and in the European Theater. On December 22, 1941, he was married to Estella Maude Snodgrass in Perry, and the couple made their home at Marland. Spangler was employed by the City of Ponca City Street Department for 20 years. He was a member of the Marland First Christian Church, the American Legion, a charter member of the Marland Round-Up Club, and a member of the 101 Ranch Old Timers. He enjoyed fishing and telling his relatives stories about the 101 Ranch and World War II. Survivors include his wife, Maude, of the home; one son, Dan Spangler of Newkirk; one daughter, Linda D Rennie of Burbank; one sister, LaVera. Cipriano of Riverside, CA; one brother, Emmett Spangler of LaJunta, CO; nine grand children; 16 great grand children; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Tony and James. Staff Sergeant, and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Oct 01, 1987:** Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: Oklahoma National Guard Makes History. The Oklahoma Army National Guard made history on 10 July when it became the first reserve component to receive the new generation of advanced rocket artillery. In a ceremony at Camden, Arkansas, the first NG launcher for the multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) rolled out of the LTV Aerospace and Defense Corporation factory and into the Oklahoma Guard's 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. The organization will receive a full battalion of 29 new launchers, each packing the firepower of an entire battalion of conventional artillery. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Jim Swafford of Cushing, fired its final 8-inch artillery round during annual training at Fort Carson, Colorado on 23 June. To accomplish its new mission, National Guard leaders reorganized the battalion. Its headquarters will remain in Lawton, along with Headquarters and Service Batteries and Battery "A". Battery "B" (minus Det 1) will form in Duncan with Detachment 1 in Walters; and Battery "C" (minus Det 1) will locate in Chickasha with Detachment 1 in Marlow. "It is only fitting that the 158th Field Artillery was selected for this honor," said Major General Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., President, National Guard Association of the United States. "The combat history of this organization, as well as the peacetime accomplishments of this battalion as an 8-inch self-propelled unit, make it the only logical choice," he said. Major General Donald F. Ferrell, the Adjutant General of Oklahoma, said, "This is a great day for Oklahoma and especially for the personnel of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. The battalion's past accomplishments in training and maintenance, as well as its constantly being at authorized strength are reflected here today at this historic occasion." Colonel Rosindo E. Caldarone, Jr., Chief, Logistics Division, Army National Guard, cited the Oklahoma National Guard's maintenance program as one of the reasons Oklahoma was selected to field the new system. "Nationwide the mission-capable rate for maintenance of equipment is 90 percent, and that's acceptable; but Oklahoma consistently rates at 94-96 percent," he said. National Guard leaders expect a dramatic increase in Oklahoma National Guard artillery power and unit effectiveness. The system is so easy to operate that even a single soldier can perform a complete firing mission, including rocket-pod reloading. However, the standard crew is three persons. The US Army fielded the first MLRS battery in early 1983, and as new warheads and system variants are developed, MLRS will keep America's total force the unquestionable leader in advanced artillery capabilities.

**Oct 31, 1987:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Veterans day '87. Duncan (Staff): "Veterans Day '87" will be the theme for a parade and air show in Duncan next Saturday. The parade will march down Main Street at 10:30 a.m., according to Jack Gambrel, coordinator for the events. Participating will be the Half-Section from Fort Sill, the 77th Army Band and a detachment of Marines from Fort Sill. There will be a combined Armed Forces color guard from the local recruiters for the Lawton-Duncan area. Also in the parade are the Oklahoma National Guard 158th Artillery "B" Battery from Duncan, the Gold Star Parents whose sons were killed in action, area Shriners from Lawton, Duncan and Mustang, the Loyal Order of Moose, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Marine Corps League, Prisoners of War of Oklahoma, various other veterans organizations in Stephens and Comanche counties, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls. The parade is sponsored by the Duncan VFW and Auxiliary, which will give prizes to all participating youth groups. Duncan Mayor Doug Nix has been slated to be parade marshal, Gambrel said. Memorial services will be conducted during the parade at 11 a.m. at 9th and Main Streets. Members of the Confederate Air Force will have a fly-over at that time. After the parade ends, the air show will be conducted from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Halliburton Field, the Duncan airport.

**Nov 04, 1987:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Recruiting new members. Author: Robertson. The Oklahoma National Guard is hoping to recruit new members in the Walters and Marlow areas to fill spaces created by a recent reorganization. Under the reorganization, detachments from Lawton's 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, replaced infantry units in Marlow and Walters. The artillery battalion, which formerly fielded 8-inch howitzers, is now training to be the first reserve unit to deploy the Multiple Launch Rocket System. Its headquarters and service battery and firing Battery A will be located in Lawton. Two other firing batteries will be located in Duncan, with a detachment in Walters, and in Chickasha, with a detachment in Marlow. Capt. Stephen L. Hamel, administrative officer for the battalion, said most of the infantrymen assigned to the Marlow and Walters armories chose to stay with the infantry and go to Norman for monthly drills. Only nine of the 54 Guardsmen in Marlow elected to transfer to the artillery, while six Guardsmen in Walters decided to switch. Hamel said the battalion can fill the slots at the Walters and Marlow armories by transferring people from elsewhere in the battalion. That won't affect the training needed for fielding the new MLRS, but it may make it more difficult to fulfill local emergency obligations. Guardsmen are often called out to assist during natural disasters, for example. "I don't really have local members of the communities in the local armory to support a state mission," Hamel said. He said the Guard is launching an effort in Walters and Marlow to recruit more members.

**Dec 23, 1987:** Obituary: Richard Charles Desmond, born Sep. 27, 1914 and death: Dec 23, 1987, Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico. Services for Richard Desmond, of 916 Sandia St., are pending at Denton Funeral Home. He died Dec 23, 1987, in Guadalupe Medical Center. He grew up in El Paso and graduated from Austin High School in 1933, where he was considered an outstanding all around athlete. After graduation, he was employed by the El Paso Water Department from 1933 until his induction into the Army in 1941. He served in Gen. Patton's Third Army during the campaigns of North Africa, the invasion of Sicily and the Battle of the Bulge. He was the recipient of five Bronze Star medals, the American Defense Service medal and the Good Conduct medal. He received an honorable discharge in 1945. After returning to civilian life, he went to work at the Dial Electric Shop in Carlsbad where he worked until 1962. He next went to work for Southern Union Gas Co. as a sales representative and was named among the top ten salesmen for several years and was honored with an achievement award for outstanding sales. He married Jo Margaret in Carlsbad March 19, 1971. He was a member of St. Edwards Catholic Church, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and the Elks Lodge. Survivors include: his wife, Jo Margaret, Carlsbad; three daughters, Coleta Weathersbee of Richardson, Texas, Anita Perini of Carlsbad and Susie Young. Wolcott, Conn.; one son, Charles Harper, Carlsbad; and eight grandchildren. Services are scheduled Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Denton Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was to be in Sunset Gardens Memorial Park. Scheduled pallbearers were Gerald Van Winkle, Tom Martin, Tom Hulsman, Bruce Carpenter, Dick Fioretti and Charles Hutanus. Parents: Robert James Desmond (1883-1959) and Jesusita Daly Desmond (1882-1951). Technician Fifth Grade, ASN: 38068789, and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery.

**Apr 30, 1988:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Partner membership enrollment drive. Budget cuts probably will force the National Guard and Reserve to slow upgrading of its equipment, but the Army will maintain its emphasis on training as top priority, Lt. Gen. William Schneider said Friday. Schneider, commander of the Fifth U.S. Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, was guest speaker at the Armed Services YMCA Partner Membership Enrollment Drive kickoff luncheon. Schneider is responsible for training and mobilization readiness of U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard units in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Arkansas and New Mexico. The reserve components, like the active duty Army, are being forced to make adjustments because of leaner budgets this year, the general said in a news conference. But the chief of staff of the Army and the secretary of the Army have placed a premium on training and retaining qualified people, Schneider said. "While we're feeling some of the cuts in the reserve components funding, it hasn't been quite as drastic as in other areas," he said. With

the adoption of the Total Army concept, the Army began upgrading the equipment and training of the reserve forces as those forces became an integral part of the national defense structure. For example, in fiscal 1987 reserve and national guard units made up 43 percent of the Army's combat divisions, 67 percent of its other non-divisional combat forces, and 67 percent of tactical support units. Schneider said the reserve forces will continue to be upgraded, although budget cuts may force the Army to take longer to supply reserve forces with the latest equipment. "It's going to stretch it out some more," he said. The exact effects of the cuts are hard to measure, he said, because the funding outlook changes so frequently. One of the modernization projects already under way is conversion of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, an Oklahoma National Guard unit based in Lawton, to the Multiple Launch Rocket System. He said he hopes the reserves can expand the MLRS program. "I would hope we can continue that, because it is a great program, and the battalion here is doing very well," he said. While the active-duty strength of the Army is being trimmed this year, the strength of the reserve forces will remain stable, Schneider said. "We're not going to receive any cuts, but we're not going to have any additions either," he said. He said he's hopeful the reserve components can be expanded in the next couple of years as the Army is able to provide the full-time soldiers needed to activate the reserve units. Caption: Lt. Gen. William Schneider says Army Reserve and National Guard to emphasis training.

**May 18, 1988:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: MLRS. If all goes as planned, local National Guardsmen will finally have their chance to fire the Army's most advanced artillery in August. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, began switching over to the Multiple Launch Rocket System late last year, leaving behind their 8-inch self-propelled howitzers. The battalion is the first reserve unit in the nation to be equipped with the MLRS. The first shakeup occurred when the battalion was reorganized to accommodate the new system. Previously, the headquarters and service batteries were stationed in Lawton, while firing batteries were located in Duncan, Chickasha and Anadarko. With the new system, the combined headquarters and service battery and one firing battery are located in Lawton. A second firing battery is divided between Chickasha and Marlow, and a third between Walters and Duncan. The Anadarko unit was shifted to the 1st Battalion, 171st Artillery, which has its headquarters in Altus. Scheduling training for the battalion has not been an easy chore. For the first time, the firing batteries are attending separate annual training sessions. Previously they attended camp at the same time. The sessions are also longer than in the past. To keep on schedule, the battalion had to have three weeks of annual training this year instead of two. A Battery from Lawton was the first to attend the three weeks of individual training at Fort Sill, and it has completed three of 15 weekend drills with instructors from Fort Sill. A second battery is completing the annual training this week, and the third firing battery has finished one of two weekends of training it will complete before entering annual training. Increasing the annual training to three weeks was a concern of battalion officers, who feared the longer commitment would be a burden on the Guardsmen and their employers. "So far it's working out real well," said Maj. Larry Haub, the battalion's executive officer. "So far we haven't had any major problems with it. The employer support we've got is what made that work." A Battery, the furthest advanced in the training, now has six of its nine MLRS launcher-loaders; the rest are to arrive in July. The battery hopes to have its first live fire exercise on Aug. 25, when each launcher will fire two missiles. The conversion to the MLRS system doesn't mean just a change in equipment. Guardsmen are learning an entirely new system, as well as new tactics to take advantage of the equipment. "These guys are coming out here and putting it all together now," Haub said. The battery commander has significantly more firepower than before; each battery has three platoons of three launchers; before, the battery commander was in charge of four 8-inch howitzers. Each MLRS launcher is manned by a crew of three; a driver, a gunner and a launcher chief; compared to the 13-person crew of the 8-inch gun. Computers are everywhere. The battalion fire direction center relays fire missions to the battery fire direction center, where a computer picks out the appropriate launcher to fire the mission, then relays it to the launcher. A computer on the launcher, which has its own survey computer, then calculates the direction and trajectory of the firing. With the 8-inch howitzers, the battery command center calculated the orders for the firing mission. That's all done by computer now. 1st Lt. Bill Freeman, battery operations officer, said the Guardsmen are adjusting to all the electronics they have to deal with. "It's new, but we're learning," he said. "Everybody seems to be enjoying it." "It's all new to us, but we're doing our best to learn it," said Staff Sgt. Don Epperson of Carnegie. Epperson, a platoon sergeant, has been with the battalion 18 years. The 8-inch howitzers were a good system, he said, but the MLRS is better: more firepower, fewer people, quicker response. "All the communications and electronics are what's giving us our problems right now," said Staff Sgt. Jeffery Hurst, one of the Fort Sill trainers. "This is a lot more fast-paced, more hectic than the 8-inch system." The MLRS emphasizes shoot-and-scoot tactics: fire, then quickly move to another position before the enemy pinpoints where the round originated. Hurst said a launcher can fire its mission within a minute from the time the battalion computer orders the mission. "It's an amazing system." Caption: Guardsmen get ready to fire MLRS.

**Jul 10, 1988:** Obituary: Woodrow Wilson Big Bow: Resource Oklahoma Historical Society. A Kiowa artist and grandson of a Kiowa chief, Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Big Bow was born in Carnegie, Oklahoma, on January 29, 1914. As a teenager he attended classes at the University of Oklahoma at Norman, and under the personal

guidance of Oscar B. Jacobson he took advantage of the opportunity to receive instruction in painting. At the university he was one of several young Kiowa artists whose work was featured in exhibitions in Europe and subsequently published in folio editions of American Indian art, the first of their kind ever issued. Big Bow graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1939 and afterward worked variously as a set painter for Western films and as a builder and contractor. He also produced mural decorations for the RCA Building in New York City and the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles. During World War II he designed the red and yellow Thunderbird insignia for Oklahoma's famed Forty-fifth Infantry Division. Big Bow lived in Yukon in later years, exhibiting widely before his death in 1988. His work can be seen in a number of public collections, including the Gilcrease and Philbrook museums in Tulsa, the Oklahoma Historical Society in Oklahoma City, the University of Oklahoma Museum of Art at Norman, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., the Heritage Center at the Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and the Wichita Art Museum in Wichita, Kansas. Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian: The Thunderbirds got their name from their shoulder patch. Each side of the square represents one of the four states; Oklahoma, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico; that originally populated the division. The colors reflect the Hispanic heritage of those states. Originally a traditional American Indian design similar to the Nazi swastika, the emblem had to change once Hitler rose to power and the symbol took on a different meaning. After holding an art competition, the division adopted in 1939 the thunderbird motif, designed by Kiowa artist Woody Big Bow (1914-1998).

**Jul 12, 1988:** Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Heart attack claims Indian artist BigBow. Well known Kiowa painter and sculptor Woodrow "Woody" BigBow died Sunday at Bethany General Hospital after suffering a heart attack. He was 73. Born Jan. 31, 1915, in Carnegie, BigBow became famous in Indian and artistic circles during World War II for his American Indian art work. His paintings have been displayed at the RCA building at Rockefeller Center in New York and hang in private collections and galleries throughout the country and Oklahoma. BigBow's son, Steve BigBow, said he remembers his father as a loving, generous man who painted in recent years at his home in Yukon. "My dad was an American Indian artist since 1932," he said. "He has works all over including the Philbrook Museum and at the Center of the American Indian at the Kirkpatrick Center. He was a good man, he helped people and I'm very proud of him, for one." Steve BigBow said admirers of his father's watercolor and oil paintings include such notables as actress Lucille Ball to the late Gov. Robert S. Kerr. BigBow married Vivian Faye Roubideaux in 1933. She died in 1987. He is survived by his daughter, Vivian Cordrey of Yukon; his two sons, Larry and Steve both of Oklahoma City; four grandchildren and five great grand children.

**Aug 21, 1988:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: MLRS. National Guardsmen from Lawton will become the first guardsmen in the nation to fire live Multiple Launch Rocket System missiles when they participate in an exercise on Fort Sill's Quanah Range Friday. The firing comes midway through training for Battery A, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which began switching over to the MLRS system last fall. Battery A, which has its headquarters in Lawton, is the farthest-advanced in training; the two other firing batteries will get their turns later. 2nd Lt. Craig Kerr, the battalion's training officer, said the guardsmen are looking forward to using their new skills in the firing, which is part of a two-day training exercise for the battery. A long list of civilian and military dignitaries and reporters have been invited to attend the firing. "Since we're doing it, we invited the media and some of our higher headquarters in to observe what it is we've been spending their money on," Kerr said. Maj. Pat Scully, a spokesman for the National Guard headquarters in Oklahoma City, said the excitement isn't just in Lawton and Fort Sill. "In a sense, we're making history in the Oklahoma National Guard," he said. "We're pretty excited about it." Dignitaries expected to attend include Gov. Henry Bellmon; Maj. Gen. Don Ferrell, the state adjutant general; and retired Lt. Gen. LaVern Webber, former director of the National Guard Bureau, former state adjutant general, and now director of the National Guard Association. A number of National Guard officials from Oklahoma and other states have been invited to attend. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, has undergone a number of changes to prepare for its new mission. The first shakeup occurred when the battalion was reorganized to accommodate the new system. Previously, the headquarters and service batteries were stationed in Lawton, while firing batteries were located in Duncan, Chickasha and Anadarko. With the new system, the combined headquarters and service battery and one firing battery are located in Lawton. A second firing battery is divided between Chickasha and Marlow, and a third between Walters and Duncan. The Anadarko unit was shifted to the 1st Battalion, 171st Artillery, which has its headquarters in Altus. The MLRS is the Army's most advanced artillery system. Each launcher is loaded with a dozen missiles, which can be fired one at a time or in a rapid sequence at targets up to 18 miles away. The system is heavily mechanized and computerized; a launcher ordinarily has a crew of three soldiers, but one soldier can fire and reload in an emergency. Caption: City Guardsmen to fire MLRS.

**Aug 27, 1988:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: MLRS. Clothed by a cloud of dust and smoke, local National Guardsmen made a bit of military history Friday as they became the first guardsmen to unleash live missiles from the sophisticated Multiple Launch Rocket System. The three-man crew from Lawton's Battery A, 1st

Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, took just under 30 seconds to fire a six-pack of rockets from Fort Sill's Quanah Range. An audience of guardsmen, active-duty soldiers, manufacturer representatives and other guests; including Gov. Henry Bellmon, commander in chief of the Oklahoma National Guard; watched the proceedings from camouflage netting and clapped appreciatively after the half-minute barrage was complete. The 1st-158th, based in Lawton, is the first reserve unit to receive the weapons system. Battery A began its training first and had the honor of firing the initial rounds about midway through its training cycle. Other firing batteries have headquarters in Chickasha and Duncan. The launcher-loader rumbled out of the trees and onto a gentle rise in front of the camouflage netting. After the dust settled, it fired its first missile; smoke and dust obscured most of the other five launches, made at 4 1/2-second intervals, although the fiery blast from the exiting rockets was visible even through the cloak of debris. "It's pretty exciting," said Staff Sgt. Terry Leonhardt, the driver who maneuvered the vehicle to its firing point and then pulled the humming diesel-powered launcher up to the crowd. "It's just a loud boom, and you can see the flash through the visor and it rocks back a little bit," said Staff Sgt. Jeff Blackwood, the launcher-loader's crew chief. "That's all there is to it. It's a good feeling to know you trained all this time and the training paid off," said Sgt. Dean Pitcher, who pushed the button firing the missiles. "It's great. It's really great. "Equally impressed were several artillery veterans from the 45th Infantry Division, which is having its annual reunion in Oklahoma City this weekend. "That thing is awesome," said Bill Rogers, of Fort Myers, Fla., whose battery fired the first artillery shells into Germany during World War II. "We wouldn't have been over there 511 days of combat if we'd had this," said former artilleryman George C. Stroudemayer of Irmo, S.C. "But if they'd had it, you'd never get onto shore," Rogers said. "They could turn that loose and destroy the whole invasion fleet. "The MLRS is the Army's most advanced artillery system. Each launcher is loaded with a dozen missiles, which can be fired one at a time or in a rapid sequence at targets up to 18 miles away. The system is heavily mechanized and computerized; a launcher ordinarily has a crew of three soldiers, but one soldier can fire and reload in an emergency. The battalion, which fielded 8-inch self-propelled howitzers until last fall, has been training on an accelerated schedule. There have been extra drills, and annual training periods have been extended to three weeks from two weeks. "The 21-day annual training period was a little taxing on the employers," said Lt. Col. Charles Frazier, the battalion commander. But the employers, and the guardsmen's families, have been cooperative, he said. "They do a good job of supporting the Guard," Frazier said. "We couldn't do some things without employer support, and the support of the families of those people in the Guard." "The firing was an indication that the Army is serious about the National Guard's place in the national defense structure. The National Guard accounts for 29 percent of the Army's personnel, about half of its artillery, mechanized infantry and armored cavalry battalions, and almost three-quarters of its infantry battalions. "It shows that the Army is supporting the Guard with the best possible equipment," Bellmon said. The governor, who called the firing "an historic occasion" said the Oklahoma National Guard's selection to be first to field the MLRS was a reflection of its outstanding record. Air Force Reserve Maj. Gen. Don Ferrell, adjutant general of the Oklahoma National Guard, noted that state Guardsmen also were the first to field the TOW missile. Ferrell also spoke up for the Guard in the light of criticism of Republican Vice Presidential candidate Dan Quayle, who joined the Indiana National Guard in 1969. "I resent the implication that the Guard is a haven for draft dodgers," Ferrell said, adding that the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th Division spent 511 days in combat in World War II and more than 400 days in combat in the Korean War. "They don't put themselves on active duty, but when they're called, they go," he said. Caption: Local unit first National Guard to fire Multiple Launch Rocket.

**May 07, 1989:** Obituary: Roy Pittard Stewart: Memorial Set for Longtime Journalist. Tulsa World (OK) - May 10, 1989. Author/Byline: AP. Edition: Final Home Edition. Section: News. Page: a14. Oklahoma City (AP) - A memorial service will be conducted Thursday for Roy P. Stewart, a longtime journalist who died Sunday following an extended illness. Stewart, 83, held a number of positions at The Daily Oklahoman during his 60 years in journalism. He wrote the "Country Boy" column, was an assistant Sunday editor, city editor, Washington correspondent, feature writer and editorial writer. In 1970, after retiring from the newspaper, Stewart became executive director of the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education and served in that job for 15 years. Stewart was a member of the National Press Club, Oklahoma City Gridiron Club, Western History Association, Oklahoma Historical Society, National Cowboy Hall of Fame and State Review Committee for Preservation of National Historical Sites. Stewart was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame earlier this year. He also had received the Distinguished Achievement Award of the Military Order of the World Wars and the Heritage Endowment Award of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Roy P. Stewart Library of the West was dedicated last month at the Museum of the Unassigned Lands in Oklahoma City. Stewart also was a charter member of Battery "D", 158th Field Artillery, 45th Infantry Division and was a member of the Oklahoma National Guard. He retired from the Guard in 1965 with the rank of colonel. Survivors include his wife, June, two sons and a daughter. Colonel, OSN: O-905350 and served with Battery "D", 158th Field Artillery.

**Jun 08, 1989:** Obituary: Robert Eugene McLain; A funeral; for Robert Eugene McLain, 57 Ottawa RFD 2, who died Thursday, June 8, 1989, at Ransom Memorial Hospital, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic

Church with Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Born Oct. 13, 1931, at Ottawa, he married Martha Ann Reh, Sept. 6, 1958, at Miami, Okla. She survives. He was a lifelong resident of Ottawa, graduating from Ottawa High School in 1949 and Ottawa University in 1963 with Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. Since 1984 he has been a U.S. Postal Clerk at Shawnee Mission Post Office. Previously, he was a purchasing agent for Gulf and Western during the 1970s and '80s and was a cost accountant at Divco-Wayne from 1966-74. He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, 1951-54, as a gunnery mate with Battery "C" 158th Field Artillery Battalion. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, was a past exalted ruler of Ottawa Lodge No. 803, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was a past square dance leader for Silver Leaf 4-H Club. Besides his wife, of the home, survivors include his mother, Thelma R. McLain, Topeka; a son, R. Keith McLain, Lawrence; a daughter, Elizabeth A. McLain, Topeka, and a brother, Max E. McLain, Topeka. Friends may call from noon Friday until the service hour at the Dengel and Son Mortuary, where the family will meet with friends for a prayer service at 8 p.m. Friday. The family suggests that the American Cancer Society be beneficiary of memorial contributions, which may be left in care of the church or the mortuary.

**Jun 14, 1989:** Obituary: Joseph Streid Hedge; Pantagraph, The (Bloomington, IL) - June 15, 1989, Edition: Final, Section: NEWS, Page: C9, Column: Bloomington, normal. Joseph Streid Hedge, 71, a Monticello attorney who was a native of Bloomington, died at 11:10 a.m. yesterday (June 14, 1989) at Kirby Hospital, Monticello. A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the third-floor courtroom at the Piatt County Courthouse, Monticello. He will be cremated. Macey-Wright Funeral Home, Monticello, has charge of arrangements. He was born May 20, 1918, at Bloomington, a son of Chester and Edna Streid Hedge. He married Vera Hudson Jarrell on June 29, 1958, at Monticello. She survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Joanna Hedge, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Barbara Baker, Hudson, Ohio; a son, Faron Fortner, Pembroke Pines, Fla.; and two grandchildren. Mr. Hedge was a World War II Army veteran and served as a forward observer in the 158th Field Artillery. He served in Africa, Sicily, southern France and Germany. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois and its law school. He was a member of Hamm-Burke American Legion Post 101, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Illinois State Bar Association and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. Memorials may be made to Kirby Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, Monticello. First Lieutenant, OSN: O-488933 and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery.

Jul 04, 1989 Obituary: Jesse Raymond Garcia. Military Records Showing Military Record for "Jesse R. Garcia". First Name: Jesse. Middle Name: Raymond. Last Name: Garcia. Birth Date: Apr 6, 1919. Death Date: Jul 4, 1989. Record Type: Military Records. Service Details: US ARMY, PVT, KOREA. Cemetery: Riverside National Cemetery. Cemetery Location: Riverside, CA. Interment Date:09/26/1989. Buried At:41,0,2935. Collection: Veterans Burial Records. Source Information: National Cemetery Administration, Veterans Affairs. Private First Class, ASN: 06297866 and served with Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery.

**Aug 17, 1989:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: MLRS. The smoke and roar of missile artillery filled Fort Sill's Quanah Range today as two batteries of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, celebrated completion of their final exam. Batteries "A" and "B" reached another milestone last week as they became the first National Guard units to successfully complete the Army's testing program for the Multiple Launch Rocket System. The third firing battery is expected to complete the test next week. The two batteries began live fire exercises Tuesday night and continued today as dignitaries and the guardsmen's families went to the field to see what the part-time soldiers had been up to for the past two years. When the third battery completes testing, the battalion will be fully fielded with the MLRS, the Army's most up-to-date artillery system. There was a festive air at today's firing. Not only were the guardsmen using live ammunition; the battalion had fired only a couple dozen rockets in all before this exercise; they also were celebrating completion of the Army testing. Both batteries scored better than 90 percent on the test. Battery A, based in Lawton, had fired a few rockets during annual training last summer, while Battery B, based in Duncan and Walters, was in its first live-fire exercise. "C" Battery, which will fire for the first time next week, is based in Chickasha and Marlow. Lt. Col. Charles Frazier, commander of the battalion, said the test results don't mean the battalion is completely ready, but it will mark successful fielding within two years. In 1987, the battalion fielded 8-inch howitzers. Through an ambitious training program, the battalion will field its new equipment in less than two years, said Capt. Stephen Hamel, the battalion's operations officer. Four years had originally been allotted to the program, he said. Frazier said the accomplishment had raised morale in the unit, and that was evident at the firing today. One launcher crew unleashed its six rockets, then rolled toward the bleachers with flags and arms waving at the crowd. "The morale with those troops right now is as high as it'll ever be," Frazier said. "You try to get one to go to bed and they look at you and say 'Naw, we got work to do.'" Frazier said the guardsmen's employers and families had helped the battalion reach its goal. To meet the two-year goal, the guardsmen went to longer weekend drills, extra drills, and a three-week annual training program last year. "The employers have been outstanding working with us," he said. "The launch crews are about to go nuts," said 1st Lt. Tim Leonhardt, commander of the Walters detachment. "My ammo boys are running around and hollering every time one goes downrange." Leonhardt was pleased with the results of the Army testing. "I couldn't ask for a better crew if I'd hand-picked them," he said. Leonhardt said the

guardsmen understand the honor and responsibility of being the first reserve unit to field the MLRS. Some of the guardsmen have moved away from Southwest Oklahoma, some as far as the Dallas area, yet continue to drill with the Walters unit. "They just won't give it up," he said. While Leonhardt was watching a crew load a fresh supply of rockets, his brother, Staff Sgt. Terry Leonhardt, was finishing up a live fire. "Once a year we get to shoot the real ones," he said. "The rest of the time it's practice. We look forward to this," he said. Staff Sgt. Galen Dacus said the guardsmen are looking forward to firing even more rockets at their next annual training in Utah in 1990, when the entire battalion will be in the field at one time.

**Aug 18, 1989:** Published in the "The Oklahoman" entitled: State guard names new chief of staff. A 34-year veteran of the Oklahoma Army National Guard was named Thursday to be its next chief of staff. Col. Robert Armstrong will succeed Col. Calvin E. Koonce, who is retiring after 35 years of military service. Maj. Gen. Donald Ferrell, state adjutant general, announced the changes. Koonce has been chief of staff for the past four years. He enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard in 1954 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in artillery in 1966. Koonce served in a variety of assignments, including battery commander of an 8-inch self-propelled howitzer battery and executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Ferrell said. Koonce was state maintenance officer before becoming chief of staff. Ferrell said Armstrong brings a wide range of experience into the chief-of-staff position. He has been assistant chief of staff for supply and services for the Oklahoma Guard. Armstrong enlisted in the Oklahoma Guard in 1955. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1962. Armstrong's other assignments include commander of Company D, 700th Support Battalion; logistics management officer, and assistant chief of staff for logistics. Armstrong also previously served as assistant to the chief in the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C.

**Oct 01, 1989:** Memorandum: Headquarters, 1st Battalion 158th FA (MLRS) Oklahoma Army National Guard, P. O. Box 2335, Lawton, Oklahoma 73502-2335. 1 October 1989. Memorandum For: See Distribution. Subject: Assumption of Command. By authority of paragraph 3-1a, AR 600-20, the undersigned assumes command of 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery (MLRS); UIC: WYH0AA; effective 1 October 1989. Signed: Larry D. Haub, MAJ, FA, OKARNG, Commanding. Distribution: 1- Each indiv concerned. 1-201 File indiv concerned. 1-File. 1- Unit History File. 1- HQ 45 FA Bde. 1- OMD, ATTN: OKPA-O. 1- Ea unit 1/158 FA.

**Nov 01, 1989:** Published in the "The On Guard" entitled: MLRS ups firepower 27 fold. By SPC Steven Beene. Take a weapon that's 27 times more effective than its predecessor, add highly trained gunners who can fire with pinpoint accuracy, and the U.S. Army has one mighty potent weapon system. One crew of three and one weapon now have the firepower of a whole battalion of 8" artillery. In a pinch, one soldier could send all of that down range, alone. When Oklahoma's 1st Battalion, 158th Field " Artillery converted from 8" artillery "tubes" to MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket System), its firepower increased 2700 percent! In so doing, the battalion became the first and only MLRS in the National Guard. "This is a pilot program. We have proven that MLRS is feasible for the Guard," said Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Charles Frazier. Exceeded Expectations. "Some doubted a part-time unit could fully utilize the potential of this weapon system. But we did." Frazier said. "In fact, we far exceeded everyone's expectations." In August, the battalion astounded regular army evaluators with battery ARTEP scores of 92, 95, and 84 percent. Scores from 70 or 80 percent would have been acceptable. These figures are based on four to 12 firing missions per hour for 72 consecutive hours. "Our scores are outstanding," Frazier added, especially considering we are part-time soldiers." Missiles on Target. This year's annual training and ARTEP culminated in a Live Fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where the battalion's 27 MLRS crews each fired six missiles. According to Frazier, the 162 rockets were the most ever fired by an Army unit at Fort Sill in a 24 hour period. And, all of them were on target. "This is the first time the 158th has been together as a battalion in two years, since going MLRS," explained Chaplain (Capt.) Jason Duckworth. "To be so new at it and to do so well is truly amazing." For most battalion members, MOS training on the new weapon system did not begin until 1988's three-week AT at Fort Sill and Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. "I would give a lot of credit, to our trainers," said Frazier. Battery D, 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery at Fort Sill's Artillery Training Center, was assigned as the 158th's sister unit for training purposes, in October 1987. "They bent over backwards to see that we got what we needed." Location Important. "Another factor in our success is our location," he said. Headquartered in Lawton, Okla., the 158th has easy access to Ft. Sill's artillery facilities, including the training center. Frazier also said the members of the 1045th Ordnance Detachment deserve "extra credit" for their electronics expertise. The MLRS tracks arrived in March 1985 when the battalion said goodbye to the 8-inch cannons it had been firing since 1968. From 1955 to 1968, the unit had fired 105mm and 155mm howitzers. The 158th has 29 officers and 430 troops in three firing batteries and two support units. Each firing battery has nine SPLs (Self Propelled Loader Launchers), in three platoons. A SPL (pronounced "spill") is an awkward looking track vehicle with a large box on its back. This box contains the MLRS, consisting of aiming and firing circuitry and 12 rockets in two pods of six rockets each (called a "six pack"). 30-K Range. The rocket itself has a range of about 30 kilometers. It explodes 600 to 800 meters above the ground target, scattering fragmentation bomblets. These in turn

detonate between tree-top and ground level, taking out everything but armor. A single round has a kill radius of approximately 100 yards. A battalion volley is effective against a 60 acre target area. When an MLRS battery takes to the field, you can hear it long before you can see it. In addition to nine SPLs, each battery has 15 HMMVs, five deuce-and-a-half trucks, 18 missile resupply trucks, one wrecker, a tanker truck, four command-post vehicles, and "a whole lot" of trailers. And that's just one firing battery. All together, the battalion has more than 250 vehicles. "It's true that the MLRS is a maintenance intensive weapon," Frazier added, "but it's worth it". "All things considered," he concluded, "we offer the best product, dollar for dollar. It's a case of more bang for the buck. And our success is a credit not just to this unit but to the Army and to the whole National Guard. "

**May 27, 1990:** Published in the "The Sunday Oklahoman" entitled: Guard sends howitzers out with a bang. By John Greiner, Capital Bureau, Fort Sill. An Oklahoma National Guard artillery battalion fired nearly 100 rounds at targets in a training exercise Saturday that marked a final salute to its 8-inch artillery howitzers. When the 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery goes home at the end of its two-week encampment next weekend, it will begin turning in the self-propelled 8-inch howitzers it has trained with since 1980. The battalion, headquartered in Altus, is part of the Guard's 45th Field Artillery Brigade. It was selected to receive the Army's new generation of rocket artillery, Lt. Col. Bobby D. Thomasson, battalion commander from Anadarko, said. The battalion will get a set of Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) launchers to replace the 8-inch howitzers. Saturday, the battalion had its 18 howitzers in a line for a final firing exercise. For Thomasson, it was a bittersweet moment. "I've been in 8-inch for 24 years, but I'm excited about getting the MLRS," he said. His battalion's firing batteries readied their 8-inch guns for the final fire. Some of the men painted the name of their 8-inch gun on the final round they would fire. "I hate to see them go, they kind of get in your blood after a while," said Sergeant Ben Scott of Lawton, gun chief, whose crew painted the gun's name, "Wild Thang," on the last round they would fire. Another gun was named, "Yo Momma" on one side of the howitzer's long gun tube, and "Yo Daddy," on the other side. "It's like losing a baby or an old friend," Sergeant Leonard Chalepah, a gun chief, said about retiring the 8-inch howitzers. "There's always new things to go on to, but I'll always be an 8-inch man. That's a gun. Once you get to smell the smoke, you'll never forget it," he said. Friends and relatives from many of the battalion's hometowns came to Fort Sill to watch the final firing. The 8-inch howitzer fires a 200-pound projectile. It can fire nearly 16 miles. Among those on hand to watch the firing were Maj. Gen. Donald Ferrell, state Adjutant General, and Col. Paul Martin, commander of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade. Martin said the 171st will begin training on the use of the MLRS launchers later this year. The unit must undergo training for nearly a year before it can fire the new launchers, he said. The battalion will be the second unit in the nation's reserve system to be given MLRS launchers. The first also is an Oklahoma Guard unit, the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Photo Caption: Specialist 4 David Waitscox of Oklahoma City puts the fuse on an 8-inch howitzer projectile at Fort Sill. In the background are Sgt. Billy Jones of Lawton, gunner, left, and Sgt. Glenn Stumblingbear of Chickasha, gun chief.

**Aug 30, 1990:** Published in the "The Vista" entitled: An anniversary salute to veterans. A time of pride: As the temperature rose Saturday, so did the patriotism in the crowd as Oklahoma City citizens honored their veterans. The parade commemorates the 50th anniversary of their call to duty during World War II, the 40th anniversary of the Korean War, and the 100th anniversary of the Oklahoma Territorial Militia. Oklahomans can be proud of their state's military history. During the Spanish-American War, three of Oklahoma's territorial units were part of the Rough Riders who charged up San Juan Hill. During World War II Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Division served 540 days of combat that led to the heart of Germany's front line defense. It continued its courageous efforts in the Korean War, and was one of the first divisions of four to enter that conflict. The parade emphasized the Thunderbirds heritage, but most importantly, it honored all of Oklahoma's veterans, veteran's rehabilitation programs and other support groups, MIA's, and families that lost loved ones in combat. Photo Caption: From top left (counterclockwise): Members of the 45th Field Artillery showed pride in a commemorative parade in Oklahoma City. Several veterans, not participating, lined the streets for the show. One of the favorites of the parade was the Multiple Launch Rocket System that has an on board navigation computer that pinpoints targets with uncanny accuracy. The Oklahoma Historical Society displayed veterans of the past wars, while the 158th Field Artillery, First Battalion marches by. Earlier, a soldier prepared the colors for the march, and the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club received a warm review.

**Nov 16, 1990:** Published in the "The Joplin Globe" entitled: National Guard units put on alert. The 89th U.S. Army Reserve Command in Kansas was told Thursday to report to their home stations Saturday morning. The units are the 456th Transportation Detachment in Manhattan and the 1011th Supply and Support Company, Independence, and its detachment at Parsons. Unit members will report to their reserve centers Saturday before being deployed. The 456th will go to Fort Riley on Monday and the 1011th departs for Fort Sill, Okla., on Tuesday. Two more Oklahoma National Guard units and a third Missouri National Guard unit also were placed on alert Thursday for possible duty in the Middle East. Adj. Gen. Donald F. Ferrell identified the Oklahoma units as the 145th Medical Company, located in Broken Arrow, and the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, which is headquartered in



Lawton. The action could involve nearly 600 people. The Missouri units on alert are the 1139th Military Police Company of Harrisonville and Springfield. Earlier Thursday, the 1138th Military Police Company of West Plains and Doniphan and the 1221st Transportation Company of Dexter and Jefferson City were alerted. Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Lawton based guard troops put on alert. National Guardsmen began reporting to armories in Lawton, Duncan, Chickasha, Walters and Marlow Thursday after a Lawton-based artillery battalion became one of two state units placed on alert for possible duty in the Middle East. Maj. Gen. Donald F. Ferrell, the state's adjutant general, said he fully expected the two units; the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, and the 145th Medical Company from Broken Arrow; to be called up. The action could involve nearly 600 personnel, Ferrell said. The alert will mean that about 10 percent of each unit will report immediately to armories to prepare paperwork and equipment, Ferrell said. Later, at a time to be announced by the Pentagon, the rest of the units will report to the armories and then will go to Fort Sill for further training, he said. The Lawton-based battalion is a Multiple Launch Rocket System unit, the first reserve battalion to field the Army's most sophisticated artillery system. The battalion underwent its first outside evaluation at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, last summer. It scored an 88 percent grade on its first battalion-level Army Training and Evaluation Program test, which battalion officers said was comparable to active-duty units. "We're very proud of them," Lt. Col. Larry Haub, the battalion commander, said Thursday. "They are completely trained. ... In July they were out in the desert training. We didn't know how prophetic that would be," Ferrell said. The battalion's headquarters and service battery and Battery A, a firing unit, are located at Lawton. Battery B is located at Duncan and has a detachment at Walters. Battery C is located at Chickasha and has a detachment at Marlow. Haub said 10 percent of each battery or detachment was called on Thursday morning to report to their armories to begin updating paperwork and make sure everything is prepared should the battalion be mobilized. Haub said Guardsmen have pondered the prospects of mobilization for some time. "I was very concerned in September, and it didn't happen," he said. "You're never ready for one of these until it happens. Then we have to get ready in a hurry." Haub said response from the Guardsmen has been good. Some reservists who had left the unit because of job conflicts and other reasons have called in wanting to volunteer to rejoin the unit. "We haven't had any problem at all with no-shows so far," he said. "It's just that kind of unit. The people in Lawton are military-minded; that's just the way they're raised." Employers have been supportive, he said. "We have not had any difficulty at all with employer support." Ferrell said the artillery unit had an authorized strength of 428 and the medical unit had an authorized strength of 140. Asked whether the units were up to strength, Ferrell said, "That's one of the things we were told not to say." Col. John Hubbard said the medical company is composed of "a headquarters and three clearing platoons." He said one major mission is to sort casualties that come in and "they do have the capability of resuscitating surgery." The commander is a physician and each platoon leader is a physician "and there is a general medical officer assigned to that platoon also," Hubbard said. He said the other members of the unit range from medics to operating room personnel. Members come from throughout the Tulsa area. "As far as we know ... there are not any specific hospitals or health facilities that will be hurt as a result of that unit being activated," Hubbard said. "Yes, they'll be called up," Ferrell said in answer to a question. "They could reverse their orders, but we assume they'll be called up." He said only one unit that had been placed on alert because of the Middle East crisis later had that alert canceled. Ferrell also said that members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 120th Medical Battalion headquartered in Midwest City that was placed on alert earlier will report to their armories on Saturday and to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on Wednesday.

**Nov 20, 1990:** Published in the "The Alamogordo Daily News" entitled: Army, Marines Call Up 26,000 Reservists. Washington (AP), The Army and Marine Corps are ordering to active duty 26,625 additional reservists, many for combat roles, as the military reaches into hundreds of communities nationwide to bolster its Persian Gulf deployments. The call-ups announced Monday were the largest on a single day since President Bush authorized the use of citizen soldiers in the gulf crisis in August. It also was the Army's first call to arms for reserve combat units, which some critics have said may not be adequately prepared for desert warfare against Iraq. Since the start of Operation Desert Shield on Aug. 7, a total of 77,126 reservists have been called up; most in non-combat roles such as transportation and cargo handling. It is the biggest call-up of reservists since the Berlin crisis of 1961. The Army said Monday it ordered 20,129 National Guard and Reserve members from 41 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia to report for active duty Wednesday. The Army had put those units on alert for possible call-up last Friday. The Pentagon initially said the Army units included three National Guard combat brigades totaling about 12,000 troops; the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) of Georgia, the 155th Armored Brigade of Mississippi and the 256th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) of Louisiana. But today it said they were not included. Maj. Doug Hart, a Pentagon spokesman, said he had misunderstood the makeup of the Army units being activated, and that while they included some combat reservists; such as the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, of the Oklahoma National Guard; they did not include elements of the Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana brigades. Elements of those three brigades were alerted last Friday that they would be called up soon, but none has been officially ordered to active duty, Hart said today. Each of those three brigades is a "round-out" unit for a regular Army armored or mechanized division, but none was called up in the initial deployment of more than 230,000 forces to the gulf. It's still not certain that the three brigades

will be sent to the front lines; they are scheduled to undergo desert warfare training in the United States before a deployment decision is made. Reservists normally train one weekend per month plus one two-week exercise a year. The Marine Corps said it was ordering 6,496 reservists to active duty for Desert Shield. Most are expected to be deployed to the gulf as part of Marine reinforcements totaling about 45,000 men. About 45,000 regular Marines already are in the gulf area. The Marine reserves, from units in 23 states and the District of Columbia, will report for duty starting Saturday with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C. That unit is expected to deploy to the gulf. The missions of the Marine reserves in the latest call-up include air defense, mechanized and infantry operations, close air support, radar and artillery.

**Nov 22, 1990:** Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Duncan Chaplain Feels Needed in Guard Call up. "The toughest part of the whole deal is separation from family and friends. We haven't had to do that before. There are some Vietnam veterans in the unit; they've done this before. But those who came after, we don't know what it means to be away from home." Capt. Jason Duckworth, National Guard chaplain. Duncan. (AP) Capt. Jason Duckworth expects his workload to increase as his fellow National Guardsmen face the reality of missing Thanksgiving Day with their families. Members of the 158th Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard waited for word Tuesday on when they might be activated and their unit mobilized as part of Operation Desert Shield. Duckworth, 28, is pastor of the Meridian First Baptist Church. He also is the local National Guard chaplain, a devout Christian who wears a military uniform but doesn't carry a gun. "My purpose," he said, "is to encourage them to strive to live a Christian life in the military. "As a chaplain, you spend a lot of time building bridges. I do that so that on the day a crisis arises, they feel they can come to me. Right now I'm a real needed person," he said. "The toughest part of the whole deal is separation from family and friends. We haven't had to do that before. "There are some Vietnam veterans in the unit; they've done this before. But those who came after we don't know what it means to be away from home," Duckworth said. He has been in the National Guard for 10 years, having joined while a senior in high school. He went to officers school while attending Oklahoma State University, then attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, to become a minister, and a chaplain. While in high school, he said, he had wondered whether it was right for a Christian to be in the military. "As a Christian, there are some things worth standing up for. One of the things we enjoy in this country is our freedom of religion; that's what I'm standing up for," he said. And he isn't really any different from his fellow Guardsmen, he said. "They're not warmongers, Rambo types. They have wives and children or maybe they are single but I see a lot of patriotism. If there is nothing worth dying for, there's nothing worth living for either." Duckworth will have to leave his wife and two children, and his church and congregation. He is confident everyone will be provided for, on multiple levels. "The Guard has done a good job helping us prepare ourselves, with wills, power of attorney and automatic bank deposits. It is peace of mind, and it's already in place. "My mom and dad, and my wife's mom and dad, are very supportive spiritually and emotionally. I have peace of mind knowing my family will be taken care of," he said. The Guard began a family support program two years ago, he added, providing both an official and unofficial support network for families of Guardsmen. Families have a place to go in Lawton to get identification as those who are dependent on active duty personnel. As for his church, he informed his congregation Sunday that it was likely he would be gone for at least six months, maybe longer. Church members will decide whether "to get someone to fill in while I'm gone, or to replace me with someone full-time. My desire is for what is best for the church. "They were real supportive. This will be a strengthening time for the church, although not very convenient," he said. Sunday night, church members placed yellow ribbons on a tree in front of the church, for Duckworth, for his comrades being called to active duty, and for those already serving in the Middle East. "Duncan has always been a good Guard community. I hope that support continues," he said. "People can express that support in a tangible way if they want to: We are going to have a lot of down time on our hands, and we're going to need recreational equipment, like bats, balls and volleyballs, things that are not part of our normal supplies. "The biggest problem (troops on active duty) have now is people not writing. You can get an address and write to someone. "This all seems small, but we are being stripped of everything that is a crutch and a comfort to us, and little things become important. "The most obvious thing," he said, that people can give to help, "is their prayers." Records Reviewed Preparation for Duty Guardswomen and Guardsmen turned paper pushers Wednesday in Broken Arrow as they reviewed their personnel records and took quick inventories of their duffel bags. Then they went home. Sgt. Bill Mingle said members of the 145th Medical Clearing Company who live within 50 miles of the Army National Guard Armory were allowed to return home until Thanksgiving Day. "That's most of them," Mingle said. "I don't have any exact numbers, and we have some who live as far away as Fort Smith. But that's most of them." Even Guard members who live outside the 50-mile range likely would not spend Wednesday night in the armory, though. "The members of this unit who reside within that 50-mile range have been adopting buddies to take home with them for Thanksgiving dinner," he said. Some 200 miles away, similar records checks took place Wednesday in Lawton. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery unit also was preparing to travel Saturday to Fort Sill. Maj. Pat Scully said the Guard unit's commander had made no decision whether to allow the soldiers to return home at night. "To my knowledge, they'll be working until the unit's ready, Scully said. "That's going to be the unit commander's call." Scully said there were more than 400 soldiers in the 158th. The 140-member Broken Arrow

unit was ordered to report early Wednesday as part of the massive build-up for Operation Desert Shield. Mingle said there was no indication whether the unit would be shipped to Saudi Arabia. "The unit is basically completed the 'POM' processing, which stands for Processed for Overseas Movement," Mingle said. "That does not reflect that they are going overseas, though. "Basically, they're reviewing every piece of paper in their records." Mingle said guardswomen and guardsmen who live within a 50-mile radius of the armory were permitted to return home Wednesday and would also be allowed to return home Thursday night. Mingle said guard members were to work a half-day today in two shifts, loading duffel bags onto trucks and completing any packing and paperwork. They would spend Friday night at the armory and head for Fort Sill on Saturday. A convoy will leave the armory at 7 a.m. Saturday and travel the Broken Arrow Expressway to Interstate 44.

**Dec 03, 1990:** Obituary: Delmer James Ford; World War II veteran; Delmer J. Ford, age 70 died suddenly on Monday, 3 Dec. 1990 at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. He was born in Elsno, Oklahoma, the son of the late Winston and Dora (Graham) Ford, and has been an Acton resident for 35 years. At a time, prior to his retirement he had worked for Carlisle machine. He served with the Army in Europe during WWII, and was a member of the Massachusetts Woodcarvers Association. Mr. Ford is survived by his wife Carmella (Palmer) Ford; two sons, James of Ayer, and Richard of Sandown, New Hampshire; two brothers, Donald of Arizona and Jack of Oklahoma and two grand children. Funeral services will be held Thursday (today) at 11 a.m. at the Acton Funeral Home, 470 Massachusetts Avenue, (Rte 111), Acton, followed by burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. Private First Class, ASN: 20831135 and served with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery.

**Dec 17, 1990:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Guard unit trains for desert. 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Guard unit trains for deployment to Saudi Arabia. Fort Sill wasn't much like the Saudi Arabian desert this morning, but there was no doubt the desert was on the minds of the National Guardsmen training for deployment to the Middle East. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, based in Lawton, is among the reserve units on post preparing for shipment to Saudi Arabia. This morning they donned their rain gear for more refresher training on the Multiple Launch Rocket System that they've fielded the past three years. The most hectic time for the battalion was shortly after it was mobilized and had to prepare all its equipment for shipment, said Maj. James Doyle, the battalion's full-time operations and training officer. "We're not 20 hours a day, seven days a week," Doyle said. "We're better trained than that." Because most of the families live in nearby communities, the guardsmen get to see their loved ones occasionally, Doyle said, which has eased the transition. Each guardsman normally has a night or two a week to take off and spend at home. "We get to see them every so often," said Staff Sgt. Shelby Mounts of Sterling. "Not as much as we'd like, but we do get to see them." Guardsmen said the training they're receiving is most refresher instruction. "We've done this for three years," Mounts said. "We're just tuning our skills. When they give us a call, we're ready." Sgt. Richard Staton of Apache said morale was good. "Everybody's a little nervous, but everybody's doing pretty good," he said. Morale doesn't seem to have been affected by the ebb and flow of peace prospects, he said, although guardsmen keep up with the news. "Everybody's really paying attention, reading the newspapers, watching television when they can," he said. "It's really been surprising to me how good the morale has been." The battalion, which has units in Lawton, Duncan, Chickasha, Walters and Marlow, also has volunteers from other units. Spec. Thomas Urbina of Cordell was in an 8-inch artillery unit until recently. He was asked to join the MLRS battalion; he quickly said yes and rounded up some other volunteers. "In 45 minutes we were ready to go," he said. "I had thought about it before, because I thought we'd get called up anyway," he said. Doyle said the mobilization has gone smoothly. That's not to say unexpected things haven't happened. "There's no such thing in the military as being surprised," he said. "You just react."

**Jan 15, 1991:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery left this morning. National Guardsmen from Southwest Oklahoma left Fort Sill for Saudi Arabia on Monday as the deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait crept nearer. The local Guardsmen, from the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, were among a group of about 200 Oklahoma and Arkansas Guardsmen who left post as an advance parties for their units. More local Guardsmen are scheduled to deploy today when the 1045th Ordnance Detachment, a Multiple Launch Rocket System maintenance unit that drills at Fort Sill, leaves for the Middle East. On Monday, family and friends of the departing soldiers joined with other Guardsmen in lining up outside Caisson Recreation Center to bid farewell to the advance parties who were loading on buses for the trip to Altus Air Force Base, where they caught their flight to Saudi Arabia. A band played show tunes, and Arkansas Guardsmen who were still waiting for their own deployment gave a spirited sendoff that included a razorback yell. The local battalion, which fields the MLRS, has its headquarters in Lawton and units in Duncan, Walters, Marlow and Chickasha. It is attached to the 142nd Field Artillery Brigade for its role in Operation Desert Shield. Other units represented in Monday's deployment were the brigade headquarters from Fayetteville, Ark.; the 1st Battalion, 142nd Field Artillery, from Harrison, Ark.; and the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Field Artillery, from Fort Smith, Ark. The two Arkansas battalions are 8-inch howitzer units. All the units have been at Fort Sill since Nov. 24. The artillery units are the only reserve combat battalions activated so far in

Oklahoma and Arkansas. When deployed, the local unit will become the first Oklahoma Army National Guard combat battalion to be deployed since the Korean War. Today's deployment will include about 130 people, including 30 from the Fort Sill detachment. Most of the remainder will be from the brigade headquarters. As more reservists head to the Middle East, relatives continued to hope and pray for peace. A 24-hour prayer vigil began at noon at the New Post Chapel and will continue through noon today. It will end 11 hours before the U.N. Security Council's deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. The deadline looms in the consciousness of those who have family in the Middle East. Cecilia Mauga, wife of 1st Sgt. Sam Mauga, said she doesn't dwell on the deadline or the threat of war but it's not something she can put out of her mind entirely. The thought is in me," said Mrs. Mauga, who was attending the opening of the expanded family support center. We can't stop that. We just have to be prepared." For many, the new deadline is another day to be watched closely, just as were the ultimately disappointing day when Secretary of State James Baker met with the Iraqi foreign minister and the day that the secretary-general of the United Nations met with Saddam Hussein. Right now we just wait and see and hope and pray," Mrs. Mauga said. That's mostly what we're doing, praying," said Betina Robinson. Her husband, Sgt. Terry Robinson, is in Saudi Arabia in Mauga's unit. Mrs. Robinson doesn't think hostilities would begin immediately after the deadline, but soon. I don't think they'll do anything tomorrow. I believe in the next two weeks they will." Mrs. Robinson hasn't heard from her husband since Christmas, but the Mauga was able to call his wife on Sunday night. He wanted to talk about home, she said, not the possibility of war. He did not speak a single thing about about war at all," Mrs. Mauga said. Scraps of news from the desert are quickly passed around. The spouses call each other once a week if not more often," Mrs. Mauga said, and they try to meet once a month. Mrs. Mauga, as wife of the unit's senior non-commissioned officer, plays a key role in the support network. At first she thought it would be an extra burden, but she's changed her mind. The more you get involved in people's life, it becomes yours," she said. The more I reach out, the better I feel." Obituary: William Charles Lefurgey. He was born September 4, 1918 in Payne County, Oklahoma and died January 15, 1991 in Worcester, Massachusetts at age 73. He was a Sergeant, ASN: 20830907 and served with Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery. His father was Charles Lester "Charley" LeFurgey and mother Margaret Anglemeyer LeFurgey. His sister was Stella O. LeFurgey and brother was Homer Jackson LeFurgey. He is buried at Saint John's Cemetery in Worcester.

**Jan 19, 1991:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Guardsmen from Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, leave Fort Sill for desert. McConnell K. Robertson. About 100 National Guardsmen from Lawton on Friday became the first group of reservists to deploy to the Middle East from Fort Sill since fighting broke out in the Persian Gulf. Guardsmen from Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, based in Lawton, left post Friday morning. A band played and relatives waved farewell as the soldiers boarded buses for the trip to Ellington Air Field near Houston, where they were to catch a flight to the Middle East. The unit is one of the Lawton-based battalion's four batteries. A deployment date for the other units, based in Lawton, Duncan, Chickasha, Walters and Marlow, had not been announced by Friday. The battalion, which arrived at Fort Sill Nov. 24, fields the Multiple Launch Rocket System, the Army's most sophisticated field artillery system. An advance party from the battalion left Fort Sill on Monday, and an associated unit, the 1045th Ordnance Detachment, departed on Tuesday. More deployments are scheduled for today when almost 800 Arkansas National Guardsmen from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 142nd Field Artillery, are scheduled to leave post. The battalions, which also arrived at Fort Sill on Nov. 24, field 8-inch howitzers. Advance parties from those battalions and from the 142nd Field Artillery Brigade have already left post. The Lawton Police Department will be losing 12 police officers and a dispatcher to training exercises for the Army Reserve's 402nd Training Support Battalion this weekend, said Assistant Police Chief Ron Ward. Lt. Col. Guy Foster, executive officer for the 402nd Brigade in Lawton, said the monthly drill was moved up one week to test unit alert procedures. The unit had not been placed on alert, he said. Ward said the action affects 11 uniformed officers, a lieutenant and a dispatcher. Ward noted that the service (dispatch) division was already working under personnel constraints. Support group formed by wives. By Mitch Meador/ Staff Writer. When Therease Dacus of Elgin was awakened one night this week by the cries of her 3-year-old son, Chancy, she asked what was wrong. I want my daddy!" he said tearfully. She tried to reassure him that Daddy would be coming home, but not for a while. "I want my daddy right now!" her little one insisted. That, in a nutshell, is why the spouses of those in Operation Desert Storm need support groups. Dacus was one of four women who met Friday morning at the Family Assistance Center in Lawton's National Guard Armory to firm up plans for a local support group. All four had spouses in Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Multiple Launch Rocket Systems. Many of the spouses were not there to witness it when a bus bound for Houston picked up members of A Battery at Fort Sill about 8:30 a.m. Friday. "They preferred that nobody see them (Friday) morning, but I think there were 25 or 30 to see them off," said Sheree Allen of Lawton. Families had gathered at the armory Thursday night to say their final goodbyes to Guardsmen headed for the Middle East. Allen said they were shooed off about 10 p.m. so that the battery could make its final preparations for departure. Allen said it was hard for her when her husband, Capt. Anthony Allen, who is battery commander for the headquarters, handed back his wedding ring. "My husband gave me his ring back in case something happens to them," she said, adding that a lot of the men did the same. "That was hard. I don't know if I want it back." Mary Pyle of Medicine Park was

one who made it in time to watch her husband leave. Pyle said she went to Brett's barracks first thing Friday morning to deliver things he had forgotten, give him some last hugs and run some errands for him. After she'd finished, she went to the Caisson Recreation Center expecting him to have already left but was in time to catch him boarding the bus. The wives agreed it's been a nerve-racking week. First they were told their husbands would leave Tuesday, then they learned the departure had been delayed for a few days. That only prolonged the agony. "We can't get our lives together until they're gone," Allen said. "Finally the waiting is over for A Battery. It's a relief," Pyle said. It may be the end of one wait, but it's the start of another. Creation of support groups is one way those on the home front can shore up their defenses for the tough times ahead. "We deal with mothers, children and friends of families, if they want to go to support meetings or donate time," said Allen, support group chairman for the headquarters battery. "We're trying to be here for everyone. We're somebody to talk to, cry with, to keep from taking it out on our kids," Allen said. The group's mission is "to be here for everyone else," members stated. The military has advised group members not to publicize their meeting times and places. "They're telling us that we are at risk to terrorist threats and also, it leads to problems with security risks at home," Allen said. Members contact each other by telephone or by calling the Family Assistance Center at 353-3620. The center, staffed by Military Personnel Officer Dennis Roper and Sgt. 1st Class Roger Skinner, solves problems, answers questions and issues ID cards for the military families. Allen said the Army is supporting the support group, and that's important. According to Pyle, National Guardsmen and their spouses have to overcome an image that they are only "weekend warriors" and not regular Army personnel. To boost morale, the group plans to send a care package to A Battery next week, and apparently the Army will assist in sending it, Pyle said.

**Jan 29, 1991:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Unit completing deployment. A Lawton-based Oklahoma National Guard artillery battalion will complete its deployment to Saudi Arabia on Thursday. Fort Sill spokesman Daran Neal said more than 300 members of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, are scheduled to depart from post. An advance party from the battalion left on Jan. 14, and Battery A from Lawton departed Jan. 14. An associated unit, the 1045th Ordnance Detachment, left on Jan. 15. The remainder of the battalion; personnel from Headquarters and Service Battery of Lawton, Battery B of Duncan and Walters, and Battery C of Chickasha and Marlow; will make the trip this week. The unit, the first reserve battalion to field the Multiple Launch Rocket System, was alerted Nov. 15 and was activated Nov. 21. On Nov. 24, the battalion reported to Fort Sill, where it prepared its equipment for shipment and began pre-deployment training. The battalion is the only Oklahoma National Guard combat unit to be called to duty. The National Guard also announced that family assistance centers have been set up around the state to provide assistance to family members left behind. The local center is at the National Guard Armory, 353-6320, where Sgt. 1st Class Roger Skinner is in charge. Families also can receive assistance by calling Sgt. Maj. Leonard Edmonds or Master Sgt. Mike Melton toll-free at 1-800-522-8042.

**Feb 21, 1991:** Published in the "The Ottumwa Courier" entitled: Soldiers Serving with Desert Storm. Joseph E. White. Hometown is Ottumwa. Service/rank is Sergeant, E5. Operation Desert Shield, MLRS, "B" Battery, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, APO New York, NY 09635. Wife is Pam and son, Jullian of Comanche, Okla. Relatives are Mother, Joann E. Morris of Ottumwa; father, Irvin L. White of Mount Pleasant; brothers, Rick of Kirksville, John of Ottumwa and Dean of Des Moines; sisters, Becky Richards of Howard, Penn., and Rhonda Green of Ottumwa; grandmother, Dota Davis of Ottumwa.

**Feb 27, 1991:** Obituary: Howard Leslie Braden. Born 10 Apr 1917 in Drake, Murray County, Oklahoma and died 27 Feb 1991 (aged 73) in Pampa, Gray County, Texas, and is buried in Highland Park Cemetery in Borger, Hutchinson County, Texas. Howard L. "Boots" Braden, 73, Borger, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1991 in Coronado Hospital in Pampa. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Miller, associate pastor, and Dr. Ishan Ardhuermuly, pastor First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery by Ed Brown & Sons Funeral Directors. A native of Drake, Okla., he had been a Borger area resident for 45 years. He was a retired distributor with Kelly Milk. He was a member of First Baptist Church and a World War II veteran serving in the European Theater receiving a bronze star. He married Patty Bradshaw Jan. 31, 1946 at Sulphur, Okla. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Margaret "Maggie" Painter of Borger; and Janet Glass of McLean; one sister, Edna Hunt of Terrell; and three grandchildren. Published in Borger News-Herald, Thursday, February 28, 1991. Sergeant, ASN: 20830367 and served with Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Mar 03, 1991:** Published in the "The Roswell Daily Record" entitled: National Guard Attracts Interest of 17 Year Old. Editors Note: The Roswell Daily Record celebrates its centennial this year. In recognition of the "Century of Commitment" to the community, the RDR will publish a series of stories this year on early Roswell by amateur historian Clarence Adams of Roswell. The stories will appear on Sunday. The Record first appeared on March 6, 1891. Clarence S. Adams. Record Guest Writer. When I was 17 years old, I had an Idea that I'd like to Join the National Guard. I had heard of Col. DeBremond and the many achievements of Battery "A" of World War I fame and

of its involvement in the Philippines, Cuba and on the Mexican border. I thought It would be an honor to be a member of such a noted outfit. So I went downtown to the Purdy Furniture Store and met Capt. Edward Purdy, the commander of Battery "A", and informed him I was interested in Joining the Guard. After we had talked for a few minutes, he suggested that I go down to the gun sheds on East Fourth Street across the tracks and talk to Sgt. Sammy Johnson. I made my way to the gun sheds and was soon facing the sergeant, who seemed to be quite friendly and very personable. I told him I wanted to join the Guard, and immediately he began telling me what a fine decision I was making. Our discussion proceeded well, and I thought I was just minutes away from being a member of Battery "A". Then Sam asked me how old I was. "Seventeen" I replied. "Oh, boy," he said, shaking his head. "You have to be eighteen! I can't enlist you until you're 18." He thought this over for a minute, then seemed to have another idea. "I tell you what," he finally said, "let's just forget about this little conversation. Why don't you take a walk around the block, stroll back in here after awhile, and we'll talk again; start over." So following Sam's advice, I went back outside and walked around for a spell, wondering what he had on his mind. About 30 minutes later I wandered back into his office. "Well, so you want to get in the Guard," Sammy said. With a big grin on his face, he shoved some papers in front of me. "Here, read these papers and sign at the bottom." I took the papers, looking at the place where I was supposed to sign, scarcely glancing at the place that declared I was 18. Minutes later I was a member of Battery "A", New Mexico National Guard. I didn't say anything, I just signed. But Sam knew; we both knew; that we were telling a "little white lie," which I knew my mother would disapprove of. However, I figured I could handle her after I told her that I'd be making some extra money. "We drill once a week and you'd better be there," the sergeant said, seeming to be a little more demanding than he'd been before I had signed up. I didn't mind though, for I was going to make a dollar a drill, and that figured out four dollars a month, enough to buy a pair of brogans and some Levis. The next few weeks we were busy getting ready to go to Fort Sill, Okla., for summer camp. We would go by truck and take two days to get there, pulling the old French 75mm Caissons along behind the trucks. During the days of getting ready for camp, I became acquainted with some of my superiors. The first sergeant was a man by the name of Brown; "Booger" Brown everyone called him, and he was a tough one! I was scared of him until I became better acquainted with him. He was one of Roswell's fine citizens. Then there was Bill Robert, the grandson of Sallie Chisum Robert. He was a huge man, known in the battery as "Bull" Robert, and was my platoon sergeant. At that time Battery "A" was a part of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment, of the old 45th Division. As I stated previously, Capt. Edward Purdy was the battery commander, and 2nd Lt. C.M. Woodbury was the executive officer. Then there was 2nd Lt. John Allen Phinizy, an officer by the name of Dave Ackerman, and Lt. Bill Jewett. Most of our officers and several of the noncoms were students, or officers of New Mexico Military Institute. I recall the names of some of the other man such as Dick Purdy, a big fellow named Mills, and Howard Conner. And of course, I remember T.W. (Woodrow) Neely, the mess sergeant. After setting up camp at Fort Sill, we spent several days on the firing range firing the 75s, as well as the smaller 37s, which were bolted down on the barrels of the bigger guns. To stimulate enthusiasm, the colonel offered to buy two quarts of Oklahoma 3.2 percent beer for every man whose section excelled in firing the weapons. With a big man like Bull Robert handling the tail end of the guns, our section was destined to win. We blew the target to pieces and went back to camp that night two quarts of beer richer. My mother had taught her boys about the evils of booze, and I shouldn't have done what I did, but what the heck! The other guys were all drinking that stuff. After all, it was only 3.2 and didn't have enough power to affect a fellow, or so I thought. After thinking seriously about whether or not I should imbibe, I decided a taste or two wouldn't hurt anything, and I suppose one little sip led to another, and so on. Before I knew it, I had really worked over one quart of that "light" stuff. I guess it wasn't the best thing for me to do, however. Next morning when we fell out for reveille I was a little woozy, and after standing in formation for a full minute, I hit the ground, out cold! Immediately, someone called an ambulance and they hauled me to the post hospital where I was put to bed and told to stay there until I "recuperated." The next day I felt pretty good, but the doctor and a real pretty nurse told me I couldn't be released for another day or two. Finally, a good friend, Sgt. T.W. Neely, came by to see me. (One of his nicknames in the Guard was "Tiger.") After some small talk, and after he scolded me for what I'd done the day.

**Mar 07, 1991:** Published in "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Injured Soldier Returns; Another Waiting to Heal. An Oklahoma soldier injured during Operation Desert Storm has returned home, while another, remains hospitalized in Saudi Arabia. Shannon Woodrome, 19, of Duncan is on crutches after injuring both knees in a truck accident a few days before the ground war started. Woodrome, who is with the Walters detachment of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, said one of his knee caps was shattered and the other was broken in the Feb. 19 accident near the Kuwaiti border. He said he had been in 10 hospitals by the time he spent his last night Sunday in Reynolds Hospital in Fort Sill. He returned to Duncan on Monday. Meanwhile, Marine Sgt. Jon W. White of Bokoshe remained in a military hospital in Saudi Arabia, said his grandmother, Leona White. Sgt. White, 30, of the 1st Marine Division, told family members he suffered shrapnel wounds to his arm and bruises to his ribs when a mortar round exploded near him. "He said he was glad to be getting three meals a day and to be sleeping between clean sheets," Leona White said. Published in the "The Joplin Globe" entitled: Some soldiers return from Gulf. By The Associated Press Members of AWACS units back from duty in the Persian Gulf spent

Wednesday with their families while other Oklahomans planned homecomings. Residents of Cleveland are planning a thanksgiving celebration Sunday to mark the release of Capt. Michael Craig Berryman, a prisoner of war freed Tuesday by Iraq. Two Oklahoma soldiers are back in the United States recuperating from injuries they received while serving in Operation Desert Storm. Pvt. Shannon Woodrome, 19, of Duncan is at home to continue his recovery from injuries he suffered in a truck accident near the Kuwaiti border on Feb. 19. Woodrome is with the Walters detachment of Battery B, 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma Army National Guard. Meanwhile, relatives of Army Warrant Officer George Swartzendruber of Adair wait for word on when his remains will be returned for burial. Swartzendruber was killed when his helicopter was shot down.

**Mar 11, 1991:** Published in the "The Courier News" entitled: Arkansas soldiers returning home. Lawton, Okla. (AP). Hundreds of Oklahomans and Arkansans stayed up until the early morning today to greet the first Guardsmen to return to Fort Sill from the Persian Gulf War. "Tired? How can you be tired on a night like this, when everybody's fired up like this?" Fort Sill Commander Raphael Hallada asked by telephone as he and more than 1,000 others waited for the new veterans to enter a hangar turned-reception hall. The C-130 carrying the 19 troops landed at Fort Sill about 12:30 a.m. The group was made up of four members of the Guard's Lawton based 158th Field Artillery, one of the country's few guard units to take part in the fighting; 12 members of the Arkansas National Guard's 142nd Brigade; and Fort Sill soldiers, post officials said. "It's a total force gathering here tonight," Hallada said. "We sent them there as a total force and we're bringing them back as a total force." Gov. David Walters flew to Fort Sill to take part in the reception, Oklahoma National Guard officials said. State Guard Adj. Gen. Tommy Alsip traveled to Topeka, Kan., to greet the Oklahoma Guard members as they started the final leg of their journey home. The Guard identified the four returning members of the 158th as Sgt. 1st Class Donald Epperson of Carnegie, Staff Sgt. Wayne Wilson of Walters, Pfc. Gregory Gephart of Grandfield and Spec Myron Johnson of Oklahoma City. The 158th was trained to fire multiple launch rocket systems. The Army Times recently singled the 158th out for the work it did with allied forces during the ground assault. "They're heroes," Hallada said, Families and friends started gathering in the Fort Sill hangar about 9:30 p.m. Sunday, post officials said. The group originally had been scheduled to land at Fort Sill on Saturday, but mechanical problems with the plane helped pushed the arrival time back at least five times.

**Mar 17, 1991:** Published in the "The Oklahoman" entitled: Troops welcomed. Early Monday, Staff Sgt. Wayne Wilson of Walters and three of his buddies from the Oklahoma National Guard's 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, headquartered in Lawton, became the first members of the Oklahoma National Guard to return home from Operation Desert Storm since the war ended. Their military unit, which fires the multiple launch rocket system, fired about 800 rockets against Iraqi forces. They were among a group of Desert Storm veterans who were met at Fort Sill by more than 1,000 cheering Oklahomans early Monday. Also Monday, about 20 Air Force personnel were greeted by 150 to 200 people as they returned to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. Most of that group were members of the 28th Air Division at Tinker.

**May 06, 1991:** Obituary: John Edward Ross, Sapulpa Herald, Creek Co., OK; Mannford; John Edward Ross, 70, of Mannford, died Monday at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa. Services are scheduled for 2 pm Thursday at Smith Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Ben Husted officiating. A military graveside service will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Mannford. Casket bearers will be Bart Davis, Truman Dunn, James Fields, Mike Porter, Quenton Speegle and Jimmy Wheeler. Phillip Horacek will serve as honorary bearer. He was born Sep 1, 1920, in Bixby, and lived in Tulsa from 1948 to September 1966. Mr. Ross was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps and a World War II veteran who served in Panama, the Omaha Beach D-Day landing and in the ensuing campaign for the liberation of Europe. He served as a eight inch howitzer gunner in the 45th Division, 158th Field Artillery Battalion and later was attached to the British Second Army and American XIII Corps. A 1947 plumbing graduate of the Kansas City National Trade School, he had been a journey-men member of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 205, of Tulsa, since April 1952. He married Norma Ridley Ross Oct 27, 1964, in Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Ross was a member of the local Byrom-Loveall American Legion Post, of the Mannford Methodist Church and a charter board member of the Keystone Crossroads Historical Society. He was a Pawnee County reserve deputy for four years and was an avid fisherman and gardener. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Henry Ross, in 1978. Survivors include wife, Norma; sisters Francis Dunahay of Claremore and Ima Jean Beck of Siloam Springs, Ark.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and Phillip Horacek, who was raised by Mr. Ross and his wife. In lieu of other remembrances, the family suggests donations to the Keystone Crossroads Historical Society in Mannford. Corporal, ASN: 38017554 and served with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery.

**May 15, 1991:** Permanent Orders: 94-52 Department of the Army, Headquarters, United States Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill. Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503-5000. Permanent Orders: 94-52 dated 15 May 1991. 158th Field Artillery Battalion (01) (MLRS). 5A WYHOAA. PO Box 2235, Lawton. OK 73502-2335. Following organization/unit action directed. Action: Temporary change of station. Attached to "TAG" State of Oklahoma, P.O.

Box 2235 and P.O. Box 2335, Lawton. OK 73502-2335 Assigned to: USAFIVE. Effective date: 23 May 1991. Accounting classification: 2112020 00000 7620822 000000000 0211A0 00000 GRP0000000 76FARC75 000034031 \$0.00/219A \$34.00. Authority: AR 220-5 and Verbal Orders of Commanding General. Additional instructions: (1) Advanced party annex is attached. (2) Organization/Unit members are released from active duty on date shown at annex. (3) Attach annexes listing release date of unit members from Active Federal Service. (4) Unit filler personnel are authorized individual travel to home of record. Format: 745. For the Commander. Headquarters, United States Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill. Corrected Copy. Annex A, Advance Party, to HQ USAFACFS Permanent Orders 94-52 dated 15 May 1991. UPC: YHOTO Unit: HHB/SVC BTRY 1/158TH FA BN Name, Rank, Transition Leave; Begin-End, REFRAD: Bullard, Tony, 1LT, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Gleason, David, SFC, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Lambeth, Jeffery Lamar, PFC, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Myers Stephen A., SSG, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Ploof, Frederick Arlanda III, SSG, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Spruill, James Dale, CSM, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Williams, Bernard, SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Yoon, Sun Ho, SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. UPC: YHOAO Unit: A BTRY 1/158TH FA BN Name, Rank, Transition Leave; Begin-End, REFRAD: Burrow, Anthony R., PFC, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Burt, Larry James, SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Defoor, Vernon Ray, SGT, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Huff, Edward, SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Madden, Jarrod James, PFC, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Reyes, Dee Wayne, SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Wall, Gerard Allen, SSG, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. UPC: YHOB0 Unit: B BTRY 1/158TH FA BN Name, Rank, Transition Leave; Begin-End, REFRAD: Barnes, Shelby Lynn, SSG, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Bartling, Teddy Ray, SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Brown, Charles Wesley, SGT, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Cassady, Randall Keith, SGT, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Castillo, Manuel Rodela Jr., SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Francis, Paul Lunear, SSG, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Fuqua, Jon Garner, SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Grannan, Patrick Edward, 1LT 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Hastings, Fred Carl Jr., SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Hayne, Richard Bruce, SGT, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Johnson, Gary Wayne, SSG, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Johnson, Gary Wayne Jr., SGT, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Lynn, Robert Wayne, SGT, NA, NA, 17-May-91. McGlothlin, Johnny Lee, SSG, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Morris, James Keith, SGT, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Smith, Robert Leon, SSG, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Suman, Sonnie Eugene, SSG, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Washington, Keith Ray, SGT, NA, NA, 17-May-91. White, Joseph Eugene, SGT, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. UPC: YHOCO Unit: C BTRY 1/158TH FA BN Name, Rank, Transition Leave; Begin-End, REFRAD: Allen, Kenneth Earl, SSG, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Bishop, John Richard, SGT, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Camus, Thomas Anthony, SGT, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Freeman, Eric Michael, 1LT, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Green, Charles William Jr., SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Howell, Derwin Ray Jr., SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Lager, Edward Lawrence, SP4, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Mabry, David Allen, SGT, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Manning, Jonathan George, SP4, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Matte, Lucien Jeffery, SGT, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Pennington, Ralph Lee, SSG, NA, NA, 17-May-91. Pettit, Lawrence Alan, PFC, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Shoffit, Mark Alan, SGT, 18-May-91, 2-Jun-91, 2-Jun-91. Annex B, Main Body, to HQ USAFACFS Permanent Orders 94-52 dated 15 May 1991. UPC: YHOAO Unit: A BTRY 1/158TH FA BN. \* Transportation to St. Cloud, FL, excess baggage auth. Name, Rank, Transition Leave; Begin-End, REFRAD: Anderson, Kelly Lamar, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Avance, Jimmie Don, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Beltran, Daniel Gonzales, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Bentley, Steven Wayne, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Bertelsen, Thomas Karl, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Blackwood, Jeffery Lynn, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Blasengame, William Clifton, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Bledsaw, Daryn Reed, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Brewer, Daniel Scott, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Brown, Douglas Lee, 1LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Carter, Ronnie A., SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Clothier, Orville Allen, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Clowers, David Carroll, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Collins, Mark Roy, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Coon, Stephen, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Copeland, Dwight L., SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Dacus, Galen Austin, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Dankowski, Douglas Theodore, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Danna, Roosevelt Jr., SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Davis, James Michael, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Davis, Terry Dean, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Dodson, Brian Keith, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Duarte, Fernando, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Dykens, Timothy Arden, 2LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Ennis, David Andrew, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Epperson, Donald Ray, SFC, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Evans, Warren Gene, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Flieder, Robert Patrick II, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Forge, Durrone, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Freeman, William Jr., CPT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Galbreath, Holland Lavon, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Gebhart, Gregory Todd, PV2, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Goodwin, Todd Anthony, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Graves, Johnny Miles, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Grybowski, Reb Carter, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Hall, Hazell Jose, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Hogue, Michael Lawrence, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Hoskins, Derrick Wayne, 2LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Hoskins, Preston Darrell, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Hyde, Robbie Lee, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Janco, Keith Paul, SSG, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Jarvis, Gary Lee, SSG,



24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Jones, Michael, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Kelley, Robert Lee, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. King, Walter Edward, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Kuntz, Frank Dale, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Leonhardt, Terry Daniel, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Lynde, Edward C., SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Macias, Edward, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Martin, William D., SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Muldowney, Joseph James, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Newby, Jerry Dwayne, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Ortiz, Andy Jose, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Palacios, Sergio Jr., SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Pruitt, Steven Foster, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Radford, William Clyde Jr., SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Redelk, George Gerald, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Reynolds, David Michael, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Rittenhouse, Bradley David, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Rivers, Lance Eric, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Robarge, Douglas James, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Samuel, Vince Lakeith, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Sandberg, Craig, Michael, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Schaefer, Stephen Hubbard, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Scruggs, Prentice Lemar, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Smith, Michael B. II, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Staton, Richard Hullen, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Stouffer, Mark Steven, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Stuckey, James Albert, 2LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Tate, Thomas George, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Tumlinson, Dwayne Shannon, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Turrey, Enrique Jr., PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Walker, Douglas Brian, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Washburn, David Douglas, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Watts, Charles Wayne, 1SG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Watts, Dustin Wayne, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Wermey, Gregory, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Whitewolf, Gordon Ray, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Whiting, Jason Ralph, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Wyatt, Charles Ernest, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Yackeschi, Glendal Brett, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Annex C, Main Body, to HQ USAFACFS Permanent Orders 94-52 dated 15 May 1991. UPC: YHOB0 Unit: B BTRY 1/158TH FA BN Name, Rank, Transition Leave; Begin-End, REFRAD: Alexander, Eric Dean, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Allovio, John Matthew, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Atkinson, Eddie Allen, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Bagley, Jeffery David, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Birt, Jeffery Alan, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Bishop, Troy Ray, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Boughton, Stanley Earl, SSG, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Breatchel, William Bryan, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Brown, Michael Stanley, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Carter, Dennis Owen, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Catura, Travis Lee, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Chisum, Don Edward Jr., SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Cobbs, Robert Leon, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Crowson, Eddie Lynn, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Crowson, Freddie Glen, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Deaton, Dale Allen, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Dedert, Randall Robert, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Duvall, Jerry Don Jr., SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Dyer, Floyd Jackson, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Dyer, Joe Don, SFC, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Ernest, Bradley Max, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Fields, Larry Joe, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Fisher, Felix Manuel, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Garst, Kenneth Lee, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Gifford, William Eugene, 2LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Gordon, Oliver Joe, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Graves, Ronnie Hawn, 1SG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Hackett, Henry Briggs, SP4, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Halstead, Robert Yone, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Heilman, David Lynn, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Hennen, Ricky Lee, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Johnson, Robert Lee, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Jones, Bobby Joe Jr., SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Jones, Michael Joe, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Kaiser, John Michael, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Kirtley, Loren Dean, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Lane, Randy Gale, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Lankford, Gregory Lee, 1LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Leonhardt, Timothy Derrell, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Lewis, Earl, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Mason, Richard Randall, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Matthews, Clyde Eugene, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. McDonald, David Lynn, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Morgan, Larry Richard, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Nuncio, Jose Domingo Jr., SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Nuncio, Selso Owen, PFC, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Owens, Danny Paul, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Owens, James Gary, 1LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Parham, Michael Anthoney, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Parsley, Thomas John, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Patterson, Michael James, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Powers, Jack Daniel, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Rauner, Robert Thomas, 1LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Ray, Gregory Lynn, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Recklein, Don Frederick, SSG, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Resecker, John Christopher, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Saalfrank, Douglas Lee, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Scott, William Merrill III, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Scroggins, James Earnest, SSG, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Slade, Arlyn McKinley, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Slate, Jay Lynn, SP4, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Smith, Michael, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Smith, Shawn Michael, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Spaulding, James Dickey, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Stopyra, Gary James, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Strain, Kemper Lee, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Tagle, Ronnie Dean, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Talavera, Aquodo Alberto, 1LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Taunah, Malcom Clarence, SP4,

24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Vaughan, Bennie Ray, CPT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Whiteside, Danny Lee, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Wilkerson, Wayne Sanjuan, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Williams, Danny Joe, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Wilson, Wayne Edward, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Wooten, Tommy Eugene, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Annex D, Main Body, to HQ USAFACFS Permanent Orders 94-52 dated 15 May 1991. UPC: YHOCO Unit: C BTRY 1/158TH FA BN Name, Rank, Transition Leave; Begin-End, REFRAD: Banks, Michael Leon, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Batch, Douglas Gordon, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Bennett, James Edward, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Boyce, Richard David, PFC, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Boyd, Billy Robert Jr., SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Briscoe, Lester Lee Jr., SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Brookshire, James Cleve, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Burkhart, Christopher Warren, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Cervantez, Steve, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Chalepah, Kyle Francis, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Clark, Donald Edward, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Clark, James Edward, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Clemons, Anthony Derwin, SSG, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Collins, David Kyle, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Davis, Brian Keith, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Davis, Michael David II, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Dobry, Michael John, SSG, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Duke, Scott Leroy, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Eason, Jason Bryant, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Fleenor, David Allen, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Flores, Michael Anthony, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Fort, Fletcher III, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Franks, Patrick W., PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Freeman, James Joseph, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Freeman, Wesley Vernon, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Frullo, Peter David, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Geurin, Leslie Darr II, 2LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Goff, Jerry Linwood Jr., SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Hale, Chad Michael, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Halverson, Glenn Eric, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Hartline, James Garland Jr., SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Harvey, Scott Allen, PV2, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Howenstine, Sean Edward, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Jansen, Richard Kranz, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Johnson, Anthony, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Johnson, James Edward, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Johnson, Myron Hobson, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Kemp, David Shaun, SSG, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Killman, Floyd Franklin, SFC, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Kinion, Rusty Dee, SP4, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Knight, Norman Len, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Kolzen, William Edward IV, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Kulbeth, Jackie Benton, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Lokey, Jack Reagon, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. McWilliams, Bart Dale, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Metcalfe, Paul Alexander, 1LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Mills, Preston Wayne, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Moore, Michael Daniel, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Morris, Kenneth Daniel, SFC, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Morrison, Larry James, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Motsinger, Stephen Carl, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Parker, Jerry Glenn, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Perrault, Nathan Wayne, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Peterson, Nelson Dyanne, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Riley, Shon Paul, PFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Robinson, Gary Tyrone, 1LT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Robinson, Raymond Leroy, SP4, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Salie, Quintin Leroy, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Schoolfield, Richard Allen, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Seitter, Chanin Byron, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Shipley, Robert James, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Smith, Henry Louis, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Smith, Tim Claude, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Snelling, Keith Gregory, SP4, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Stephens, Damon Eugene, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Stewart, Jimmy Dale Jr., SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Stowe, Gregory Jerome, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Taylor, Lovell, SSG, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Twyman, George Lee, SGT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Walker, Donnie Seth, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Walthall, Volley Thomas, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Watson, Matthew James, SP4, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Watts, Ray Lynn, SFC, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. Williams, Robert Lee Jr., PFC, NA, NA, 23-May-91. Williamson, Mark B., CPT, 24-May-91, 9-Jun-91, 9-Jun-91. 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**May 22, 1991:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Dog found during gulf crisis comes home to Oklahoma with National Guard unit. Lawton, Okla. Don't try telling Staff Sgt. Ed Lynde and his buddies in Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery that love has no price. When the Oklahoma National Guard unit deployed from Fort Sill to Saudi Arabia, it was 120 members strong. But 121 members, 120 men and a sprightly canine mascot came home last week. Homecoming for the newest member was a little smaller; if no less joyous; than the reception enjoyed by the others. There to greet Sgt. Sandy at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City weren't bands and generals and proud Americans pumped to a flag-waving frenzy of welcome. But that was OK, because the one face she really cared about was there when the big plane finally touched down in Oklahoma. The ground war was nearly over when Sgt. Sandy was rescued from an enemy bunker complex in Iraq by another U.S. artillery unit. "She was about 6 weeks old and was just skin and bones,' Sgt. Lynde said Monday. The soldiers picked her up, gave her something to eat and eventually handed her over to Battery "A" and Sgt. Lynde. The starving puppy initially thrived on MREs (meals-ready-to-eat), but only until she had the chance to sample what Sgt. Lynde calls "real' food. It took Sgt. Lynde and others in the unit some time to determine Sgt. Sandy's rank. "She used to be a lieutenant,' he said, "but that was when she was a pup and didn't know anything.' Today she wears a sergeant's rank insignia on her collar. She shared a tent with Sgt. Lynde and Sgts. James Davis and Fred Storm. And she quickly stole her way into

the hearts of everyone in the unit. "She'd make the rounds to each tent,' Sgt. Lynde said, "and she'd go to the mess hall and get fed by everybody.' "She'd either wake up in his (Sgt. Lynde's) sleeping bag or in my sleeping bag in the mornings,' Sgt. Davis said. Wherever Battery "A" went, Sgt. Sandy accompanied them. She went from Iraq to Kuwait to Iraq to Kuwait to Iraq to Saudi Arabia, and with every passing mile and every new day, Sgt. Lynde became more attached to Sgt. Sandy. He began worrying about what would happen when it was time to return to Oklahoma. The idea of abandoning her at the port, the fate of other dogs "adopted" by U.S. units was unthinkable. "There was no way she could have gone back into the desert,' Sgt. Lynde said. "I just couldn't bear to do that.' "Everyone kept telling me there was no way I could bring her home,' he said. He sought out two Army veterinarians, who told him that his only hope would be to arrange vaccinations and health papers through a civilian veterinarian in Saudi Arabia and then pay to ship Sgt. Sandy on a commercial airliner. For a time, he despaired of ever finding what he needed in the Muslim Middle East, where dogs are viewed as little more than a nudge up the evolutionary ladder from vermin. Then he heard of a civilian veterinarian about 300 miles away in Saudi Arabia and got his commanding officer's permission to take Sgt. Sandy to him. The veterinarian, a Filipino, vaccinated the dog and soon had Sgt. Sandy's health papers in order. Then it was just a matter of contacting an airline and raising the \$880 airfare for the 5-month-old pup. Sgt. Lynde collected \$400 from other men in the unit; he paid the balance. Sgt. Sandy, with several hundred miles already under her collar, began a journey of transglobal proportions. She jetted from Saudi Arabia to the Netherlands to Chicago and, finally, to Oklahoma City. The trip took 50 hours. She was to have arrived in Oklahoma City on Thursday, the day after Battery "A" marched into the hangar at Fort Sill, but her plane was delayed in Chicago and it was Friday before Sgt. Lynde and Sgt. Sandy were reunited. To Sgt. Lynde and Sgt. Davis, the expense and hassle of bringing Sgt. Sandy home were worth it. "She was really good for morale. She was something good that came out of the war,' Sgt. Lynde said. Sgt. Davis said Sgt. Sandy "brought out the better times" for the troops. "Some people might say there are too many dogs in the U.S., so why bring her here,' he said. " . . . (but) she was a part of home, even if she wasn't from home. She made some of the worst things go away and you could forget for a while.' Sgt. Sandy's home now is with Sgt. Lynde and a calico cat in Lawton. She's learning about a world far removed from things like deserts and bombed-out bunkers. Sgt. Lynde said when he got her home, she barked at a tree in his yard. It was the first tree she'd ever seen. A dog of the desert, she has adapted to such amenities as air conditioning and well-tended lawns. She's still quick to seek out any spot of shade, however. Although Sgt. Sandy is Sgt. Lynde's dog now, he says she's also a part of Battery "A". He plans to take her to drills at the Oklahoma National Guard Armory in Lawton. And she'll go along with the unit for two weeks' annual training. After all, when you've survived the "mother of all battles,' two weeks training with the Oklahoma National Guard will seem just like summer camp.

**Jul 01, 1991:** Published in the "The Soldiers Magazine" entitled: Oklahoma's finest. "A lot of people think that National Guard units are there just to control riots," said Spec. Steven Bentley of Oklahoma's 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. "But the U.S. government didn't give us the MLRS to control riots." Oklahoma's Finest. Story and photo by SSgt. William H. McMichael. Inside the cramped confines of the fire direction center, a friendly voice crackled out of a metal-bound speaker to put the moment in perspective: "You're the first National Guard unit to fire a mission since Vietnam." Minutes later, a small red light on a panel in the vehicle suddenly brightened; a wordless instruction from on high. SSgt. Keith Janco looked up, and got the message. "We're in it now, guys," he said. The last of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery's equipment had arrived in Saudi Arabia from Lawton, Okla., in mid February. A mere four days and several hundred miles later, the unit's, Multiple Launch Rocket System launchers were sending a storm of "metal rain," as the Iraqis came to call Allied artillery barrages, at enemy positions. "I was worried about what kind of confidence they'd have in us over there," said SSgt. Richard Staton, an ammunition section chief. "But we shot the first few, did pretty good, and got to shoot in front of the Apaches. It made us feel pretty worthwhile to have commanders asking for us." And that they were, requesting the 158th for tricky Joint Air Attack Team missions that require split-second coordination between the artillery, attack helicopters, jet fighters and close combat units as they hit enemy positions in waves. It was the first time they'd ever supported JAATs. The unit also fired artillery raids, counter battery missions, and its Battery "A" was detached to support the 1st (British) Division during the ground war. Bouncing around the theater as a VII Corps asset, the 158th fired 893 rockets while traveling through a total of four divisional sectors. Part of the reason for its high level of activity, said battalion maintenance NCO, SFC Marx Calhoun, was the 158th's exceptional 98 percent operational readiness rate. The SPLs, the self propelled launcher loaders, were always up and ready to go. That helped the unit snare more than its normal share of fire missions. "I think where we won top honors was in our maintenance program," said operations officer Maj. James Doyle. The vehicle operators consistently pulled the required daily checks, he said, and the unit's mechanics, the 1045th Ordnance Detachment and the 224th Maintenance Company worked out the tougher glitches. "They told us from the beginning, 'If you lose it, you're walking,'" said SFC Dave Washburn, battalion maintenance technician. "If we stopped for rest," said Sgt. Daniel Wilkins, "maintenance usually worked all night." Spare parts were a problem, but like nearly every unit in the Southwest Asian desert, the 158th's mechanics became experts in the art of bartering. Once, said Calhoun, they traded dehydrated shrimp for spare parts and pancake syrup. The original alert for

mobilization didn't come as any great shock to the Guardsmen. "There are only five MLRS battalions in the whole Army," said Capt. Don Thomas, the battalion maintenance officer and a patrolman with the Lawton Police Department. "When we heard they were using MLRS, we kind of figured they'd call us." "A lot of people think Guard units are there just to control riots said Spec. Steven Bentley, a SPLL driver, "But the U.S. government didn't give us the MLRS to control riots." Like every other unit in the war, the 158th had its difficulties with land navigation. "One night, I walked 45 minutes inside our own perimeter, trying to find my SPLL," said SSgt. Mark Stouffer. "I don't know how many times I got challenged that night." All agreed that the global positioning system devices received were indispensable, especially when the sun went down. Authorized 388 pairs of night vision goggles, the unit went to war having been issued only 52. But they also had plenty of memorable moments. "We did a mission with the British," said Stouffer. "It was a clear night, and you could see for miles. The mission was fired, and the secondary explosions downrange were stupendous." "I remember going into Kuwait City a day after it was liberated," said Janco, and watching a bulldozer knocking down a huge wall mural of Saddam Hussein." But after seeing scores of fiercely burning oil wells, he said, he saw some Iraqi prisoners, and it was kind of hard to be compassionate toward them." During the first missions, fear of counter battery fire was on everyone's mind, but little was encountered. "The first time, everybody was kind of scared," said 2nd Lt. Dedrick Hoskins, a firing battery platoon leader and member of the Lawton Police Department SWAT team. "But after that, it got to be like an annual training." Needless to say, the unit won't undergo annual training this year. As one soldier said with a laugh, "I think we're trained up enough for awhile." The unit will resume weekend drills sometime in August. At its National Guard armory in Lawton, the rooms are filled with yellow and red (for artillery) ribbons and signs like "Persian Gulf Veterans and Proud of it," and "Oklahoma's Finest." They were made by wives, friends and family members, some of the throng of more than 6,000 that greeted the unit upon its May 18, 3 a.m. return to a hangar at nearby Fort Sill. "People had lined the streets all the way from Altus Air Force Base (63 miles away), waving banners and flags," said 2nd Lt. James Stuckey, "A" Btry. Platoon leader. He shook his head. "It just takes your breath away," he said. The homecoming was joyous, and the unit accomplished far more than merely being deployed and surviving the war. "Outstanding," said 158th commander Lt. Col. Larry Haub. "We never missed a start point, a fire mission, or a release point." "We've got guys that are professionals," said Hoskins. "We did what we're supposed to do. We do this on weekends, but we proved that we could do it full time."

**Aug 24, 1991:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Desert Storm equipment returns to Fort Sill. By: Amy R. Carter/Staff Writer; The "steel rain" of Operation Desert Storm came home to Lawton Friday, as about 200 pieces of equipment belonging to the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery arrived at Fort Sill. The 158th, a Lawton-based Oklahoma National Guard unit, operates Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS), which, according to legend, was called "steel rain" by Iraqi troops in the Persian Gulf War. The self-propelled loader-launchers, trucks and other equipment had been shipped out of Saudi Arabia July 15, traveling by ship to the United States and by rail to Fort Sill. Members of the unit and other soldiers were on hand Friday to drive and guide the equipment off the railroad cars, one piece at a time. Another, smaller shipment is scheduled to arrive Monday. The 158th, one of few Guard units equipped with MLRS, participated in ground combat during Desert Storm, traveling more than 1,000 miles from port to within 30 kilometers of Basra. Its performance in the war earned high praise from the Pentagon and several citations in the national press. Maj. James Doyle, administration officer of the 158th, said he does not think operations like Desert Shield and Desert Storm will be necessary again after other countries saw the firepower the United States could deploy. "I don't think we will be doing this again," Doyle said. "The total force concept set an example." Before the war, some skeptics questioned the ability of a Guard or reserve unit to function as well as an active-duty unit in combat. Doyle said although there are good and not-so-good units in all components, reservists have several factors in their favor. Soldiers stay with the same unit for years, and because they stay with the same vehicle, maintenance problems are reduced. In addition, reserve and Guard units deploy to different posts in different states each summer for annual training. Doyle said such movements prepare them for rapid deployments overseas. The unit's annual training last July in Utah provided some valuable lessons for Desert Storm, Doyle said. After training in the Utah desert, the unit was able to anticipate the maintenance problems posed by a hot, sandy environment. "I think the fact we hit the ground and launched three to four days after we were off the ship speaks for itself," Doyle said. "We did not have two to three months in the desert to train and get the kinks out." He also praised the III Corps Artillery headquarters for making the transition from Fort Sill to Saudi Arabia as smooth as possible. The 158th equipment, still painted in desert camouflage, stood out sharply from the green Fort Sill pieces. Doyle said he thinks the equipment will keep its sandy color for a while. After all, it was thoroughly cleaned before shipment, to prevent the shipment of Saudi spores and other organisms. "This equipment wasn't this clean when it came from the factory," Doyle said. Photo Caption: An unidentified soldier guides a self-propelled loader launcher across a railroad car Friday at Fort Sill. About 200 pieces of equipment from the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, were shipped to the post after use in Operation Desert Storm.

**Nov 11, 1991:** Published in the "The Sapulpa Daily Herald" entitled: Ceremonies honor American veterans. By

the Herald Staff and the Associated Press. Today's annual Veterans Day service at Green Hills Memorial Gardens was one of many held statewide to honor those who served our country. World War II veteran Tommy Williams was slated to give the memorial address at the Sapulpa ceremony, which began at press time. A complete story and photos from today's service will appear in Tuesday's Herald. Fort Sill officials say the Gulf war makes their ceremony especially poignant this year. Color bearers wearing Gulf War uniforms will join those in uniforms from the Korean and Vietnam wars, and color guards in World War I and World War II dress, at the post cemetery Monday. Maj. Gen. Fred Marty will speak, and veterans will place a wreath at the post's Veterans Monument. In Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma National Guard commander, Lt. Col. Larry Haub, who led the First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery during the 100-hour land battle to free Kuwait will speak at the 45th Infantry Division.

**Nov 12, 1991:** Published in the "The Joplin Globe" entitled: Oklahomans Honor New Old Veterans. Oklahoma City (AP) Oklahomans gave their first Veterans Day honors to Persian Gulf War veterans Monday but also remembered veterans from a war that didn't generate as many parades and waving flags. Lt. Col. Larry Haub, whose Oklahoma National Guard unit was cited for its work in the 100-hour land battle to free Kuwait, cited a current bumper sticker that identifies the driver as "not a Desert Storm hero, just a Vietnam veteran." Many in the audience at the ceremony at the 45th Infantry headquarters were Vietnam vets "Some of these guys sitting here have spent four years doing the same thing we did for four days. Haub said. "It kind of hurts me to see" that bumper sticker. Haub said. "You're just as big a vet as any vet we've got." Haub's 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery unit was one of a handful of Guard units that played an active role in Persian Gulf fighting. At Fort Sill in Lawton, color bearers wearing Gulf War uniforms joined those in uniforms from the Korean and Vietnam wars, and color guards in World War I and World War II dress. "As we reflect on the success of Desert Storm, we understand the contributions and sacrifices of all of you who have answered the call in defense of our nation," said Maj. Gen Fred Marty, post commander.

**Aug 09, 1992:** Published in the "The Northwest Arkansas Times" entitled: Desert Storm Vets Honored Saturday. By Bob Rhodes of the Times Staff. Some local Desert Storm vets were honored Saturday for their role in the Persian Gulf war. The men and women of the Fayetteville based 142nd Field Artillery Brigade were awarded the Kuwait Liberation Medal during a brief ceremony. The elaborate gold trimmed medal, commissioned by the Saudi Arabian government and given in the name of the people of Kuwait, has been earmarked for any serviceman or woman who took part in the liberation of the gulf emirate during the allied offensive of January and February 1991. During Desert Storm, the 142nd served as a corps-level artillery asset in the U.S. VII Corps, primarily providing support to the U.S. 1st Infantry Division and the British "Desert Rats," the U.K.'s 1st Armored Division. The Arkansas National Guard unit, with its array of 8-inch self propelled howitzers, deployed to Saudi Arabia in January 1991 and returned in several groups the following spring and summer. Attached to the 142nd was a multiple-launch rocket unit from the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, from the Oklahoma National Guard. The 1,100-man 142nd has received numerous other commendations for its role in the gulf, including praise from its British counterparts in the allied coalition and from VII Corps commanders. In presenting the medals and accompanying ribbons, brigade commander Col. Jerry Linch said the awards were particularly special because they come from the people the unit was sent to the gulf to protect.

**Dec 01, 1992:** Published in the "The Field Artillery Magazine" entitled: A Bold Shift for the Field Artillery. By Lieutenant Colonel Joe G. Taylor, Jr., and Lieutenant Colonel Gary D. Haub. On 17 February 1991, the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery (Multiple Launch Rocket System, or MLRS), Oklahoma Army National Guard (OKARNG), closed on its forward assembly area in the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) sector to the west of Wadi Al Batin in Saudi Arabia and prepared for immediate combat operations. Elements of the battalion were committed in raids within 48 hours under the control of the 75th Field Artillery Brigade and the 1st Infantry Division Artillery. The battalion fired in support of breaching operations within the week and then provided the corps artillery commander key and highly mobile fire support reinforcement during the commitment of the corps reserve. The 1-158 FA and many other company and battalion level Reserve and National Guard units had real success stories during Operations Desert Shield and Storm. These were units fully capable of performing their wartime missions. But, as with all units, they required varying amounts of post mobilization training to reach the standard for combat operations. This varying level of competency at which Reserve and National Guard units enter post mobilization training is the target of a One Army standard enhancement program called Bold Shift. Bold Shift is an outgrowth of the desert deployment experience. Combat operations absolutely validated the prescription that superior weapons manned by highly trained professionals using fully developed collective battle skills win wars. Bold Shift uses a permanent partnership training relationship between like Active Component (AC) and Reserve Component (RC) unit" to develop and hone collective readiness. Operational readiness exercises (ORE) are planned in FY 93 to validate the training effort and pre-mobilization readiness against the One Army standard, so AC and RC units maintain battle skills at about the same level. The 6th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery (MLRS) of the 75th Field Artillery Brigade, III Corps Artillery and 1-158 FA (MLRS) of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade, OKARNG, were selected to form a Bold Shift pilot training

partnership program. This partnership takes advantage of a tradition of mutual respect between the two battalions that has been an outgrowth of both the desert deployment and the location of the respective headquarters at Fort Sill and Lawton, Oklahoma. This article provides a discussion of the goals of the program, the training relationship concept and implementation and a review of progress to date. Program Goal with guidance from III Corps and III Corps Artillery, the commander of the 75th FA Brigade initiated coordination among Headquarters, State Area Command (STARC), OKARNG; the 45th Field Artillery Brigade (OKARNG); Headquarters, Forces Command (FORSCOM); regional RC advisors and the leaders of 1-158 FA and 6-27 FA. These efforts culminated in a formal conference held at Fort Sill in April 1992. Concurrently, the two battalions developed a training concept and plan that incorporated the pending two-week annual training (AT) in June 1992 and future inactive duty training (IDT) weekend drills through AT -93 the following summer. That plan was circulated among the respective headquarters prior to the conference. (The specifics of the training concept are discussed later.) The most important decision reached by the conference attendees was a clear statement of the goal of the training relationship. Initially, both the AC and RC units struggled with the notion of raising training standards because MLRS task performance standards are clear-cut and the same for both components. Somehow, raising those standards for the RC unit had little rationality. Post mobilization training requirements, however, are a direct reflection of unit training readiness. If Bold Shift proved effective, then the post mobilization training time required should be reducible. Thus, the initial agreement was to focus and concentrate on making the best use of the 1-158FA's 24 IDT days during the year. Traditionally, the 1-158 FA required a 28-day training period to be fully prepared for deployment. A thorough review of the training concept indicated a significant reduction in post mobilization training was possible. As a result, the conference approved the goal of achieving a reduction in the post mobilization training requirement by the conclusion of AT-93. Final refinement and execution of the training plan was then handed to the two battalions. Training plan refinement was complete by 1 June 1992. Training Concept: Three fundamentals formed the basis of the annual Bold Shift training plan. First, training would be based on 1-158 FA's mission essential task list (METL) derived platoon and section battle drills. Second, the drills would be supplemented by lane training packages that would allow evaluated scenario driven battle drill execution during weekend drills. Finally, habitual relationships would be established at the battery level to further foster an effective team training relationship throughout the year. Additionally, both commands fully agreed that the Bold Shift training goal could not be achieved immediately. Instead, planning reflected a building block approach that would achieve the reduction in the post mobilization training requirement by the conclusion of the AT-93 collective training period. This also would allow the respective commands to take advantage of limitations placed on the approaching AT -92 training period. FY 92 was 1-158 FA's year scheduled for individual training and schools. As a result, fully three quarters of the battalion spent their two-week active duty period in school rather than in unit training at Fort Sill. The remaining battery sized element was composed of a number of partial platoons and sections. As a result, training supported by lanes that emphasized section battle drills represented a rational employment of these smaller elements than would collective operations with an "ad hoc" battery. Figure 1 shows the basic training plan for AT -92. Battle Drills: The 75th FA Brigade is a proven leader in the use of battle drills as a basis for section and platoon level training. The 6-27 FA had just completed a six month long deductive analysis and crosswalk of the battalion and battery METLs leading to a group of key drills for each platoon and section in the unit. The computer software that supports the Standardized Army Training System (SATS) proved invaluable for developing the initial task lists. However, the many checklists and operator-level tasks associated with each drill, their compilation and checklist verification proved a demanding process. This was particularly true for MLRS, a system for which little of this kind of development had been accomplished. The worth of that effort became quickly apparent as the repetitive execution of the drills freed invaluable field time for true collective training. Because the two battalions' METLs were similar, most of the new battle drills were applicable to the RC unit. The battalions agreed the approaching AT-92 was the ideal vehicle to introduce battle drill employment to the National Guard battalion. To make the drills even more effective, key tasks would be packed in "training lanes" that the AC unit would provide during the AT and during the IDTs leading to the 1993 summer training period. The AT-92 experience was designed specifically to introduce the coming year's training methods and reinforce the concept of training lanes to 1-158 FA coaches and trainers. Lane Training: The lanes represented planned support packages of coaches, command and control structures and equipment that could be provided by the AC battalion during both the AT and future IDTs as requested by the RC commander. A total of six lanes were developed by the two headquarters. Lane 1: Conduct Tactical Assembly Area (TAA) Operations. Lane 2: Conduct Firing Platoon Operations. Lane 3: Conduct Reconnaissance, Selection and Occupation of Positions. Lane 4: Conduct Firing Operations. Lane 5: Conduct Ammunition Operations. Lane 6: Conduct Platoon Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) Operations. Performance-oriented checklists were developed for the platoon and section tasks incorporated in each lane. In each case, the tasks represented battle tasks that had been developed by the AC battalion. For example, in Lane 4, a total of five platoon and section tasks were evaluated. These included Control and Coordinate Calls-for-Fire. Coordinate Ammunition Resupply. Conduct Reload Operations, Execute a Launcher Fire Mission, and Recover and Displace. Figure 2 (Page 54) shows a schematic of Lane 4. Coaches from 6-27 FA completed checklists on each task and provided them to the commander of 1-158 FA. Procedures for the conduct of the lanes adhered fully to

current battle-focused training principles. Coaches provided platoon leaders and section chiefs with leader briefings, conducted rehearsals and led immediate after action reviews (AARs). The training goal was to conduct at least two iterations of each lane for each section and platoon. All sections actually conducted at least three runs of each lane, one as a rehearsal and two with evaluation. Because MLRS platoon and section tasks are components of collective systems, the lanes could not stand alone as independent, terrain-specific operations. Rather, they represented opportunities that could be initiated by the commander at any point during his training period, wherever training was taking place, as elements were ready for evaluation and coaches were available. However, when training was restricted to relatively small groups of training areas, a centralized terrain board was used by coaches for leader briefings and rehearsals. Finally, both commands worked very hard to ensure this remained 1-158 FA's training opportunity. The RC battalion determined the training schedule, decided which elements were ready for a lane iteration and was the sole recipient of coaches reports following the completion of a lane. The 6-27 FA provided extensive training support so the RC commander could focus on training rather than on distractions.

**Habitual Relationships:** The logic of basing Bold Shift on a habitual relationship between the two MLRS battalions was not lost to either command. An agreement was quickly forthcoming that paired the firing batteries of each unit in a similar partnership. The same advantages resulting from familiarity at battalion level with needs and personalities could pay dividends at battery level. Moreover, like many RC battalions, the subordinate elements of 1-158 FA are scattered over several different communities. A permanent training relationship between batteries would greatly simplify support packaging for the coming year's series of IDT periods. As a final buttress to the partnership, the two battalions instituted periodic leadership meetings. Planned to occur on a semiannual basis, the first was hosted by 6-27 FA during AT-92. All senior NCOs (master sergeant and above) and officers attended the meeting. It provided an ideal opportunity to solidify mutual training Objectives and secure a common philosophical foundation for the coming training year.

**Inactive Duty Training:** With the successful conclusion of AT- 92, emphasis has shifted to the coming series of monthly IDTs leading to AT -93. The IDT schedule is provided at Figure 3. Again, battle drills and lane training form the foundation for the RC training. Lanes will be established by the AC battalion during a series of situational training exercises (STXs) conducted throughout the winter and spring. Three of those IDT periods will be devoted to RC training for many other missions, such as riot control and disaster relief. But individual sections will still have the opportunity to rehearse battle drills, even if only as "chalk talks" and "rock drills," during the IDT. If the training relationship during the IDT cycle proves as successful as both commands believe it will, tremendous collective training value will be realized during next summer's AT period. Because of the solid foundation developed in basic section and platoon tasks through battle drills and STX lane training, valuable training time will not have to be devoted to fundamental skill development, instead, field time will be available for true collective training, resulting in a meaningful reduction in post-mobilization training requirements. In addition, the normal warm-up period when units take time to work on basic crew and section tasks in preparation for collective training will be eliminated. The 1-158 FA will enter AT -93 ready for immediate collective training.

**Operational Readiness Exercise; ORE** evaluation teams, consisting of a mix of active Army, Army National Guard and US Army Reserve officers and NCOs, will conduct two-part evaluations of Bold Shift units to provide an objective evaluation of the RC battalion's predeployment readiness. As a result, the ORE will provide an objective basis for measuring achievement of 1-158 FA's goal to reduce the post-mobilization training requirement during the first phase of the exercise a compliance evaluation of unit administration will be completed. The second phase evaluates unit training, requiring elements and individuals to demonstrate battle skills during an intensive training exercise. The administrative compliance inspection of 1-158 FA is currently scheduled for April 1993. The training inspection will take place in July following AT-93. Both the AC and RC commands are certain the battle drill and lane training concept is the most effective way to prepare for collective training.

**Why Bold Shift?** With a worldwide contingency strategy, the Field Artillery must be prepared with little warning to deploy, fight and win, despite a smaller active component force. Inevitably, greater reliance must be placed on Reserve and National Guard units. Lessons from the Gulf War and cuts in the active force structure have prompted the initiation of the Bold Shift program to ensure the RC has every opportunity to fully prepare for its increasingly important role. Bold Shift will provide that opportunity by wedding Active and Reserve Component Field Artillery units in an enhanced training relationship. Strategic planners will know that the Field Artillery, regardless of component, is ready for global deployment and is fully trained to a One-Army standard.

Lieutenant Colonel Joe G. Taylor, Jr., commands the 8th Battalion, 27th field Artillery (Multiple-launch Rocket System), 75th Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Prior to assuming command of the Proud Rocket Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Taylor served as S3 of the 75th FA Brigade during its Southwest Asia deployment. Other recent assignments include executive Officer of 3d Battalion, 27th field Artillery (MLRS), XVIII Airborne Corps, and Assistant Fire Support Coordinator (AFSCOORD), XVIII Airborne Corps Fire Support Element at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Lieutenant Colonel Taylor also commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 72d Field Artillery Group, in Germany.

Lieutenant Colonel Gary D. Haub commands the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery (MLRS) Lawton, Oklahoma, part of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade, Oklahoma Army National Guard. He commanded the battalion during its deployment in Operation Desert Storm. Prior to assuming command of the battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Haub served as the Battalion executive Officer and S3. He has held various assignments in the



45th field Artillery Brigade, including as S3 of 1st Battalion, 171st field Artillery, and Brigade Signal Officer. Lieutenant Colonel Haub resides at Hydro, Oklahoma, and is a Production Technologist for Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

**Dec 05, 1992:** Obituary: James Marion Peek, Charlotte Observer (NC) (Published as Charlotte Observer, The (NC)) - December 9, 1992, Author/Byline: Compiled by Shelley Canupp, Staff Writer, Edition: Three, Section: York Observer, Page: 2Y,, James Marion Peek, 70, of 26 Timberidge Dr., died Dec. 5, 1992, at Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill. Funeral was 2 p.m. Tuesday at River Hills Community Church, where he was a member. The Rev. Russell Brown officiated. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery in Blacksburg. M.L. Ford & Sons in Clover is in charge. Mr. Peek, a World War II Army veteran, served three years in the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. He worked for Southern Railroad until 1963 when he went into the bridge construction business. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Sarah Peek; sons, Thomas Peek of Chester, James Peek Jr. of High Point, N.C.; daughters, Mrs. Sarah Cox of High Point, Mrs. Caroline Joyce of Charlotte; one granddaughter. Memorials may be made to River Hills Community Church, 104 Hamilton's Ferry Rd., Lake Wylie, S.C. 29710 or River Hills Rescue Squad, 4 Heritage Dr., Lake Wylie, S.C. 29710. First Sergeant, ASN: 34591936 and served with Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery.

**Feb 10, 1993:** Obituary: George Eagleheart Topaum. Published in the Lawton Constitution, on February 12, 1993 in Final Edition on Page: 8B. 2.8". Elgin, Ok; Funeral for George Eagleheart Topaum, 71, Elgin, will be at 1 p.m. today in Botone Memorial Church, Carnegie. Mr. Topaum died Wednesday; 10 Feb 1993; at his home. Burial will be in Tanedooah Family Cemetery under direction of Carnegie Gragg Funeral Home. He was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Carnegie. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the 45th Division, 158th Field Artillery, for three years. Survivors include two daughters: Jana Sue Topaum and Mary Moralis, both of the home; and a brother, Allie Topaum, Carnegie. Private, ASN: 20830766 and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery.

**Apr 02, 1993:** The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 7 dated 2 April 1993: GENERAL ORDERS 7, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., 2 April 1993. Section: Legion of Merit. Section I. Defense of Saudi Arabia Campaign Participation. Section II. Liberation and Defense of Kuwait Campaign Participation Credit. III. Belgian Croix de Guerre-Amendment. IV. I. Legion of Merit. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 1060, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to: Lieutenant General James C. Gervais, Canadian Land Forces Command, July 1991 to December 1992. II. Defense of Saudi Arabia Campaign Participation Credit. Announcement is made confirming campaign participation credits for operations involving the Defense of Saudi Arabia under the provisions of paragraph 9-4, AR 672-5-1. When entering individual credit on Personnel Qualification Records (DA Form 2-1), 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 listed at some time during the limiting dates. 1. Combat zone. Southwest Asia. 2. Time limitation. 2 August 1990 through 16 January 1991...III. Liberation and Defense of Kuwait Campaign Participation Credit. Announcement is made confirming campaign participation credits for operations involving the Liberation and Defense of Kuwait under the provisions of paragraph 9-4, AR 672-5-1. When entering individual credit on Personnel Qualification Records (DA Form 2-1), 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 listed at some time during the limiting dates. 1. Combat zone. Southeast Asia. 2. Time limitation. 17 January through 11 April 1991...158th Field Artillery, 1st Battalion...IV. Belgian Croix de Guerre. So much of paragraph 3, DAGO 27, dated 1959, Department of the Army, as pertains to the Citation in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army and the award of the Belgian Croix de Guerre (1940) to 9th Armored Division, Company C, 8th Armored Engineer Battalion, is amended to read "Company C, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion". [TAPC-PDA], By Order of the Secretary of Army: Carl E. Vuono, General, United States Army, Chief of Staff. Official: Milton H. Hamilton, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Distribution: Active Army, ARNG, USAR: To be distributed in accordance with DA Form 12-04-E (block 0037) requirements for Department of the Army General Orders.

**Apr 10, 1993:** Obituary: Joe Warren Troop, 79, Lawton, Okla., Funeral for Joe Warren Troop will be 10a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Gary W. Cook, pastor, and Dr. William F. Watkins, associate pastor, officiating. Mr. Troop died Saturday, April 10, 1993, in a Lawton hospital after a lengthy illness. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens under direction of Becker Funeral Home. He was born July 6, 1913, in Tucumcari, N.M. He married Helen V. Truex on April 8, 1947, in Anadarko. Mr. Troop moved to Lawton in 1917 with his family and graduated from Lawton High School and Cameron College and also attended the University of Oklahoma. He served in the Army during World War II with the 594th Postal Unit. He also worked as a security guard in Los Alamos, N.M. He studied music at Central State and Colorado State universities. Mr. Troop retired from the Lawton Post Office in 1974 after 34 years of service. He played with the orchestra for 25 years and was named Artist of the Year in 1987 by

the Lawton Arts and Humanities Council. He was a member of First Baptist Church, where he had served as a Sunday school teacher and as a deacon for 45 years, teaching 14-year old boys, college and career men and married young men. He was preschool general secretary on the music committee and training union director. Mr. Troop served on the organ committee for the new sanctuary organ, as a bus driver and helper. He sang in the choir and played the violin in the church orchestra until 1988. Survivors include his wife, of the home, a daughter, Prissy Abshere, Lawton; two sons: Joe W. Troop Jr., Gallup, N.M.; and Howard Jud, Lawton; a sister, Polly Temple, Carnegie; and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund or Music Department; or to the Parkinson's Foundation. Private, ASN: 38404567 and served with the 158th Field Artillery Regimental Band.

**Jul 24, 1993:** Obituary: John Richard Northup, (Dick) was born in 1913 to Don A. Northup and Lulu Wilson Northup in Dover, Okla. Upon completion of secondary school, he attended Oklahoma A&M (now OSU), receiving a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a commission as a 2nd Lt. in the Officers Reserve Corps. In 1936, Dick went to work for Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. in Enid, Ok. In 1938, he married Kleta Blake, whom he had met in college. He was called to active duty with the Okla. National Guard in 1940, where he spent the next five years. He trained at several locations in the States before going to Europe where he participated in four combat campaigns. In 1946, Dick rejoined OG&E in Enid, moving to Okla. City two years later. In 1950, he was again called to military service with the 45th Infantry Division and sent to Korea. After two years of active duty, he was separated and rejoined OG&E. Dick retired from the military in 1959 as a LTC, commanding the 158th FA Battalion, and in 1979, as a Supervisor of Civil Engineering for OG&E. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Edelweiss Payne. He leaves to mourn, his wife of 55 years; a daughter, Donna Jordan, PhD, her husband, Dr. Marion Jordan, MD, and grandson, Blake, of Albuquerque, N.M.; and daughter, Anita, husband, Edward Hejtmanek, and grandchildren, Dagen and Darcy Ames of Fayetteville, Ar. He was a long time and active member of the Ridgecrest United Methodist Church and Crusaders Sunday School Class in Okla. City. Dick passed away July 24, 1993. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 27, at Ridgecrest United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m., with interment at Fort Sill Post Cemetery at 2:30 pm. Published: Mon, July 26, 1993 12:00. Lieutenant Colonel, OSN: O-328032 and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Sep 09, 1993:** Published in the "The Fort Sill Cannoneer" entitled: Salerno veteran recalls howitzer fire. By Jean Schucker. He said he didn't have much of a story to tell, but when retired Sgt. First Class Harold Morton got talking, he sounded like a history book come to life. The World War II and Korean War veteran join the war against Hitler in 1941, when his National Guard unit, the 45th Infantry Division, was activated in Chickasha, Okla., and sent to Fort Sill. Morton ran the 189th Field Artillery officers' mess. "I was a buck sergeant back then. We lived in tents where the concrete block buildings are located now along Currie Road. After the troops were trained, we left for Camp Barkeley, Texas, and from there to Virginia to sail by convoy to North Africa. By then, I ran the Division Artillery officers' mess." Morton said the trip to North Africa took 23 days of zig-zagging across the Atlantic. "We couldn't go any faster than the slowest ship in the convoy. Everyone was seasick, and the lamb stew (probably not stew and loaded with grease) didn't help the situation," he said. "The 45th didn't fight in North Africa; we walked all the way across to get to Sicily. That's where we first saw action, and this was the closest I got to being hurt during that part of the war. A landmine exploded and the shrapnel went through my field jacket and shirt, and just blistered my chest." After Sicily was under Allied control, the 45th began preparation to invade the Italian mainland. On September 9 the Americans hit the beach at Salerno to face the German 16th Panzer Division. "Salerno was the worst fighting I ever saw. When we first landed, it wasn't too bad, but the next day and the days after, it got rougher. I guess the Germans got a little more organized. At first, they didn't know where we would land, but once they figured it out, they hit us hard. At one time, we all began shaving in cold water to get ready to be taken prisoner of war war; we knew we'd have to beat them back, or we'd be prisoners for sure." The Hollister, Okla. native said all three battalions of the 45th were firing field artillery pieces point-blank. The 157th FA and the 158th FA were 105mm battalions, and the 189th FA was a 155mm battalion. "We could see the Germans right out in front. They were closing in on us so hot and heavy that are infantry was mixed up with us," he said. We all; the cooks, drivers, S-2 and S-3 people were on the firing line, shooting back with our rifles. The howitzers fired point-blank into the Germans right across the river. The howitzers fired five times faster than they were designed to; they didn't have to make any adjustments, they just loaded them as fast as they could and fired at the Germans. The guns got so hot, that the crews poured five-gallon jerry cans of water down the tubes to cool them off." The fight lasted day and night for three days. And at that time, the Germans backed off and began a retreat. "We rested and regrouped for a few days, and moved on north. We didn't meet much resistance for the next 25 days," he said. During that time, Naples fell; we weren't part of that fight. We went onto Venafro, in the mountains between Naples and Rome. We were bogged down there for three or four months. That's where the German stopped and held us." Morton said he didn't do much business with the officers mess in Venafro. He was too busy running a pack train of Italian mules back and forth up the mountain. "My dad was a contractor on the first concrete highway in Southwest Oklahoma, old Highway 62, and he use mules for the work. I was the only soldier in

my unit who had experience with mules, so I got the job of supplying the firing batteries up in the mountains with ammo and rations. We had plenty of narrow escapes going up and down the mountains with those stubborn mules, but the most dangerous moment of that time was back at the battalion headquarters. "I had just returned from one of my mule trips and was in the courtyard shaking hands with one of my buddies, when a German shell landed and kill my friend. It knocked me down, but I didn't get a scratch." Morton said several months later, the 45th pulled back and when I went by ship to Anzio. "We stayed there for a couple of months and went on to Rome. Shortly afterwards, we shipped out to Southern France for that invasion and move through France until we got to Germany. "France was where I got the Bronze Star; I guess for having less sense than anyone else. I captured and SS master sergeant single-handedly, without a weapon and when I was stark naked. It was night time. We all had a case of the GIs that day, and I had washed out my clothes in my helmet and hung them up to dry. I woke up when I heard somebody near us. I hollered for him to halt, and he started running, so I knew it was someone who didn't belong there. I ran after him, and because I didn't have any clothes on, I caught up with him; in those days, I could run like a deer. "When I caught up with him, I tackled him. He had a his P38 with him; one round in the chamber. I took it away and marched him back to the outfit. They gave me a Bronze Star because he was making maps of our position." Morton also earned a Silver Star, but isn't to this day sure why. He thinks he filled a quota. Morton spend the rest of WWII in Germany, occasionally volunteering to serve as a forward observer when the battalions came up short in second lieutenants. "Before the War I had field artillery training with the National Guard and some surveying experience with the government agriculture department. I laid my share of wire and called back my share of artillery missions," he said. Morton came home in June 1945 and married his wife, Ann, in August. Their Army career spanned the next 24 years. Ann played a minor role in history when "Atomic Annie," a 280mm gun now on display at the post museum, fired an atomic round at Frenchman's Flat, Nev., in 1953. "Atomic Annie" was named for Ann Morton. During a tour in the Philippines, Morton was notified that all veterans with an Infantry MOS would automatically go to the Korea, "and unfortunately, I had one of those. Three days later, I was there, and after 53 days, a North Korean anti-tank gun sent me to the hospital in Japan, and eventually back to Fort Sill." Morton taught guidance and control for the Redstone missile, and for the last 10 years of his career, he was senior enlisted instructor in radar maintenance, retiring in 1972. "We had some rough times, and we had some good times," he said. "I didn't do anything anybody else didn't do; we fought together, and we stuck together." Photo Caption: Relaxing. Sgt. Harold Morton, with glass in hand, unwinds with his buddies in an Italian tavern after days of fierce fighting at Salerno.

**Feb 12, 1994:** Obituary: Arthur Miles McPhail; Birth: June 3, 1922, Comanche, Stephens County, Oklahoma, USA. Death: Feb. 12, 1994, Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, USA. Retired Major Arthur Miles McPhail died Saturday, February 12, 1994, at his home in Norman, Oklahoma. He was 71. A member of the Choctaw Tribe, he was the son of Elbert Gates and Bertha (Brewer) McPhail and the grandson of original enrollee Laura Kate Burton McPhail. He was born June 3, 1922 at Comanche , Oklahoma. He graduated from Comanche High School in 1940 and later attended the University of Oklahoma. On May 24, 1951, he was married to Doris June Hurst in Kansas City, Kansas. They moved to Norman in 1955 from Comanche. McPhail served in the military in Panama, in World War II in Italy, and in the Korean War. He was a retired major in the U. S. Army and was a recipient of the Bronze Star. He was an employee of the U.S. Postal Service from 1957 until his retirement in 1960. He was past president of the Norman Civitan Club, a member of the Moose lodge, and a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of America. He was preceded in death by his wife , Doris June in May, 1984; a grandson, Michael James Hastings ; a sister, Martha Elizabeth Douglas and his parents. He is survived by four daughters and two sons in law, Jane and Rick Harris, of Norman, Oklahoma, Joan and Rick Veal of Edmond, Oklahoma and Jennifer Hastings and Jonica McPhail of Norman; grandchildren, luke and Miles Harris of Norman, Karly and Kristen Veal of Edmond, Stephen Bussell of Red Stone Arsenal, Alabama, Elaura Hastings of Norman, Justin Gentry of Columbia, Maryland, and Devon McPhail of Norman; two brothers and sisters in law, Gates, II and loretta McPhail of Duncan, Oklahoma and Preston and Billie McPhail of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a sister, France, Ireland of Lawton, Oklahoma; numerous nieces nephews, and cousins; and his long time companion, carol Garrison. Officiating was his nephew, the Rev. Derald Douglas of Lufkin, Texas. The bagpiper played "Amazing Grace". Bearers are Rick Harris, Rick Veal, Luke Harris, Miles Harris, Steve Bussell, and Wilton Berry. Honorary bearers are Justin Gentry, Dean Gentry, and Tim Frost. U.S. Army personnel from Fort Sill, Oklahoma performed the military honors. Services are under the direction of Mayes Funeral Directors. The family has suggested the American Cancer Society, 2221 W. Lindsey, Suite 423, Norman, OK 73069, or The American Heart Association, 2601 NW Expressway, Suite 1200, Oklahoma City, OK 73112, as appropriate memorials, brother, Joe P. McClure of Asheville, N.C. Major, OSN: O-0494536, ASN: 20831317 and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**Mar 20, 1994:** Obituary: Cecil Edward Hoss. The Daily Oklahoman, March 22, 1994. Hoss, Cecil E., 75, of Midwest City, died March 20, 1994. Mr. Hoss was born June 25, 1918 in Caney to Terrell and Lillian Hoss. He was a retired Tinker AFB employee. Cecil was also an Army veteran of WWII. He is survived by 2 sons, Lewis T., Choctaw and Phillip N., Midwest City; 2 daughters, Cecilia I. Fream, OKC and Vicki L. Hollen, Chandler; 14 grandchildren, 15

great grandchildren; and his brother, C.J. Walker, Bartlesville. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie. Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Avenue Baptist Church in Del City. Interment will follow in Arlington Memory Gardens Cemetery. Paylor Funeral Home. 412 N. Air Depot 732-4511. Last residence: Oklahoma City. Staff Sergeant, ASN: 20833612 and served with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery.

**Jun 10, 1994:** Published in the "Lawton Constitution" entitled: Guard missile lights up skies city, soldiers fire ATACMS at desert site. Author: Steve Metzger. Soldiers in the Oklahoma National Guard gave new meaning to the phrase "hot as a pistol" Thursday as they lighted up a 100 degree sky at the White Sands Missile Range with the 100th firing of an Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS). Members of the Lawton-based 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery had been in training in the New Mexico desert for a week in preparation for a showing of the strength of one of America's most lethal weapons, put on for high-ranking members of the Army and Army National Guard, including Oklahoma Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Gary Maynard and retired Lt. Gen. Lavern Weber, a former chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. In a briefing prior to the launch, White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Richard Wharton told several hundred soldiers and civilians invited to the event that they would see one of the Army's most successful "deep attack" weapons in action. Used 32 times during the Persian Gulf War, ATACMS devastated all of the command installations, air defense sites and other high-value, high-priority targets at which they were aimed, the general said. Fired from an M270 multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) loader launcher, the ATACMS has a range of more than 60 miles and can saturate a large area with nearly 1,000 bomblets, each filled with deadly tungsten fragments that can literally shred targets to ribbons. The 100th firing was the first for a National Guard unit. The 1st-158th FA was chosen because it was the first MLRS-trained Guard unit in the nation. Maynard said the mission also showed the importance of the 1st-158th and of the Army National Guard in a military that is relying more and more on Guard and reserve components. ATACMS crew members from the 1st-158th FA included Capt. Mark Williamson, of Edmond; Spec. Dennis Walker, Lawton; Sgt. David Schade, Lawton; Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Parker, Chickasha; Sgt. Larry Morgan, originally from Comanche and now from Oklahoma City; Pvt. 1st Class Jason Montgomery, Oklahoma City; Spec. Brian Faulk, Duncan; and Staff Sgt. Holland Galbreath, Lawton. "It was the biggest trigger I ever pulled," said Galbreath, 30, who in civilian life works for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. "It's a little bit more of a bang (than an MLRS launch)." Capt. Williamson, who was the officer in charge of the unit, said firing a live missile worth about \$1 million downrange offered a thrill, but that members missed out on some excitement in the battalion's annual training, which has been under way this week at Fort Sill. The 1st-158th FA was used extensively during the Persian Gulf War and is a tightly bound unit, members said. Several members of the battalion hopped a military transport from Oklahoma to New Mexico Thursday just to sit in bleacher seats and whoop it up as their fellow soldiers dispatched the ATACMS to obliterate a distant patch of sand. They also witnessed a second launch carried out by soldiers in the 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, from the 41st Field Artillery Brigade based in Europe. Seven of the eight Oklahoma National Guard ATACMS crew members saw action in the Persian Gulf War. Faulk, who was a command center data display operator in Thursday's launch, said it was a great experience to meet and work with people who developed fire control system software for the ATACMS which includes more than 200,000 lines of computer code. But he said his first experience firing an MLRS probably was more exciting because it happened in combat during the war. Thursday's launch was more than just training for the 1st-158th FA. Williamson said it was also a test to determine the ATACMS reliability under desert conditions. To approximate the temperature of a typical summer season in Southwest Asia, he said the missile was heated to 140 degrees prior to the launch. Heat was not a problem for the ATACMS. Officials from Loral Vought Systems, which has produced more than 1,000 ATACMS for the Army, said the launch also was to test new software that enables the weapon to respond more quickly when it's needed by a battlefield commander. There were no glitches in the software, which left the Loral Vought officials, as well as soldiers, smiling. An extended range ATACMS is now being developed that will extend the weapon's range to more than 120 miles, and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology will make the missile even more accurate, according to information provided by Loral Vought. Additionally, the company currently is working with the Navy on a possible ship-launched variant of the ATACMS which could strike coastal defense sites or provide support in amphibious landings. And the Defense Department also is developing a "smart" munition called BAT (Brilliant Anti-Tank) which would be fired to a target area by an ATACMS but would then home in on and destroy fleeing targets.

**Nov 04, 1994:** Obituary: Charles Vernon Sells; Birth: 2 Mar 1917 May, Harper County, Oklahoma, USA, Death: 4 Nov 1994 Laverne, Harper County, Oklahoma, USA, Burial: Sunny Side Cemetery Vici, Dewey County, Oklahoma, USA "Charles Vernon Sells, son of William Edward and Rosa Jane (Lee) Sells, was born on March 2, 1917, at the family farm home near May, Oklahoma. He passed from this life on November 4, 1994. Vernon attended May School for twelve years and graduated with the class of 1935. He attended Business College in Oklahoma City before joining the National Guard where he trained with the Woodward unit. He was activated for Federal Service in 1940 and was promoted to Sergeant. He was in combat duty from the landing in Sicily until the invasion and capture of Germany, ASN: 20830631, and served with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, 45th division. He received the Purple

Heart, the EAME Service Ribbon, Rifle Marksman and Good Conduct Medal. On Thanksgiving Day, 1942, he was united in marriage to Vesta Bachman, a teacher in the May School. He returned to his base in Pine Camp, New York, and in the spring of 1943, his wife joined him at Camp Pickett, VA and they were able to spend six weeks together before he was sent overseas for active duty. Two years later, he returned and was greeted by his wife and 18 month old son, Charles Gregory. Vernon owned and operated Sells Motor Company in Laverne for twenty years and with the help of his three sons. He also farmed his land and raised cattle. He was a Mason and member of the Laverne Valley Lodge #453, Past Master, a member of the Laverne Order of Eastern Star #338, the V.F.W. and American Legion. His survivors include Vesta, his wife of nearly 53 year; three sons and their wives, Charles Gregory and Jo, Dallas, Douglas Vernon and Pamala, Shawnee and Lanny Edward, and Connie of Forgan. He leaves grandchildren, Robert Gregory, Sells, Denver, Jennifer Charles Unruh and husband, Mark of Edmond, Leah Dawn Leersen and husband, Eric, Dallas, Shayna Lanca Sells, a student at OSU, Stillwater, Shandy D'Alan Sells of Forgan, Chad Eric and Jennifer Lynn Metcalf, Shawnee. Two sisters, Rosa Lee Brown of Norman, Lorene Cheek and husband, Alfred, Eufaula and one brother, Don Sells, Amarillo, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters. Vernon was an honest, hard working husband and Father who always put his family first. He will be missed. Funeral services were Monday, November 7, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Wesley Peterman, pastor, officiating. A nephew, Darrell Lee Magee gave the eulogy and read the obituary. A son, Greg, read a poem written by another son, Lanny. Mary Chase was organist. Debbie Zhorsky sang 'God Bless the U.S.A.' and 'How Great Thou Art'. Masonic rites were given at the close of the Church service. Pallbearers were Robert Sells, Shandy Sells, William Lee Brown, Mark Unruh, Chad Metcalf and Gene Wells. Honorary bearers were Fellow members of the 45th Infantry, The American Legion Post, Masonic Lodge, friends and neighbors. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Seeger Funeral Home, Laverne. Interment was in the Sunnyside Cemetery, Vici, under the direction of Funeral Home, Vici." Source of Obituary was researched by a librarian at the Oklahoma State Library. Obituary: John Carl Gibson, Oklahoman, The (Oklahoma City, OK) (Published as Daily Oklahoman, The (Oklahoma City, OK)) - November 6, 1994, Section: NEWS, Page: 8, Column: DEATHS and Funerals-Gibson, John Carl, beloved Husband, Father, Brother and Grandfather, age 75, born 29 May 1919 at Yale, Ok., passed onto his eternal home 4 Nov. 1994. Preceded in death by his parents, Perry Glenn and Laura Bell; sisters Lavinnia Drake and Eunice Kloster; brothers Lloyd Edward and Perry Glenn Jr.; and granddaughter Shannon Gibson. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Barbara J. Gibson; sons, John Carl Jr. and daughter-in-law Wanda of Moore, Jimmy Leroy and daughter-in-law Cathy of Newalla, and Ben Wayne of Choctaw; daughter Carla Jane Tubby and son-in-law Kevin of Choctaw; grandchildren Mike, Chris, Jason, Carl and Mark Gibson, and Cheyenne Tubby, "his little doll"; brothers Sidney of OKC, Elmo of Del City, and Merle of Pryor; sisters Delores Sanders of Fenton, Mo., Laura Freeman of Yukon, and Ruby Pearl of Leota, Ks. John served in Europe during WWII with the 45th Inf. Div., 5th Army. He received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during The Battle of Anzio. He was a member of C.C.C. organization and 45th Infantry Division Association, 158th Field Artillery and lifetime member of D.A.V. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Choctaw. He retired from the Army in 1979 and Tinker AFB in 1974. After his retirement he enjoyed his farm, his cows, and especially his family. He will be greatly missed by a host of friends and family members. Services at 10:00 AM Monday, November 7, 1994 at Bill Eisenhower SE Chapel with interment at Schwartz Cemetery.

**Mar 21, 1995:** Obituary: Hazel Jose Hall. Lawton Constitution, The (OK) - March 24, 1995, Section: Almanac, Page: 6B. Services for Sgt. Hazel Jose Hall, 32, Lawton, will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Rev. David Harjo officiating. Sgt. Hall died Wednesday at an Oklahoma City hospital after a long illness. Burial with military honors will be in Highland Cemetery. He was born June 18, 1962, in Wilson, Ark. He married Carmela Blackstar. He came to Lawton with the Army from Benton, Mich., where he grew up. He was a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and was currently attached to "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery unit of the Oklahoma National Guard. He also worked as a custodian at Fort Sill in the billeting building. His awards included the Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Non-commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Survivors include his wife, of the home; a stepdaughter, Tiffany Blackstar, of the home; two stepsons, Robert Blackstar and Jessie Blackstar, both of the home. Memorial donations may be made to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for Cancer Research.

**Apr 15, 1995:** Obituary: Robert Keith Alsobrook, 66, of Deport, formerly of Paris, died Saturday, April 15, 1995, in McCuiston Regional Medical Center. Wood Funeral Home of Deport will conduct services at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Paris with Dennis Lee and Jim Bell officiating. Burial will be in Shady Grove Cemetery near Clardy. Pallbearers will be Tommy Tucker, Bill Clayton, Wayne Cox, Michael Malone, Dick Cordes, Tom Adams, Dewey Wilburn and David Hamilton. Ushers will be John Bell and Bill McNellis. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Mr. Alsobrook was born May 11, 1928, in Deport, a son of Doug and Goldie Roberts Alsobrook. He married Jackie Ruth Stone on July 30, 1954, in Paris. She survives. He

graduated from Bogata High School, then attended Paris Junior College. He later received his bachelor's degree in art from East Texas State University while owning and operating Bob's Dairyland in Paris. While at ETSU, he developed a new form of painting using aluminum foil. He served with valor as a forward artillery observer in the Korean War with the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Captain and earning both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, among other honors. He also served in the National Guard following his service in the war. Mr. Alsobrook worked for Westinghouse in Paris before his employment at Flex-O-Lite where he was promoted to assistant manager. He left that company in 1980 and worked for several years for Ark-Texas Council of Governments, overseeing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs in a number of cities. He was a member of the Sulphur Springs Kiwanis Club. He served on the Lamar County Human Resources Council and was a past member of Paris Junior College business education committee. He was active in the Democratic Party and served on the vestry of Holy Cross Episcopal Church where he was a member. He was also an avid gardener and antique car buff. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Ruth Ann Alsobrook of Austin and Susan Kennedy of Ruesselsheim, Germany, London, England, and Allen, TX; one son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Beth Alsobrook of Sulphur Springs; these children of the heart, Pattie and Glenn Hevron of Bedford and Dave and Judy Daniel of Paris; six grandchildren, Honey Kennedy, Bryon and Amy Hevron, Crystal Henry, and Joy and Josh Daniel; his father, Doug Alsobrook of Deport; two sisters, Dr. Nancy Jones of Irving and Patsy Norrell of Deport; a sister-in-law, Marguerite Butler of Paris; one niece and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Goldie Alsobrook, on Oct. 15, 1990. The family requests memorials be made to Paris Public Library or the Lamar County Humane Association. Captain, OSN: O-1878881 and served with Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

**May 07, 1995:** Published in the "The Brazosport Facts" entitled: Local hero. War veteran recalls liberation of death camps. By Taylor B. Camp. The Brazosport Facts. The week before the Allies declared victory in Europe 50 years ago, one reinforced battalion from the 7th Army descended on the Nazi's Dachau concentration camp north of Munich. Before the Army liberated the camp, Freeport's George Olson Jr., 74, knew little of what he and the other 1,000 soldiers would find. Olson was a 1st Lieutenant with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the 7th Army's 45th Division. Monday, V-E Day, marks the 50th anniversary of the fall of Nazi Germany, and details of Dachau's liberation remain clear to Olson. "There were boxcars of emaciated bodies and none of them weighed 100 pounds," Olson said. "the ovens were still in full use. "We caught the Dachau folks off guard. Bodies, stacked as high as your head, were still being fed into the furnaces," Olson said. "None of us knew what was going on in the camps, but after that, no one had to tell us why we were fighting." The liberation of Dachau took little time, Olson said. "The infantry was well seasoned and was used to taking lots of prisoners. At Dachau, no prisoners were taken." Olson said he learned later that as many as 2,000 people per day were being killed at Dachau. During the camp's liberation the American soldiers watched a Polish prisoner kill a Nazi guard. "One Polish prisoner found the guard who had killed his parents," Olson said. "It was very elemental, very raw. We watched him beat the guard to death. Because of what had gone on there, it was justified." The week after Dachau's liberation, in the early morning of May 7, 1945, a German general signed the articles of surrender, effective May 8, at Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters in Reims, France. Olson and his battalion occupied Munich when the Nazis surrendered. Much of their work at that time involved caring for the former prisoners from Dachau. "Caring for them was very delicate, many could only eat small amounts of food because they had been starved for so long," Olson said. Prior to Dachau, Olson participated in the capture of Rome, in early June 1944, just before the Allies landed at Normandy on June 6. Later that year, Olson was part of the 45th Division's push northward from the beach at St. Maxime, France, to Munich. Olson, wounded in action in September 1944 on the banks of the Moselle River in northeastern France, received a Purple Heart for his service. "I rejoined my unit in March 1945 five miles from where I left them," Olson said. After crossing the Danube River and moving southward into Munich at war's end, Olson helped process Nazi prisoners in Munich. "Ironically, the headquarters in Munich were set up in the beer hall where Hitler got his start." Olson said. "We put the regular German soldiers to work because many were good bakers or mechanics, for example. We turned the SS troopers over to the Russians, and you're not going to hear that officially." After two months processing prisoners, Olson served in Austria before returning home at the end of 1945. He returned to Freeport approximately 18 years go after working in Houston as a real estate appraiser. He was born in Freeport, actually in an Angleton hospital on March 14, 1921, and graduated from Freeport High School before enlisting in the National Guard in 1939 at age 19. He lives with his wife, Janette, who was also born and raised in Freeport. Olson still keeps in touch with some of his war buddies, including one from New York City who was injured in the same machine gun spray that injured Olson. "We had a strong attachment to our buddies. That's part of what we were fighting for," he said. "When we heard the Nazis surrendered, we could feel the tension melting off us, and we were able to relax." Photo Caption: George Olson displays a bayonet and scrapbooks from the 45th division.

**Jun 29, 1995:** Published in the "The Cherokee Strip Museum Web Page" entitled: From the North West Corner By: Fred G. Beers. You may have noticed a brief story in the Oklahoman last week about the reunion of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, 45th Division, in Weatherford. That unit, celebrated for its World War II heroism in combat, was

headquartered for years in Perry and many of us still feel a kinship with it. I was not a member of Battery "C", but I remember its role in this community very well. So do many Perry and Noble county men who were in the 45th Division prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Ominous war clouds were darkening on the horizon in the late 1930s. By 1939 the British Common wealth and Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany were engaged in what came to be called World War II. Hitler soon gobbled up France, Poland, Hungary, Austria, Romania, Czechoslovakia, The Netherlands, Belgium and other major chunks of European real estate. Britain itself, the lone survivor, was in a precarious position. The U.S. had become a "non-belligerent" ally of Winston Churchill's embattled bastion, but President Roosevelt stopped short of sending troops "over there." The U.S. was still technically at peace, though very involved in Britain's war effort. The U.S. Army was an all-volunteer outfit after World War I. Although a peacetime draft eventually was introduced, the number of men called by Selective Service was not large at first. As an alternative, young men could enlist in the National Guard and be trained on weekends with their hometown friends at the armory. The pay was meager (regular Army privates received \$21 per month), but the camaraderie and excitement of participating in war games and maneuvers drew many youths into the Guard. The 45th Division of the Army National Guard was composed primarily of Oklahomans plus a few others from New Mexico and portions of Texas. Perry was proud to be the home of Battery "C", 158th Field, Artillery, and serving in it was regarded as a privilege. When they could meet the age requirement, many Perry high school senior boys joined up. They liked the paltry pay, the weekend drills and weeks at summer camp, but most of all they enjoyed the association with others from this area in a very manly citizen-soldier vocation. Most of the Battery's officers were Perry business and professional men, like H. D. (Speck) Roads, Quine Brengle Sr., Myrl McCormick, and several others. Ivan Kennedy also was an officer and director of the 158th Field Artillery band, a separate unit which also was based here. I wish I had a roster with the names of all the others, enlisted men as well as officers, but those are some that I remember. On Sept. 4, 1940, Battery "C" was mustered into federal service along with the entire 45th Division as the U.S. became concerned about its woefully undermanned regular Army in the face of Hitler's continued threat. Federal service meant the 45th was no longer a citizen-soldier, weekend-drill outfit, under the command of the governor of Oklahoma; it was in federal service under the President of the United States, the nation's commander in chief. Men of the 45th, nicknamed "Thunderbirds" after their distinctive Indian-symbol shoulder patch, were ordered to prepare for full-time training. Twelve days later, on Sept. 16, the 45th was mobilized for active duty, and on Sept. 20 they left Perry at 5 a.m. to spend several months in training at the Army's Field Artillery Center, Fort Sill. Capt. Quine Brengle Sr. then was Battery commander. As a weird sidelight, on that same day, the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was destined to be sunk tragically in the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack, collided with a freight train. That's right, a freight train. It was a Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific train on a barge crossing Puget Sound. The Oklahoma was undamaged but the barge was beached by the collision. After a few months at Fort Sill, the 45th was transferred to Camp Barkley, Texas, for additional training. When the U.S. was drawn into the war later that year, the 45th was considered to be among the Army's best-trained divisions and consequently it was one of the first to be sent into action against the Hitler-Mussolini Axis forces. The Thunderbirds served with distinction in North Africa and later in the Italian campaign, and many Noble county men were in the thick of it. Pvt. Lucian J. (Jack) Hicks was the first member of Battery "C" killed in action. Throughout World War II, men of the 45th acquitted themselves with valor whenever they were committed to battle. Other Perry and Noble county men and women served with all the other branches of military service during that dreadful conflict and their role in the ultimate victory is no less important. But the 45th Division, and particularly Battery "C", just seems to symbolize this community's dedication to the war effort in a special way. Following World War II, the 45th was reorganized for its new peacetime mission, and Battery "C" was moved to another community. In its place, Perry was given Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, a component of the 45th Regimental Combat Team. On Sept. 1, 1950, Company I and the 45th RCT were mobilized for federal service and in time were sent to Japan for service in the Korean conflict. Capt. Dave Matthews, a Perry attorney, who had been a Navy officer in World War II, was company commander. He went on to become a two-star general as commander of the Oklahoma Army National Guard. I don't know if anyone from here went to Weatherford for the Battery C reunion last week, but at least there must have been a cloud of sentimental thoughts hovering over those who did gather there, even if most of the attendees were from the decades that have followed World War II. Perry and Noble county still claim part ownership of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery.

**Aug 26, 1995:** Published in the "The Cherokee Strip Museum Web Page" entitled: From the North West Corner By: Fred G. Beers. Recently, one of these columns dealt with Perry's fabled Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, a component of the 45th Infantry division. Before World War II, the 45th was the state of Oklahoma's Army National Guard division. Officers and men of the 45th were mustered into federal service on Sept. 4, 1940; more than a year before Pearl Harbor. Consequently Noble county men and others in the "Thunderbird" division were among the first American troops committed to battle against Hitler's Nazi Wehrmacht and the less highly regarded Italian Fascist army of Benito Mussolini. They brought glory upon themselves, the state of Oklahoma and the U.S.A. In that column, I wistfully lamented the lack of a 1940 roster of Battery "C" which would have enabled me to publish the names of all those heroic Perry officers and men. Now, a friend has come to the rescue. Shirley Emde of Stillwater, whose father

was H. D. (Speck) Roads of Perry, has come up with the next best thing; a list of Battery "C's" members in 1938. Speck Roads was a second lieutenant in Battery "C" in 1940. "If the guardsmen in 1940 were like they are today, most of them were in for several years, so probably the 1938 and 1940 rosters were very similar," Shirley wrote. The information supplied by Mrs. Emde is from the 1938 "Historical Annual of the National Guard of the State of Oklahoma." It includes a group picture of Battery "C" and a complete list of the unit's enlisted men and commissioned officers. Also, and this is a nice bonus; there's a picture of the Regimental band, which was a section of the 158th's Service Company. Warrant officer Floyd R. Laird of Perry was the band director and the drum major was Staff Sergeant Bill Sharp, the Perry high school band director. The annual also has a good group picture of the band members in their Army uniforms. Most of the names listed on Battery "C's" 1938 roster are very familiar, and they bring back a lot of memories about those once-young Perry men. See if you don't agree as you read them. Only a handful are still living in this immediate area. Among them are Frank Eby, Myrl McCormick and Ashley Alexander. Hope I'm not overlooking some others. Also, several of these ex-T-Birds now live in other parts of the U.S. I but they are still hale and hearty. These were the members of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, 45th Infantry division, as listed in the 1938 "Historical Annual of the National Guard of the State of Oklahoma." Commissioned officers: Capt. Howard R. Cress; 1st Lt. Edward Quine Brengle; 2nd Lts. Harold D. Roads and Myrl A. McCormick. Non-commissioned officers: 1st Sgt. LeRoy Miller; Sgts. Harry L. Boggs, Harley A. DeVilbiss, Lonzo Grant; Archie M. Marshall, Lawrence Shea, Rollyn G. Smith, Weldon C. Smith and Virgil O. Walking. Corporals Frank W Eby, Leo A. Harruff, Lee Nicewander, Verdis O. Swart, Ed M. Tucker, Leo West and Leonard Orville Winters Jr. Privates first class: William W. Dearborn, Delbert C. Gambill, Robert Gordon, Paul S. Hicks, Paul E. Letellier, Robert S. Munger, Louis H. Perot, Cyrus Ruff, Fred W. Schomaker, Walter W. Schomaker, Marion Shireman, Billie Smith, Loy M. Stickney, Pete A. Terronez and Vester A. Wilhelm. Privates: Otis P. Ballew, James W. Cain, Don C. Eby, Archie L. Fassnacht, William L. Folan, Jesse Garcia, Rex R. Gillihan, Druey J. Gillihan, Robert A. Hackett, Woodrow L. Hackett, Lawrence L. Hansen Jr., Joseph G. Hempfling, Albert M. Henderson, Frank I. Henderson, Donald H. Highfill, Lowell C. Highfill, Wayne O. Hughes, Eugene C. Jirous, Lambert S. Johnson, Millard S. Johnson, Ross A. Johnson Jr., Frank M. Jones Jr., Robert H. Kindt, Johnny McCullough, Tom Miller, Don L. Pont, William T. Rutledge and Warren V Ryan. Members of the Band Section of Service Company, 158th Field Artillery, in 1938, were: Warrant Officer Floyd R. Laird. Non-commissioned officers: Technical Sergeant Edward L. McCoy; Staff Sergeant Bill F. Sharp; Sergeants Ashley Alexander, William V Eyler, David P. Johnson and Harold Strub. Corporals George L. Butler and Wilbert G. Landrith. Privates first class John W. Elliott, Harold Fisher, James A. Burrows, Robert R. Hartman Jr., Fred Peden Jr. and Everett S. Sharp. Privates Ross W. Anderson, Robert D. Baldwin, Hilleary M. Barrett, Claude W. Bentley, David B. Burrows, Louis L. DeNoya, Walker Gudge, Clifford L. Haughawout, Ora Richard Hall Jr., Byron K Long, Douglas Louis, E E. McAnally, Don J. Vinson and Wendell E. Wood. My sincere thanks to Shirley Roads Emde for furnishing this interesting information. To add to this, I'll reprint a "factual history" of Battery "C" from that same 1938 annual in a subsequent column.

**Aug 29, 1995:** Published in the "The Cherokee Strip Museum Web Page" entitled: From the North West Corner By: Fred G. Beers. This will be the final installment (for now) concerning Perry's National Guardsmen in the days just before the U.S. was drawn into World II. The previous column contained the names of officers and enlisted men on the roster of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, 45th Infantry Division, as well as members of the Regiment's Band Section, Service Company, in 1938. Most of the men on those rosters were from Noble county, and many of them went with the Battery to fight the Axis armies. Following is a "factual history" of Battery "C" from the 1938 "Historical Annual of the National Guard of the State of Oklahoma." My thanks to Shirley Roads Emde of Stillwater for furnishing this information. Here's the account: "In 1926, when the 158th Field Artillery (Horse) was allotted Colorado, 'Uncle Charley' Barrett, by one of the 'judicious swaps' for which he is famous, succeeded in obtaining Battery 'C' of the 158th Field Artillery, then stationed at Pueblo, Colorado. Many Oklahoma cities were clamoring for Field Artillery units but it was determined that Perry, Oklahoma, should have priority and on January 14, 1927, 65 embryo Field Artillerymen, recruited by Capt. Howard R. Cress, First Lt. William Z. Blake and Second Lts. Ralph H. Noah and Edward Q. Brengle, stood their formation for Federal recognition. "The formation was held in an empty store, on Courthouse Square. The Federal government was represented by First Lt. John W. Beck, U.S. Army, while State authority was represented by Capt. Elmo Flynt, of the Adjutant General's staff. One of the highlights of this ceremony was occasioned by the fact that the unit had been meticulously coached, for days preceding the formation, in the execution of 'Open ranks, march,' being assured that this would be their first command. Imagine the amazement of the Inspecting Officer, upon taking command and giving 'Right dress,' to see the entire unit studiously and faultlessly executing 'Open ranks.' "Only two changes in commissioned personnel have been made in the eleven and one-half years of this organization's existence. Capt. Howard R. Cress is still functioning as Battery Commander, while Edward Q. 'Quine' Brengle, one of the original Second Lieutenants, was promoted to First Lieutenant December 2, 1929, and is still Battery Executive. All four of the present Battery officers are charter members of the organization. "The principal 'turnover' has been in Second Lieutenants, Lt. Ralph H: Noah being required to move from Perry shortly after organization and Lt. John A. Samuelson, his successor, being compelled, for business reasons, to



resign in November 1931. Lt. Otho R. Powers and Lt. Floyd R. Laird (present Band Leader) were appointed to fill the vacancies but were succeeded, in 1931 and 1935, respectively, by the present junior officers, Second Lt. Harold Roads and Second Lt. Myrl A. McCormick. "The record of this unit is one of continued progress. It has served as a model, for many years, for other units of the Regiment in the matter of care and storage of property. Every year since organization the Battery has received the highest rating authorized on annual Armory inspection reports. The report for the 1938 inspection, conducted by Capt. Stephen Y. McGiffert, F. A., U.S. Army, concludes with the following 'remark.': 'For the purpose of emphasis I am obliged to state that I consider this Battery the best trained and commanded unit of all units inspected by me in this regiment'." Let me elaborate just a bit on part of the above. The location of that first formation on January 14, 1927, was the old Davis Furniture building on the south side of the square, according to an account in The Perry Daily Journal of that time. The building has been leased for Battery "C" and it was to be used as an armory. The Journal said that building provided more space than the former location, the building previously occupied by the Union Billiard Parlor. The newspaper also said uniforms failed to arrive for the first formation but were expected here in a few days. It's easy to see why Perry people in particular and Noble county folks in general felt such a close relationship to Battery "C". Many of our sons, brothers and fathers served with distinction in that unit during World War II and the years preceding it. As this history shows, Perry had to fight to win the Battery when it was organized in 1927, and when it was federalized for full-time Army service in September 1940, it was tough to bid them goodbye. After the war, the role of the 45th Division was radically changed and Battery "C" was not reassigned to this city. In its place, an Infantry Company was organized. When the Korean conflict came along, we again sent our young men to war. Now the National Guard has been reshaped and that Infantry Company no longer belongs to Perry, but this community still heartily supports the Guard by encouraging our young people to serve as part of the nation's military preparedness effort. Pray that circumstances will never again require the mustering of a Noble county National Guard unit into Federal service to face another enemy somewhere around the world, but be thankful that those young men from previous generations left us with this fine tradition of gallant service and faithful commitment to duty.

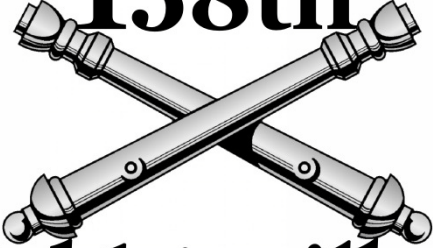
**Sep 23, 1995:** Published in the "The Cherokee Strip Museum Web Page" entitled: From the North West Corner By: Fred G. Beers. A little more digging through the files and a couple of helpful phone calls from interested parties has led me to a roster of the men who were in Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, 45th Army National Guard Division, when the unit was called up for full-time military service in 1940. As a matter of fact, tomorrow; Sept. 24, 1995; happens to be the 55th anniversary of their departure from Perry. My earlier columns on this subject had only a list of Battery "C" members in 1938 because the 1940 list could not be found. Thanks to the files of The Perry Daily Journal and the assistance of the Perry Carnegie Library's new microfilm reader, I can share this information with you. The story about the 45th Division's call up was in The Journal on Monday, Sept. 23, 1940. It said the 101 officers and enlisted men of Battery "C" were leaving at 5 a.m. the following day for Fort Sill to undergo a year's active military training. Unfortunately, that "one year" turned out to be more like five years because America's military preparedness and eventual participation in World War II intervened. Capt. Quine Brengle, a clerk at the Perry post office, was the Battery commanding officer. He announced that heavy motor transportation trucks of regular National Guard design and light panel trucks would be used in the transportation procedure. Battery members ate breakfast at the Perry armory prior to their departure. A detail of men was left behind to clean up the armory after the main body of men drove away for Fort Sill. Since the Battery kitchen went with them, The Journal said "no sanitary place to cook" was available for the detail. I. L. Krisher, commander of Ellis-Jirous American Legion post, came to their rescue by turning over the Legion Hall's kitchen to them. A photo of the entire Battery, in full uniform and seated in front of the armory, was printed across the bottom of the Journal's front page on Sept. 25, the day after they left Perry. Included in the complement of men leaving for military training were a captain, a first lieutenant, two second lieutenants, a first sergeant, a staff sergeant, eight sergeants, eight corporals, 19 privates first class and 60 privates. The Journal reporter said there were 99 in all, but I count 101. Also, I cannot vouch for the spelling of all these names, so please make allowances for any possible errors. Where possible I checked questionable names against the 1940 Perry City Directory, but it did not contain all the men shown on the Battery "C" roster. Making the trip to Fort Sill under Capt. Brengle's command were: First Sgt. Archie Marshall, Staff Sgt. Virgil O. Walkling; Sgts. Harry L. Boggs, William L. Folan, Eugene C. Jirous, Robert Berger, Paul Letellier, Lawrence Shea, Weldon Smith and Marion Shireman. Corporals Harold Ahrnsbrak, Everett Pricer, James Samuelson, Fred Schomaker, Walter Schomaker, Bruce Smith, Alvin Stone and Vester Wilhelm. Privates First Class Bill Berron, Raymond Booth, Vernon Crockett, Don Eby, Delbert Gambill, Drury Gillihan, Wendell Goodwill, Frank Hejduk, Lowell Highfill, LeRoy Hunt, Frank M. Jones Jr., Chester Kendle, Courtland Marshall, Fred Miller, John Perkins, Billie Smith, Hugh R. St.Clair, Pete Terronez and Stephen Terronez. Privates Forest Brandon, Leon Brooks, Virgil Burke, Edward Crabtree, Wesley Cole, Raymond Coltrano, Jack Colvin, Erbert Cordell, Charles Curtis, Dale Dorl, John Ernest, Lawrence Fordyce, Charlie Gates, Walter Gaskill, Robert Hackett, Woodrow Hackett, Edward Hair, Franklin Hartwick, Lucien Hicks, Everett Hopkins, Millard Hopkins, Ennis Hudson, Wayne Hughes. Edmund Jackson, Glenn W Jones, Arthur Kempka, Marion Kinnick, Darrel Kinnick, William LeFurgey, Raymond Lewis, George Lively, Earl McCracken, Albert Mieir, Elmer Miller, Jack Miller, William

Miller, Carl Murphy, Alvin Myers, Donald Oleson, John Perkins, Eli Pricer, John Pricer. Raymond Pricer, George Queen, Adolfo Ramirez, Ray Rice, Leland Sample, Daniel Sanders, Paul Schieffer, Clyde Shelton, William Smith, Sidney Stanley, Herschel Stroud, Daniel Trillo, Otto Tuetkin, Kermit Tull, Clarence Van Hosen, Ralph Wallingford, James Wilhelm and Allan Wilson. Officers were Capt. Brengle, First Lt. H. D. Roads and Second Lts. Myrl McCormick and Leroy Miller. Battery "C" was a special part of the Noble county community, and they marched off to glory in World War II. Some of them were barely 17 years old when they left Perry, but they came home as mature men, proud of the mission they had undertaken. Even at this time, 55 years later, it's not too late to give those brave and heroic men another salute.

**Oct 07, 1995:** Published in the "The Lawton Constitution" entitled: Marlow armory faces shutdown by guard officials. Marlow. Oklahoma National Guard officials are considering closing down the armory here. Col. Gary Jackson, director of plans, operations and training, said officials are studying how closing three armories in the state might make the National Guard more efficient. He said final decisions have not yet been made and that officials will be meeting soon with residents of Marlow, Nowata and Allen to get feedback on the proposal to close facilities in their towns. "We're going through quite a bit of downsizing and looking at all different ways to be more efficient," Jackson said. "We feel like consolidation in most cases is really just more cost effective." The armory in Marlow is used for training by 22 Guard members affiliated with the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, a multiple launch rocket system unit based in Lawton. One full-time Guard member is stationed at the armory. Jackson said the armory could be a training site for as many as 30 Guard members, but that the detachment currently is under strength. "That's one of the considerations," he said. Others are costs for maintaining the armory building, which was included on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994. Its proximity to armories in Walters and in Duncan also is a factor to be considered, Jackson said. If the armory is closed, Jackson said, the Guard members who currently train there would have to travel to Duncan or Walters instead. They would still be affiliated with the 1st-158th FA. "It's just a proposal right now. There's lots of ground work to do," he said. "And it may turn out that it won't happen at all." Jackson said there are currently 77 National Guard armories operating across the state. Two area lawmakers, Sen. Sam Helton, D-Lawton, and Rep. Bill Smith, D-Ringling, have pledged to fight any plan to close the Marlow facility. "He (State Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Stephen Cortwright) never asked for our input. He just said that was going to be the recommendation," Helton said. "I don't think that's fair to the people of Marlow and I'm not going to stand for it." Helton said consolidating armories in urban areas might make more sense than to close widely scattered rural ones. "Rep. Smith and I are going to be doing everything we can to reverse this decision, but we're going to need the public's help," he said. The last time there was an effort to close the National Guard armory in Marlow, local citizens voiced their opposition and the plan was scrapped. "We need to do that again," Helton said. Helton encouraged people who want to express an opinion to phone Gov. Frank Keating at (405) 521-2342 or address letters to the governor at Room 212, State Capitol, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73105. They may also phone Cortwright at (405) 425-8000 or write him at 3501 Military Circle, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73111-4398.

**Dec 05, 1995:** Obituary: Robert Lee Abney. Born on April 29, 1928. Graveside services for Robert Lee Abney, 67, of Luther were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Gracemont Cemetery with the Rev. Kevin Main of Anadarko officiating. Abney was born April 28, 1929 in Gracemont to Gerald and Eunice Lee Babb Abney and died Tuesday in Oklahoma City. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert Dewayne Abney; one sister, Mildred Marie Miller, and one brother, Raymond Abney. Abney was a construction worker, a home builder and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was of the Pentecostal faith. Survivors include four children, Roberta Gail Arthurs, Deborah Lewis and her husband, Lindell; and Shari Abney, all of Oklahoma City; and Paula Minick and her husband, Harry of Luther; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Colleen and Jerry Litterell; Shirley and Don Dvorak of Checotah, Ok.; and Delphene and Paul Gomez of Lawton; two brothers, Orville Parton and Verle Parton, both of Oklahoma City; eight grand children, and two great grand children. He is also survived by three nieces, Betty Jean Kardokus of Ft. Cobb and Vonda Lee Main and Donna Raye Williams, both of Anadarko. Military rites were led by Louis 'Buddy' Bedoka and David Nixon, both of Anadarko. Services were under the direction of Branstetter Rosewood Funeral Home of Oklahoma City. Private, and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery.

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