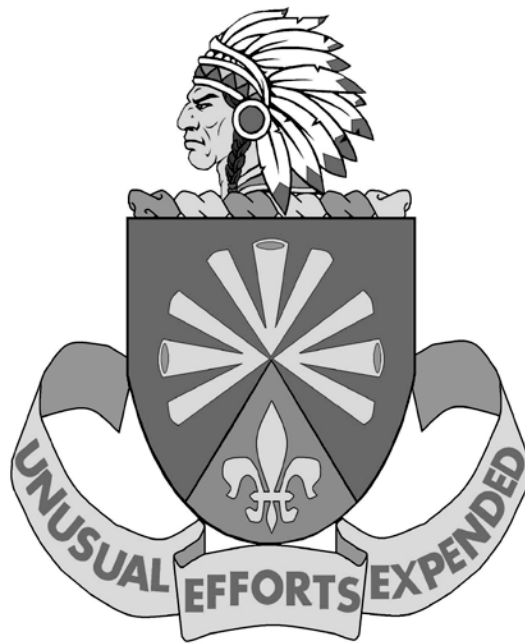


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## **PREFACE**

I have decided to capture as much of the 158th Field Artillery's history as possible, so this is the seventh volume that is based upon source materials that are available and archived. Just from the mere act of time passing, facts can be open to interpretation and indeed they can be viewed differently by different people. For this reason I have compiled U. S. Library of Congress PCN 2018957292 volumes:

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## **THE KOREAN PROXY WAR**

The Cold War was a period of geographical and political tension from 1945 through 1990 between the United States and the Soviet Union and their respective allies, known as the Western Bloc and Eastern Bloc countries. The war was based on the ideological and geopolitical struggle for global influence by the two powers. The term "cold" is used because there was no large-scale fighting directly between the two superpowers, but they each supported major regional conflicts known as proxy wars. After World War II military alliances were established, the United States created the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Soviet Union created the Warsaw Treaty Organization (Warsaw Pact). The struggle for military and nuclear dominance was finally achieved by both powers when they reached the stage of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD), a doctrine that discouraged a pre-emptive attack by either side. Historians do not agree on the dates, realist believes that the Cold War period is from 8 September 1945, when U.S. Forces first set foot on Korean soil to 3 December 1989, when Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President George H.W. Bush declared the Cold War over at the Malta Summit.

On 7 December 1945, the Forty-fifth Infantry Division was officially deactivated at Camp Bowie, Texas. Reorganize was started immediately to relocate the entire division in Oklahoma and completed this reorganization on 5 September 1946. From 1946 to 1950 the 158th Field Artillery's ranks were manned by seasoned combat veterans experienced in delivering lethal fires. In 1950 a proxy war started on the Korean peninsula and the 45th Infantry Division Army United States (AUS) was alerted and mobilized 1 September 1950. The division mobilized at Camp Polk, Louisiana then they moved on to Japan and by Thanksgiving 1951, advance elements of the division were arriving in Korea. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion (AUS) remained in Korea until 15 March 1954 when it sailed for the United States. On 30 April 1954 the battalion was released from federal service and returned back to state control. The 45th Divisional colors and its subordinate units organizational colors were returned to the Oklahoma National Guard in a special ceremony called "Operation Colors Back", held at the state fair in Oklahoma City on 25 September 1954.

## **ARMY UNITED STATES (AUS) VS NATIONAL GUARD UNITED STATES (NGUS)**

When the 45th Infantry Division (AUS) proper was sent to the Korean peninsula in 1951 it did not return until 1954. Soon most of the national guardsmen rotated home once their federal service requirement was met and they had no unit to "drill with" because the organization proper was still in Korea. Recruiting and staffing the "stateside units" continued but funding was allocated for the "deployed units" and soon the insufficient funding resulted in supply and equipment shortages of the "stateside units". The National Guard Bureau solved this problem of having two organizations by designating and refunding the "stateside units" as National Guard United States (NGUS) in 1952.

The 158th Field Artillery Battalion (NGUS) as an element of the 45th Infantry Division (NGUS) was Federally recognized 3 November 1952, with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery at Chickasha, and Batteries "A", "B", "C" and Service Batteries assigned, respectively, to Duncan, Anadarko, Weatherford, and Minco, all in Oklahoma. Lieutenant Colonel John R. Northup, an experienced field artilleryman in WW II and also the Executive Officer of the

158th Field Artillery Battalion (AUS) Korean, assumed command of the battalion. Armament consisted of six 105mm howitzers (towed) per firing battery.

The 45th Infantry Division (AUS) remained in combat in Korea until the armistice, when it was shipped to New York City. On 30 April 1954 the active division was released and reverted to Oklahoma State control. Thus, from 3 November 1952 to 30 April 1954, there were two each of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; one in combat in Korea or in movement to New York City and the one "home stationed" in Oklahoma. The only distinction was the (AUS) and (NGUS) suffixes which were dropped on 30 April 1954.

### **THE PENTOMIC BATTLE GROUP**

On 1 May 1959 the structure of the 45th Infantry Division was changed from triangular to a Pentomic Division in response to the perceived threat posed by tactical nuclear weapons use on the battlefield. The official name of this structure was Reorganization of the Current Infantry Division (ROCID). Pentomic Division was a public relations term designed to combine the concept of five subordinate units that could function on an atomic or conventional battlefield. The units would be called Battle Groups and each commanded by a colonel. The new artillery concept is made up of six battalions. Five direct support battalions of howitzers and one battalion of heavy howitzers and rockets capable of atomic fire. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion was redesignated as the 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery and the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery.



The 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, consisted of Headquarters, and Headquarters and Service Battery in Chickasha, Oklahoma; Battery "A", armed with six 105-mm howitzers (towed) was located in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Battery "B", armed with six 155-mm howitzers (towed), was reorganized in Duncan, Oklahoma. Lieutenant Colonel John R. Northup commanded this Battalion until 14 September 1960 when Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Shipman took command until 17 December 1961.

The 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, was activated with its Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery located at Anadarko, Oklahoma; and two firing batteries each with six 105mm howitzers (towed) and located at Minco, Oklahoma was Battery "A" and at Weatherford, Oklahoma was Battery "B". Lieutenant Colonel James D. Bell was placed in command of this Battalion.

### **THE 45TH ARTILLERY GROUP**

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy directed his Secretary of Defense to undertake a reorganization and modernization of the Army's divisional structure by increasing its non-nuclear firepower, improving its tactical mobility in any environment and increasing its flexibility to respond to any threat. To meet these new challenges the Army abandoned its "Pentomic" structures and eventually redesigned the division with a standard divisional base and interchangeable maneuver elements. The first new organizational model, Modern Mobile Army (MOMAR) 1965 called for heavy and medium divisions where very man and every piece of equipment in both divisions would be carried or mounted on vehicles. This limited their flexibility so a new study called the Reorganization Objective Army Divisions (ROAD), was submitted and approved. ROAD did not address the general reorganization of the Army; it called a common divisional base and assigning varying numbers of "maneuver" elements to it.

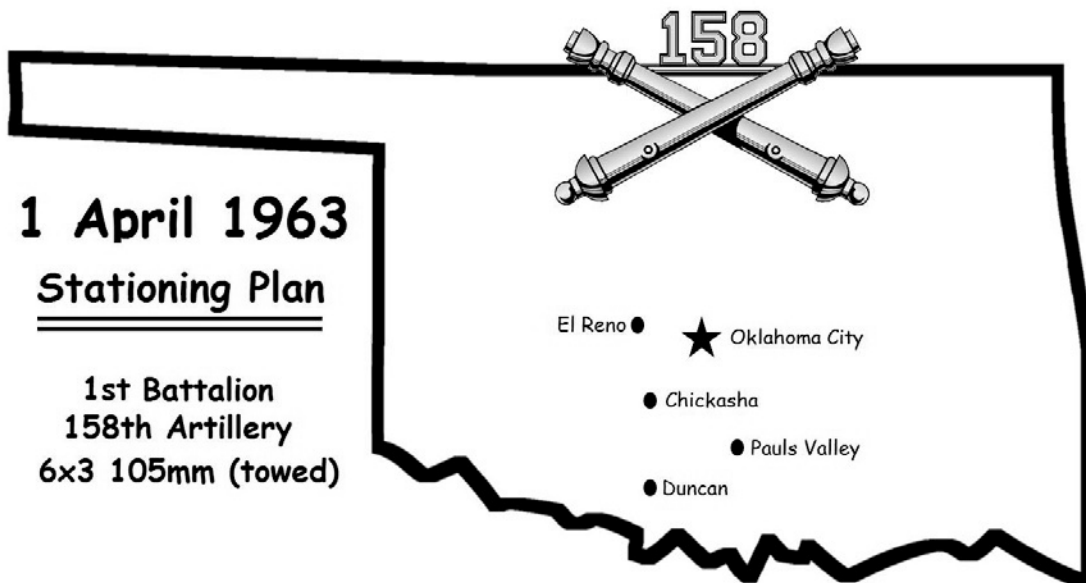


**2nd Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery** **1959**  
**Battalion Staff Officers**  
**Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Front Row: MSG Stephen A. Armstrong Sgt Maj, CPT Ira D. Hart S-2, MAJ Robert R. Randolph S-3, LTC Frederick J. Rice Bn Cmdr, MAJ Dan B. Williams XO, CPT Chester L. Carlton S-6, CPT Hubert C. Burns LNO.

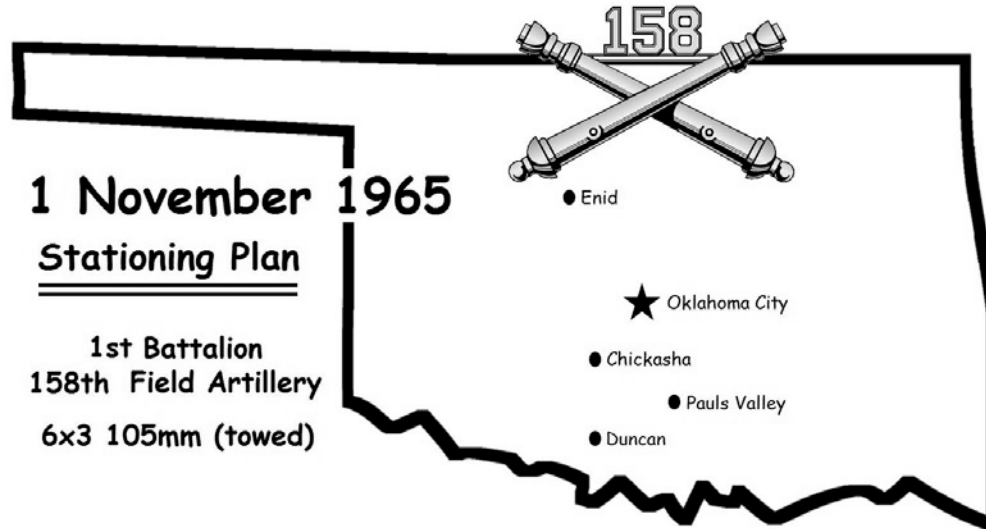
Back Row: CPT Charles L. Grambrell Asst S-3, CPT Henry H. Sterling LNO, CPT Alvin L. Solomon LNO, CPT Danny C. Bryant LNO, CWO Vincent B. Shaffer Supply Tech, CPT William F. Talbott LNO, CPT Louis Bedoka S-1.

The base for every ROAD division would consist of a headquarters element, which included the division commander and two assistant division commanders; three brigade headquarters; a military police company; aviation, engineer, and signal battalions; a reconnaissance squadron with an air and three ground troops; division artillery; and a support command. The division artillery included three 105mm howitzer battalions, an Honest John rocket battalion, and a composite battalion (one 8-inch and three 155-mm howitzer batteries). All artillery was self-propelled. The division artillery commander, however, was reduced from a brigadier general to a colonel. The designers of ROAD determined that an infantry battalion was more appropriate than a battle group as the main building block of the infantry division. On 13 April 1961, the Army Command approved the ROAD concept only substituting towed artillery for self-propelled artillery, eliminating the 155-mm howitzers, and reorganizing the rocket battalion so that it would include both an Honest John rocket and two 8-inch howitzer batteries. Within a few months the Army Command published draft Tables of Organization and Equipment (TO&E) tables and soon the Army Staff began planning for the ROAD reorganization for the summer of 1962.

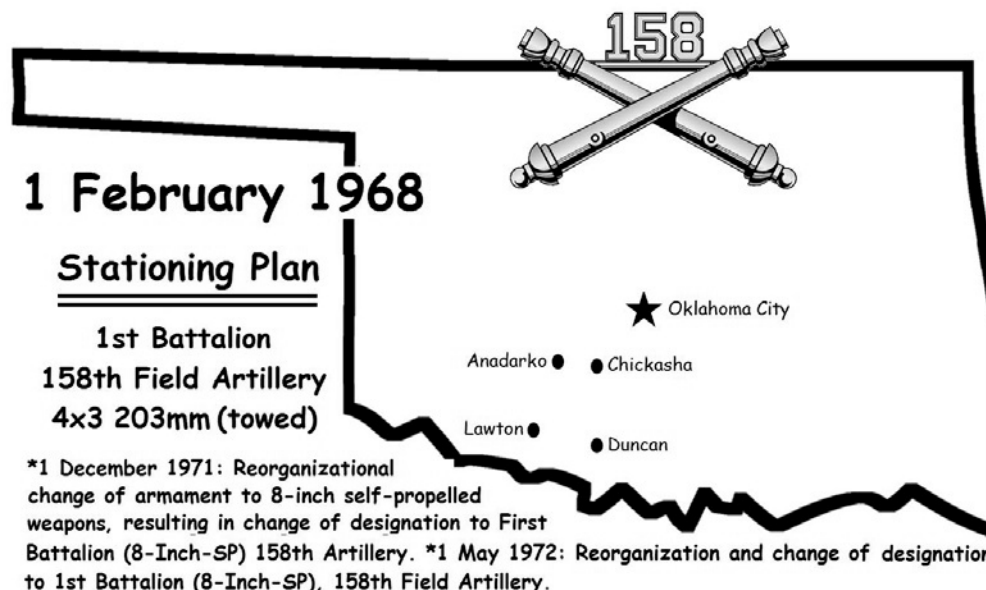


On 1 April 1963 the structure of the 45th Infantry Division was reorganized as a ROAD Division. The 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, was redesignated and reorganized as the 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery, an element of the 45th Infantry Division, with Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery remaining at Chickasha, Battery "A" remaining at Pauls Valley and Battery "B" remaining at Duncan. Battery "C" was added and placed in El Reno. The 155mm howitzer (towed) was eliminated as an armament and six 105mm howitzers (towed) were placed in each of the three lettered batteries. Lieutenant Colonel Larry E. Stephenson of Edmond, OK, who had assumed command of the 1st Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery on 18 December 1961 continued in command of this redesignated and reorganized battalion. The 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 158th Artillery, became the 171st Field Artillery Battalion.

On 1 November 1965, the structure of the 45th Infantry Division was again changed with the 1st Battalion 158th Artillery redesignated as the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, with Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery at Chickasha, Battery "A" at Pauls Valley, Battery "B" at Duncan, and Battery "C" to Enid. The armament was six 105mm towed howitzers per firing battery. The battalion commander continued to be LTC Larry E. Stephenson.



On 1 February 1968, the 45th Infantry Division was ordered inactivated and on that date an in its place the 45th Infantry Brigade was organized. The 45th Artillery Group was organized as Corps Artillery under the command of Brigadier General William L. Youell of Blackwell, Oklahoma. The 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery, as an organization in this artillery group it was located as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery at Lawton, Oklahoma; Battery "A" at Anadarko, Oklahoma; Battery "B" at Duncan, Oklahoma; Battery "C" at Chickasha, Oklahoma and Service Battery at Lawton, Oklahoma. Armament was changed to the 8-inch towed howitzer. The battalion was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Larry E. Stephenson until he retired on 1 September 1968, and was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Joe A. Wheeler.



On 1 December 1971, there was a further reorganization of the battalion that resulted only in a change of the battalion designation to First Battalion (8-Inch-SP) 158th Artillery. Battery locations were not changed but the armament was changed to the 8-inch self-propelled weapon. LTC Wheeler continued in command of the battalion until 10 April 1972, when he was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Norman E. Duckworth. On 1 May 1972, a further reorganization occurred with no change in battery locations or armament. The battalion, however, was redesignated the First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. Lieutenant Colonel Duckworth continued in command until 1 February 1975 when command of the battalion was assumed by Lieutenant Colonel Merrill B. Burrus, Jr. Several reorganizations the occurred, but these were only TO&E reorganizations with no change in battery locations and weapons.

On 1 May 1975 reorganization created the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 158th Field Artillery. The 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Field Artillery with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery stationed at Lawton, Battery "A" at Anadarko, Battery "B" at Duncan, Battery "C" at Chickasha and Service Battery at Lawton, Oklahoma with Lieutenant Colonel Merrill B. Burrus as the Battalion Commander. The 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery with Headquarters and Service Battery at Oklahoma City, Battery "A" at Marlow, Battery "B" at Walters and Battery "C" at Healdton, Oklahoma with Lieutenant Colonel Melford L. Scott as the Battalion Commander.

The atomic threat that the Honest John presented to any enemy force was so great that they were earmarked as "high payoff targets" because they had the ability to go into a forward field position, fire, and move out and once detected the rocket's supersonic speed would protect it from any known countermeasures once it had been fired. Between 1952 and 1960 the Army bought almost 8,000 M31 Honest John rockets from Douglas Aircraft.



The Honest John, Little John, Corporal, Lacrosse and Redstone were the first generation of these new tactical nuclear field artillery rockets and even as the Army was fielding these systems the second generation was already being tested. Eventually these systems would be replaced by the second generation Lance guided missile. The new Lance missile was mobile in all types of terrain, capable of being fired from its own carrier, provided nuclear and conventional fires, and was so simple to operate that it was compared to the occupation of a firing position by a single self-propelled howitzer. The Lance ultimately replaced the Honest John rocket and on 1 April 1977 the 2nd Battalion 158th Field Artillery (HJ) was inactivated and reorganized with its personnel reassigned to other units in the state and its rocket systems returned for inactivation.


The 158th Field Artillery was reorganized 1 April 1977 to consist of the 1st Battalion with no change in battery locations and armament. On 1 January 1980 Lieutenant Colonel Jerry D. Simmons assumed command of the battalion. The next TO&E reorganization was on 1 May 1980, with no change in battery locations and weapons. Lieutenant Colonel Ronald W. Holt assumed command on 1 November 1980. The next TO&E reorganization occurred on 1 March 1983, again with no change in battery locations and armament. On 1 February 1984 was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth W. Bray, who served until Lieutenant Colonel Jim R. Swafford took command on 1 September 1986 and then on 10 July 1987 the battalion accepted the first launchers from the manufacturer of the Multiple Launch Rocket System



(MLRS) and by 1 September 1987 received federal recognition and reorganized as the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery (MLRS) under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Charles J. Frazier.

## EXTRACTS FROM ACCESSIBLE RECORDS

When a soldier places the Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) of the 158th Field Artillery on their uniform they become part of unit's official record and they inherit the sweat and pain of its victories and defeats in war and peace but most importantly they become an integral part of the unit, part of its hereditary deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). There is a rich literature of history in the form of official records and rosters, reports, orders and staff duty logs that exist for the 158th Field Artillery and as I write this volume it continues to compile. In writing this volume I thought accuracy was the most important aspect of the battalion's history however I have concluded that accessibility or the ability to obtain the records is the greatest importance. The unit history of all units is most value when most accessible. I believe that accuracy has always been the intention of the past and as such more emphasis was placed on accuracy and reporting. I seen this evident in the WWII and the Korean War field records where "Morning Reports" and casualty reports were created on a monthly basis and submitted to the Adjutant Generals Office as "Historical Reports". When the "Cold War" began the conflict was based around ideological and geopolitical battles so little emphasis was placed on unit hereditary but rather on unit strengths.



# Memorandum

In January 1953, the 28th Infantry Division in Germany and the 45th Infantry Division in Korea initiated a program in which soldiers from each unit exchanged letters with their counterparts in the other unit. This program was dubbed "Operation Buddy," and it allowed the troops of all ranks who were stationed in Germany a chance to learn from their counterparts by asking and receiving rare and uncensored questions through the mail. It helped prepare the men for their future deployments to Korea but it allowed the men to answer the question, "What can I do to make myself combat ready?" This phenomenon was soon captured in an acronym that would be used to describe your personal state of readiness as Standing Tall Ready Around the Clock (STRATC).

The Oklahoma Military Department (OMD) required all OKARNG units to submit an "Army National Guard Annual History" and they in turn gathered, collated and bound them. As a minimum these annual histories contained a month by month synopsis of the unit assembly, a command and/or staff change and lastly a unit membership by billet roster. In the mid eighties the OMD generated an OKARNG Form 191 which required the reporting units to submit a Narrative, Extra Activities, State Emergencies, Individual and Unit Awards, Promotions and a Unit Membership Roster. If they were created and submitted then the likelihood was that they were on "paper" and as the world entered the 21st century these paper reports were stored with the rest of the state government "paper reports" awaiting some form of permanent electronic archiving. I have found some of these bounded copies on the top floor of the Allen Wright Memorial Library, 200 NE 18 St, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-3298. Although the comprehensive collection of the "Army National Guard Annual History" is not included in this volume, I've been able to access a few of these annual histories and

have placed them in the following chapters and have titled them "Extracts". I then transcribed them verbatim, making spelling and punctuation corrections, but for the most part they are exactly as was submitted by the unit historians.

## EXTRACT FROM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL HISTORY 1968

**History of HHB, 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** On 1 February 1968 how our unit was redesignated Headquarters Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion 158 Artillery and reorganized as an artillery battalion headquarters. We were authorized a strength of 11 officers and 110 enlisted men. We have since had two changes in strength allowed

and are currently authorized 13 officers and 103 enlisted men. We were formally Headquarters Troop 1st Squadron 145th Cavalry, the only cavalry squadron in the 45th Division. Effective upon reorganization Lieutenant Colonel Larry E. Stephenson was appointed Battalion Commander and Captain William H. Crawford was appointed Headquarters Battery Commander. Our first assembly was devoted to riot control training in keeping with our state mission. Colonel John Coffey, XO, Oklahoma Military Department (OMD), was present. On 10 March 1968 our unit moved to Fort Sill for briefing and orientation on the 8" M110 Self-Propelled Howitzer. Our April through July 1968 assemblies were utilized primarily for MOS training for all the battery sections. In addition to this training we established a bivouac in Bateman woods at Fort Sill and conducted Small Arms firing on 18-19 May 1968. A practice alert was conducted on 21 June 1968 highlighted by a visit by Lieutenant Colonel Frederick J. Rice, XO, 45th Artillery Group. On 25 July 1968 Captain Charles W. Wootten assumed command of Headquarters Battery. Annual Field Training was from 27 July to 11 August 1968 at Fort Sill. We arrived at Camp Eagle at 1000 hours 27 July 1968. We spent the remainder of Saturday and all day Sunday establishing quarters and preparing for the first week's activity. The entire first week was spent on MOS training with FDC, Survey and Communications sections attending formal classes while the remainder of the battery conducted OJT in support of the battalion operation. Highlights of the first week's activities were the Battalion Retreat parade Friday afternoon and the Governor's Day Review Saturday morning. All Personnel enjoyed time off Saturday and Sunday and were ready to move to the field on Monday morning. Our second week was spent in tactical training in the field. We participated in a GP FTX on Monday requiring us to move into a Forward Assembly Area initially and finally making a night move into the Battalion Forward Position. Tuesday through Thursday we supported the firing batteries as they fired 200 rounds of 8" ammo. On Friday we move back to Camp Eagle and spent the day on maintenance, muster of troops and prepared for the move home. Saturday morning we moved back to our Armory arriving at 0835 hours and worked the remainder of the weekend on maintenance. Our August 1968 assembly found CMMI, Audit and AGI just around the corner. The weekend was a busy one with maintenance getting most of the attention. On 1 September Major Joe A. Wheeler was appointed Battalion Commander as Lieutenant Colonel Stephenson retired. The September and October 1968 assemblies were used to accomplish Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction and firing. The November and December 1968 assemblies were busy ones with maintenance and mandatory subjects the order of the day.

- 1 February 1968: CPT Merrill B. Burruss Jr. appointed S-2, replacing CPT Charles W. Wooten, who was transferred.
- 16 February 1968: SP4 Walter W. Tadlock appointed Team Chief, wire section, replacing SSG Don A. Hanley, discharged.
- 1 March 1968: SGT Ivan R. Norton, appointed Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Don L. Grissom, discharged.
- 14 March 1968: SFC George L. E. McDaniel appointed Communications Chief, replacing SFC Woodrow F. Robinson, discharged. SP5 Vernon R. Ward appointed Section Chief, radio section, replacing SFC George L. E. McDaniel, reassigned. SP4 Gary M. Hancock appointed Team Chief, radio section, replacing SP5 Vernon R. Ward, reassigned.
- 30 March 1968: CPT William T. Morse, Battalion Surgeon, reassigned. CPT Kenneth O. Northcutt, Excess, reassigned.
- 1 April 1968: SP4 Glen D. Erkenbrack appointed Chief of Survey Party, replacing SP5 Billy C. Cummings, discharged.
- 30 June 1968: CPT Evan L. Horne, Excess, transferred to Inactive N. G.
- 15 July 1968: 2LT Herbert A. O'Neal appointed Battalion Recon and Survey Officer.
- 25 July 1968: CPT Charles W. Wootten, appointed Headquarters Battery Commander, replacing CPT William H. Crawford, reassigned.
- 1 September 1968: MAJ Joe A. Wheeler appointed Battalion Commander, replacing LTC Larry E. Stephenson, retired. MAJ Herman H. Horst, appointed Battalion Executive Officer, replacing MAJ Robert E. Sims, transferred. MAJ Melford C. Scott, appointed S-3, replacing MAJ Joe A. Wheeler, reassigned. CPT Claude E. Wheeler appointed Battalion Liaison Officer, replacing CPT Chester L. Carlton, transferred to HQ 45th ARTY GP. CPT Ira D. Hart, appointed Battery Commander, Battery "A", 1/158. MAJ Bill M. Penwright, transferred to HQ 45th ARTY GP.
- 2 September 1968: CPT Jesse H. Sheppard, Excess, transferred to HQ 45th ARTY GP. CPT Luther G. Webb, Excess, transferred to HQ 45th ARTY GP. 1LT Charles E. Schmidt, Excess, transferred to OKANG (Air Guard). 2LT Marvin D. Self, Excess, discharged.
- 18 September 1968: SP4 Clifford A. Cantwell appointed Team Chief, Wire Section, replacing SGT Charles M. Daugherty, discharged.
- 20 September 1968: 1SGT Richard E. Bowers appointed 1st Sgt Hq Btry, replacing SFC John W. Walker, retired.
- 25 November 1968: SP4 George W. Phillips appointed Team Chief, Radio Section, replacing SP4 Charles R. Tucker, discharged.
- 28 November 1968: SP4 Clifford A. Cantwell appointed Section Chief, Wire Section, replacing SFC Lewis E. Ahrens, discharged.
- 2 December 1968: SP4 George W. Phillips appointed Section Chief, Radio Section, replacing SP5 Vernon R. Ward, discharged.

- 5 December 1968: 2LT John Cline appointed Assistant S-3, replacing CPT John E. Cruse, reassigned.
- 31 December 1968: SP4 Ronald R. Valdez appointed Team Chief, Wire Section, replacing SP5 Roger Van Dervort, discharged.



**History of Battery “A”, 1st Bn (8”) (SP) 158th Artillery:** On 1 February 1968, our unit was redesignated Battery “A”, First Battalion (8”) (SP) 158th Artillery. We were made up of Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Battery and Battery “A” 1st Battalion 171st Artillery. Our battery commander was Captain Bobby R. Jantz formerly Battery “A” 1 / 171 Commander, 1LT William R. Nixon was assigned as executive officer, 2LT Jimmie L. Vogt was assigned as excess and the Assistant Executive Officer position was left unassigned for the time being. For members of Battery “A” 1 / 171 the change was not too drastic, for all they had to do was get used to the 8” howitzer instead of the 105 howitzer they did have. But, for the HH&S Battery 1/171 people that cannons hop was quite strange. We were issued 8” towed in lieu of the self-propelled so we would at least be familiar with the artillery part of the big weapon.

The general feeling throughout the battery was “how will we ever be able to handle these huge trucks and guns!” As AFT time neared we began to look forward to being able to function in our new roles and were quite confident that we could get the job done. Our first drill after the organization was spent on inventory, orientation of the 8” and riot control training. We were very fortunate to be close to Fort Sill and our battalion arranged for us to attend classes on post taught by Army instructors on the different equipment that we would now be working with in our new organization. Man was it cold and dreary that day!

AFT was 27 July to 10 August at Camp Eagle on Fort Sill's west range. The tent cities were a new experience to the majority of us as we had been used to permanent type barracks at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas in past camps. We had very little travel time and spent most of the first day unloading and improving our areas. The entire first week was spent in the cantonment area, with daily RSOP in preparation for the second week firing. We participated in the Governor's Day Review Saturday and the majority of the battery was then released on pass. One highlight of this camp was opportunity to purchase battery pictures, which was well received since it had been ten years since the last picture was made of the unit from Anadarko. Our second week of AFT was spent in the field where we fired approximately 100 rounds (after a few slight difficulties) and then return to Camp Eagle for maintenance, loading, pay and preparation for the return to home stations.

After AFT the bulk of our drills were spent in maintaining our equipment and preparing for an AGI, CMMI, and

Audit. We were asked to participate in the opening parade of the American Indian Exposition and did, with a color guard, battery mass and three 10-ton trucks pulling 8" howitzers. On 1 September we had a new battery commander appointed. Captain Ira D. Hart Jr. replaced Captain Jantz.

Other items of interest and afterthoughts: our training was improved greatly by being able to send FDC, Ammo, Maintenance, and Commo Personnel too classes at Fort Sill for approximately 6 months on each drill after reorganization; 2LT Vogt transferred out and we had to second lieutenants graduate from OCS in June and return to the unit. 2LT Bobby D. Thomasson was assigned as a Assistant Executive Officer and 2LT Charles R. Hudson was attached to us from HHD, OKARNG in Oklahoma City; our designation was changed again 1 January 1969 when the field artillery and air defense were separated into different branches making us Battery "A" 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery instead of Battery "A" 1st Battalion 158th Artillery. Leslie E. Blaylock Sergeant First Class, Unit Historian.

- 6 March 1968: SGT Paul G. Kniffin appointed 2nd Howitzer Section Chief replacing SSG William R. Herron, discharged. Sgt Francis L. Smithpeter appointed Communications Section Chief, replacing SSG Gerald W. Hill, discharged. Sp4 Billy J. Conley appointed Radio Team Chief replacing SGT Smithpeter.
- 14 March 1968; MSG Richard R. Bell appointed Chief of Fire Battery, replacing SSG Robert L. Tilley, discharge.
- 6 May 1968: 2LT Derald L. Clow appointed Assistant Executive Officer, joined from Battery "C" 1st Battalion 158th Artillery.
- 18 June 1968: 2LT Charles R. Hudson attached from HHD, OKARNG and assigned as Training Officer, replacing to 2LT Jimmie L. Vogt.
- 2 July 1968: 2LT Bobby D. Thomasson joined from Service Battery 1st Battalion 158th Artillery and assigned Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Derald L. Clow, transferred to USAR.
- 19 August 1968: PFC Gabe M. Chittum assigned as Training NCO, replacing SP4 Ray L. Watts.
- 1 September 1968: CPT Ira D. Hart Jr. assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT Bobby R. Jantz, transferred to HHB 45th Artillery Group.
- 28 September 1968: SSG Charles W. Watts assigned as Chief of Firing Battery replacing MSG Richard R. Bell, discharged. SGT Charles E. White assigned as 4th Howitzer Section Chief, replacing SSG Watts.

**History of Battery "B", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** The year 1968 was an eventful one for Bravo Battery of the 158 FA. It began with a redesignation of the battery on February 1 from a 105mm Howitzer outfit to an 8" unit. This came as a result of the reorganization of the division. Hardly anybody realize any sense of change until the morning the 10-ton truck pulled into our motor pool with an 8" Howitzer behind it. There were several cries of disbelief when the gun crews began inspecting this new weapon. It made their old 105mm look like a toy, and they sensed that is new tube would require extra effort and teamwork.

On February 18, the Firing Battery had their first classes on their new weapon. Corporal David DeLong proved to be the first casualty. He released the clutch without having a good grip on the elevated hand wheel. As a result of low nitrogen pressure in the equilibrators the tube started down, spinning the handwheel wildly. After receiving a couple of shots from the wheel, Corporal DeLong was treated for a badly sprained wrist. He quickly learned the importance of safety while working around the 8" howitzer.

Throughout the year the battery participated in riot control training. Although there was grumbling in the ranks they realized the importance of the training.

On March 10th, the battery travel to Fort Sill for an orientation class on the 8" self-propelled weapon. It did not take the gun Crews long to decide that the SP was a better deal than the 8" towed. Other trips were made to Fort Sill for qualification and familiarization with MI, 45 caliber pistol, and 30 caliber M.G. These drills will usually enjoyed by the battery. July was an important month to us, because we picked up about 20 new recruits. They were quickly sent off to basic training, and after a short time we begin to get reports of their excellent performance. We think these new members an invaluable asset to the battery. July also meant summer camp for us. There was a great deal of excitement, because we were ready to show everybody and everyone how much we learned about our new weapon in 6 months. The first week was spent dry firing which made everyone impatient, but we finally got around to about 10:00 at night. Even with the handicap of darkness, "Bravo" was laid about 10:00 at night. Even with the handicap of darkness "Bravo" was laid and ready to fire in 28 minutes. July ended a very successful season for 1SG Dale Spruill. 1SG Spruill was one of two Oklahoman Guardsman selected to fire on the all guard rifle team in March. He attended rifle matches in 13 states. The team placed first on three of the matches, competing against all armed forces and civilian rifle teams.

After summer camp, we got down to the business of getting ready for AGI, CMMI, and our yearly Audit. About the same time Major Joe A. Wheeler became the new Battalion commander.

In December, the battery put on an 8" Howitzer demonstration in the Ward Mall, parking lot in Duncan.

The unit started 1968 with inexperienced gun crews. But after the weekends, and Summer Camp training they were

performing like season troops.

- 22 February 1968: CPL David L. DeLong appointed chief of section, replacing SSG Robert M. Owsley H.D. (Honorable Discharge) ETS (Expiration of Time in Service).
- 8 March 1968: SP5 Ray F. Williams appointed Mess Sergeant replacing SGT Bobby G. Graybill, H.D. change of address.
- 22 November 1968: PVT James L. Parson appointed Battery Clerk replacing SP4 Kenneth W. Collinsworth H.D. enlist in USAR.

**History of Battery "C", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** On February 1, 1968 HH&S Battery 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery (105-mm Howitzer Towed) was reorganized to be Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Artillery (8" Howitzer Towed). This was a significant change for the men and I think most were a little skeptical when our first 8" gun rolled into the armory. Being a HH&S Battery we didn't have much chance to be around the guns, but we took a giant step forward in size of the piece also. Not many of the men that ever seen, much less fired a weapon, of such caliber. But I will admit "C" battery stood tall and understood the added responsibility of being a firing element. Many changes in job requirements had to be accepted by most of the men in the battery.

It took many hours of training for Charlie to undergo the transition from HH&S to a firing battery. Charlie was the only battery in the 45th Artillery Group to receive Fire Superior ratings, a mark well worth a little glory.

Although summer camp really turned out well for Charlie, there was one incident that didn't turn out so well. Each battery had a designated night to rest, or play whichever be the case. Passes will given to members of battery and it was usually a joyous occasion for everyone, except poor Charlie. It seems as though Battalion was having a film on riot control procedures which was mandatory for each battery to attend. You guessed it! The two nights coincided and Charlie had to give up its only night off.

During the year much attention was given to the available schools at Fort Sill. Many drills were devoted to sending personnel to these various schools so Charlie could more easily make the transition.

Other subjects of interest there and drill dates included the January, February, and March meetings. During these drills Charlie went to Fort Sill for orientation classes on an 8" self-propelled Howitzer M110. Also a riot control refresher course emphasizing squad and platoon formations, was taught.

During the November drill Charlie took a surprise physical training test. As usual they passed with flying colors which proves again that Charlie is ready, even for the unexpected. 2nd Lieutenant Johnson, Unit Historian.

- 1 February 1968: 1LT David H. Hensley appointed Battery Commander, replacing 1LT Freddie C. Rick's, resigned. 1SG William G. Spangler appointed 1SG replacing MSG Robert E. Ladwig.
- SFC Robert E. Ladwig appointed Supply NCO, replacing SGT Harvey C. Stockton. SFC Thomas J. Hickey appointed Ammo NCO replacing SSG R. D. Robnett. SGT Everett N. Johnston appointed Commo NCO, replacing MSG Thomas J. Hickey. SFC Charles L. Bitsche appointed Chief Firing Battery. SSG R. D. Robnett appointed Chief Howitzer Section. SGT Michael R. Meigs appointed Chief Howitzer Section. SGT Thomas G. Busby appointed Chief Howitzer Section. SSG John J. Miracle appointed Chief Howitzer Section.
- 6 May 1968: 2LT Kenneth W. Bray appointed Battery Commander, replacing 1LT David H. Hensley. 2LT Jim R. Swafford appointed Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Kenneth W. Bray.
- 3 August 1968: 1LT David H. Hensley appointed Battery Commander, replacing 2LT Kenneth W. Bray. 2LT Kenneth W. Bray appointed Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Jim R. Swafford, appointed Assistant Executive Officer.
- 15 November 1968: 2LT James E. Johnson appointed Communications Officer. 2LT John S. Cole appointed Mess Officer. 2LT John R. Everly appointed Motor Officer. 2LT James E. Johnson Unit Historian.

**History of Service Battery, 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** On 1 February 1968 our unit was redesignated Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Artillery and reorganize as artillery battalion. We were authorized strength of 3 officers, 3 warrant officers and 68th enlisted man. We have since had three changes in strength allowed and are currently authorized 3 officers, 3 WOs and 60 enlisted men. We were formerly Company "B" 700 Maintenance Battalion. Effective on reorganization LTC Larry E. Stephenson was appointed Battalion Commander and CPT Jerry W. Glandon was appointed Service Battery Commander.

Our first assemble was devoted to Riot Control Training and in keeping with our State Mission. Colonel John Coffey, XO, OMD, was present. On 10 March our unit moved to Fort Sill for briefing and orientation on the 8" M110 Self-Propelled Howitzer. Our April through July assemblies was utilized primarily for MOS training and for all the battery sections. In addition to this training we established a bivouac in Bateman Woods at Fort Sill and conducted Small Arms firing on the 18 & 19 May. A Practice Alert was conducted on 21 June highlighted by visit by LTC Frederick J. Rice, XO, 45th Artillery Group.

AFT was from 27 July to 11 August on Fort Sill. We arrived at Camp Eagle at 1000 hours 27 July. We spent the remainder of Saturday and all day Sunday establishing quarters and preparing for the first week activity. The entire first week was spent on OJT training. Highlights of the first week's activities were the Battalion Retreat Parade Friday afternoon and the Governor's Day Review Saturday morning. All Personnel enjoyed time off Saturday and were ready to move to the field on Monday morning.

Our second week was spent in Tactical Training in the field. We participated in a GP FTX on Monday requiring us to move into a Forward Assembly Area initially and finally making a night move into the Battalion forward position. Tuesday through Thursday we supported the firing batteries as they fired 200 rounds of 8" ammo. On Friday we moved back to Camp Eagle and spent the day on Maintenance, Muster of Troops and prepared for the move home. Saturday morning we moved back to our Armory arriving at 0835 hours and worked the remainder of the weekend on maintenance.

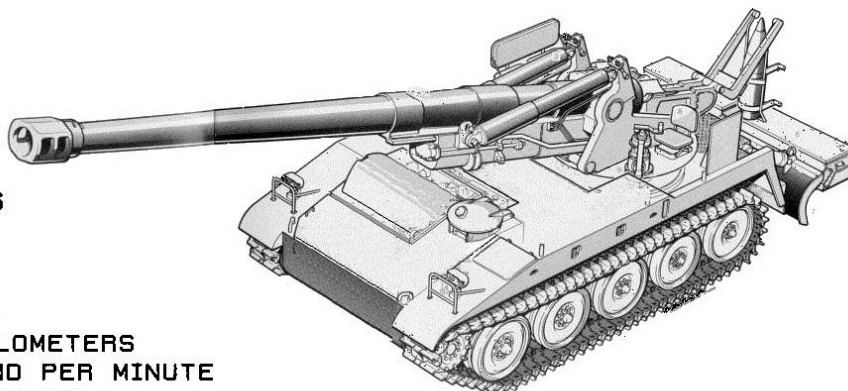
Our August assembly found CMMI, Audit and AGI just around the corner. The weekend was a busy one with Maintenance getting most of the attention. On 1 September Major Joe A. Wheeler was appointed Battalion Commander as Lieutenant LTC Stephenson retired. The September and October assemblies were used to accomplish firing. The November and December assemblies were busy with maintenance. Jerry W. Glendon Captain, Unit Historian.

- 1 April 1968: CW2 Gene E. Wells assigned unit Supply Tech for 1120th Maintenance Company (DS) (Div), Holdenville, Oklahoma, replacing CW4 Vincent B. Shaffer assigned USAR standby.
- 17 June 1968: E-6 SSG Darrel L. Bishop assigned unit Motor Sergeant replacing SSG E-6 Kerry L. Ball, discharged.
- 3 August 1968: 2LT Richard L. Sowle assigned unit Ammunition Officer from unit excess.

## M110 Howitzer (203mm) SP

### CHARACTERISTICS

LENGTH: 35 FEET  
 WIDTH: 10 FEET  
 HEIGHT: 10 FEET  
 WEIGHT: 28 TONS  
 SPEED: 30 MPH  
 RANGE: 300 MILES  
 CREW: 13



### ARMAMENT

TYPE: 203 mm  
 RANGE: 29 KILOMETERS  
 RATE OF FIRE: 1 ROUND PER MINUTE  
 PROJECTILE: 200 POUNDS

### **HBB, 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	LTC Larry E. Stephenson	Excess	CPT Luther G. Webb
Executive Officer	MAJ Robert E. Sims	Excess	CPT Claude E. Wheeler
S3	MAJ Joe A. Wheeler	Excess	1LT Charles E. Schmidt
Motor Officer	CPT Charles E. Myers	Excess	2LT Donald R. Coulson
Battalion Surgeon	CPT William T. Morse	Excess	2LT Herbert O'Neal
Communications Officer	CPT Junior D. McLemore	Excess	2LT Marvin D. Self
Liaison Officer	CPT Chester L. Carlton	Battery Commander	CPT William H. Crawford
S1	2LT Calvin E. Koonce	First Sergeant	SFC John W. Walker
S2	CPT Charles W. Wootten	Mess Sergeant	SFC Clem B. Brooks
Assistant S3	CPT John E. Cruse	Supply Sergeant	SSG Kenneth M. Dorrell
Sergeant Major	1SG Richard E. Bowers	Motor Sergeant	SSG Don L. Grissom
Excess	MAJ Harmon H. Horst	1st Cook	PFC James H. Lents
Excess	MAJ Bill M. Penwright	1st Cook	PVT Lonnie G. Dye
Excess	MAJ Melford L. Scott	Armorer	PFC William A. Stephen II
Excess	CPT Merrill B. Burruss Jr.	Battery Clerk	PFC William R. Morris
Excess	CPT Ira D. Hart Jr.	Cook	PVT Clarence K. Symes
Excess	CPT Evan L. Horne	Cook	PVT Chester L. Fisher
Excess	CPT Kenneth O. Northcutt	Vehicle Mechanic	SGT Ivan R. Norton
Excess	CPT Jesse H. Sheppard	Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Leland R. Terrell

Cooks Helper	PFC L. D. Pinchback	Communications Chief	SFC Woodrow F. Robinson
Mechanics Helper	SP4 D. D. Barrett	Senior Message Clerk	PFC Gordon L. Heying II
Mechanics Helper	SP4 R. L. Barrett	Agent	SP4 Dewey L. Harris
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Larry K. Rackley	Message Clerk	PFC Billy W. Godfrey
Supply Clerk	PFC Larry E. Olmstead	Radio Telephone Operator	PVT James D. Crossland
Headquarters Clerk	PFC David L. Thompson	Section Chief	SFC Lewis E. Ahrens
Mail Delivery Clerk	PFC James A. Podoco	Team Chief	SP4 V. S. Henderson Jr.
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Michael A. Allen	Team Chief	SP5 Roger Vandervort
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Stephen K. Parris	Team Chief	SSG Don A. Hanley
Intelligence Sergeant	SFC Don J. Bowden	Team Chief	SGT Charles M. Daugherty
Operations Sergeant	SFC Ronald E. Jarvis	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Danny S. Roper
Clerk Typist	PFC Cleo M. Otipoby	Senior Wireman	SP4 Clifford A. Cantwell
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Ronald R. Russell	Senior Wireman	SP4 Harvey G. Patterson
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT James B. McIninch	Senior Wireman	SP4 Walter W. Tadlock
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Joe R. Davis	Senior Wireman	SP4 Clarence L. Williams
Chief FDC	SSG Edward E. Hall	Switchboard Operator	PFC Charles D. Langston
Assistant Chief Computer	SP5 Ronald Walker	Switchboard Operator	SP4 Johnny L. Hyatt
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Ernest R. Bolin	Switchboard Operator	SP4 Eddie C. Sims
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Jimmy R. Daubert	Wireman	SP5 Jerry D. Sorrow
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Larry W. Andrews	Wireman	SP5 Jerry C. Patrick
Chart Operator	PFC Donny B. Lindsey	Wireman	SP4 Larry J. Morris
Chart Operator	PFC Lynn D. White	Wireman	SP4 Jerry D. Null
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Billy J. Josefy	Wireman	PFC James D. Burk
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Calvin L. Keller	Wireman	PFC Weldon Koweno Jr.
Chief Surveyor	SGT S. E. Morse	Wireman	PFC Clyde R. Narcomey
Chief of the Survey Party	SP4 G. D. Brown	Wireman	PFC Stephen C. Jennings
Chief of the Survey Party	SGT Rodney C. Mastin	Wireman	PVT Kenneth W. Etter
Chief of the Survey Party	SP5 Billy C. Cummings	Wireman	PVT Paul G. McCarley
Survey Computer	PFC Larry L. Kendall	Radio Section Chief	SFC George L. E. McDaniel
Survey Computer	SP4 J. L. Kuykendall	Team Chief	SP5 Vernon R. Ward
Survey Computer	PFC G. J. Erkenbrack	Team Chief	SP4 Charles R. Tucker
Survey Computer	PVT Jimmy E. Thomas	Team Chief	SP4 Sam E. Countiss
Survey Computer	SP4 Roy L. Thacker	Senior Radio Mechanic	SP4 George G. Phillips
Instrument Operator	SP4 Ray A. Adams	Radio Mechanic	SP4 Gary M. Hancock
Instrument Operator	PFC Tom V. Davis	Radio TeleType Operator	PFC Phillip T. Loyd
Instrument Operator	PFC Howard L. Hill	Radio TeleType Operator	PFC Phillip G. Waggoner
Survey Recorder	PFC T. J. Challacombe Jr.	Radio TeleType Operator	PFC Arthur E. Simmons
Survey Recorder	PFC R. T. McAnally	Radio TeleType Operator	PFC Cyrus S. Gover III
Survey Recorder	PFC Jimmy R. Mele	Radio TeleType Operator	PFC Richard L. Radke
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Q. E. Tonemah	Radio TeleType Operator	PFC William L. Quoetone
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Carl L. Kelsay	Radio TeleType Operator	PFC Don R. Schroeder
ROD Tapeman	SP4 R. N. Burk	Radio TeleType Operator	PFC R. E. Stapleton
ROD Tapeman	PFC J. W. Teague	Medical Section Chief	SSG H. W. Rigsby
ROD Tapeman	PFC L. D. Teague	Senior Medical Aidman	PFC R. R. Tipton
TOD Tapeman	PFC D. L. Wilson	Ambulance Driver	PFC Edward E. Calfy
ROD Tapeman	SP4 L. L. Crow	Battery Aidman	SP4 Roger A. Moore
Liaison Sergeant	SSG L. W. Carter	Aid Station Attendant	PVT John A. Duncan
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Dennis H. Easter		
Asst Communications Officer	2LT Darrell L. Farris		

**Battery "A", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Bobby R. Jantz	Team Chief	SGT Francis L. Smithpeter
First Sergeant	1SG Harvey D. Hitt	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Phillip S. Lankister
Mess Sergeant	SGT Charles L. Payne	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Jimmy D. Yearwood
Motor Sergeant	SGT Terrell R. Voyles	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Eddie C. Arrowood
Supply Sergeant	SFC Leslie E. Blaylock	Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Billy J. Conley
First Cook	SP5 Cleland A. Staggs	Communication Agent	PFC Donald L. Norton
First Cook	PFC Melvin H. Morrow	Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Hugh W. Gossett
Senior Track Mechanic	SGT Michael J. Dobry	Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Gerald L. Menasco
Battery Clerk	PFC Donald L. Dickson	Field Wireman	PFC Ronald D. Slater
Cook	SP4 Donald W. Lowe	Field Wireman	PFC Maynard W. Rooker
Cook	PFC Kelly A. Weddle	Field Wireman	PFC Lyndel R. East
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Curtis W. Sage	Executive Officer	1LT William R. Nixon
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Edward D. Beets	Chief Firing Battery	SSG Robert L. Tilley
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Willard R. Taylor	Fire Direction Computer	SGT Floyd R. Harrison
Cooks Helper	PVT Ralph W. Myers	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Bernard L. Ralston
Mechanic Helper	PFC Johnny F. Kobza	Artillery Mechanic	PFC Reuben D. Vincent
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Donnie J. Galindo	Chart Operator	PFC Don F. O'Rear
Supply Specialist	SGT Darrell D. Lange	Chart Operator	PFC Billy D. Stephenson
Commo Section Chief	SSG Gerald W. Hill	Instrument Operator	PFC Gene A. Stidham
Team Chief	SGT James H. Wiley	Command Post Driver	SP4 Burl R. West

Artillery Recorder	PFC Donald R. Dobry	2nd Section Chief	SSG William R. Herron
Assembler	SGT Victor D. Cohlmaia	Gunner	SGT Paul G. Kniffin
Assembler	SP4 Jefferson T. Montgomery	Assistant Gunner	PFC Michael L. Lovell
Assembler	SGT Tommy W. Hobbs	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 James R. Gatlin
Assembler	SGT Bobby D. Thomasson	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Jerry J. Miller
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Morris C. Klingman	Cannoneer	PFC John L. Gilleland
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Ronald J. Martin	Cannoneer	PFC Henry H. Kobza
Ammo Section Chief	SGT Lynndel A. Bentley	Cannoneer	PFC Terry W. Sparkman
Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Jerry R. King	Cannoneer	PFC Robert E. Williams
Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Clayton E. Scott	3rd Section Chief	SSG Kenneth D. Weaver
Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Freddie D. Reynolds	Gunner	PFC Glenn B. Funk
Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Lavern L. Stidham	Assistant Gunner	PFC David E. Lampkin
Ammunition Handler	SP4 Neal W. Stidham	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Troy F. Loula
Ammunition Handler	PFC Bobby G. Morrow	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Walter T. Brown
Ammunition Handler	SP4 Gerald Eckiwaudah	Cannoneer	PFC David G. Glenn
Ammunition Handler	PFC Dennis W. Williams	Cannoneer	PFC Gary D. Lindley
Ammunition Handler	PVT Joe D. Hart	Cannoneer	PFC Ralph N. Subia
Ammunition Handler	PVT Jerry D. Williams	Cannoneer	SGT Larry C. Rehl
Ammunition Handler	PVT Johnny R. Brookshire	4th Section Chief	SSG Charles W. Watts
Ammunition Handler	PVT Samuel W. McMichael	Gunner	SGT Charles E. White
1st Section Chief SGT	Paul E. Laferr	Assistant Gunner	PFC Jimmy C. Bartlett
Gunner	CPL Richard G. Palczynsky	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Leon N. Harrison
Assistant Gunner	PFC Lionel K. Bentley	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Monty G. Howell
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Cecil H. Sawyer Jr.	Cannoneer	PFC Jerry L. Heavin
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Ray L. Watts	Cannoneer	PFC Paul L. Martinez
Cannoneer	PFC Orval R. Barringer	Cannoneer	PFC Richard D. Taylor
Cannoneer	PFC Ray Hoover Jr.	Cannoneer	SGT Charles R. Hudson
Cannoneer	PFC Billy D. Smith	Excess	2LT Jimmie L. Vogt
Cannoneer	PFC Albert D. Thompson	Excess	MSG Richard R. Bell

**Battery "B", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	2LT Charles D. Houston	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Teddy M. Gilbert
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Donald L. Davis
Mess Steward	SP5 Robert J. Deaton	Chief of 1st Section	SGT Ralph J. Cole
Motor Sergeant	SGT George W. Wright	Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Billy G. Strickland
Supply Sergeant	SP4 Dwight E. Baker	Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Robert M. Owsley
First Cook	SP5 Paul D. Thomas	Chief of 4th Section	SFC Robert L. Stringer
First Cook	SP4 Eddie W. Bates	Gunner	CPL David L. DeLong
Senior Track Mechanic	SP4 Dennis H. Davis	Gunner	CPL Thomas P. Newkirk
Battery Clerk	SP4 Kenneth L. Collinsworth	Gunner	SP4 Danny D. Burton
Cook	SP4 Larry G. Presgrove	Gunner	SP4 Billy J. Griffin
Cook	SP4 Charles A. Kinney	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Ken C. Perkins
Track Mechanic	SP4 Robert G. Morris	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Burl J. St.Clair
Track Mechanic	SP4 Billy E. Bernard	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Roy P. Gibson
Cooks Helper	SP4 Billy M. Dixon	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Travis H. Bryant Jr.
Mechanics Helper	SP4 Thomas D. Hilburn	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Quenton R. Manuel
Unit Supply Specialist	SP4 Robert M. Jones	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Johnnie L. Kuykendall
Communications Chief	SP4 James L. Woodruff	Prime Mover Driver	SGT Thomas L. Ledford
Team Chief	SP4 Larry D. Sims	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Harold F. Riedhof Jr.
Team Chief	SP4 Jimmy D. Johnson	Prime Mover Driver	PFC David E. Ragland
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Olan A. McClenny	Cannoneer	PFC George E. Hopkins
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Phillip W. Jones	Cannoneer	PFC David L. Miller
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Frank E. Kinney	Cannoneer	PFC Jerry W. Warren
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Danny W. Gray	Cannoneer	PFC Jimmy L. Pennington
Field Wireman	PVT Roven D. Walden	Cannoneer	PFC Glen R. Caldwell
Field Wireman	PFC Clarence W. Wright	Cannoneer	PFC Jesse G. Anderson
Executive Officer	2LT Phillip J. Sampson	Cannoneer	PFC Jesse G. Harrison
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT William L. Barnes	Cannoneer	SP4 Bennie F. Whiteley
Chief Firing Battery	SFC I.B. Jones	Cannoneer	SP4 Terry O. Grey
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Nicky D. Morrison	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Gerald W. Darity
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Jackie K. Morrison	Heavy Truck Driver	SGT Bobby G. Graybill
Instrument Operator	SGT Kent D. Wilson	Heavy Truck Driver	CPL Larry R. Morphis
Artillery Recorder	SP4 Don E. Covington	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Freeman
Assembler	SP4 Frank E. Kiser	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Larry E. Foster
Assembler	CPL Russell L. Presgrove		

**Battery "C", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT David H. Hensley	Motor Sergeant	SP5 Howard M. Tims
First Sergeant	1SG William G. Spangler	Supply Sergeant	SFC Robert E. Ladwig
Mess Steward	SSG Dorance W. Clifton	First Cook	SP5 Lovell Taylor



First Cook	SP4 Mearl L. Malone	Cannoneer	PFC Jerry B. Lair
Senior Track Mechanic	SP4 Anthony F. Koehler	Cannoneer	PFC Bill A. Gibbs
Battery Clerk	SP5 Eddie M. Tubb	Cannoneer	PFC Phillip D. Workman
Cook	SP4 Jessie J. Kyees	Cannoneer	PFC Robert L. Whitner
Cook	SP4 Jerry D. Brand	Chief of 2nd Section	SP5 Thomas G. Busby
Cooks Helper	PFC Doil May Jr.	Gunner	SGT Victor B. Bolin
Supply Clerk	PVT Donald R. Gannon	Assistant Gunner	CPL Lyndol R. Harris
Executive Officer	2LT Kenneth W. Bray	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Cubie Loveless
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Jim R. Swafford	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Terry D. Stroud
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Charles L. Bitsche	Cannoneer	PFC Roy W. Carver
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Larry D. Moore	Cannoneer	PFC Steve M. Hellwege
Fire Direction Computer	PFC Billy D. Morris	Cannoneer	PFC Franklin A. Cockerham
Artillery Mechanic	SP4 William C. Coffee	Cannoneer	PVT Donnie R. Alcorn
Chart Operator	SP4 Richard L. Costlow	Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Michael R. Meigs
Chart Operator	PFC Bobby W. Word	Gunner	SP5 Russell L. Cocheran
Instrument Operator	SP4 Howard L. McElroy	Assistant Gunner	CPL Roger D. Miracle
Recorder	PFC Jesse F. Smith	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Richard A. Bennett
Assembler	SGT Albert T. Shipley	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Thomas G. Rogers
Chief of Ammo Section	SFC Thomas J. Hickey	Cannoneer	PFC Gary D. Jones
Heavy Truck Driver	SGT Clyde S. Baxter Jr.	Cannoneer	PFC W. R. Hightower
Heavy Truck Driver	SSG Terry L. Singleton	Cannoneer	PFC Patrick A. Brooks
Ammunition Handler	SP4 William G. Roberts	Chief of 4th Section	SSG John W. Miracle
Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Shipley	Gunner	SGT Gary D. Steelman
Ammunition Handler	PFC Emit B. Clark III	Assistant Gunner	CPL Walter L. Davis
Ammunition Handler	SGT Harvey C.L. Stockton	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Terry L. Childress
Communications Chief	SGT Everentt N. Johnston	Prime MOver Driver	PFC Ronald Smith
Team Chief	SP4 Robert D. Coffey	Cannoneer	SP4 Steven L. Winn
Team Chief	PFC Benny R. Billy	Cannoneer	SP4 Buddy D. Winn
Radio TeleType Operator	PFC Larry D. Hinton	Cannoneer	PFC Ronnie L. Manning
Senior Switchboard Operator	PFC Stanley D. Wenzel	OCS	SGT John S. Cole
Senior Wireman	SP4 Jimmy J. Fielding	OCS	SGT John R. Everly
Switchboard Operator	PFC Loyd B. Cantrell	OCS	SGT James E. Johnson
Wireman	PFC Edward D. Wendling	OCS	SGT John S. Powers Jr.
Wireman	PFC Bobby R. Shurbet	Excess	1LT John R. McCray Jr.
Wireman	PFC Billy D. Freeman	Excess	2LT Derald L. Clow
Chief of 1st Section	SSG R. D. Robnett	Excess	2LT Kenneth D. Thomas
Gunner	SGT Earl D. Still	Excess	WO1 James D. Essary
Assistant Gunner	CPL Elwood Clark	Excess	MSG Luther L. Chapin
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Leroy Mayhugh	Excess	SSG Edgar R. Blunt
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Gary D. Clampitt		

**Service Battery, 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Jerry W. Glandon	Loader Operator	SP4 Leroy Love
Executive Officer	2LT James C. Peck	Ordnance Supply Sergeant	PFC William R. Lynn Jr.
First Sergeant	SFC Otha O. Lambert	Recovery Mechanic	PVT Donald R. Graves
Mess Stewart	PFC Dan L. Wigington	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Marx L. Calhoun
Motor Sergeant	SSG Terry L. Ball	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 William L. Abbott
Supply Sergeant	SGT Floyd T. Todd	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Charles E. Wilson
First Cook	PFC Ronald L. Wigington	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP5 James L. Sikes
First Cook	PFC Bobby J. Bagwell	Welder	PFC John W. Richardson Jr.
Armorer	PFC Ernest F. Godlove	Wrecker Operator	SP4 Billy R. Buehne
Battery Clerk	PFC Sam A. Joyner	Mechanic Helper	PVT Eugene W. McClung
Cook	SP4 Leslie Sneed Jr.	Mechanic Helper	PVT Preston L. Dorman
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Joseph P. Stuever	Unit Supply Technician	CW4 Vincent B. Shaffer
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Jerry W. Bennett	Supply Sergeant	SFC Roylee C. Reynolds
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Walter D. Campbell	Assistant Agent	SFC Gene Ingle
Cooks Helper	PFC Jack E. Lythe	General Supply Specialist	SSG Robert D. Clift
Mechanic Helper	SP5 Samuel L. Jenkins	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Vernon M. Hedrick
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Charles B. Smith	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Randall R. Brown
Field SWitchboard Operator	SP4 Batrhell Little Chief	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Larrl L. Cagle
Unit Personnel Technician	CW2 Dennis R. Roper	Supply Clerk	PFC James D. Dean
Personnel Sergeant	SSG Joseph L. Stevens Jr.	Supply Clerk	PFC Paul K. Gilbreath
Personnel Specialist	PVT Jerry E. Otis	Ammo Supply Sergeant	SFC Jack R. Vandyke
Senior Pay Specialist	PFC Charles E. Freeman	Ammunition Agent	PFC Carl E. Miller
Pay Specialist	PFC Michael C. Hinson	Ammunition Agent	SP4 Thomas M. Shields
Personnel Record Specialist	PFC Gerald C. Lane	1st Ammo Section Chief	SGT Philip M. Phelps
Senior Record Specialist	SP4 Roy D. Chain	Ammunition Specialist	PFC Lonnie L. Whatley
Auto Maintenance Technician	CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliary	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 William D. Hargrove Jr.
Motor Maintenance Sergeant	SSG Robert J. Crabtree	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT William E. Evans
Senior Recovery Mechanic	SSG Darrel L. Bishop	Ammunition Handler	PVT Royce Kerfoot
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Richard L. Stuever	2nd Ammo Section Chief	SP5 Ernest J. Mundkowski Jr.

Ammunition Specialist	SP4 Frank Kowena	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Robert E. McKnight
Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Glydell R. Pawless	Excess	1LT Freddy C. Ricks
Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Gerald W. Knight	Excess	2LT Richard L. Sowle
Ammunition Handler	SP4 Kenneth J. Mitchell	Excess	2LT Bob H. Wiseman
3rd Ammo Section Chief	SP5 John F. Conley	Excess	CW2 B. L. Brenc
Ammunition Specialist	SP5 Delbert M. White	Excess	SFC Donald G. Poolaw
Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 James A. Boydston	Excess	SFC Jerry V. L. Wilson
Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Terry L. Perryman	Excess	SGT Elijah Jackson
Ammunition Handler	PVT Johnny G. Coffey		

### **EXTRACT FROM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL HISTORY 1969**

The 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery moved into 1969 in much the same manner as most previous years, with January Annual General Inspection. All batteries did well on the AGI's, particularly in view of the reorganization in February 1968. Command Maintenance and Management Inspections were conducted in February and again all units met the challenge with some real fine scores.

With the holidays and inspections behind us we move quickly into our Civil Disturbance Training mission. A full scale Battalion CPX/FTX was to be conducted but was toned down somewhat because of difficulties in obtaining adequate training areas. The months remaining prior to Annual Field Training was spent in Primary Mission Training and practicing for the battery level Army Training Tests. This was a somewhat critical period in that this Battalion was just getting its feet on the ground since being organized as an 8-inch Howitzer Battalion. Practice Battery ATT's were scheduled for the 1969 camp and most of the efforts of the Battalion was devoted to Field Artillery Procedures related to the test.



A Battalion Audit was conducted in July, which revealed some excellent work in the Supply field by a AST's in the Battalion and especially by the Staff Supply Assistant. The Battalion was awarded a "Superior" Rating for their efforts.

The Battalion moved to the 1969 Annual Field Training site, Camp Eagle, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in an August, Oklahoma downpour. Saturday and Sunday were spent in setting up camp and preparing for the schedule training. The first week was utilized for dry run Recon, Selection and Occupation of Position training, operating out of the Camp Eagle

Cantonment area. A Battalion Retreat Parade was held on Friday and several retired and retiring members were honored. The Annual Review was conducted Saturday morning. The second week of Camp included Live Fire Exercises with, Service Practice, ATT's, and a Group Time on Target (TOT).

In September all units received training and Special Emphasis subjects which are annual requirements. The drill in October was utilized in conducting small arms Qualification and Familiarization at the Fort Sill ranges. The remaining drills in 1969 consisted primarily of Maintenance and preparation for inspections.

The year 1969 was a memorable and valuable time for the Battalion, as assessed by this writer. A situation comparable to the rebuilding of a tornado torn area existed, referring of course to the reorganization of 1968. During 1969 the clearing process was completed, the foundation laid on sound footing, and the reconstruction got fully under way. If future years are as productive as the one just past, the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery is destined to be recognized as a top-notch operation.

**History of HHB, 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** The year of 1969 was a memorable one for HHB 1/158 FA. First started off the New Year by receiving a "Satisfactory" rating on AGI conducted 9 January 1969 by LTC Manfred R. Quantz, IG, U.S. Army, followed by a successful CMMI conducted 26 February 1969 by personnel from CFMS.

In the start of 1969 this unit was commanded by CPT Charles W. Wooten, who departed this unit in March to accept full-time employment with the National Guard as a Staff Training Assistant with the 120th Engineer Battalion.

MG Francis J. Murdoch, Deputy Commander for Reserve Components, visited the unit in March 1969 and observed training. He was favorably impressed with the training and the status of the unit.

The battery attended the second period of AFT, since reorganization in February 1968 from a Cavalry Troop to a Field Artillery unit and showed the results of an additional years training since the previous AFT period. It was able to perform its mission with no reservations.

At AFT, a Retreat Parade was held in honor of MAJ Herman H. Horst, Battalion XO, on his impending retirement, At the Annual Governor Day Review, HHB was awarded the Adjutant General's Armory Improvement Award.

The Battery First Sergeant, 1SG Richard E. Bowers, attended the Air National Guard NCO Academy for completion of the second phase of the NCOA. Upon completion of the NCOA, 1SG Bowers received a letter from the Commandant Air National Guard NCOA on being a member of the "Honor Flight".

- 10 March 1969: CPT Francis P. O'Leary assumed Command of HHB, replacing CPT Charles W. Wooten, transferred to HHC 120th Engr Bn, Okmulgee, OK.
- 22 March 1969: CPT Ira D. Hart appointed Motor Officer, replacing CPT Charles E. Myers, transferred to SVC Btry 1/158 FA,
- 3 April 1969: SGT Sam E. Countiss, appointed Wire Section Chief, replacing SGT Clifford E. Cantwell, enlisted in U. S. Army.
- 30 April 1969: SP4 Robert B. Tipton, appointed Medical Section Sergeant, replacing SSG Rigsby, discharged. SGT Gary D. Brown, appointed Chief Surveyor, replacing SFC Donnie J. Bowden, transferred to HHB 1/171 FA.
- 9 May 1969: SFC Robert L. Stringer, Battalion Sergeant Major, upon transfer from Btry "B", 1/158 FA.
- 23 July 1969: SSG William F. Kinzer, appointed Supply Sergeant, replacing SSG Kenneth M. Dorrell, discharged. MSG Luther L. Chapin appointed Intelligence Sergeant, replacing SSG Ronald G. Walker, discharged. SP4 Jimmy R. Daubert, appointed Motor Sergeant, replacing SGT Ivan R. Norton, discharged.
- 29 September 1969: MAJ Carl R. Johnston, appointed Battalion S-3, replacing MAJ Melford L. Scott, transferred to EOH OKARNG.
- 20 October 1969: 1LT John C. Cline, transferred to Btry "C" 1/171 FA.
- 1 December 1969: CPT Ira D. Hart, duty changed from Motor Officer to Communications Officer. CPT Merrill B. Burruss, duty changed from S-2 to Assistant S-3. MAJ Ernest L. Hromas, appointed Battalion Executive Officer, replacing MAJ Herman H. Horst, transferred to USAR. CPT Henry H. Hensley, appointed Motor Officer upon transfer from Btry "C" 1/158FA. MAJ Carl L. Johnston resigned. CPT John W. Gaines, appointed S-2 upon transfer from HHB 45th FA Group. CPT Claude E. Wheeler, duty changed from Liaison Officer to S-3.

**History of Battery "A", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** All in all the year 1969 was a very uneventful year for the Officers and men of Battery "A" 1/158 FA. Our Annual General Inspection was conducted on 6 January 1969 by an AGI Team consisting of a Lieutenant Colonel and two Sergeants. This was unusual as far as this unit is concerned, since none of the personnel with the unit has ever had an AGI was more than just the Inspecting Officer. One thing that can be said for the team method though, they are much more efficient, but we came out alright after the dust has settled. CMSI was conducted on 6 February 1969 and Audit on 7 July 1969, did "okay" on both.

The year passed without a major reorganization, which is something of an event, though we did get a designation change in January. So, from 1 January 1969, we had been Battery "A", 1 Bn 158 FA, instead of Battery "A", 1 Bn Arty, since the Artillery has been split into two groups, Air Defense and Field Artillery.

The unit underwent a change of Battery Commanders effective 1 June 1969. 1LT William R. Nixon was appointed after CPT Ira D. Hart Jr. was called to the Battalion Staff. 1LT Nixon, who had been the Executive Officer, took the battery just prior to Summer Camp and did an outstanding job in his first command. He received numerous compliments and excellent reports from the 4th Army Evaluator and Battalion Officers and most important from the unit standpoint, was well received and work well with the man of the battery.

Annual Field Training was conducted at Camp Eagle from 2 - 16 August 1969. We "floated" into Camp Eagle the first day and set for one and a half hours waiting on the downpour to let up. Finally, deciding it wasn't going to stop, we fell out of the vehicles, marched to our bivouac area and started our first of two wet weeks of camp.

The unit lost one of its troopers when SP5 Bernard L. Ralston was killed in an auto accident near Vinita, Oklahoma on 2 June 1969. SP5 Ralston was a Fire Direction Computer in the FDC Section and had almost 6 years service. Members of the unit served as honorary pallbearers.

- 17 March 1969: SGT Ray L. Watts appointed Communications Section Chief, replacing SGT Francis L. Smithpeter.
- 1 June 1969: SP5 Michael J. Dobry appointed Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Terrell R. Voyles. 1LT William R. Nixon appointed Battery Commander, replacing CPT Ira D. Hart Jr., transferred to Battalion Staff. 2LT Bobby D. Thomasson appointed Executive Officer, replacing 1LT William R. Nixon. 2LT John R. Everly appointed Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Bobby D. Thomasson.
- 15 July 1969: SP4 Freddy D. Reynolds appointed Ammunition Section Chief, replacing SSG Lynndel A. Bentley.
- 1 October 1969: SP4 Leon N. Harrison appointed Motor Sergeant, replacing SP5 Michael J. Dobry.
- 27 October 1969: SP4 Jimmy D. Yearwood appointed Communications Team Chief, replacing SGT James H. Wiley.
- 31 December 1969: SP4 Melvin H. Morrow appointed Mess Steward, replacing SGT Charles L. Payne.

**History of Battery “B”, 1st Bn (8”) (SP) 158th Artillery:** Bravo battery, well seasoned on the 8-inch Howitzer, came of age in 1969. This was proven during several weeks of travel to Fort Sill for training in the FDC section and many weekends of RSOP on the Howitzer at our home unit. Then the results of a Summer Camp showed excellent time and teamwork for Bravo Battery.

Periodically during 1969, Riot Control Measures were reviewed to keep on the alert in case of Civil Disturbances. Precautions and liabilities placed on Guardsmen during a Riot Situation were explained during Riot and Civil Disturbance Classes. Incidents such as (17 May 1969) SP4 Billy E. Bernard slashing his hand on his own bayonet points out the necessity of learning to protect yourself yet be proficient in Control of Civil Disturbance.

Again in 1969, First Sergeant James D. Spruill was selected to fire on the “All Guard Rifle Team”. 1SG Spruill traveled several thousand miles (Los Angeles, New York, and Fort Benning, Georgia) representing Bravo Battery as a rifle expert. During April, SP4 Travis H. Bryant also scored high as a competitive Marksman at the 4th U.S. Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. 1SG Spruill in his ever concern for good competitive marksman to represent Bravo Battery, developed to new recruits who are very promising, Privates Hendricks and Byford.

During 1968, the Battery received 20 new recruits who returned from basic training at the beginning of 1969 with excellent performances. These new recruits supplemented the old experienced hands during Annual Field Training which produced recognition from both Battalion and Group.

Summer Camp, 2 August 1969, just 48 miles from home, Bravo Battery pulled into Camp Eagle for the first week of Annual Field Training. The first week was comprised of schools and practice for the second week’s tests and firing of the 8-inch Howitzers as a Battery, Battalion and 45th Field Artillery Group.

Bravo FDC, out performed other batteries in the battalion with experienced help of LT Cole and the Morrison brothers. Quickly picking up the charts was PVT Hinkie. Major Duckworth, renown for his ability as a field judge, complimented PVT Hinkie as a “short-timer” in FDC.

The Howitzer sections performed professionally on the 8 inch towed piece with, all crews recording a record time of 12 minutes for gun emplacement and “ready to fire”. Thus Bravo Battery was chosen to demonstrate gun positions to General Brown on Saturday morning at the end of the first week camp.

All activities at Summer Camp led to a very successful 2 weeks, showing Bravo professionalism in all functions as a 8-inch Howitzer Battery.

After Summer Camp our yearly Audit, AGI and CMMI, which “B” Battery passed with good ratings.

The October drill led Bravo back to Fort Sill to qualify on all its weapons; M1, .45 Cal pistol, 3.5 Rocket Launcher, 40mm Grenade Launcher, .30 caliber Machine Gun. This drill is always met with great excitement.

In November 1969, 1LT Willie L. Basler Jr. took Command of Bravo Battery, 1 Bn 158 Field Artillery, replacing CPT Charles D. Houston, who is the new Headquarters Training Officer. 1LT Basler came to Bravo, with enthusiasm as he and many others in the Oklahoma National Guard recognized Bravo Battery as a superior performing unit in 1969.

- 1969 Command changes Battery “B” 1st Battalion 158 Field Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma:
- 15 March 1969: 2LT John S. Cole, attached as Assistant Executive Officer.
- 1 May 1969: SP4 John R. Green, Battery Clerk replaces PVT James L. Parsons, transfer to Howitzer Section.

- 2 May 1969: SP5 Larry D. Harvill, appointed Mess Steward, replacing SP5 Roy D. Williams.
- 2 June 1969: 2LT William L. Barnes, appointed Battery Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Phillip S. Sampson, who transferred to "SVC" Btry.
- 7 October 1969: 2LT John S. Cole, appointed Battery Training Officer.
- 13 November 1969: 1LT Willie L. Basler Jr., assumed Command, to replace CPT Charles D. Houston, who transferred to HQ 1 Bn 158 FA as Battalion Training Officer.

**History of Battery "C", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** The year of 1969 was a good year for the Officers and men of Battery "C" 1st Battalion 158 FA. Our Annual General Inspection was conducted on 6 January 1969 by LTC Quantz, SGM Adlisich and SFC Eikanas from 4th U.S. Army Headquarters. CMMI was conducted on 6 February 1969 by the State Maintenance Shop with CW2 W. E. Smith in charge of the teams. The Unit Property and Books were audited by LTC Peters of the USPFO of Oklahoma. All in all we came out with good grades on all inspections.

Annual Field Training was conducted at Camp Eagle, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, from 2 August to 16 August 1969. After driving in a heavy downpour or Oklahoma rain storm we started our camp off in the mud. It was a muddy two weeks of Summer Camp.

The unit received a letter from Hurst-Beaton Post Number 54, Chickasha American Legion for taking part in the Veterans Day Program.

The unit underwent a change of Battery Commanders effective 1 December 1969. 1LT Kenneth W. Bray was appointed after CPT David H. Hensley was transferred to the Battalion Staff. 1LT Bray, who was Executive Officer, took the Battery and did an outstanding job of getting the equipment and man ready for our inspections shortly after he took command.

- 27 June 1969: 2LT Kenneth W. Bray was promoted to 1LT. 2LT Jim R. Swafford was promoted to 1LT.
- 7 July 1969: 1LT David H. Hensley was promoted to Captain.
- 23 July 1969: SP5 Howard M. Tims was promoted to SSG and was assigned as Motor Sergeant.
- 1 December 1969: 1LT Kenneth W. Bray was appointed Battery Commander, replacing CPT David H. Hensley, transferred to Battalion Staff. 1LT Jim R. Swafford was appointed Battery Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Kenneth W. Bray, who became Battery Commander. 1LT James E. Johnson was appointed as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Jim R. Swafford.

**History of Service Battery, 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** Summer Camp was conducted on Fort Sill, Oklahoma and it was wet and cold. August was hot but these were not your typical weather changes. The morning began very pleasantly but as the time approached for the convoy to depart, the sky grew very dark and the scent of an impending storm could be sensed by everybody. Personnel which had been loaded on vehicles were returned to the inside of the Armory for their protection from the elements. The wind grew so strong at one point, people could hardly stand against it. Like most Oklahoma storms, it passed very quickly as the cold front came through. After finally departing from the Armory, only an occasional spirit was dampened from the rain, such as CW2 to Dennis R. Roper who have volunteered for road guard duty at ended up very wet.

From such an exciting beginning, the first week can't feel right into place with everyone in Service Battery doing an excellent job. CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliard received very favorable comments from the Army Evaluator in his contribution to summer camp as Automotive Maintenance Technician. The Governor's Day Review was conducted Saturday August 9, 1969. Monday, of the second week, the unit occupied its bivouac site and on Tuesday, a 24-hour Tactical Problem was conducted. Service Battery supported the Battalion during the second week with service practice for the line batteries a major importance. Upon completion of the second week's training, Service Battery returned to Lawton without any incidents or injuries.

During the assembly in September the unit conducted much of his training in Mandatory Subjects. In October Qualification and Familiarization Training was accomplished at Fort Sill.

A Command Inspection was conducted in November with the remainder of the year spent preparing for the for AGI, CMMI, and Audit scheduled for the early part of the following year.

- 15 March 1969: SFC Jerry V.L. Wilson, appointed First Sergeant, replacing 1SG Otha O. Lambert, assigned to USAR Co "D", 378th Regiment, 95th Division.
- 18 March 1969: 2LT John R. Everly, appointed Executive Officer, replacing 2LT James C. Peck, assigned to additional TO&E position HHD Oklahoma Army National Guard.
- 22 March 1969: CPT Charles E. Myers, appointed Battery Commander replacing, CPT Jerry W. Glandon, assigned USAR Company "D", 378th Regiment, 95th Division.
- 1 June 1969: Phillip Sampson, appointed Executive Officer, replacing 2LT John R. Everly, assigned to Btry "A", 1 Bn 158 FA.

**HHB, 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	MAJ Joe A. Wheeler	Instrument Operator	SP4 Robert B. McAnally
Executive Officer	MAJ Herman H. Horst	Survey Recorder	SP4 Thomas V. Davis
S-3	MAJ Melford L. Scott	Survey Recorder	SP4 Larry A. Kendall
Battalion Motor Officer	CPT Charles E. Myers	Survey Recorder	SP4 Don R. Schroeder
Communications Officer	CPT Junior D. McLemore	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Karl L. Kelsay
Liaison Officer	CPT Claude E. Wheeler	Rodman Tapeman	PVT Eddy J. Hargraves
S-1	1LT Calvin E. Koonce	Rodman Tapeman	PVT Evans P. Warner
S-2	CPT Merrill B. Burruss	Rodman Tapeman	PVT Jimmie A. Willis
Battery Commander	CPT Charles W. Wooten	Liaison Sergeant	SP4 James A. Pahdoco
First Sergeant	1SG Richard E. Bowers	Radio Telephone Operator	SP4 Ronald M. Valdez
Dining Facility Manager	SFC Clem B. Brooks	Assistant Commo Officer	1LT Darrell L. Farris
Supply Sergeant	SSG Kenneth M. Dorrell	Communications Chief	SFC George L. E. McDaniel
Motor Sergeant	SGT Ivan R. Norton	Senior Message Clerk	SP4 Verne S. Henderson
First Cook	SP4 James H. Lents	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Ronald M. Lodes
First Cook	SP4 Chester L. Fisher	Wire Section Chief	SGT Clifford A. Cantwell
Armorer	SP4 William A. Stephens	Wire Team Chief	SP4 Bobby D. Booth
Battery Clerk	SP4 William R. Morris	Wire Team Chief	SP4 Sam E. Countiss
Cook	SP4 Clarence Symes	Wire Team Chief	SP4 Eddie C. Sims
Cook	PFC Lonnie G. Dye	Wire Team Chief	SP4 Danny S. Roper
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Donald D. Barrett	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Charles D. Langston
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Ronald L. Barrett	Senior Team Field Wireman	SP4 Larry A. Morris
Mechanic Helper	PFC Walter W. Tadlock	Senior Team Field Wireman	SP4 Richard L. Radke
Mechanic Helper	PFC Leland R. Terrell	Senior Team Field Wireman	SP4 John E. Kuykendall
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Dennis H. Easter	Senior Team Field Wireman	SP4 Dewey L. Harris
Supply Clerk	PFC Larry E. Olmstead	Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Kenneth L. Danham
Headquarters Clerk	PFC Phillip T. Loyd	Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Carroll N. Fisher
Mail Clerk	PFC Joe R. Davis	Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Jerry D. Null
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Kenneth Morris	Field Wireman	PFC Calvin E. Williams
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC James B. McIninch	Field Wireman	PFC Don R. Wilson
Assistant S-3	1LT John L. Kline	Field Wireman	PFC James D. Crossland
Intelligence Sergeant	SSG Ronald L. Walker	Field Wireman	PFC James D. Burk
Operations Sergeant	SFC Ronald E. Jarvis	Field Wireman	PFC Kenneth W. Etter
Clerk	SP4 Cleo M. Otipoby	Field Wireman	PFC Billy W. Godfrey
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Stephen K. Parris	Field Wireman	PFC Gordon L. Heying
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Michael L. Allen	Field Wireman	PFC Calvin L. Keller
Chief FDC	SSG Edward D. Hall	Field Wireman	PFC Weldon Koweno
Assistant Chief FDC	SGT Rodney C. Mastin	Field Wireman	PFC Ronald R. Russell
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Jimmy R. Daubert	Field Wireman	PFC Clyde R. Narcomey
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 David L. Thompson	Field Wireman	PFC Paul G. McCarley
Chart Operator	SP4 Billy W. Josefy	Commo Section Chief	SGT George W. Phillips
Chart Operator	SP4 Howard L. Hill	Team Chief	SP4 Cyrus S. Grover III
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Donny B. Lindsey	Team Chief	SGT Phillip G. Waggoner
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Larry K. Rackley	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Gary M. Hancock
Recon and Survey Officer	1LT Herbert A. O'Neil	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Billy J. Holoway
Chief Surveyor	SFC Donnie J. Bowden	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Stephen C. Jennings
Chief of Survey Party	SSG Stanley E. Morse	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Ronald M. Johnson
Chief of Survey Party	SGT Gary D. Brown	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Homer L. Ryan
Chief of Survey Party	SP4 Ray A. Adams	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Arthur E. Simmons
Survey Computer	SP5 Roy L. Thacker	Medical Section Sergeant	SGT Harold W. Rigsby
Survey Computer	SP4 Thomas J. Challacombe	Senior Medical Aidman	SP4 Robert B. Tipton
Survey Computer	SP4 Glenn R. Erkenbrack	Ambulance Driver	SP4 Edward L. Calfy
Survey Computer	SP4 Loyd J. Teague	Battery Aidman	SP4 Roger A. Moore
Survey Computer	SP4 Jesse W. Teague	Battery Aidman	SP4 Harvey G. Patterson
Instrument Operator	SP4 Quannah E. Tonemah	Battery Aidman	SP4 Lynn D. White
Instrument Operator	SP4 Jimmie E. Thomas	Battery Aidman	SP4 John A. Duncan

**Battery "A", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Ira D. Hart Jr.	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Edward D. Beets
First Sergeant	1SG Harvey D. Hitt	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Willard R. Taylor
Mess Steward	SGT Charles L. Payne	Cook Helper	PFC Kelly A. Weddle
Motor Sergeant	SSG Terrell E. Voyles	Mechanic Helper	SP4 Burl R. West
Supply Sergeant	SFC Leslie E. Blalock	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Donnie J. Galindo
First Cook	SP5 Cleland A. Staggs	Unit Supply Specialist	SGT Darrell D. Lange
First Cook	SP4 Melvin H. Morrow	Communications Chief	SGT Francis L. Smithpeter
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Michael J. Dobry	Team Chief	SGT James H. Wiley
Battery Clerk	SP5 Vernon M. Hedrick	Team Chief	SGT Billy J. Conley
Cook	SP4 Donald W. Lowe	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Phillip S. Lankister
Cook	PFC Ralph W. Myers	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Jimmy D. Yearwood
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Curtis W. Sage	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Eddie C. Arrowood

Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Hugh W. Gossett	Cannoneer	PFC Gary D. Lindley
Communications Agent	PFC Donald L. Norton	Cannoneer	PFC Ronald J. Martin
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Gerald L. Menasco	Cannoneer	PFC Larry C. Rehl
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Maynard W. Rooker	Cannoneer	PVT Jerry L. Marcum
Field Wireman	PFC Ronald D. Slater	Cannoneer	PVT Gerald W. Myers
Field Wireman	PVT Lyndel R. East	Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Paul G. Kniffin
Executive Officer	1LT William R. Nixon	Gunner	CPL David E. Lampkin
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Bobby D. Thomasson	Assistant Gunner	CPL Jimmy C. Bartlett
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Charles W. Watts	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Leon N. Harrison
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Floyd R. Harrison	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Monty G. Howell
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Bernard L. Ralston	Cannoneer	PFC John L. Gilleland
Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Reuben D. Vincent	Cannoneer	PFC Paul L. Martinez
Chart Operator	SP4 Don F. O'Rear	Cannoneer	PFC Dennis W. Williams
Chart Operator	SP4 Billy D. Stephenson	Cannoneer	PFC Floyd W. Ratliff Jr.
Instrument Operator	PFC Gene A. Stidham	Cannoneer	PVT Keith L. McPherson
CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Johnny F. Kobza	Chief of 4th Section	SSG Charles E. White
Artillery Recorder	SP4 Donald R. Dobry	Gunner	CPL Troy F. Loula
Assembler	SP4 Donald L. Dickson	Assistant Gunner	CPL Michael L. Lovell
Assembler	PFC Gabe M. Chittum	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Ray L. Watts
Assembler	SP4 Tommy W. Hobbs	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 David G. Glenn
Chief of 1st Section	SGT Paul E. Laferr	Cannoneer	PFC Terry W. Sparkman
Gunner	SGT Richard G. Palczynsky	Cannoneer	PFC Albert D. Thompson
Assistant Gunner	CPL Lionel K. Bentley	Cannoneer	PFC Robert E. Williams
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 James R. Gatlin	Cannoneer	PVT Milo M. Gordon
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Jerry J. Miller	Chief of Ammo Section	SSG Lynndel A. Bentley
Cannoneer	PFC Orval R. Barringer	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Walter T. Brown
Cannoneer	PFC Richard D. Taylor	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Freddy D. Reynolds
Cannoneer	PFC Ray Hoover Jr.	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Clayton E. Scott
Cannoneer	PFC Ralph N. Subia	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Lavern L. Stidham
Cannoneer	PVT Vincent P. Kobza	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Neal M. Stidham
Cannoneer	PVT Steven A. Urbach	Ammunition Handler	PFC Johnny E. Brookshire
Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Kenneth D. Weaver	Ammunition Handler	PFC Joe D. Hart
Gunner	CPL Glenn B. Funk	Ammunition Handler	PFC Bobby G. Morrow
Assistant Gunner	CPL Henry H. Kobza	Ammunition Handler	PFC Jerry D. Williams
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Cecil H. Sawyer Jr.	Ammunition Handler	PFC Gerald Eckivaudah
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Billy D. Smith	Excess	2LT Charles R. Hudson

**Battery "B", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT Charles D. Houston	Field Wireman	PFC Travis A. Lawrence
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Executive Officer	2LT Phillip J. Sampson
Mess Steward	SP5 Roy D. Williams	Assistant Executive Officer	2LT William L. Barnes
Motor Sergeant	SGT George W. Wright	Chief of Firing Battery	SFC I. B. Jones
Supply Sergeant	SGT Larry Wilson	Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Nickey D. Morrison
First Cook	SP5 Paul D. Thomas	Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Jackie K. Morrison
First Cook	SP4 Eddie W. Bates	Instrument Operator	SGT Kent D. Wilson
Senior Track Mechanic	SP4 Dennis H. David	Artillery Recorder	SP4 Don E. Covington
Battery Clerk	PVT James L. Parsons	Assembler	SP4 Frank E. Kiser
Cook	SP4 Larry G. Presgrove	Assembler	CPL Russel L. Presgrove
Cook	SP4 Charles A. Kinney	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Thomas R. Hinkie
Track Mechanic	SP4 Robert G. Morris	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Robert M. Jones
Wheel Mechanic	SP4 Billy E. Bernard	Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Darrel J. McLain
Cook Helper	PVT Stanley W. Stubblefield	Chief of Section	SP4 Travis Bryant
Cook Helper	SP4 Billy M. Dixon	Heavy Truck Driver	SGT Tommy Ledford
Cook Helper	SP4 Teddy Gilbert	Heavy Truck Driver	CPL Larry R. Morphis
Cook Helper	SP4 Clarence L. Wright	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Freeman
Cook Helper	SP4 Jesse L. Gordon	Ammunition Handler	PFC Thell E. Phillips
Cook Helper	PFC Larry A. Certain	Chief of 1st Section	SGT Ralph J. Cole
Unit Supply Specialist	SP4 Robert M. Jones	Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Billy G. Strickland
Mechanic Helper	PFC Dennis L. Schneider	Chief of 3rd Section	CPL David L. Delong
Mechanic Helper	PFC Danny A. Talley	Chief of 4th Section	SFC Robert L. Stringer
Commo Chief	SP4 Larry D. Sims	Gunner	CPL Thomas P. Newkirk
Team Chief	SP4 Jimmy D. Johnson	Gunner	SP4 Danny D. Burton
Team Chief	SP4 Olan A. McClenny	Gunner	CPL Ken C. Perkins
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Phillip W. Jones	Gunner	SP4 Billy J. Griffin
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Frank E. Kinney	Assistant Gunner	CPL Burl J. St Clair
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Danny W. Gray	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Donald S. Davis
Field Wireman	PFC Terry C. Edwards	Assistant Gunner	SP4 George E. Hopkins
Field Wireman	SP4 Jerry G. Harrison	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Larry E. Foster
Field Wireman	PFC Tommy W. Edwards	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Robert J. Freeman
Field Wireman	PFC Michael L. Metzner	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Quenton R. Manuel
Field Wireman	PFC Frank G. Harrison	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 David E. Ragland

Prime Mover Driver	PFC Phillip A. Whitney	Cannoneer	CPL Jimmy L. Pennington
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Billy J. King	Cannoneer	PFC Charles D. Barnes
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Gary R. Gardner	Cannoneer	PFC Charles D. Billups
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Donald J. Brewington	Cannoneer	PFC Richard L. Byford
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Billy R. Cleary	Cannoneer	PFC Larry D. Davidson
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Paul W. Dobson	Cannoneer	PFC Billy O. Ray
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Harry D. Linam	Cannoneer	PFC Robert L. Rose
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Joe D. Arrington	Cannoneer	PFC Sidney K. Waller
Prime Mover Driver	PFC William W. Garrett	Cannoneer	PFC Gene P. Hendricks
Cannoneer	SP4 Terry O. Gray	Cannoneer	PFC Gary R. Vardell
Cannoneer	SP4 David L. Miller	Cannoneer	PFC Wayne D. Wilson
Cannoneer	SP4 Jerry W. Warren	Cannoneer	PFC Richard J. Miller
Cannoneer	SP4 Bennie F. Whiteley	Cannoneer	PFC Daniel D. Leu

**Battery "C", 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT David H. Hensley	Cannoneer	PVT Larry D. Singleton
First Sergeant	1SG William G. Spangler	Cannoneer	PVT Royce M. Hammons
Mess Stewart	SSG Dorance W. Clifton	Cannoneer	PVT Kenneth L. McComas Jr.
Motor Sergeant	SP5 Howard M. Tims	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG John W. Miracle
Supply Sergeant	SFC Robert E. Ladwig	Gunner	SP4 Terry D. Stroud
First Cook	SP4 Mearl L. Malone	Assistant Gunner	PFC Jerry B. Lair
First Cook	SP4 Jerry D. Brand	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Terry L. Childress
Senior Track Mechanic	SP4 Anthony F. Koehler Jr.	Prime Mover Driver	PVT Wayne G. Collins
Battery Clerk	SP5 Eddie M. Tubb	Cannoneer	SP4 Richard A. Bennett
Cook	SP4 Jesse J. Kyees Jr.	Cannoneer	PFC Roy W. Carter
Cook	PFC Doil May Jr.	Cannoneer	PVT Donnie R. Alcorn
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Jesse F. Smith Jr.	Cannoneer	PVT Roy K. Morris
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 William E. Coffee	Cannoneer	PVT William W. Wheeler
Cooks Helper	PVT Kenneth G. Morris	Cannoneer	PVT Michael G. Winn
Radio Telephone Operator	SP4 Howard L. McElroy	Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Gary D. Steelman
Unit Supply Specialist	SP4 Donald R. Gannon	Gunner	SP4 Rodger D. Miracle
Communications Chief	SGT Everett N. Johnston Jr.	Assistant Gunner	CPL Walter L. Davis
Team Chief	SP4 Jimmy J. Fielding	Prime Mover Driver	PVT John L. Koehler
Team Chief	SP4 Robert P. Coffey	Prime Mover Driver	PVT Gary D. Clampitt
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Larry D. Hinton	Cannoneer	PFC Ronnie L. Manning
Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Edward D. Wendling	Cannoneer	PFC Ronald E. Smith
Senior Switchboard Operator	PFC Loyd B. Cantrell	Cannoneer	PVT Jack C. Bullard
Senior Field Wireman	PFC Benny R. Billy	Cannoneer	PVT Dennis K. Boyd
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Bobby R. Shurbet	Cannoneer	PFC W. R. Hightower
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Stanley G. Wenzel	Cannoneer	PVT Charles R. Jenkins
Field Wireman	PFC Gilbert L. Billy	Chief of 4th Section	SSG R. D. Robnett
Field Wireman	PFC George M. Lodes	Gunner	SGT Victor B. Bolin
Executive Officer	2LT Kenneth W. Bray	Assistant Gunner	SGT Russell L. Cocheran
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Jim R. Swafford	Prime Mover Driver	PVT Patrick C. Winn
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Charles L. Bitsche	Prime Mover Driver	PVT Patrick M. Frances
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Larry D. Moore	Cannoneer	SGT Albert T. Shipley
Fire Direction Computer	PFC Billy R. Morris	Cannoneer	SGT Patrick A. Brooks
Chart Operator	SP4 Richard L. Costlow	Cannoneer	SGT Franklin A. Cockerham Jr.
Chart Operator	PFC Bobby W. Word	Cannoneer	SGT Stephen M. Hellwege
Instrument Operator	SP4 Larry J. Miracle	Cannoneer	SGT Michael R. Meigs
Artillery Recorder	PFC Louis A. Maggia	Cannoneer	PVT Kenneth I. Roden
Assembler	SP4 Thomas G. Rogers	Chief of Ammo Section	SFC Thomas J. Hickey
Assembler	SP4 Melvin R. Auten	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 William G. Roberts
Assembler	PVT Kenneth L. Roden	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Billy D. Freeman
Assembler	SP4 Lyndol R. Harris Jr.	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Shipley
Chief of 1st Section	SSG Thomas G. Busby	Ammunition Handler	PVT Larry K. Stephenson
Gunner	SP4 Cubie E. Loveless Jr.	Excess	2LT John S. Cole
Assistant Gunner	CPL Elwood Clark	Excess	2LT John R. Everly
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 LeRoy Mayhugh	Excess	2LT John S. Powers Jr.
Prime Mover Driver	PVT John L. Mach	Excess	2LT James E. Johnson
Cannoneer	SGT Earl D. Still	Excess	2LT Kenneth D. Thomas
Cannoneer	PFC Bill A. Gibbs	Excess	MSG Luther L. Chapin
Cannoneer	PFC Phillip D. Workman	Excess	SGT Clyde S. Baxter Jr.

**Service Battery, 1st Bn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Charles E. Myers	Supply Sergeant	SSG Floyd T. Todd
Executive Officer	1LT Jerry G. Davis	First Cook	SP4 Ronald L. Wigington
First Sergeant	1SG Jerry V. L. Wilson	First Cook	SP5 Bobby J. Bagwell
Mess Stewart	SSG Leslie Sneed Jr.	Armorer	PFC Jimmy G. Pryor
Motor Sergeant	SSG Max D. Futrell	Battery Clerk	PFC Harold A. Cloninger



Cook	PVT George E. Massey	Unit Supply Technician	CW2 Gene E. Wells
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Joseph P. Stuever	Supply Sergeant	SFC Roylee C. Reynolds
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Jerry W. Bennett	Assistant Supply Sergeant	SP4 James D. Dean
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SGT Elijah Jackson	General Supply Specialist	SP4 Paul K. Gilbreath
Cook Helper	PFC Jack E. Lytle	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Joseph M. Ferrante
Mechanic Helper	SP4 Carl E. Miller	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT David L. Lindsey
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Charles B. Smith	Light Truck Driver	PFC William G. Rogers
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Barthell LittleChief	Supply Clerk	PFC Charles B. Ball
Unit Personnel Technician	CW2 Dennis R. Roper	Supply Clerk	SP4 Gerald W. Knight
Personnel Sergeant	SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr.	Ammunition Officer	2LT Patrick A. Brooks
Personnel Specialist	SP5 Charles E. Freeman	AmmO Supply Sergeant	SGT Randal R. Brown
Senior Pay Specialist	SP4 Michael C. Hinson	Ammunition Agent	PVT Gerry T. Hendrix
Pay Specialist	PFC Richard A. Horton	Ammunition Agent	PVT Tom E. Thomas III
Personnel Records Specialist	PFC James W. Odom	1st Section Chief	SP4 Glydell R. Pawless
Senior Records Specialist	PVT James A. Shaw III	Ammunition Specialist	SP4 Gerald C. Lane
Auto Technician	CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliary	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Johnny M. Graves
Motor Maintenance Sergeant	SFC Robert J. Crabtree	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Dennis R. Holland
Senior Recovery Mechanic	SP5 Donald R. Graves	Ammunition Handler	PVT Larry J. Parkhill
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Walter D. Campbell	2nd Section Chief	SGT Ernest J. Mundkowski Jr.
Loader Operator	SP4 Leroy Love	Ammunition Specialist	PFC Kenneth W. Stradley
Ordnance Supply Specialist	SP4 William R. Lynn Jr.	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Jackie D. Barrett
Recovery Mechanic	PVT Tony R. Torres	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Elvin S. Lee
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PVT Herman L. Morton Jr.	Ammunition Handler	PVT Joe G. Ford
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 William L. Abbott	3rd Ammo Section Chief	SGT Dan L. Wightington
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Charles E. Wilson	Ammunition Specialist	PFC Lonnie L. Whatley
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PVT Ronnie H. Graves	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC John R. Wilson III
Welder	SP4 John W. Richardson Jr.	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Terry L. Perryman
Wrecker Operator	SGT Billy R. Buehne	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Kenneth R. Cunningham
Mechanic Helper	SP4 Eugene W. McClung	Ammunition Handler	PVT Richard J. Blaske
Mechanic Helper	SP4 Preston L. Dorman	Excess	SFC Donald G. Poolaw

### **EXTRACT FROM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL HISTORY 1970**

The beginning months of 1970; as in most years; was devoted to Annual General Inspections and Command Maintenance Management Inspections (CMMI). It seems that all the units did well and scored high in these events as is traditional with units of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery.

With the holidays and inspections behind us, we turned our attention to our secondary mission of Civil Disturbance Training. A FTX/CPX was conducted at Camp Eagle to test the Staff and the units ability to react to Civil Disturbance situations. Many lessons were learned in the aggressive training.

The months remaining prior to Annual Field Training was devoted to Live Fire practice for the battery level Army Training Test (ATT). This training was very beneficial in getting the people tuned up for the ATT's at camp.

The early camp dates in 1970 provided a little cooler weather for our training than in past years. In fact, we found that the first two weeks in June can be very cool at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. It also rained a good portion of the time that we were at camp but our training was hampered very little. Although it was a tough camp in many respects, the training mission was accomplished in a very smooth manner. The daily ratings of the evaluator where the highest in the 45th FA Group.

After camp we concentrated our efforts on Small Arms firing, Special Emphasis Training and Maintenance of Equipment for the remainder of the year.

The Year 1970 was a memorable and valuable time for the Battalion, as assessed by this writer. With the reorganization of 1968 will behind us, the rebuilding process was well on schedule. Reconstruction was completed with the exception of a shortage of some TO&E equipment. There is much promise of being issued some 8" inch Self-Propelled howitzers, new radios and jeeps during the next year. If future years or as productive as the one just past, the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery will continue to be recognized as a top-notch operation.

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** The first assembly in January 1970 was devoted to Group Study of Extension Courses and Care and Maintenance of Equipment. On 16 January 1970 the Annual General inspection was held by LTC Edmond E. Hall and a rating of "Satisfactory" was received. The assemblies in February and March were devoted to Riot Control Training in keeping with the State Mission. April and May assemblies were devoted to OJT and preparation for AT.

AT was from 30 May to 13 June at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. The first Monday we moved to the field in support of Battalion Training with Friday afternoon being devoted to a Retreat Parade. Saturday was Annual Governor's Day

Review with this unit receiving the Armory Improvement Award the second year in a row. Monday through Thursday of the second week was move to the field and support of the Firing Batteries receiving their ATT's. Friday was payday and preparation for move to home station. Saturday was move to home station.

Assembly for June was devoted to Care and Maintenance of Equipment. July assembly was devoted to Mandatory Subjects. A special assembly was held 8-9 August for Civil Disturbance Training and the regular assembly for August was individual Weapons Qualification. September assembly was moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for support of Battalion Firing Exercise. Unit Property Audit was conducted 28 September 1970 with a "Superior" rating received. October assembly was Care and Maintenance in preparation for CMMI conducted 13 October 1970 with a rating of "Satisfactory" received. November assembly was devoted to Civil Disturbance Training. December assembly was Command Inspection by HQ 45th FA Group. Francis P. O'Leary, Unit Historian.

- January 1970: MAJ Junior D. McLemore assigned Battalion Executive Officer replacing MAJ Ernest L. Hromas, transferred to HHB 45th FA Group.
- April 1970: 2LT Stephen V. Hellwege assigned Reconnaissance Survey Officer replacing 1LT Herbert A. O'Neil, transferred to Btry "C" 1/158 FA.
- April 1970: 1LT Freddy C. Ricks assigned Assisant Communications Officer replacing 1LT Darrell L. Ferris, transferred to USAR.
- May 1970: SSG Jimmie M. Sims assigned Supply Sergeant replacing SSG William F. Kinzer, discharged.
- May 1970: MAJ Claude E. Wheeler assigned S-3, replacing MAJ Carl L. Johnston, transferred to USAAC. CPT Bobby R. Jantz assigned Battalion Motor Officer, replacing CPT David H. Hensley, transferred to USAAC.
- June 1970: CPT Donald H. Allen assigned Communications Officer, replacing CPT Ira D. Hart, transferred to HQ 45th FA Group.
- September 1970: 2LT John W. Conger assigned as Reconnaissance Survey Officer, replacing 2LT Stephen V. Hellwege, transferred to Btry "C" 1/158 FA.
- November 1970: CSM Donald D. Liles, assigned Sergeant Major, replacing MSG Robert L. Stringer, reassigned.
- November 1970: 1LT Alan E. Aycock appointed Battalion Surgeon.

**Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma:** As the year 1970 drew to a close the Officers and men of Btry "A" 1/158 FA look back upon the past year with a feeling of "well done"! Our Annual General Inspection was conducted on 12 January 1970, we felt we did real fine. We had a minimum number of gigs and the Inspecting Officer left us feeling very good over the inspection. Incidentally, the same officer that inspected our Battalion for AGI was assigned to us as Chief Advisor during Annual Training. Don't know if that is such a good deal, or not, he might decide he made some mistakes back at our home stations.

We caught a double barrel dose of Audits and CMMI's this year. We were audited on 24 February and 28 September 1970 and had CMMI Inspections on 24 March and 14 October 1970. Boy!! Just get out of the way and here comes another. All inspections went "Ok" though.

Our Annual Training dates for early during 1970, 30 May to 13 June and everyone really enjoyed the cool weather, until it got downright cold! We took our Army Training Test during the first week and the night of the test it was miserable. It rained just before the sun went down and everyone was good and wet for the night move. Those blackout lights and night lightning devices don't put out enough heat to stay warm by.

The Battalion gave a trophy to the outstanding firing battery at Annual Training based on the ATT results. We didn't win! We were tied with identical points after the grading with another battery and lost out on a referee's decision. But, there was no doubt in the minds of the men of this battery who was the best Firing Battery in the Battalion. Esprit de Corp (and closer checking on next year's referees)!

We finished the year amid rumors that we might start drawing new and up-to-date equipment. The men eagerly anticipated the opportunity to be able to train with M16 rifles, self-propelled howitzers and newer trucks. If nothing else, the rumors gave us a bright outlook for entering 1971.

- 14 February 1970: SGT David E. Lampkin, assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Paul G. Kniffin, who was discharged. SGT Glenn B. Funk assigned Section Chief of 2nd Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Kenneth D. Weaver, who was discharged.
- 21 March 1970: SP4 Don F. O'Rear assigned FDC Section Chief, replacing SP5 Floyd R. Harrison, who is discharged.
- 11 April 1970: SFC Leslie E. Blalock assigned to First Sergeant position, replacing 1SG Harvey D. Hitt, who retired after 20 years service. SGT Darrell D. Lange was assigned as Supply Sergeant, replacing SFC Leslie E. Blalock.
- 8 June 1970: SSG Paul E. Laferr was assigned as Mess Stewart, replacing SGT Melvin H. Morrow. SGT Richard G. Palczynsky was assigned Section Chief of 1st Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Paul E. Laferr.

- 26 August 1970: 2LT Patrick A. Brooks was assigned as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT John R. Everly, who was discharged to enlist in the Missouri National Guard.

**Annual Report of Battery “B”, 1st Battalion (8”) (SP) 158th Artillery:** 1970 Bravo Battery, 2 and 1/2 years old with the 8-inch Howitzer, has proven itself combat-ready with split-second timing, crack FDC, excellent communication, top Officers and NCOs leaders and the best Mess Section in the battalion.

Early in the year Bravo got off to a good start scoring high on the AGI. We also reviewed and updated all elements of Riot Control Training.

The battery, operated at TO&E strength, received a high caliber of recruits as ETS for the older men came around. A success measure of Bravo Battery is that a hard working recruit can move up fast in the ranks of responsibility, thus he has several years performing a job before ETS.

The spring took the battery to Fort Sill. The bivouac weekend included RSOP, Recruit Training, Personal Hygiene, First Aid, Drill and Ceremonies, all aspects of field and garrison proficiency were covered in preparation for summer camp.

30 May 1970, 2:30 a. m., Bravo sleepily started the 295 mile motor convoy to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas in anticipation of a good Summer Camp. Summer Camp was everything Bravo bargain for, plus. We proved our ability to function in all phases of the encampment.

With all the gusto necessary, Bravo on her way to the group finals softball tournament, only to be beaten by the undefeated 189th. However, again the unquestioned supremacy to function in the field awarded Bravo the plaque for “Best Firing Battery, 8 inch Howitzer”.

Caution is always emphasized, but accidents do happen. For example: CPL Newkirk fractured his left wrist when the howitzer elevation heel spun free; PFC Barnes, insisting on opening one of those stuck barrack windows, slashed his right forearm as he thrust it through the plane; also, CPL George E. Hopkins suffered some discomfort when a blank discharged, causing a wound to the right buttocks.

Excellent Summer Camp behind, Bravo loaded in convoy and returned to home station (Duncan) with no more accidents and morale standing tall.

Training assemblies after Camp followed a routine of Equipment Maintenance and Showdown Inspection. In perfect physical condition, LT John S. Cole led the unit to the strenuous P.T. Tests. In August, we again returned our Civil Disturbance Training included in all aspects of “Operation Plan Choctaw” (specific unit area of responsibility in case of riot) including FTX. We had a full fall with bivouac, service practice and Qualification of Individual Weapons.

Then came December and a Command Inspection by LTC Joe A. Wheeler and staff. This inspection prepared Bravo for the oncoming year and AGI.

Both Battery Commander Willie L. Basler, Jr., and Executive Officer 2LT William L. Barnes received deserving advancements in rank during 1970.

1SG James D. Spruill was selected to fire on the “Oklahoma State Rifle Team” and was selected as a member of the “Governor's Twenty.” 1SG Spruill traveled to points throughout the United States representing Bravo Battery as a rifle expert. SP4 Hendrix is moving fast to make his mark as an expert marksman. Both 1SG Spruill and SP4 Hendricks won honors at Fort Benning, Georgia, Fort Riley, Kansas, Camp Atterbury, Indiana and others.

All in all Bravo Battery finished 1970 with tremendous success. 1971 is looked forward to with enthusiasm and anticipation of expected new equipment, promising recruits and the nuclear capability of the 8-inch Howitzer.

- 22 March 1970: 2LT William L. Barnes, assumes temporary Command for CPT Willie L. Basler Jr., attending school at Fort Sill.
- 11 April 1970: SFC Billy G. Strickland, appointed Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SFC William A. Oliver, separation for incompatible occupation. SGT Billy J. Griffin, replaced SFC Robert L. Stringer as Chief of the Fourth Section. SFC Stringer, moved to HHB 1 BN 158 FA. CPL Robert L. Rose, appointed Chief of Second Section, replacing SFC Billy G. Strickland, who became Chief of the Firing Battery.
- 16 May 1970: CPT Willie L. Basler Jr., assumed Command, replacing 2LT William L. Barnes, who returned to Battery Executive Officer.
- 5 August 1970: SGT David Ragland, appointed Ammunition Chief of Section, replacing SGT Travis Bryant, who became Motor Sergeant.

**Annual Report of Battery “C”, 1st Battalion (8”) (SP) 158th Artillery:** The year of 1970 is gone and as we, the Officers and Men of “Charlie 1/158”, look back upon it we experienced a great feeling of accomplishment. We had few gigs on our Annual General Inspection and rated “Satisfactory”. LTC Hall conducted that inspection on 12 January.

Audits and CMMI's hit us twice this past year. We were audited on 25 February and again on 28 September, and CMMIs were held on 24 March and 14 October. It seemed we never finish cleaning. In fact, we didn't. We were all proud that we passed all inspections.

Cold is the most polite word to describe Summer Camp. It rain practically every day during the first week. The second week was hot and humid as only Arkansas can be. But we managed to wade through the training without incident, and we feel that we did a good job. To paraphrase one Sergeant, this battery has the highest Espirit de Corps in all units of all services both active and reserve in the entire world. We look forward to taking all the trophies during the coming Annual Training period.

“C” 1/158 experienced a large turnover during 1970. It looked something like this:

	Enlistments	Separations
January	2	2
February	7	7
March	2	0
May	5	2
June	2	0
July	4	2
September	1	1
October	0	2
November	0	2
December	3	1

In total there were 26 enlistments and 19 separations.

We heard at the close the year that new equipment is on the way to us, and the men are eager to begin training with the new M16 rifles and new Howitzers. We are proud of being Thunderbirds. We are proud of being “C” 1/158. We are the best of the best.

- 1 April 1970: 1LT Herbert A. O'Neil assigned as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Jim R. Swafford who was reassigned to Btry “C”, 1 Bn 189 FA as Commanding Officer of that unit.
- 25 July 1970: SP5 Bobby W. Ward assigned FDC Section Chief, replacing SP4 Larry J. Miracle, who was discharged.
- 26 August 1970: SGT Cubie E. Loveless assigned as Section Chief 2nd Howitzer Section, replacing SGT Elwood Clark, who is discharged.
- 8 September 1970: 2LT Stephen M. Hellwege assigned to Btry “C”, as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT James E. Johnson, who was discharged to accept appointment in Tennessee National Guard.
- 17 December 1970: SGT Thomas G. Rogers assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Gary D. Steelman, who is discharged.

**Annual Report of Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8”) (SP) 158th Artillery:** We started the year 1970 with their Annual General Inspection on 15 January. We were pleased with the overall results of the inspection. However, we were given a few gigs, but they were minor.

The month of February was a busy month for us. Our Semi-Annual Audit was conducted by CW2 Carl G. Bateman on 24 February 1970. Also, we received a CMMI on the same day. The Maintenance Section was very proud of the high rating they received, as were the rest of the Battery. I feel SGT Max D. Futrell should be commended, for a job well done, along with the other battery personnel, to accomplish the work that was outlined. Riot Training was also completed in preparation for any trouble that may have taken place.

March and April were devoted to RSOP Training at Fort Sill in preparation for our work at summer camp.

On 30 May we were on our way to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas to spend two weeks summer encampment. As we moved to the field on Monday, the rain and cold weather followed. The area we were house in looked like the wilderness. We spent some time cleaning the area we were to call home for the next few days.

In August we had a special called meeting to be on Alert in case any trouble developed at Turner Falls. However, the Rock Festival that was planned, was called off and we stayed at the Armory and receive Riot Control Training.

The year ended with a Command Inspection which, we felt was completed successfully. We are anticipating that 1971 will be the most successful year that the Service Battery has ever had.

- 2 February 1970: 1LT Jerry G. Davis appointed Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Phillip J. Sampson, who was discharged on 28 January 1970.
- 26 August 1970: 2LT Richard A. Horton was assigned as Ammunition Officer replacing, 2LT Patrick A. Brooks who was reassigned as Assistant Executive Officer at Btry "A" 1 Bn 158 FA, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

**HHB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	MAJ Joe A. Wheeler	Instrument Operator	SP4 Quannah E. Tonemah
Executive Officer	MAJ Ernest L. Hromas	Instrument Operator	SP4 Jimmie M. Thomas
S-3	MAJ Melford L. Scott	Instrument Operator	SP4 Robert B. McAnally
Motor Officer	CPT David H. Hensley	Survey Recorder	SP4 Thomas V. Davis
Communications Officer	CPT Junior D. McLemore	Survey Recorder	SP4 Larry A. Kendall
Liaison Officer	CPT Charles D. Houston	Survey Recorder	SP4 Don R. Schroeder
S-1	1LT Calvin E. Koonce	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Carl L. Kelsay
S-2	CPT John W. Gaines	Rodman/Tapeman	PVT Eddy J. Hargraves
Command Sergeant Major	SFC Robert L. Stringer	Rodman/Tapeman	PVT Jimmie A. Willis
Battery Commander	CPT Francis P. O'Leary	Liaison Sergeant	SP4 James A. Pahdoco
First Sergeant	1SG Richard E. Bowers	Radio Telephone Operator	SP4 Ronald M. Valdez
Mess Stewart	SFC Clem B. Brooks	Communications Officer	1LT Darrell L. Farris
Supply Sergeant	SSG William F. Kinzer	Communications Chief	SFC George L. McDaniel
Motor Sergeant	SGT Jimmy R. Daubert	Senior Message Clerk	SP4 Verneil S. Henderson
First Cook	SP4 James H. Lents	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Ronald M. Lodes
First Cook	SP4 Chester L. Fisher	Wire Section Chief	SFC Ora A. Correll
Armorer	SP4 William A. Stephens	Team Chief	SP4 Bobby D. Booth
Battery	Clerk SP4 William R. Morris	Team Chief	SGT San E. Countiss
Cook	SP4 Clarence Symes	Team Chief	SP4 Eddie C. Sims
Cook	PFC Lonnie G. Dye	Team Chief	SP4 Danny S. Roper
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Donald Barrett	Switchboard Operator	SP4 Charles D. Langston
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Ronald L. Barrett	Senior Wireman	SP4 Larry A. Morris
Mechanic Helper	PFC Walter W. Tadlock	Senior Wireman	SP4 Richard L. Radke
Mechanic Helper	PFC Leland R. Terrell	Senior Wireman	SP4 John E. Kuykendall
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Dennis H. Easter	Senior Wireman	SP4 Dewey L. Harris
Supply Clerk	PFC Larry E. Olmstead	Switchboard Operator	SP4 Kenneth L. Denham
Headquarters Clerk	PFC Phillip T. Loyd	Switchboard Operator	SP4 Carroll N. Fisher
Mail Clerk	PFC Joe R. Davis	Switchboard Operator	SP4 Jerry D. Null
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Kenneth Morris	Wireman	PFC Calvin E. Williams
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC James B. McIninch	Wireman	PFC Don Wilson
Assistant S-3	CPT Merrill B. Burruss Jr.	Wireman	PFC James D. Crossland
Intelligence Sergeant	MSG Luther L. Chapin	Wireman	PFC James D. Burk
Operations Sergeant	SFC Ronald E. Jarvis	Wireman	PFC Kenneth D. Etter
Clerk Typist	SP4 Cleo Otipoby	Wireman	PFC Billy W. Godfrey
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Stephen K. Parris	Wireman	PFC Gordon L. Heying
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Michael J. Allen	Wireman	PFC Calvin E. Keller
Chief FDC	SSG Edward D. Hall	Wireman	PFC Weldon Kowena
Assistant FDC	SGT Rodney C. Martin	Wireman	PFC Clyde Narcomey
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 David L. Thompson	Radio Section Chief	SGT George W. Phillips
Chart Operator	SP4 Billy W. Josefy	Team Chief	SP4 Cyrus S. Grover
Chart Operator	SP4 Howard H. Hill	Team Chief	SP4 Gary M. Hancock
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Donney B. Lindsey	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Billy J. Holaway
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Larry E. Rackley	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Stephen C. Jennings
Survey Officer	1LT Herbert A. O'Neil	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Ronald M. Johnson
Chief Surveyor	SSG Gary D. Brown	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Homer L. Ryan
Chief of Survey Party	SSG Stanley M. Morse	Radio Teletype Operator	PVT Arthur E. Simmons
Survey Computer	SP5 Roy L. Thacker	Medical Section Sergeant	SP4 Robert B. Tipton
Survey Computer	SP4 Thomas J. Challacombe	Senior Aidman	SP4 John A. Duncan
Survey Computer	SP4 Glenn J. Erkenbrack	Ambulance Driver	SP4 Edward D. Calfy
Survey Computer	SP4 Loyd J. Teague	Aidman	SP4 Roger A. Moore
Survey Computer	SP4 Jessie W. Teague	Aidman	SP4 Harvey G. Patterson

**Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT William E. Nixon	Battery Clerk	SP5 Vernon M. Hedrick
First Sergeant	1SG Harvey D. Hitt	Cook	SP4 Jerry D. Williams
Mess Stewart	SGT Melvin H. Morrow	Cook	SP4 Ralph W. Myers
Motor Sergeant	SGT Leon N. Harrison	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Curtis W. Sage
Supply Sergeant	SFC Leslie E. Blalock	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Richard D. Taylor
First Cook	SP5 Cleland A. Staggs	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Willard R. Taylor
First Cook	SP4 Donald W. Lowe	Cooks Helper	PVT James R. Hoffman
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Michael J. Dobry	Mechanic Helper	PVT Melvin R. King

Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Larry D. Newell	Cannoneer	PVT Darrell W. Long
Unit Supply Specialist	SGT Darrell D. Lange	Cannoneer	PVT Richard P. Stain
Communications Chief	SSG Ray L. Watts	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Kenneth D. Weaver
Team Chief	SGT Donald L. Norton	Gunner	SGT Glenn B. Funk
Team Chief	SGT Billy J. Conley	Assistant Gunner	CPL Henry B. Funk
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Jimmy D. Yearwood	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Cecil H. Sawyer Jr.
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Phillip S. Lankister	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Vincent P. Kobza
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Eddie C. Arrowood	Cannoneer	PFC Gary D. Lindley
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Hugh Gossett	Cannoneer	PFC Ronald J. Martin
Communications Agent	PVT Steven W. Rodgers	Cannoneer	PFC Larry C. Rehl
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Gerald L. Menasco	Cannoneer	PFC Gerald M. Myers
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Maynard W. Rooker	Cannoneer	PVT David W. Blalock Jr.
Field Wireman	PFC Ronald D. Slater	Cannoneer	PVT Freddie G. Roberts
Field Wireman	PFC Lyndel R. East	Cannoneer	PVT Phillip E. Compton
Field Wireman	PVT Michael M. Dye	Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Paul G. Kniffin
Executive Officer	2LT Bobby D. Thomasson	Gunner	SGT David E. Lampkin
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT John R. Everly	Assistant Gunner	CPL Jimmy C. Bartlett
Chief of Firing Battery	SSG Charles W. Watts	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Morris C. Klingman
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Floyd R. Harrison	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Monty G. Howell
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Don F. O'Rear	Cannoneer	SP4 Paul L. Martinez
Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Reuben D. Vincent	Cannoneer	PFC Dennis W. Williams
Chart Operator	PFC Gene A. Stidham	Cannoneer	PFC Floyd W. Ratliff Jr.
Chart Operator	SP4 Billy D. Stephenson	Cannoneer	PVT Nolan D. Dorsey
Instrument Operator	PVT Boyd J. Spencer Jr.	Cannoneer	PVT Donnie G. Cash
CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Johnny F. Kobza	Cannoneer	PVT Donald R. Epperson
Artillery Recorder	SP4 Donald R. Dobry	Chief of 4th Section	SSG Charles E. White
Assembler	PFC Joe D. Hart	Gunner	SGT Troy F. Loula
Assembler	SP4 Gabe M. Chittum	Assistant Gunner	CPL Michael L. Lovell
Assembler	SP4 Tommy W. Hobbs	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Keith L. McPherson
Assembler	PFC Donnie J. Galindo	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 David G. Glenn
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT William W. Whoot	Cannoneer	PFC Terry W. Sparkman
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Michael A. Dietrich	Cannoneer	PFC Albert D. Thompson
Chief of 1st Section	SSG Paul E. Laferr	Cannoneer	PFC Robert E. Williams
Gunner	SGT Richard G. Palczynsky	Cannoneer	PVT Jerry L. Marcum
Assistant Gunner	CPL Lionel K. Bentley	Cannoneer	PVT Johnnie W. Rogers
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Kelley A. Weddle	Cannoneer	PVT Lennis D. Miller
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Jerry J. Miller	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Freddy D. Reynolds
Cannoneer	PFC Orval R. Barringer	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Walter T. Brown
Cannoneer	PFC Ralph N. Subia	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Clayton E. Scott
Cannoneer	PFC Steven A. Urbach	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Neal W. Stidham
Cannoneer	PVT Larry D. Holsted	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Bobby G. Morrow
Cannoneer	PVT Gary J. Griffith	Ammunition Handler	PVT Johnny R. Brookshire
Cannoneer	PVT Bobby L. Watson		

**Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Willie L. Basler Jr.	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Travis A. Lawerence
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Jerry G. Harrison
Mess Steward	SGT Harry J. Harvir	Field Wireman	PVT Jimmy D. Buie
Motor Sergeant	SGT Travis H. Bryant	Field Wireman	PFC Tommy W. Edwards
Supply Sergeant	SP5 Archie F. Bassham	Field Wireman	PVT Arnold K. Lee
First Cook	SP4 Larry A. Certain	Field Wireman	PVT Ronald K. Wilson
First Cook	SP4 Teddy M. Gilbert	Field Wireman	PFC Frank G. Harrison
Senior Track Mechanic	SGT Dennis W. Davis	Field Wireman	PVT Truman M. Horn
Battery Clerk	SP5 John R. Green	Executive Officer	2LT William L. Barnes
Cook	SP5 Charles Billups	Assistant Executive Officer	2LT John S. Cole
Cook	SP4 Stanley C. Stubblefield	Chief of Firing Battery	SFC William Oliver
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Robert G. Morris	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Nickey D. Morrison
Track Mechanic	PFC Billy R. Cleary	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Jackie K. Morrison
Cook Helper	PVT John C. Dombrowski	Instrument Operator	SGT Kent D. Wilson
Cook Helper	PVT Robert E. Jackson Jr.	Artillery Recorder	SP4 Don E. Covington
Cook Helper	PVT Donald F. Garrett	Assembler	PVT Stephen R. Whitton
Cook Helper	SP4 Clarence L. Wright	Assembler	CPL Russell L. Presgrove
Cook Helper	SP4 Jesse L. Gordan	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Thomas R. Hinkie
Cook Helper	PVT Michael W. Morgan	Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Len W. Ryan
Unit Supply Specialist	SP4 Robert M. Jones	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Darrel J. McClain
Mechanic Helper	PFC Dennis L. Schneider	Chief of Section 1st Howitzer	SGT Ken C. Perkins
Mechanic Helper	PVT Robert W. Dodson	Chief of Section 2nd Howitzer	CPL Robert L. Rose
Communications Chief	SGT Larry D. Sims	Chief of Section 3rd Howitzer	CPL Robert L. Perkins
Team Chief	CPL Phillip W. Jones	Chief of Section 4th Howitzer	SGT Billy J. Griffin
Team Chief	CPL Jimmy D. Johnson	Gunner	SP4 Danny A. Talley
Radio Teletype Operator	PVT Dennis E. Gray	Gunner	SP4 Gary R. Vardell

Gunner	CPL Michael L. Metzner	Cannoneer	PVT Dennis M. McKee
Gunner	SP4 Jerry W. Warren	Cannoneer	PFC James I. Richards
Assistant Gunner	CPL Joe D. Arrington	Cannoneer	PFC Jimmy L. Pennington
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Larry D. Davidson	Cannoneer	PVT Johnny L. Moore
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Gary R. Gardner	Cannoneer	PVT Danny R. Gibson
Assistant Gunner	CPL George E. Hopkins	Cannoneer	PFC Richard L. Byford
Assistant Gunner	PFC James L. Parsons	Cannoneer	PVT Jerry D. Kincannon
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Phillip A. Whitney	Cannoneer	PVT John R. Baker
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Lyndon H. Allen	Cannoneer	PVT Ronald L. Hinkie
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Don R. Howard	Cannoneer	PVT Michael L. Cloud
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Bobby J. King	Cannoneer	PVT James W. Roberts
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Paul W. Dobson	Cannoneer	PVT Danny V. Perry
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 William W. Garrett	Cannoneer	PVT Joe F. Ross
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Daniel D. Leu	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT David E. Ragland
Prime Mover Driver	PVT David L. Cole	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Donald L. Davis
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Harry D. Linam	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Robert J. Freeman
Prime Mover Driver	PVT Harvey D. Love	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Billy M. Dixon
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Gary D. Arrington	Ammunition Handler	PVT Darrell L. Johnson
Cannoneer	PVT Thomas H. Douglas		

**Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT Kenneth W. Bray	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Patrick C. Winn
First Sergeant	1SG William G. Spangler	Cannoneer	PFC Larry D. Singleton
Mess Stewart	SFC Thomas J. Hickey	Cannoneer	PVT Garry D. Mathieu
Motor Sergeant	SSG Howard M. Tims	Cannoneer	PVT Samuel R. Dennis
Supply Sergeant	SFC Robert E. Ludwig	Cannoneer	PVT Jerry L. Taylor
First Cook	SP4 Howard L. McElroy	Cannoneer	PVT Ronnie G. Stanton
First Cook	SP4 Mearl L. Malone	Cannoneer	PVT Harvey D. Love
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Anthony F. Koehler Jr.	Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Elwood Clark
Battery Clerk	SP5 Eddie M. Tubb	Gunner	SP4 Cubie E. Loveless
Cook	SP4 Jerry D. Brand	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Jerry B. Lair
Cook	SP4 Doil May Jr.	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Garry D. Jones
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 William E. Coffee	Prime Mover Driver	PVT Wayne G. Collins
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Robert J. Powell	Cannoneer	SP4 Ronald E. Smith
Cooks Helper	PFC Jack C. Bullard	Cannoneer	SP4 Louis A. Maggia
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC James H. Spangler	Cannoneer	PFC Donnie R. Alcorn
Unit Supply Specialist	SP4 John E. Snow	Cannoneer	PVT John L. Davis
Communications Chief	SP4 Jimmy J. Fielding	Cannoneer	PVT Joe B. Johnston
Team Chief	SP4 Larry D. Hinton	Cannoneer	PVT Roy R. James
Team Chief	SP4 Stanley G. Wenzel	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Richard A. Bennett
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Robert P. Coffey	Gunner	SP4 Roger D. Miracle
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Benny Billy	Assistant Gunner	PFC Kenneth L. McComas Jr.
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Edward D. Wendling	Prime Mover Driver	PFC John L. Mach
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Gilbert L. Billy	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Roy K. Morris
Communications Agent	SP4 Loyd B. Cantrell	Cannoneer	PFC Kenneth L. Roden
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Bobby R. Shurbet	Cannoneer	PFC Patrick M. Frances
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 W. R. Hightower	Cannoneer	PFC John L. Davis
Field Wireman	PVT Kenneth E. Taylor	Cannoneer	PVT Robert E. Dean
Field Wireman	PVT Bobby J. Johnston	Cannoneer	PVT Joe D. Hanson
Executive Officer	1LT Jim R. Swafford	Chief of 4th Section	SSG Gary D. Steelman
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT James E. Johnson	Gunner	SP4 Thomas G. Rogers
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Charles L. Bitsche	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Ronnie L. Manning
Chief FDC	SP4 Richard L. Costlow	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Dennis K. Boyd
Chart Operator	SP4 Bobby W. Word	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Charles R. Jenkins
Chart Operator	SP4 Larry J. Miracle	Cannoneer	SP4 Roy W. Carter
Instrument Operator	PFC Larry K. Stephenson	Cannoneer	SP4 Terry L. Childress
CP Carrier Driver	PFC Kenneth G. Morris	Cannoneer	SP4 Geary D. Clampitt
Artillery Recorder	SP4 Jesse F. Smith Jr.	Cannoneer	PVT Gary L. Bray
Assembler	PFC William W. Wheeler	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Clyde S. Baxter Jr.
Assembler	PFC Mark R. Scott	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Billy D. Freeman
Assembler	PFC Michael R. Opitz	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 George M. Lades
Assembler	SP4 Bill A. Gibbs	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Melvin R. Autin
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Gary K. Pinkston	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Lyndal R. Harris Jr.
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Stephen G. Hupfer	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Shipley
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Willim M. Ohl	Ammunition Handler	PFC Michael G. Winn
Chief of 1st Section	SSG Thomas G. Busby	Ammunition Handler	PFC Troy R. French
Gunner	SP4 Walter L. Davis	Ammunition Handler	PVT Gary W. Campbell
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Phillip D. Workman	Ammunition Handler	PVT Johnnie L. Collier
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Jerry W. Bramblett		

**Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Charles E. Myers	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Charles E. Wilson
Executive Officer	1LT Jerry G. Davis	Welder	SP4 John W. Richardson Jr.
First Sergeant	1SG Jerry V. L. Wilson	Wrecker Operator	SGT Billy R. Buehne
Mess Stewart	SSG Leslie Sneed Jr.	Mechanic Helper	PVT Johnny M. Graves
Motor Sergeant	SGT Max D. Futrell	Unit Supply Technician	CW2 Gene Wells
Supply Sergeant	SSG Floyd T. Todd	Supply Sergeant	SFC Roylee C. Reynolds
First Cook	SP4 Ronald L. Wiginton	Assistant Supply Sergeant	SP4 Paul K. Gilbreath
First Cook	SP5 Bobby J. Bagwell	General Supply Specialist	SP4 James D. Dean
Armorer	PFC Jimmy G. Pryor	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Gerald W. Knight
Battery Clerk	PFC Harold A. Cloninger	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Charles E. Ball
First Cook	PVT George E. Massey	Light Truck Driver	PFC William G. Rogers
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Joseph P. Stuever	Supply Clerk	PVT David L. Lindsey
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Jerry W. Bennett	Ammunition Officer	2LT Patrick A. Brooks
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SGT Elijah Jackson	Ammo Supply Sergeant	SGT Randal R. Brown
Mechanic Helper	SP4 Carl B. Miller	Ammunition Agent	SGT John Connaly
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Charles B. Smith	1st Ammo Section Chief	SGT Kenneth R. Cunningham
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Barthell LittleChief	Ammunition Specialist	SP4 Larry L. Cagle
Unit Personnel Technician	CW3 Dennis R. Roper	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Terry L. Perryman
Personnel Sergeant	SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr.	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Jackie D. Barrett
Personnel Specialist	PFC Charles E. Freeman	Ammunition Handler	PFC Lonnie L. Whatley
Senior Pay Specialist	SP4 Michael C. Hinson	Ammunition Handler	PVT Joe G. Ford
Pay Specialist	PFC Richard A. Horton	Ammunition Handler	PVT Ronnie H. Graves
Records Specialist	PFC James W. Odom	2nd Section Chief	SGT Dan L. Wigington
Senior Records Specialist	PVT James A. Shaw III	Ammunition Specialist	PFC Kenneth W. Stradley
Maintenance Technician	CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliary	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Joseph M. Ferrante
Maintenance Sergeant	SFC Robert J. Crabtree	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Elvin S. Lee
Senior Recovery Mechanic	SP5 Donald R. Graves	Ammunition Handler	PFC Larry J. Parkhill
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Walter D. Campbell	Ammunition Handler	PVT Tom E. Thomas
Loader Operator	SP4 Leroy Love	Ammunition Handler	PVT Gerry T. Hendrix
Repair Parts Specialist	SP4 William R. Lynn Jr.	3rd Section Chief	SP4 Glydell R. Pawless
Recovery Mechanic	SP4 William L. Abbott	Ammunition Specialist	SP4 Gerald C. Lane
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Eugene W. McClung	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Dennis R. Holland
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Preston L. Dorman	Ammunition Handler	PVT Herman L. Morton
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SFC Donald G. Poolaw		

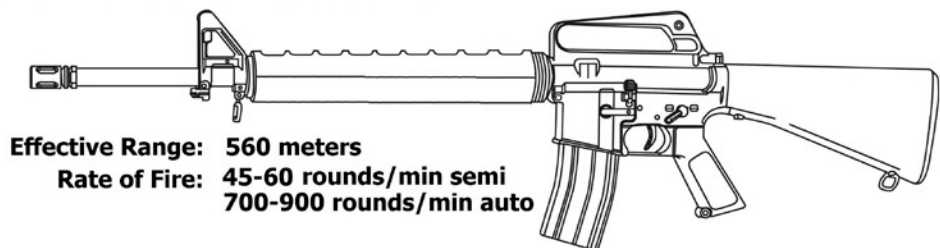
## EXTRACT FROM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL HISTORY 1971

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.

### M16A1 5.56mm Rifle



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.

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 Commo 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.

- 5 January 1971: MSG Robert Stringer promoted to E-8.
- 2 April 1971: CPT Calvin Koonce promoted to Captain.
- 19 August 1971: MAJ Claude Wheeler, S-3, reassigned to leave State due to job relocation.
- 20 August 1971: MAJ Normand Duckworth, S-3, Vice MAJ Wheeler. CPT John W. Gaines transferred to HQ 45th Field Artillery Group.
- 1 September 1971: CPT Alan E. Aycock promoted to Captain.
- 3 September 1971: CPT Bobby Jantz, assigned S-2 Vice CPT Gaines. LT Freddy C. Ricks assigned Motor Officer Vice CPT Jantz.
- 8 September 1971: CPT Freddy C. Ricks promoted to Captain.
- 30 September 1971: MAJ Junior D. McLemore retired from active service.
- 1 October 1971: MAJ Norman E. Duckworth, assigned XO, Vice MAJ McLemore. MAJ Jerry D. Simmons assigned from 45th FA Group as S-3, Vice MAJ Duckworth.
- 5 October 1971: CPT Alan E. Aycock separated to accept appointment in Arkansas ARNG.
- 9 October 1971: MSG Luther L. Chapin transfer to Retired Reserve.
- 23 October 1971: SFC Johnny Walker assigned to Intelligence Sergeant, Vice MSG Chapin.

**Annual Report of Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 greated 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.

- 31 May 1971: 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.
- 31 August 1971: 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.
- 9 November 1971: SP5 Billy D. Stephenson assigned FDC Section Chief, replacing SP5 Don F. O'Rear, who was discharged.
- 25 November 1971: SGT Terry W. Sparkman assigned Section Chief of 1st Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Richard G. Palczynsky, who was discharged.

**Annual Report of Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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.

- 14 February 1971: SSG David L. Delong assigned as Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SSG Billy G. Strickland, who separated on ETS.
- 11 May 1971: CPL Robert L. Rose and CPL Robert L. Perkins, promoted to Sergeant and assigned as Chief of Section.
- 20 June 1971: LT William L. Barnes assumes temporary Command from CPT Willie L. Basler Jr., attending school at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.
- 4 July 1971: CPT Willie L. Basler assumes Command from LT William L. Barnes, upon completion of active duty.
- 3 September 1971: LT William L. Barnes assumes Command upon the reassignment of CPT Willie L. Basler to HHB 45th FA Group.
- 4 November 1971: SP5 Nicky D. Morrison and SP5 Jackie K. Morrison promoted to SSG and assigned as AMMO Sergeant and Chief of Section respectively.
- 16 November 1971: LT John S. Cole assumes temporary Command from LT William L. Barnes, attending school at Fort McClellan, Alabama.
- 16 December 1971: LT William L. Barnes assumes Command from LT John S. Cole upon completion of school at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

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.

**Annual Report of Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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.

We look forward to a eventful 1972 with the promise of more new equipment to train with.

- 7 June 1971: SP4 Roy W. Carter assigned Ammunition Section Chief, replacing SGT Billy D. Freeman, who was discharged.
- 11 June 1971: SGT Cubie E. Loveless assigned Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SFC Charles L. Bitsche, who was discharged.
- 8 October 1971: SP4 Kenneth E. Taylor assigned Wire Team Chief, replacing SGT Larry D. Hinton, who was discharged.
- 16 November 1971: CPT Calvin E. Koonce assigned Battery Commander, replacing CPT Kenneth W. Bray, who was transferred to Battalion Staff.
- 1 December 1971: 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.

**Annual Report of Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 worked 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.

- 22 November 1971: 2LT Richard A. Horton was reassigned to Btry B, 1Bn 158 FA, Duncan, Oklahoma.
- 30 November 1971: 1LT Jerry G. Davis was reassigned to Btry C, 1 Bn 158 FA, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

#### HHB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma

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

Aidman	SP4 Roger A. Moore	Battery Motor Officer	CW2 B. L. Brence
Aidman	SP4 Harvey G. Patterson		

**Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT William R. Nixon	Cannoneer	PFC Robert E. Williams
First Sergeant	1SG Leslie E. Blalock	Cannoneer	PFC Gary J. Griffith
Mess Steward	SSG Paul E. Laferr	Cannoneer	PFC Bobby L. Watson
Motor Sergeant	SGT Leon N. Harrison	Cannoneer	PFC Richard P. Strain
Supply Sergeant	SSG Darrell D. Lange	Cannoneer	PVT Clyde E. Bingham
First Cook	SP5 Melvin H. Morrow	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Glenn B. Funk
First Cook	SP5 Ralph W. Meyers	Gunner	SGT Henry H. Kobza
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Michael J. Dobry	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Cecil H. Sawyer Jr.
Battery Clerk	SP5 Vernon M. Hedrick	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Vincent P. Kobza
Cook	SP4 Jerry D. Williams	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Gerald W. Myers
Cook	SP4 James R. Hoffman	Cannoneer	PFC Ronald J. Martin
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Curtis W. Sage	Cannoneer	PFC David W. Blalock Jr.
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Richard D. Taylor	Cannoneer	PFC Johnny L. Jarel
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Willard R. Taylor	Cannoneer	PVT David W. Gunter
Cooks Helper	PFC Steven W. Rodgers	Cannoneer	PVT Larry D. Dyer
Mechanic Helper	PVT Melvin R. King	Cannoneer	PVT Terry L. Williams
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC George A. Harris	Cannoneer	PVT Alan L. Williams
Unit Supply Specialist	PFC Larry D. Newell	Cannoneer	PVT Philip E. Compton
Commo Chief	SGT Ray L. Watts	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT David W. Lampkin
Team Chief	SGT Donald L. Norton	Gunner	SGT Jimmy C. Bartlett
Team Chief	SGT Jimmy D. Yearwood	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Steven A. Urbach
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Phillip S. Lankister	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Monty G. Howell
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Gerald L. Menasco	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Donnie G. Cash
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Hugh W. Gossett	Cannoneer	PFC Floyd M. Ratliff Jr.
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Ronald D. Slater	Cannoneer	PFC Larry C. Rehl
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Michael M. Dye	Cannoneer	PFC Alton L. Allen
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Lyndel R. East	Cannoneer	PFC Larry A. Harbour
Field Wireman	PFC John E. Valerius	Cannoneer	PFC Donald R. Epperson
Field Wireman	PFC James T. Stephens	Cannoneer	PVT Gary D. Heddlesten
Field Wireman	PFC Christopher R. Kilpatrick	Cannoneer	PVT Richard B. Subia
Executive Officer	1LT Bobby D. Thomasson	Cannoneer	PVT Nolan D. Dorsey
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Patrick A. Brooks	Chief of 4th Section	SSG Charles E. White
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Charles W. Watts	Gunner	SGT Michael L. Lovell
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Don F. O'Rear	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Terry W. Sparkman
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Billy D. Stephenson	Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Keith L. McPherson
Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Reuben D. Vincent	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Jerry L. Marcum
Chart Operator	SP4 Gene A. Stidham	Cannoneer	PFC Albert D. Thompson
Chart Operator	SP4 Boyd J. Spencer Jr.	Cannoneer	PFC Johnnie W. Rodgers
CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Johnny F. Kobza	Cannoneer	PFC Lennis D. Miller
Artillery Recorder	PFC Michael A. Dietrich	Cannoneer	PFC Paul L. Martinez
Assembler	SP4 Joe D. Hart	Cannoneer	PVT Ronald D. Lovin
Assembler	SP4 Tommy W. Hobbs	Cannoneer	PVT Kenneth S. Brower
Assembler	SP4 Gabe W. Chittum	Cannoneer	PVT Charles E. Lisenberg
Assembler	SP4 Donnie J. Galindo	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Freddy D. Reynolds
Chief of 1st Section	SSG Richard G. Palczynsky	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Bobby G. Morrow
Gunner	SGT Lionel K. Bentley	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Ralph N. Subia
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Jerry J. Miller	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Boyd R. Bates
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Gary D. Lindley	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Orval R. Barringer
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Darrell W. Long	Ammunition Handler	PFC Jackie L. Pledger
Cannoneer	PFC Larry D. Holsted	Ammunition Handler	PFC Carl L. Martin
Cannoneer	PFC Dennis W. Williams	Excess	SP5 Ernest R. Bolin

**Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT William L. Barnes	General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Darrell C. Jones
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Repair Parts Specialist	SP4 Billy R. Stewart
Mess Steward	SGT Charles D. Billups	Unit Supply Specialist	SP4 Dennis L. Schneider
Motor Sergeant	SGT Darrell McClain	Cooks Helper	PVT Randall R. Wilcox
Supply Sergeant	PFC Steven C. Streich	Mechanic Apprentice	SP4 Darrell L. Johnson
First Cook	SP5 Teddy M. Gilbert	Radio Telephone Operator	PVT David L. Gray
First Cook	PFC Danny W. Perry	First Cook	SP5 Larry A. Certain
Battery Clerk	SGT John R. Green	Commo Chief	SSG Larry D. Sims
Cook	PFC Robert E. Jackson Jr.	RATT Chief	CPL Phillip W. Jones
Equipment Records Clerk	SP4 Daniel D. Leu	Wire Team Chief	CPL Jimmy D. Johnson
General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Phillip A. Whitney	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Jerry G. Harrison
General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Jimmy L. McBee	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Travis A. Lawrence

Senior Switchboard Operator	PFC Jimmy D. Buie	Cannoneer	PVT Johnny C. Dillon
Senior Field Wireman	PFC Ronald K. Wilson	Cannoneer	PFC Michael W. Morgan
Field Switchboard Operator	CPL Arnold K. Lee	Cannoneer	PFC Johnny L. Moore
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Dwight G. Buffington	Cannoneer	PFC Harvey D. Love
Field Wireman	PVT Lennie T. Woods	Cannoneer	PFC Harry D. Linam
Field Wireman	PVT Leslie L. Holt	Cannoneer	PFC Thomas H. Douglas
Field Wireman	PFC Dennis E. Gray	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Robert L. Perkins
Field Wireman	SP5 Tommy W. Edwards	Gunner	SGT Mlchael L. Metzner
Executive Officer	1LT John S. Cole	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Bobby J. King
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Richard A. Horton	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Danny R. Gibson
Chief of Firing Battery	SSG David L. Delong	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Stanley W. Stubblefield
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Thomas R. Hinkie	Cannoneer	SP4 Larry D. Scott
Fire Direction Computer	PFC Stevie W. Harvill	Cannoneer	PVT Joe S. Ross
Artillery Recorder	SP4 James L. Parsons	Cannoneer	PVT Donald F. Garrett
Assembler	SP4 Gene P. Hendricks	Cannoneer	PVT Gerald R. Matulis
Assembler	PFC David L. Davidson	Cannoneer	PFC Jerry G. Kincannon
Assembler	PFC Ronald L. Hinkie	Cannoneer	PFC John R. Baker
Chart Operator	SP4 Jim E. Ritchey	Chief of 4th Section	SGT Jackie K. Morrison
Chart Operator	PFC John C. Dombrowski	Gunner	SGT Larry E. Davidson
CP Carrier Driver	PFC Eddie H. Drath	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Joe D. Arrington
Instrument Operator	PFC James R. Fitzgerald	Cannoneer	PVT Elmer L. Thompson
Target Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Garry D. Arrington	Cannoneer	PVT Teddy C. Reynolds
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Truman M. Horn	Cannoneer	PVT John M. Moffatt
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Stephen R. Whittan	Cannoneer	SGT Jesse G. Anderson
Chief of 1st Section	SGT Ken C. Perkins	Cannoneer	PVT Terry L. Daudill
Gunner	SGT Danny A. Talley	Cannoneer	PVT Erskin L. Medford III
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Lyndon H. Allen	Cannoneer	PVT Michael J. Mande
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 James I. Richards	Cannoneer	PVT Kenneth G. Wall
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Ronald J. Carroll	Chief of Ammo Section	SSG Nickey D. Morrisson
Cannoneer	PVT Thomas D. J. Wharton	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Billy R. Cleary
Cannoneer	PVT John A. Matulis	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Paul W. Dodson
Cannoneer	PFC Len W. Ryan	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Michael D. Powers
Cannoneer	PFC James W. Roberts	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Terry L. Edwards
Cannoneer	PFC Jimmy L. Pennington	Ammunition Handler	PVT Timmie D. Travis
Cannoneer	PFC Dennis W. McKee	Ammunition Handler	PFC Larry D. Eckstien
Cannoneer	PFC Robert W. Dodson	Ammunition Handler	PVT Danny G. Bonds
Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Robert L. Rose	Ammunition Handler	PVT Rickie D. Heffington
Gunner	SGT Gary R. Vardell	Ammunition Handler	SGT Dennie W. Byford
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Gary R. Gardner	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Clarence W. Wright
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Richard L. Byford	Ammunition Handler	SP5 Archie F. Bassham
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 William W. Garrett	Ammunition Handler	PFC Bennie M. Yearby
Cannoneer	PVT Jackie D. Shelton		

**Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT Kenneth W. Bray	Field Wireman	PFC Gary W. Campbell
First Sergeant	1SG William G. Spangler	Executive Officer	1LT Herbert A. O'Neil
Mess Stewart	SFC Thomas J. Hickey	Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Stephen M. Hellwege
Motor Sergeant	SSG Howard M. Tims	Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Charles L. Bitsche
Supply Sergeant	SGT John E. Snow	Chief FDC	SP5 Bobby W. Word
First Cook	SP4 Howard L. McElroy	Chart Operator	PFC Larry K. Stephenson
First Cook	SP4 Mearl L. Malone	Chart Operator	PFC Kenneth G. Morris
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Anthony F. Koehler Jr.	Instrument Operator	PVT Joe C. Tubb
Battery Clerk	SP4 James H. Spangler	CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Jerry L. Heavin
Cook	SP4 Jerry D. Brand	Artillery Recorder	PFC William M. Ohl
Cook	SP4 Doil May Jr.	Assembler	PFC William W. Wheeler
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 William E. Coffee	Assembler	PFC Mark R. Scott
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Robert J. Powell	Assembler	PFC Michael R. Opitz
Cooks Helper	PFC Jack C. Bullard	Assembler	SP4 Bill A. Gibbs
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Roy E. Holt	Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Gary K. Pinkston
Unit Supply Specialist	SP4 Bruce C. Wright	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Jerry D. Leslie
Communications Chief	SFC Rudy N. Hightower	Chief of 1st Section	SGT Richard A. Bennett
Team Chief	SP4 Larry D. Hinton	Gunner	SGT Ronald E. Smith
Team Chief	SP4 Stanley G. Wenzel	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Roy W. Carter
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Robert P. Coffey	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Jerry W. Bramblett
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Benny Billy	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Patrick C. Winn
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Edward D. Wendling	Cannoneer	SP4 Larry D. Singleton
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Gilbert L. Billy	Cannoneer	PFC Garry D. Mathieu
Communications Agent	SP4 Loyd B. Cantrell	Cannoneer	PVT Samuel R. Dennis
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 W. R. Hightower	Cannoneer	PVT Jerry L. Taylor
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Kenneth E. Taylor	Cannoneer	PFC Ronnie G. Stanton
Field Wireman	PVT Bobby J. Johnston	Cannoneer	PFC Michael G. Winn

Cannoneer	PVT Ronald M. McKenzie	Cannoneer	PVT Joe D. Hanson
Cannoneer	PVT Paul L. Powell	Cannoneer	PVT Roy L. Harris
Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Cubie E. Loveless	Cannoneer	PVT Paul M. Arnold
Gunner	SGT Jerry B. Lair	Chief of 4th Section	SSG Eddie M. Tubb
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Bobby J. Farley	Gunner	PFC Dennis K. Boyd
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Garry D. Jones	Assistant Gunner	PFC Gary L. Bray
Prime Mover Driver	PFC Wayne G. Collins	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Robert E. Dean
Cannoneer	PFC Joe B. Johnston	Prime Mover Driver	PFC Oscar F. Woodward
Cannoneer	PFC Charles R. Jenkins	Cannoneer	PVT Robert J. Buser
Cannoneer	PVT Richard D. Story	Cannoneer	PVT Robert T. Meek
Cannoneer	PFC John L. Davis	Cannoneer	PVT Amos H. Smotherman
Cannoneer	PVT Dwight S. Wolfe	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Billy D. Freeman
Cannoneer	PVT Bobby L. Brand	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Kenneth L. Dietrich
Cannoneer	PVT Mark E. Cavin	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Bobby J. Wilson
Cannoneer	PVT Johnnie L. Collier	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Shipley
Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Thomas G. Rogers	Ammunition Handler	PVT Ray D. Sowers
Gunner	SGT Gary D. Clampitt	Ammunition Handler	PVT Larry W. Barrett
Assistant Gunner	SGT Roger D. Miracle	Ammunition Handler	PVT Thomas A. O'Hara
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 John P. Koehler	Ammunition Handler	PVT Loyd D. Russ
Prime Mover Driver	SP4 Roy K. Morris	Ammunition Handler	PVT James D. Thompson
Cannoneer	SP4 Kenneth L. Roden	Ammunition Handler	PVT Douglas M. Wheeler
Cannoneer	PFC Patrick M. Frances	Ammunition Handler	PVT Rocky L. Bray
Cannoneer	SP4 Ronnie L. Manning	Ammunition Handler	PVT Clyde J. Foster
Cannoneer	SP4 Phillip D. Workman	Ammunition Handler	PVT Joseph D. Green
Cannoneer	SP4 Kenneth L. McComas Jr.		

**Service Battery, 1st Battalioonn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Charles E. Myers	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Charles E. Wilson
Executive Officer	1LT Jerry G. Davis	Welder	SP4 John W. Richardson Jr.
First Sergeant	SFC Jerry V. L. Wilson	Wrecker Operator	SP5 Billy R. Buehne
Mess Stewart	SSG Leslie Sneed Jr.	Mechanic Helper	PVT Johnny M. Graves
Motor Sergeant	SGT Max D. Futrell	Mechanic Helper	PFC Tony R. Torres
Supply Sergeant	SSG Floyd T. Todd	Unit Supply Technician	CW2 Gene Wells
First Cook	SP4 Ronald L. Wiginton	Supply Sergeant	SFC Roylee C. Reynolds
First Cook	SP5 Bobby J. Bagwell	Assistant Supply Sergeant	SP4 Paul K. Gilbreath
Armorer	PFC Jimmy G. Pryor	General Supply Specialist	SP4 James D. Dean
Battery Clerk	PFC Harold A. Cloninger	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Gerald W. Knight
First Cook	PVT George E. Massey	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Charles E. Ball
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Joseph P. Stuever	Light Truck Driver	PFC William G. Rogers
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Jerry W. Bennett	Supply Clerk	PVT Davy L. Lindsey
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SGT Elijah Jackson	Ammunition Officer	2LT Patrick A. Brooks
Mechanic Helper	SP4 Carl B. Miller	Ammo Supply Sergeant	SGT Randal R. Brown
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Charles B. Smith	Ammunition Agent	SGT John Connaly
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Barthell LittleChief	Ammo Section #1 Chief	SGT Kenneth R. Cunningham
Personnel Technician	CW3 Dennis R. Roper	Ammunition Specialist	SP4 Larry L. Cagle
Personnel Sergeant	SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr.	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Terry L. Perryman
Personnel Specialist	SP5 Charles E. Freeman	Ammunition Handler	PFC Lonnie L. Whatley
Senior Pay Specialist	SP4 Michael C. Hinson	Ammunition Handler	PVT Joe G. Ford
Pay Specialist	PFC Richard A. Horton	Ammunition Handler	PVT Ronnie H. Graves
Personnel Specialist	PFC James W. Odom	Ammo Section #2 Chief	SGT Dan L. Wiginton
Senior Records Specialist	PVT James A. Shaw III	Ammunition Specialist	PFC Kenneth W. Stradley
Maintenance Technician	CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliary	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Jackie D. Barrett
Maintenance Sergeant	SFC Robert J. Crabtree	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Joseph M. Ferrante
Senior Recovery Mechanic	SP5 Donald R. Graves	Ammunition Handler	PVT Larry J. Parkhill
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Walter D. Campbell	Ammunition Handler	PVT Tom E. Thomas
Loader Operator	SP4 Leroy Love	Ammunition Handler	PVT Richard J. Blaske
Repair Parts Specialist	SP4 William R. Lynn Jr.	Ammo Section #3 Chief	SP4 Glydell R. Pawless
Recovery Mechanic	SP4 William L. Abbott	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Elvin S. Lee
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Eugene W. McClung	Heavy Truck Driver	PVT Dennis R. Holland
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Preston L. Dorman	Ammunition Handler	PVT Herman L. Morton
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SFC Donald G. Poolaw	Ammunition Handler	PVT Gerry T. Hendrix

**EXTRACT FROM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL HISTORY 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 my many people, we made our goal and will 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.

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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.

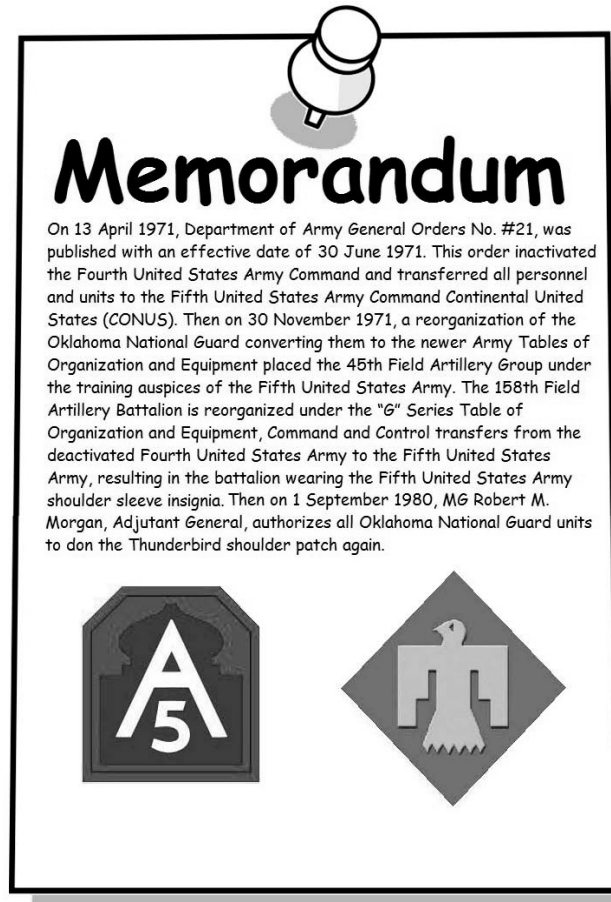
In March this unit had a drill at Fort Sill, Oklahoma which consisted of Prep for Move to Fort Sill, Establishing Bivouac Site, Introduction to Formations, Squad Formations, Platoon Formations, Anti-Sniping, and Recruit Training on station and Material Care and Maintenance.

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.

- 3 April 1972: LTC Joe A. Wheeler, released command 1 Bn 158 FA, assigned to HHB 45 FA Group OKARNG, Enid, Oklahoma. LTC Marshal Bathurst, assigned Battalion Commander (O1193) FA Vise LTC Joe A. Wheeler.
- 10 April 1972: LTC Marshal Bathurst, HD to Commanding General, RCPAC, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 11 April 1972: MAJ Norman E. Duckworth, assigned Battalion Commander (O1193) Vise LTC Marshal Bathurst.
- 13 April 1972: 1LT Robert R. Eddy, appointed assigned as Battalion Surgeon.
- 17 April 1972: 2LT George V. Hamilton appointed and assigned as Section Leader (O1193).
- 19 April 1972: MAJ Norman E. Duckworth, promoted to LTC.
- 24 April 1972: MAJ J. W. Casper assigned Executive Officer, 1 Bn 158 FA from HHB 45th FA Group. MAJ Merrill B. Burruss, assigned HHB 45 FA Group from Headquarters 158 FA.
- 5 May 1972: MAJ J. W. Casper RFA to HHB 45 FA Group, Enid, Oklahoma. MAJ Merrill B. Burruss, assigned Executive Officer, Headquarters 1 Bn 158 FA, Lawton, Oklahoma from HHB 45th FA Group.
- 17 May 1972: 2LT Stephen Helewege, HD Incompatible Occupation to USAR Standby Reserve Control Group.
- 18 May 1972: 1SG Richard E. Bowers, transfer to Inactive Reserve ARNG. SFC Johnny W. Walker assigned 1SG Vise 1SG Bowers.
- 2 June 1972: SFC Rudy N. Hightower promoted to MSG E-8.
- 5 June 1972: 2LT Dennis W. Byford appointed Reconnaissance Survey Officer (O1183) HHB 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 14 August 1972: 2LT George C. Hamilton HD Incompatible Occupation, assigned the USAR Control Group (AT).
- 1 September 1972: CW3 Dennis R. Roper, assigned from Service Battery 1 Bn 158 FA to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 8 September 1972: CPT Calvin E. Koonce, assigned from Btry "C", 158 FA to S-1 HQ 1 Bn 158 FA. CPT Freddy C. Ricks released from and assigned to Service Battery, 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 25 September 1972: 1LT Daniel C. Martin Assigned from Battery "C", 1 Bn 158 FA to HHB, 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 1 December 1972: 1LT Herbert A. O'Neal reassigned from Platoon Leader (O1010) FA to Battalion Motor Officer (00600) FA. 2LT Dennis W. Byford reassigned from Reconnaissance Survey Officer (O1183) FA to PLatoon Leader (O1010) FA.
- 5 December 1972: CPT Larry A. York appointed and assigned Reconnaissance Survey Officer (O1183) FA.

**Annual Report of Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 tho, 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 or 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.

- 10 January 1972: SSG Charles E. White assigned Motor Sergeant replacing SGT Leon N. Harrison, who was discharged.
- 10 May 1972: SGT Lionel K. Bentley assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section, replacing SGT Cecil H. Sawyer Jr., who is discharged.
- 16 June 1972: SP5 Joe D. Hart assigned Supply Sergeant replacing SSG Vernon M. Hedrick who was discharged.
- 19 June 1972: 1LT Larry R. Bracken assigned to unit as Forward Observer.
- 28 July 1972: SGT Bobby G. Morrow assigned Section Chief of Ammunition Section, replacing SGT Gabe M. Chittum, who is discharged.
- 31 August 1972: 1LT Bobby D. Thomasson assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT William R. Nixon, who was assigned to the inactive National Guard.
- 8 September 1972: 2LT John W. Conger assigned as Battery Executive Officer from Btry "C", 1/158 FA, replacing 1LT Thomasson.
- 25 September 1972: 2LT Richard A. Horton assigned as Forward Observer from Btry "B", 1/158 FA replacing 1LT Larry R. Bracken, who was reassigned to Btry "C", 1/158 FA.
- 16 October 1972: SGT Jerry L. Marcum assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Lionel K. Bentley, who was discharged.

**Annual Report of Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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.

- 14 April 1972: 2LT Max E. Daughtrey returned to duty from USAFAS and assigned as Assistant Executive Officer.
- 16 May 1972: 1LT John S. Cole released from Duty as Executive Officer and assigned to USAR Standby Reserve Control Group.
- 15 July 1972: 1LT James A. Cunningham, assigned pending completion of USAFAS, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
- 22 July 1972: 1LT James A. Cunningham, returned to duty, from USAFAS, and assigned as Executive Officer.
- 25 July 1972: 2LT Richard A. Horton, transferred to Battery "A", Anadarko, Oklahoma.

**Annual Report of Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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.

- 1 January 1972: 1LT Danical C. Martin, assigned as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 2LT Stephen M. Hellwege, who was transferred to HHB 1/158 FA.
- 1 March 1972: SSG Richard A. Bennett, was assigned as Chief of Firing Battery, replacing Cubie E. Loveless, who was discharged.
- 8 September 1972: 1LT Jerry G. Davis, assigned as Battery Commanding Officer, replacing CPT Calvin E. Koonce, who was transferred to HQ 1/158 FA.
- 25 September 1972: 1LT Larry R. Bracken, assigned as Assistant Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Danical C. Martin, was transferred to HQ 1/158 FA.
- 6 October 1972: 2LT Gary L. Ransom, assigned as Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Jerry G. Davis, who took over as Battery Commanding Officer.
- 10 October 1972: SGT Bruce C. Wright, was assigned as Battery Mess Sergeant, replacing SFC Thomas J. Hickey.

**Annual Report of Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** This was a very excited and progressive year for our battery. We are looking 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.

### Grade Distribution

OFFICERS		WARRANT OFFICERS	ENLISTED				OTHERS
CPT	LT	WO	NCO				E6-E5-E4-E3
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- 1 December 1971: 2LT Daryl K. McCall, assigned Ammunition Officer, replacing 2LT Richard A. Horton, who was reassigned to battery Btry "B", 1 Bn 158 FA. SFC Robert J. Crabtree assigned First Sergeant, replacing SFC Jerry VL Wilson, who was reassigned to Battery Motor Sergeant.
- 14 April 1972: 1LT James A. Cunningham, appointed Battery Executive Officer from USAR.
- 15 July 1972: 1LT James A. Cunningham, transferred to Btry "B" 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 20 July 1972: 1LT Alan W. Bowman appointed Battery Executive Officer from USAR.
- 1 September 1972: CW3 Dennis R. Roper, Unit Personnel Technician, transferred to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 8 September 1972: CPT Freddy C. Ricks, assigned from HHB 1 Bn 158 FA and appointed Battery Commander, replacing CPT Charles E. Myers, who was transferred to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA.

### **HHB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	LTC Joe A. Wheeler	Chief of Survey Party	SGT Don R. Shroeder
Executive Officer	MAJ Norman E. Duckworth	Survey Computer	SP5 Thommas V. Davis
S-3	MAJ Jerry D. Simmons	Survey Computer	SP4 Bennie H. Helm
Battalion Motor Officer	CPT Freddy C. Ricks	Survey Computer	PFC James B. Clark
Battalion Surgeon	Unassigned	Survey Computer	SP4 Jimmie A. Willis
Chaplain	CPT James L. Mahan	Survey Computer	SP4 Rickey D. Harman
Communications Officer	CPT Donald H. Allen	Instrument Operator	SP4 Bobby G. Dayton
Field Artillery Liaison Officer	CPT Charles D. Houston	Instrument Operator	PFC Joe D. McClung
S-1	CPT Kenneth W. Bray	Instrument Operator	SP4 Loyd D. Teague
S-2	CPT Bobby R. Jantz	Instrument Operator	SP4 Jessey W. Teague
Battalion Sergeant Major	CSM Donald D. Liles	Survey Recorder	SP4 Larry B. Sparks
Battalion Commander	CPT Francis P. O'Leary	Rodman/Tapeman	SP4 Howard L. Hill
First Sergeant	1SG Richard E. Bowers	Rodman/Tapeman	PFC Steven V. Sledge
Mess Stewart	SSG James H. Lents	Liaison Sergeant	SSG Phillip D. Waggoner
Supply Sergeant	SP4 Evans P. Warner	Commo Platoon Leader	1LT Herbert A. O'Neil
Motor Sergeant	SFC Kenneth V. Ille	Communications Chief	MSG George L. E. McDaniel
First Cook	SP4 Clarence Symes	Senior FADAC Mechanic	SP5 Donald L. Linderkamp
First Cook	SP4 Lonnie G. Dye	FADAC/Radio Mechanic	SP4 Ruben D. Fisher
Armorer	PFC Michael L. Williams	Senior Message Clerk	SP4 Terry J. Brewer
Battery Clerk	SP4 Kenneth D. Youngstedt	Message Clerk	PFC Robert L. Morris
Cook	SP4 Eddy J. Hargraves	Message Clerk	PFC Ronald L. Roberts
Equipment Report Clerk	SP4 Erric W. Grant	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Gregory D. Edwards
Powerman	SP4 Richard L. Radke	Wire Section Chief	SFC Ora A. Correl Jr.
Repair Parts Clerk	SP4 Donald L. Tate	Wire Team Chief	SGT Charles D. Langston
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Edward D. Repp	Wire Team Chief	SP4 Stephen C. Jennings
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Robert B. McClure	Wire Team Chief	SGT Sam E. Countiss
Wheel Vehicle Repairman	PFC Billy J. Godfrey	Wire Team Chief	SP4 Calvin L. Williams
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Michael J. Allen	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Terry P. Erman
First Cook	SP5 Chester L. Fisher	Senior Wireman	SP4 Roger C. Horst
Senior Track Mechanic	PFC Bob J. Bailey	Senior Wireman	SP4 Kenneth W. Etter
Legal Clerk	SP6 William R. Morris	Senior Wireman	SP4 Ronald L. Lodes
Senior Information Specialist	SP4 Hommer L. Ryan	Senior Wireman	SP4 Carter R. Waid
Headquarters Clerk	PFC Robert H. Owens	Field Switchboard Operator	PVT William D. Snider
Mail Delivery Clerk	PVT Billy C. Davis	Field Wireman	PFC Richard D. Trahan
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Paul E. Davis	Field Wireman	PFC Gordon L. Heying
Assistant S-3	CPT Merril B. Burruss Jr.	Field Wireman	PFC Dennis D. Wommavovah
Intelligence Sergeant	SFC John W. Walker	Field Wireman	PFC James E. Beene
Operations Sergeant	MSG Robert L. Stringer	Field Wireman	PVT Ronnie A. Setliff
Chemical NCO	SGT Cleo M. Otipoby	Field Wireman	PFC Larry G. Walker
Clerk Typist	SP4 Edward J. Smith	Field Wireman	PVT Jerry D. Stuckey
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Robert I. Wood	Field Wireman	PVT James A. Fischer
Chief FDC	SFC Jimmie M. Sims	Field Wireman	PVT Wayne A. Bishop
Assistant Chief FDC	SSG James A. Pahdoco	Radio Section Chief	SGT Mark A. Murphy
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Melvin C. Brown	Team Chief	SGT Danny S. Roper
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Reginald Dungan	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Arthur E. Simmons
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Don P. Yates	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Phillip D. Hawkins
Recon Survey Officer	2LT Stephen M. Hellewege	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Darryl L. Rhoads
Chief Surveyor	SFC Gary D. Brown	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Garry D. Hancock
Chief of Survey Party	SSG Glen J. Erkenbrack	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Billy J. Holaway

Medical Section Sergeant	SSG Larry E. Olmstead	ADA Section Chief	SGT Clyde R. Narcomey
Clinical Specialist	SP4 Lynn D. White	Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Billy C. Davis
Senior Medical Aidman	SP4 Robert B. Tipton	Redeye Team Chief	SGT William R. Cozby
Ambulance Driver	SP4 Walter P. Webster	Redeye Gunner	PVT Arnold D. Fischer
Battery Aidman	SP4 Joe R. Davis		

**Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT William R. Nixon	Cannoneer	PFC Alan L. Williams
First Sergeant	SFC Leslie E. Blalock	Cannoneer	PFC Richard P. Strain
Mess Steward	SFC Paul E. LaFerr	Cannoneer	PFC Clyde E. Bingham
Motor Sergeant	SGT Leon N. Harrison	Cannoneer	PFC Larry D. Dyer
Supply Sergeant	SSG Vernon M. Hedrick	Cannoneer	PVT Clifton A. Burris
First Cook	SP5 Ralph W. Myers	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Glenn B. Funk
First Cook	SP5 Jerry D. Williams	Gunner	SGT Steven A. Urbach
Battery Clerk	SP5 Joe D. Hart	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Gerald W. Myers
Cook	SP4 James R. Hoffman	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Vincent P. Kobza
Equipment Records Clerk	SP4 Melvin R. King	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Dennis W. Williams
General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Larry R. Turnbull	Cannoneer	PFC Ronald J. Martin
General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Richard D. Taylor	Cannoneer	PVT Billy R. Weathers
General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Willard R. Taylor	Cannoneer	PFC John K. Hart
Repair Parts Specialist	SP5 Michael J. Dobry	Cannoneer	PFC Johnny L. Jarel
Unit Supply Specialist	SP4 Larry D. Newell	Cannoneer	PFC Terry L. Williams
Cooks Helper	SP4 Steven W. Rodgers	Cannoneer	PFC Bobby C. Jarel
Maintenance Apprentice	PFC Carl L. Martin	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Cecil H. Sawyer Jr.
Radio Telephone Operator	PVT Van G. Smithpeter Jr.	Gunner	SGT Michael L. Lovell
First Cook	SP6 Melvin H. Morrow	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Keith L. McPherson
Communications Chief	SGT Ray L. Watts	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Donnie G. Cash
Team Chief	SGT Jimmy D. Yearwood	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Larry A. Harbour
Team Chief	SGT Donald L. Norton	Cannoneer	PFC Alton L. Allen
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Gerald L. Menasco	Cannoneer	PFC Jerry D. Howell
Radio Teletype Operator	PFC John E. Valerius	Cannoneer	PFC Nolan D. Dorsey
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Michael M. Dye	Cannoneer	PFC Gary D. Heddlesten
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Lyndel R. East	Cannoneer	PFC Richard B. Subia
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Christopher R. Kilpatrick	Chief of 4th Section	SSG Henry H. Kobza
Field Switchboard Operator	SGT Terry L. Rowe	Gunner	SGT Lionel G. Bentley
Field Wireman	PVT Dennis R. Holdge	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Donald R. Epperson
Field Wireman	PFC James T. Stephens	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Johnnie W. Rogers
Executive Officer	1LT Bobby D. Thomasson	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Lennis D. Miller
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Patrick A. Brooks	Cannoneer	PFC Larry C. Rehl
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Charles W. Watts	Cannoneer	PFC Charles E. Lisenberg
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Billy D. Stephenson	Cannoneer	PFC Ronald D. Lovin
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Michael A. Dietrich	Cannoneer	PFC John A. White
Assembler	SP4 David W. Blalock Jr.	Cannoneer	PVT Michael S. McNeill
Assembler	SP4 Donnie J. Galindo	Cannoneer	SP4 Monty G. Howell
Assembler	SP4 Tommy W. Hobbs	Cannoneer	PFC Bobby L. Watson
Chart Operator	SP4 Boyd J. Spencer Jr.	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Gabe M. Chittum
Chart Operator	SP4 Kenneth S. Brower	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Bobby G. Morrow
CP Carrier Driver	PFC Kenneth D. Davis	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Philip E. Compton
Instrument Operator	PVT Douglas L. Zerger	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Boyd R. Bates
Track Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Reuben D. Vincent	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Orval R. Barringer
Artillery Recorder	SP4 Gene A. Stidham	Ammunition Handler	PFC David W. Gunter
Chief of 1st Section	SSG Terry W. Sparkman	Ammunition Handler	PFC George A. Harris
Gunner	SGT Jimmy C. Bartlett	Ammunition Handler	PVT Jimmy D. Lemmons
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Jerry L. Marcum	Excess	SFC Richard R. Bell
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Gary D. Lindley	Excess	SSG Charles E. White
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Darrell W. Long	Excess	SGT Albert D. Thompson
Cannoneer	PFC Robert E. Williams	Excess	SP5 Bobby D. Haynes
Cannoneer	PFC Larry D. Holsted		

**Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT William L. Barnes	Senior Track Mechanic	SGT Phillip A. Whitney
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Armorer	SP4 Stenen G. Streich
Mess Steward	SGT Charles D. Billups	Maintenance Clerk	SGT Daniel D. Leu
Motor Sergeant	SGT Derrel McClain	GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 James W. Roberts Jr.
Supply Sergeant	SSG John R. Green	PLL Clerk	SP4 Darrell G. Jones
First Cook	SP5 Larry A. Certain	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Jimmy L. McBee
First Cook	SP4 Robert E. Jackson Jr.	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Michael D. Powers
First Cook	SP4 Danny W. Perry	Light Vehicle Driver	SGT James L. Parsons
Cook	PFC Danny G. Bonds	Track Mechanic Helper	PFC Bennie M. Yearly
Battery Clerk	PFC David L. Gray	Ammo Chief of Section	SSG Victor L. Hammel

Light Truck Driver	SP4 Paul W. Dodson	Cannoneer	PFC John A. Matulis
Light Truck Driver	SP4 Larry D. Eckstein	Cannoneer	PFC Lennie T. Woods
Light Truck Driver	SP4 Terry L. Edwards	Cannoneer	PFC Dennis M. McKee
Light Truck Driver	PVT David M. McReynolds	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Robert L. Rose Jr.
Ammunition Handler	PFC Teddy G. Reynolds	Gunner	SP4 James I. Richards
Ammunition Handler	PFC Joe S. Ross	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Gary D. Arrington
Ammunition Handler	PFC Elmer L. Thompson	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Danny R. Gibson
Communications Chief	SGT Jimmy D. Buie	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Jerry D. Kincannon
Senior Switchboard Operator	SGT Ronald K. Wilson	Cannoneer	SGT Truman M. Horn
Senior Field Wireman	CPL Arnold K. Lee	Cannoneer	PVT Billy D. Wilson
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Randall J. Carrigan	Cannoneer	PFC Timmie D. Travis
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Travis A. Lawrence	Cannoneer	PVT James A. Laughlin
Field Wireman	SP4 Dennis E. Gray	Cannoneer	PVT Richard J. Lowe
Field Wireman	PFC Weslie L. Holt	Cannoneer	PVT Charles W. Prowse
Field Wireman	PFC Lennie T. Woods	Cannoneer	PVT Billy R. Thornton
Executive Officer	1LT James A. Cunningham	Cannoneer	PVT Victor L. Watkins Jr.
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Max E. Daughtrey	Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Robert L. Perkins Jr.
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC David L. DeLong	Gunner	SGT Larry E. Davidson
Chief FDC	SSG Thomas R. Hinkie	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Gary R. Gardner
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Steve W. Harvill	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Ronald L. Hinkie
Fire Direction Computer	PFC John C. Dombrowski	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Harry D. Linam
Artillery Recorder	PFC John M. Moffatt	Cannoneer	PFC Thomas D. Wharton
Artillery Recorder	SP4 Tommy W. Edwards	Cannoneer	PVT Dwight G. Buffington
Chart Operator	SP4 Jim E. Ritchey	Cannoneer	PVT Terry L. Caudill
CP Carrier Driver	SP4 David P. Griffin	Cannoneer	PVT Johnny K. Huff
Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Richard L. Byford	Cannoneer	PVT Jackie D. Shelton
Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 David L. Cole	Cannoneer	PVT Jerry D. Kelly
Assembler	SP4 Harvey D. Love	Cannoneer	Cannoneer
Assembler	SP4 David L. Davidson	Cannoneer	PVT Kenneth G. Wall
Assembler	PVT Larry D. Scott	Chief of 4th Section	SGT Gary R. Vardell
Assembler	SP4 Gene P. Hendricks	Gunner	SGT Michael J. Mande
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Randall W. Wilcox	Assistant Gunner	CPL Joe D. Arrington
Chief of 1st Section	SGT Danny A. Talley	Cargo Carrier Driver	SGT Eddie H. Drath
Gunner	SGT Lyndon H. Allen	Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Gerald R. Matulis
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Bobby J. King	Cannoneer	PVT Kenneth E. Davis
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Johnny L. Moore	Cannoneer	PVT Rickey M. Hazen
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 William W. Garrett	Cannoneer	PFC Michael W. Morgan
Cannoneer	PFC John R. Baker	Cannoneer	PFC Rickie E. Heffington
Cannoneer	PFC Johnny C. Dillon	Cannoneer	PVT William D. David
Cannoneer	PFC Robert W. Dodson	Cannoneer	PVT Lawrence G. Bratcher
Cannoneer	PFC Thomas H. Douglas	Cannoneer	PVT Dannie J. Bohannon
Cannoneer	PFC Donald F. Garrett	Cannoneer	PVT Melvin L. Blunt

**Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Calvin E. Koonce	Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Bobby J. Thompson
First Sergeant	1SG William G. Spangler	Field Wireman	PFC Oscar F. Woodard
Mess Steward	SFC Thomas J. Hickey	Executive Officer	1LT Jerry G. Davis
Motor Sergeant	SSG Howard M. Tims	Assistant Executive Officer	1LT Danial C. Martin
Supply Sergeant	SSG John E. Snow	Chief of Firing Battery	SSG Cubie E. Loveless Jr.
First Cook	SP4 Mark E. Cavin	Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Joe C. Tubb
First Cook	SP5 Jack C. Bullard	Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Ray D. Sowers
Battery Clerk	SP5 James H. Spangler	Assembler	PFC Mark R. Scott
Cook	PFC Kenneth A. Handke	Assembler	PFC William W. Wheeler
Equipment Records Clerk	PFC Lloyd D. Russ	Assembler	PFC Roy L. Harris
General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Stephen G. Heavin	Chart Operator	PFC Gary K. Pinkston
General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Kenneth L. Dietrich	Chart Operator	PFC Paul L. Powell
General Vehicle Repairman	PFC Rock L. Bray	CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Robert T Meek
Repair Parts Specialist	SP4 Bobby J. Wilson	Artillery Recorder	PVT William R. Hansen
Unit Supply Specialist	SGT Bruce C. Wright	Chief of 1st Section	SSG Richard A. Bennett
Cooks Helper	PFC Jerry W. Bramblett	Gunner	SGT Larry D. Singleton
Maintenance Apprentice	PVT Troy A. Rogers	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Patrich C. Winn
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Roy E. Holt	Cargo Carrier Driver	PFC Roy L. Harris
First Cook	SP4 Gary W. Campbell	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Michael G. Winn
Communications Chief	SGT Kenneth E. Taylor	Cannoneer	PVT Robert C. Bolton
Team Chief	SP4 Bobby J. Johnston	Cannoneer	PFC Samuel R. Dennis
Team Chief	SP4 Kenneth L. McComas	Cannoneer	PVT Gary K. Tyler
Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Thomas A. O'Hara	Cannoneer	PVT Lonnie R. Stroud
Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Donald R. Wheeler	Cannoneer	PVT Henry D. Mainka
Senior Switchboard Operator	PFC Billy E. Crawford	Cannoneer	PVT James E. Powers
Senior Field Wireman	PFC Jerry D. Lislle	Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Jerry B. Lair
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Paul M. Arnold	Gunner	SP4 Bobby J. Farley

Assistant Gunner	SP4 John L. Davis	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Roy K. Morris
Cargo Carrier Driver	PFC Dwight S. Wolfe	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 William M. Ohl
Motor Carriage Driver	PVT Billy P. Albers	Cannoneer	SP4 Robert J. Powell
Cannoneer	PFC Johnnie L. Collier	Cannoneer	SP4 Larry K. Stephenson
Cannoneer	PVT John S. Suber	Cannoneer	SP4 Robert E. Dean
Cannoneer	PVT Stephen A. Wicker	Cannoneer	PFC Joe D. Hansen
Cannoneer	PVT William N. Higgins	Cannoneer	PFC Richard D. Story
Cannoneer	PFC Patrick K. Francis	Ammo Chief of Section	SGT Roy W. Carter
Cannoneer	PFC Garry D. Mathieu	Heavy Truck Driver	SGT Gary D. Clampllett
Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Ronald E. Smith	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Jerry L. Heavin
Gunner	SP4 Kenneth L. Roden	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Larry W. Barrett
Assistant Gunner	SP4 John P. Koehler	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Gary L. Bray
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Dennis K. Boyd	Ammunition Handler	PFC Michael R. Opitz
Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Ronald M. McKenzie	Ammunition Handler	PFC Jerry L. Taylor
Cannoneer	PFC Charles R. Jenkins	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Shipley
Cannoneer	SP4 Jimmy J. Fielding	Ammunition Handler	PFC Wayne C. Collins
Cannoneer	PVT Clyde J. Foster	Ammunition Handler	PFC Douglas M. Wheeler
Cannoneer	PFC Gerald T. Alley	Ammunition Handler	PFC Joseph C. Reynolds
Cannoneer	PVT Jerry L. Cooley	Ammunition Handler	PFC Earl D. Miracle
Cannoneer	PFC Robert J. Buser	Ammunition Handler	PVT Joseph D. Green
Chief of 4th Section	SSG Eddie M. Tubb	Excess	2LT John W. Conger
Gunner	SSG R. D. Robnett	Excess	SFC Rudy N. Hightower
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Joe B. Johnston		

**Service Battery, 1st Battalioonn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Charles E. Myers	Welder	PFC Toney Torres
First Sergeant	SFC Robert J. Crabtree	Wrecker Operator	SP4 Johnnie Graves
Mess Stewart	SSG James D. Dean	Repairman Apprentice	PVT Rodney Ranney
Motor Sergeant	SFC Jerry Wilson	Repairman Apprentice	PVT Marvin Mercer
First Cook	SP5 Bobby J. Bagwell	Unit Supply Technician	CW2 Gene Wells
Armorer	SP4 Jimmy G. Pryor	Supply Sergeant	SFC Roylee Reynolds
Battery Clerk	SP4 Bobby Jones	Assistant Supply Sergeant	SSG Paul Gilbreath
Cook	PFC George E. Massey	General Supply Specialist	SP4 Charles Ball
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Jackie Barrett	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 David L. Lindsey
Senior Switchboard Operator	PFC Charles D. Coffman	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 William G. Rodgers
Wheel Vehicle Repairman	SGT Elijah Jackson	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Elvin S. Lee
Wheel Vehicle Repairman	PFC Vern A. Gossett	Supply Clerk	PFC Pat T. Hennessee
Cooks Helper	PFC John Gregg	Supply Clerk	SP4 Joeseph M. Ferrante
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Tommy Lovelady	Ammunition Officer	2LT Daryl McCall
Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Charles Torres	Ammo Supply Sergeant	SP4 Larry Parkhill
Wheel Vehicle Apprentice	PVT John Hinson	Ammunition Agent	SP4 Tom E. Thomas
First Cook	PVT Ralph Harper	Ammunition Clerk	PFC Robert Wheeler
Unit Personnel Technician	CW3 Dennis E. Roper	Ammo Section #1 Chief	SGT Gearld Lane
Personnel Sergeant	SFC Joseph Stevens	Ammunition Specialist	PFC Glenn Fuller
Personnel Specialist	SP5 Michael Hinson	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Gerry Hendrix
Senior Record Specialist	SP4 John Taylor	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Gearld Kight
Personnel Records Specialist	SP4 James Odem	Ammunition Handler	PFC Terry Perryman
Personnel Records Specialist	SP4 James Shaw	Ammunition Handler	PVT Lawrence Vavchan
Records Suspense Clerk	SP4 Don Brogden	Ammo Section #2 Chief	SGT Dan Wigington
Maintenance Technician	CW2 Kenneth Hilliary	Ammunition Specialist	SGT Johnie Brown
Maintenance Sergeant	SSG Tom Meyers	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Kenneth W. Stradley
Senior Recovery Operator	SP5 Donald Graves	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Herman Morton
Senior Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Richard ByBee	Ammunition Handler	PVT Billy Ingram
Senior Vehicle Repairman	SP4 William Lynn	Ammo Section #3 Chief	SP4 Deiins Holland
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Bobby Lee	Ammunition Specialist	SP4 Joe Ford
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Ronnie Graves	Heavy Truck Driver	SP4 Dorman Preston
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SFC Donald Poolaw	Heavy Truck Driver	PFC Jerry Bennett
Recovery Vehicle Operator	PFC Larry Wilson	Ammunition Handler	PVT Rodger Cowan
Repair Parts Specialist	SP4 Eugene McClung	Ammunition Handler	PVT Harvey Pridmore

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The general scheme of events in the year 1973 did not deviate from previous years to any great degree, for the 1st Battaion 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 Bn 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 are 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 and equally eventfully 1974.

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 Armory with instructions on Readiness Briefing, Service Benefits, Civil Affairs, Safeguarding of Information, Emergency Medical Care, Stability Operations, Counter Guerrilla Operations, Familiarization with SOP's, Familiarisation 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 1 Bn 158 FA unit realized a new and growing pride in the importance of the OKARNG.

- 28 January 1973: CPT Kenneth W. Bray, assigned Battery Commander, replacing CPT Francis P. O'Leary, assigned Field Artillery Liaison Officer.
- 19 April 1973: CPT William L. Barnes, assigned Bn S-2, replacing CPT Bobby R. Jantz, transferred to Btry "B", 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 18 June 1973: 2LT Eric W. Grant appointed Air Defense Section Leader.
- 7 August 1973: CPT Frank M. Hyde appointed Battalion Chaplain, replacing CPT James L. Mahan, resigned.
- 27 August 1973: SFC Alvin D. Carper assigned as 1SG, replacing SFC Jimmie M. Sims, transferred to Btry "C", 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 5 October 1973: 1LT George M. Murphy appointed Reconnaissance/Survey Officer, replacing CPT Larry A. York, assigned Communications Officer, replacing CPT Donald H. Allen, resigned.
- 31 October 1973: CPT William R. Nixon appointed Field Artillery Liaison Officer, replacing CPT Francis P. O'Leary, resigned.

**Annual Report of Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 it's 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 years 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", 158 FA, OKARNG.

- 17 March 1973: SP5 Michael J. Dobry, assigned Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Charles E. White, who is discharged.
- 20 April 1973: 2LT Richard A. Horton, assigned as Assistant Executive Officer replacing 1LT Patrick A. Brooks, who was separated and assigned to the inactive reserve.
- 9 May 1973: SGT Larry D. Newell assigned as Supply Sergeant, replacing SSG Joe D. Hart, who was discharged.
- 27 May 1973: SP5 Boyd J. Spencer Jr. assigned as FDC Section Chief, replacing SSG Billy D. Stephenson who was discharged.
- 29 May 1973: SGT Vincent P. Kobza, assigned Section Chief of 1st Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Terry W. Sparkman, who was discharged.
- 15 June 1973: SGT Larry A. Harbour, assigned Ammunition Section Chief, replacing SGT Bobby G. Morrow, who is discharged.
- 18 June 1973: 2LT Eddie H. Drath, assigned to unit as Forward Observer.
- 31 October 1973: SSG Glenn B. Funk, assigned Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SFC Charles W. Watts, who is discharged.
- 22 November 1973: SGT Johnnie W. Rogers, assigned Section Chief of 4th Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Henry H. Kobza, who was discharged.

**Annual Report of Battery “B”, 1st Battalion (8”) (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 158 FA 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 158 FA 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 cells 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.

- 4 May 1973: CPT Bobby R. Jantz assumes command from CPT William L. Barnes upon reassignment to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA, Lawton, Oklahoma.

**Annual Report of Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 1973 started with an early AGI inspection which was conducted by MAJ W. K. Bias, IG, HQ 5th 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 bivouaced 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 158 FA. 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 with 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 as full-time AST and First Sergeant effective 27 August 1973 from HHB 1 Bn 158 FA, 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, 1Bn 158 FA.

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 Bn 158 FA, 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.

- 18 June 1973: 2LT William M. Ohl, assigned Forward Observer O1193, not previously assigned.
- 27 August 1973: SFC Jimmie M. Sims, assigned as First Sergeant, replacing 1SG William G. Spangler.
- 3 October 1973: 1LT Larry R. Bracken, Executive Officer, Battery "C", 1 Bn 158 FA, discharged, assigned USAR Control Group. 1SG William G. Spangler, Battery "C", 1 Bn 158 FA, discharged, appointed CW3, Service Battery 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 4 October 1973: 2LT Gary L. Ransom, appointed Executive Officer, Battery "C", 1 Bn 158 FA, released from Assistant Executive Officer.
- 7 December 1973: 1LT Christopher P. Bills, joined Btry "C", 1 Bn 158 FA, assigned Assistant Executive Officer.

**Annual Report of Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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.

- 27 August 1973: 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.
- 15 September 1973: SSG Stephen J. Mattoon appointed Supply Sergeant, replacing SFC RoyLee C. Reynolds,

accepted for assignment in USAR unit.

- 4 October 1973: CW3 William G. Spangler appointed Automotive Maintenance Technician, replacing CW3 Kenneth E. Hilliary, discharged.
- 24 November 1973: SGT Jackie D. Barrett appointed Section Chief, replacing SP4 Gerald W. Knight, discharged.

**HBB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	LTC Norman E. Duckworth	Survey Computer No. 1	SGT Jimmie A. Willis
Executive Officer	MAJ Merrill B. Burruss Jr.	Survey Computer No. 2	SP4 Bobby G. Dayton
S-3	MAJ Jerry D. Simmons	Survey Computer No. 3	SP5 Rickey D. Harmon
Battalion Motor Officer	1LT Herbert A. O'Neil	Survey Computer No. 4	SP4 Larry B. Sparks
Battalion Surgeon	1LT Robert R. Edde	Survey Computer No. 5	PVT Bruce R. Lynn
Chaplain	CPT James L. Mahan	Survey Computer No. 6	SP4 Richard A. McDonald
Communications Officer	CPT Donald H. Allen	Instrument Operator No. 1	PVT Richard J. Teel Jr.
Field Artillery Liaison Officer	CPT Kenneth W. Bray	Instrument Operator No. 2	SP4 Mearl E. Kendall
S-1	CPT Calvin E. Koonce	Instrument Operator No. 3	PVT Freddy L. Erkenbrack
S-2	CPT Bobby R. Jantz	Survey Recorder	SP4 Lloyd Hudson Jr.
Battalion Sergeant Major	CSM Donald D. Liles	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Timothy W. Edwards
Battery Commander	CPT Francis P. O'Leary	Rodman/Tapeman No. 1	PVT Larry A. Otis
First Sergeant	1SG John W. Walker	Rodman/Tapeman No. 2	PFC Gene W. Cantwell
Mess Stewart	SFC Clem B. Brooks	Rodman/Tapeman No. 3	PVT Bert O. Cox
Motor Sergeant	SGT Bob J. Bailey	Rodman/Tapeman No. 4	PVT Glenn M. Ritter
Supply Sergeant	SFC Thomas A. Meyers	Commo Platoon Leader	2LT Dennis W. Byford
Battery Clerk	SP4 Kenneth D. Youngstedt	Communications Chief	MSG George L.E. McDaniels
First Cook	SP5 Lonnie G. Dye	Senior FADAC/Radio	PFC Wayne A. Bishop
First Cook	SP4 George G. Graybill	FADAC/Radio Mechanic	SP4 Michael D. Seidel
First Cook	SP4 Paul E. Davis	Senior Message Clerk	PFC Albert A. Alvarez
Senior Wheel Mechanic	PFC Edward D. Repp	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Ronald W. Crymes
Armorer	SP4 Ronald W. Crymes	Wire Section Chief	SSG Chester L. Fisher
Cook	SP4 Ronald L. Roberts	Wire Team Chief No. 1	SGT James E. Beene
Maintenance Clerk	PFC Robert E. McClure	Wire Team Chief No. 2	SP4 Calvin L. Williams
Power Generator Mechanic	SP4 James W. Decker	Wire Team Chief No. 3	SGT Roger C. Horst
PLL Clerk	PFC Billy J. Godfrey	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 William D. Snider
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Kenneth V. Ille	Senior Wireman No. 1	PFC Ray E. Fankhauser
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Reginald D. Dungan	Senior Wireman No. 2	PFC Jay B. Shatto
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Richard L. Radke	Switchboard Operator No. 1	SGT Charles W. Brown
Wheel Vehicle Helper	PFC Don P. Yates	Switchboard Operator No. 2	PFC Dennis D. Wommavovah
Senior Career Counselor	SFC Alvin D. Carper	Field Wireman No. 1	PFC Robert O. Cox
Personnel Status NCO	SFC Jimmie M. Sims	Field Wireman No. 2	PFC Benjamin Marshall Jr.
Chaplain Assistant	PFC Billy C. Davis	Field Wireman No. 3	PFC Glenn N. White
Clerk Typist	SP4 Robert H. Owens	Field Wireman No. 4	SP4 James B. Clark
Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Brent W. Humble	Radio Team Chief	SP4 Jerry D. Lema
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 David D. Henrick	RTO No. 1	PFC Muriel G. Angel
Chief FDC	SFC James A. Pahdoco	RTO No. 2	SP4 Brent W. Humble
Assistant Chief FDC	SGT Edward J. Smith	RTO No. 3	SP4 Wallace J. Hoelsher
FD Computer No. 1	SGT Guy D. Shelly	Medical Section Sergeant	SP4 Daniel C. Goddard
FD Computer No. 1	PFC Arnold D. Fischer	Senior Medical Aidman	PFC James W. Taylor
FD Computer No. 2	SGT Eric W. Grant	Battery Aidman No. 1	PFC Willie Johnson Jr.
FD Computer No. 2	SP4 Hommer L. Ryan	Battery Aidman No. 2	PVT Eugene Ray
Chart Operator No. 1	SP4 Melvin G. Burnett	Battery Aidman No. 3	PVT Walter M. Rhodes
Chart Operator No. 2	PVT Robert L. Wood	Liaison Sergeant	PFC Ora A. Correll Jr.
CPCarrier Driver No. 1	SP4 Walter P. Webster	Liaison Specialist	SP4 Lonnie R. Shoopman
CP Driver No. 2	SFC Clarence M. Priest	ADA Section Chief	SSG Clyde R. Narcomey
Field Switchboard Operator	PVT Erskin L. Medford	Redeye Team Chief No. 1	SGT Edward F. Haertel
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC James B. McIninch	Redeye Team Chief No. 2	SGT William R. Cozby
Assistant S-3	CPT Charles D. Houston	Redeye Team Chief No. 3	SP4 Evans P. Warner
Assistant S-3	1LT Daniel C. Martin	Redeye Gunner No. 1	SP4 Eddy J. Hargraves
Intelligence Sergeant	MSG Robert L. Stringer	Redeye Gunner No. 2	SP4 Gregory D. Edwards
Operations Sergeant	MSG Rudy N. Hightower	Redeye Gunner No. 3	PFC James A. Fischer
Chemical Strike NCO	SSG Cleo M. Otipoby	Cook Apprentice	PVT Garen Franklin
Clerk Typist	SP4 Larry F. Larson	Senior Pay Specialist	SP4 Howard W. Smith
Operations Specialist	PVT Cydney D. Bullard	Pay Specialist	SP4 Donald L. Tate
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Harley P. Pritt II	Unit Personnel Technician	CW3 Dennis R. Roper
Recon Survey Officer	CPT Larry A. York	Personnel Sergeant	SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr.
Chief Surveyor	SFC Gary D. Brown	Personnel Specialist	SGT Jacob P. Cox
Chief of Survey Party No. 1	SSG Glenn J. Erkenbrack	Personnel Specialist No. 1	SP4 Terry P. Erman
Chief of Survey Party No. 2	SSG Thommas V. Davis	Personnel Specialist No. 2	PVT Paul S. Palmer
Chief of Survey Party No. 3	SGT Bennie H. Helm		

**Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT Bobby D. Thomasson	Cannoneer	PVT Don E. Smith
First Sergeant	SFC Leslie E. Blalock	Cannoneer	PFC Carl H. Pyle Jr.
Mess Steward	SFC Paul E. LaFerr	Cannoneer	PVT Randy G. Bryson
Motor Sergeant	SSG Charles E. White	Cannoneer	PVT Delane Edwards
Supply Sergeant	SSG Joe D. Hart	Cannoneer	PVT Bennie L. Jones Jr.
First Cook	SP6 Ralph W. Myers	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Glenn B. Funk
Battery Clerk	SP4 John A. White	Gunner	SGT Vincent P. Kobza
First Cook	SP5 Jerry D. Williams	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Keith L. McPherson
First Cook	SP5 James R. Hoffman	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Johnny L. Jarel
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Michael J. Dobry	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 John K. Hart
Armorer	SGT Larry D. Newell	Cannoneer	PFC Terry L. Williams
Cook	SP4 Steven W. Rodgers	Cannoneer	PFC Bobby C. Jarel
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Melvin R. King	Cannoneer	PVT Johnny L. Greco
Generator Mechanic	SP4 Bobby L. Watson	Cannoneer	PVT Jaye H. Flynn
PLL Clerk	SP4 Calvin L. Roan	Cannoneer	PVT Richard M. Jackson
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Van G. Smithpeter Jr.	Cannoneer	PVT Keith E. Teeters
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Carl L. Martin	Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Jerry L. Marcum
Light Vehicle Driver	SP5 Ernest R. Bolin	Gunner	SGT Donnie J. Galindo
Forward Observer	2LT Richard A. Horton	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Nolan D. Dorsey
Communications Chief	SSG Ray L. Watts	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Donnie G. Cash
Senior Switchboard Operator	SGT Michael M. Dye	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Alton L. Allen
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 John E. Valerius	Cannoneer	SP4 Jerry D. Howell
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Christopher R. Kilpatrick	Cannoneer	PFC Richard B. Subia
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 James T. Stephens	Cannoneer	PFC Bruce C. Caesar
Field Wireman	SP4 Henry H. Biera	Cannoneer	PVT Danny E. Boren
Field Wireman	PFC Dennis R. Holdge	Chief of 4th Section	SSG Henry H. Kobza
Field Wireman	PFC Bobby W. Harris	Gunner	Sgt Johnnie W. Rogers
Executive Officer	2LT John W. Conger	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Donald R. Epperson
Assistant Executive Officer	1LT Patrick A. Brooks	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Gary D. Heddlesten
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Charles W. Watts	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Charles D. Miller
Chief FDC	SSG Billy D. Stephenson	Cannoneer	PVT Ronald D. Lovin
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Boyd J. Spencer Jr.	Cannoneer	PVT Michael S. McNeill
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Michael A. Dietrich	Cannoneer	PFC Alfred D. Howe
Fire Direction Computer	SGT Earl B. Mogg Jr.	Cannoneer	PVT Charles W. Novotny
Artillery Recorder	SGT Steven A. Urbach	Cannoneer	PVT Robert J. Wilcox
Artillery Recorder	PFC Clinton A. Burris	Cannoneer	PFC James S. Raines
Chart Operator	SP4 Kenneth D. Davis	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Bobby G. Morrow
Chart Operator	PFC Douglas L. Zenger	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Philip E. Compton
Command Post Driver	SP4 Kenneth S. Brower	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Jackie L. Pledger
Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Clyde E. Bingham	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Larry A. Harbour
Field Artillery Mechanic	PFC Thurman L. Brake Jr.	Light Truck Driver	SP4 David W. Gunter
Assembler	SP4 David W. Blalock Jr.	Ammunition Handler	PFC Boyd R. Bates
Assembler	SP4 Richard P. Strain	Ammunition Handler	PFC Gary L. Mashaney
Assembler	SP4 Larry D. Dyer	Cook Apprentice Helper	SP4 George A. Harris
Assembler	SP4 Charles E. Lisenbery	Excess	SFC Richard R. Bell
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Amma D. Vanscoder	Excess	SFC Bobby J. White
Chief of 1st Section	SSG Terry W. Sparkman	Excess	SSG Elton L. Parton
Gunner	SGT Gerald W. Myers	Excess	SSG Terrell R. Voyles
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Darrell W. Long	Excess	SGT Thomas R. Gilpin
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Alan L. Williams	Excess	SGT Rudy J. King
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Larry D. Holsted	Excess	SGT Louis L. Lemons
Cannoneer	PFC Billy R. Weathers	Excess	SGT Albert D. Thompson
Cannoneer	PFC Jerry D. Schimmel	Excess	SGT Elmer L. White
Cannoneer	PFC David C. Buckles		

**Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Bobby R. Jantz	Battery Clerk	SP4 David L. Gray
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Equipment Record Clerk	SP4 Daniel D. Leu
Mess Steward	SSG Charles D. Billups Jr.	General Vehicle Repairman	SGT Phillip A. Whiteny
Motor Sergeant	SGT Darrell McClain	General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Paul W. Dodson
Supply Sergeant	SP4 Steven G. Streich	General Vehicle Repairman	SP4 Jimmy L. McBee
First Cook	SP6 Larry A. Certain	Repair Parts Specialist	SP4 Michael D. Powers
First Cook	SP5 Danny V. Perry	Unit Supply Specialist	SGT Gene P. Hendricks
Cooks Helper	SP4 Randall W. Wilcox	Mechanic Apprentice	PFC John A. Matulis
Cooks Helper	SP4 Danny G. Bonds	Radio Telephone Operator	PFC Sammye W. Amerson
Cooks Helper	PVT Robert E. Jackson Jr.	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Terry L. Caudill
Cooks Helper	SP4 Rickie E. Heffington	Communications Chief	SGT Jimmy D. Buie
Cooks Helper	SP4 Larry D. Eckstein	SATT Chief	CPL Arnold K. Lee

Wire Team Chief	SP4 Ronald K. Wilson	Cannoneer	SP4 Thomas H. Douglas
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Randall J. Carrigan	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Gary R. Vardell
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Dennis E. Gray	Gunner	SGT Johnny L. Moore
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Travis A. Lawrence	Assistant Gunner	SP4 James I. Richards
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Leslie L. Holt	Track Vehicle Driver	SP4 Gerald R. Matulis
Field Wireman	SP4 Lennie T. Woods	Cannoneer	SP4 Terry L. Edwards
Field Wireman	PVT Wesley L. Holt	Cannoneer	SP4 David P. Griffin
Field Wireman	PFC Elmer L. Thompson	Cannoneer	SP4 Rickie E. Heffington
Executive Officer	1LT James A. Cunningham	Cannoneer	SP4 Harvey D. Love
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Max E. Daughtrey	Cannoneer	SP4 David M. McReynolds
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC David L. Delong	Cannoneer	SP4 Calvin L. Monroe
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Steve M. Harvill	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Lyndon H. Allen
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Jim E. Richey	Gunner	SGT Jerry D. Kincannon
Artillery Recorder	SP4 John C. Domorowski	Assistant Gunner	SP4 James W. Roberts Jr.
Assembler	SP4 Ronald L. Hinkie	Track Vehicle Driver	SP4 Dennis M. McKee
Assembler	PFC Larry D. Scott	Cannoneer	SP4 Rickie E. Morgan
Assembler	SP4 David L. Davidson	Cannoneer	SP4 Joe S. Ross
Chart Operator	PFC Jarrell T. Heath	Cannoneer	SP4 Thomas D. Wharton
Chart Operator	PFC James G. Morris Jr.	Cannoneer	PFC Lawrence G. Bratcher
Command Post Driver	SGT Michael L. Ward	Cannoneer	PFC Terry L. Caudill
Radio Telephone Operator	SSG Harvard L. Tomlinson	Cannoneer	PFC Rickey M. Hazen
Chief of FDC Section	SSG Thomas R. Hinkie	Chief of 4th Section	SGT James L. Parsons
Chief of 1st Section	SSG Robert L. Perkins Jr.	Light Truck Driver	SP4 William W. Garrett
Gunner	SGT Larry E. Davidson	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Donald F. Garrett
Track Vehicle Driver	SP4 Harry D. Linam	Track Vehicle Driver	PFC Sydney G. Bullard
Cannoneer	SP4 Gary D. Arrington	Track Vehicle Driver	PFC Jerry D. Kelly
Cannoneer	SP4 George S. Adams	Track Vehicle Driver	PFC Teddy C. Reynolds
Cannoneer	SP4 David L. Cole	Ammunition Handler	PVT Charles Prowse
Cannoneer	SP4 Johnny C. Dillon	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Timmie D. Davis
Cannoneer	SP4 Robert W. Dobson	Ammunition Handler	PFC Glen M. Ritter

**Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Jerry G. Davis	Field Artillery Mechanic	PFC Phillip M. Roberts
First Sergeant	1SG William G. Spangler	Field Artillery Mechanic	PFC Gary K. Tyler
Mess Steward	SFC Thomas J. Hickey	Assembler	PFC Roy L. Harris
Motor Sergeant	SSG Howard M. Tims	Assembler	PFC Clyde J. Foster
Supply Sergeant	SSG John E. Snow	Assembler	PFC Joe D. Hansen
First Cook	SSG Bruce C. Wright	Assembler	PFC Mark R. Scott
Battery Clerk	SP5 James H. Spangler	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Floyd E. Kinsey
First Cook	SP5 Mark E. Cavin	Chief of 1st Section	SSG Kenneth L. Roden
First Cook	SP4 Larry W. Barrett	Gunner	SGT John P. Koehler
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Bobby J. Wilson	Assistant Gunner	PFC Robert J. Buser
Armorer	SP4 Richard D. Story	Cargo Carrier Driver	PFC Gary L. Bray
Cook	SP4 Kenneth A. Kandke	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Henry D. Mainka
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Kenneth L. Dietrich	Cannoneer	PFC Jerry D. Bramlett
GP Generator Mechanic	PFC James K. Hignite	Cannoneer	PFC Earl D. Miracle
PLL Clerk	SP4 Lloyd D. Russ	Cannoneer	PFC Sam E. Roberts
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Troy A. Rogers	Cannoneer	PFC John R. Williams
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Stephen G. Heavin	Cannoneer	PVT Lonnie R. Stroud
Light Vehicle Driver	SSG Gary D. Steelman	Cannoneer	PVT Gregory S. Cook
Track Mechanic Helper	SGT Ronald A. Baker	Cannoneer	SGT Robert L. Selzer
Communications Chief	SGT Kenneth E. Taylor	Cannoneer	PFC Rocky L. Bray
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Kenneth L. McComas	Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Larry D. Singleton
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 SP4 Darrell W. Langford	Gunner	PFC Patrick M. Francis
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Donald R. Wheeler	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Samuel R. Dennis
Field Switchboard Operator	SP5 James L. Moore	Cargo Carrier Driver	PFC Ronald M. McKinzie
Field Wireman	SP4 Billy E. Crawford	Motor Carriage Driver	PFC John S. Surber
Field Wireman	SGT John W. Reed	Cannoneer	PFC Harles D. McCoy
Field Wireman	SGT Bobby R. Johnston	Cannoneer	SP4 Alan D. Todd
Executive Officer	1LT Larry R. Bracken	Cannoneer	SP4 Gerald T. Alley
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Gary L. Ransom	Cannoneer	PFC William W. Higgins
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Richard A. Bennett	Cannoneer	SSG R. D. Robnett
Chief FDC	SSG Joe C. Tubb	Cannoneer	SSG Dowrance W. Clifton
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Larry Miracle	Cannoneer	SP4 Roy E. Holt
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Ray D. Sowers	Cannoneer	PFC Jerry L. Taylor
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Douglas M. Wheeler	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Jimmy J. Fielding
Artillery Recorder	PFC William R. Hansen	Gunner	SP4 John L. Davis
Artillery Recorder	SP4 Gary K. Pinkston	Assistant Gunner	PFC Roger D. Comstock
Chart Operator	SP4 Garry L. Findley	Cargo Carrier Driver	PVT Ellis P. Batchelder
Chart Operator	PVT Ronald C. Dye	Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Billy P. Albers
CP Driver	SP4 Robert T. Meek	Cannoneer	PFC Johnnie L. Collier

Cannoneer	PVT Edward D. Jones	Cannoneer	SP4 Joe B. Johnston
Cannoneer	SP4 Patrick C. Winn	Cannoneer	SGT Bobby J. Farley
Cannoneer	SP4 Doil May Jr.	Cannoneer	PFC Phillip S. Mercer
Cannoneer	PFC George W. Falkner	Cannoneer	PFC Ronnie G. Beene
Cannoneer	SSG John W. Miracle	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Roy W. Carter
Cannoneer	PFC Paul L. Powell	Light Truck Driver	SGT Ronald E. Smith
Cannoneer	SSG Eddie M. Tubb	Light Truck Driver	SGT William M. Ohl
Chief of 4th Section	SP4 Dennis K. Boyd	Light Truck Driver	PFC Michael R. Opitz
Gunner	SP4 Jack C. Bullard	Light Truck Driver	SP4 James E. Powers
Assistant Gunner	PFC Charles R. Jenkins	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Shipley
Cargo Carrier Driver	PFC Jerry L. Cooley	Ammunition Handler	PVT David W. Malone
Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Orville K. Trout	Ammunition Handler	PFC Barry J. Burns
Cannoneer	SP4 Michael G. Winn	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Dwight S. Wolfe
Cannoneer	PFC Thomas A. Ohara	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Bobby R. Shurbet
Cannoneer	SP4 Waymon L. Gissandaner	Cooks Apprentice	SP4 Gary W. Cambell
Cannoneer	PVT Leslie E. Threadgill		

**Service Battery, 1st Battalioonn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Freddy C. Ricks	Recovery Vehicle Operator	SP4 Johnny M. Graves
Executive Officer	1LT Alan Bowman	Recovery Vehicle Operator	SSG George Odom
First Sergeant	1SG Robert J. Crabtree	Recovery Vehicle Operator	SP4 Paul Gustafson
Food Service Stewart	SP4 Ralph J. Harper	PLL Clerk	SP4 Eugene McClung
Motor Sergeant	SFC Jerry V. L. Wilson	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SFC Donald W. Poolaw
Supply Sergeant	SGT Jimmy G. Pryor	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP5 George L. Lane
First Cook	SP4 John O. Cregg	Welder	SP4 Tony R. Torres
Battery Clerk	SP5 Bobby D. Jones	Wheel Vehicle Repairer	SP4 Charles D. Torres
First Cook	SP4 George E. Massey	Wheel Vehicle Repairer	SP4 Dennis J. Rhode
Armorer	PFC Lawrence O. Vaughan	Wrecker Operator	SP4 Ronnie H. Graves
Cook	SP4 Tommy A. Lovelady	Track Mechanic Helper	PFC Rodney Raney
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Jackie D. Barrett	Ammunition Officer	2LT Daryl K. McCall
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Charles D. Coffman	Ammo Supply Sergeant	SGT Dennis R. Holland
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Harvey L. Prigmore	Ammunition Agent	SP4 Tom Thomas
PLL Clerk	SP5 John F. Taylor	Ammunition Clerk	SP4 Glenn D. Fuller
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Marvin R. Mercer	Ammo Section #1 Chief	SGT Joe G. Ford
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Vern A. Gossett	Senior Vehicle Driver	SGT Earl R. Franklin
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Robert P. Wheeler	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Gerry T. Hendrix
Wheel Vehicle Helper	PFC John K. Hinson	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Herman L. Morton
Cook Apprentice	PVT Stephen L. Hamel	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Charles Charton
Unit Supply Technician	CW2 Gene Wells	Ammunition Handler	PVT Gary D. Austin
Supply Sergeant	SFC Roylee C. Reynolds	Ammunition Handler	PVT Karl Lemaire
Supply Specialist	SSG Paul K. Gilbreath	Ammo Section #2 Chief	SGT Kenneth W. Stradley
POL Specialist	SP4 William G. Rodgers	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Billy R. Ingram
POL Specialist	SP4 Joseph M. Ferrante	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Robert C. Hirsch
Supply Specialist	SGT Steve J. Mattoon	Ammunition Handler	PVT Larry Commings
Supply Specialist	SP4 Elvin S. Lee	Ammunition Handler	PVT Ivan Pajazetovic
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 David L. Lindsey	Ammunition Handler	SGT Johnnie R. Brown
Supply Clerk	SP4 Pat T. Hennessee	Ammunition Handler	PVT Larry Collins
Maintenance Technician	CW2 Kenneth E. Hilliary	Ammo Section #3 Chief	SP5 Gerald Knight
Maintenance Sergeant	SGT Richard A. Bybee	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 James A. Shaw
Senior Recovery Operator	SP5 Marx L. Calhoun	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT William D. Keith
Senior Recovery Operator	SP5 James R. Wright	Ammunition Handler	SFC Roger D. Cowan
Senior Recovery Operator	SP4 Bobby W. Lee	Ammunition Handler	PFC Miguel A. Rosa
Senior Track Mechanic	SP4 Leonard Cowan	Ammunition Handler	SGT Elijah Jackson
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Larry D. Wilson	Ammunition Handler	PFC Gregory L. Harris

**EXTRACT FROM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL HISTORY 1974**

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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.





**LTC Norman E. Duckworth  
158th Field Artillery Battalion on Parade  
Fort Sill, OK 1974**

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 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.

- 1 February 1974: 2LT Michael J. Mande assigned as ADA Section Leader.
- 15 February 1974: MAJ Merrill B. Burruss assigned S-3, replacing MAJ Jerry D. Simmons, reassigned to HHB 1 Bn 189 FA.
- 21 March 1974: CPT John Wayne Chapman assigned Assistant S-3, replacing CPT Daniel C. Martin, resigned.
- 19 April 1974: MAJ Bobby R. Jantz assigned Battalion Executive Officer.
- 15 August 1974: CPT Richard R. Burroughs resigned as Recon Survey Officer.
- 1 September 1974: 2LT Howard W. Smith transferred from HHB 45 FA Group, assigned Recon Survey Officer.
- 1 November 1974: CPT Robert R. Edde, Battalion Surgeon, transferred to HHB 1 Bn 171 FA.
- 1 December 1974: 2LT Howard W. Smith, reassigned from Recon Survey to Btry "C" 1 Bn 158 FA. 2LT Dennis W. Byford transferred from Assistant Commo to SVC Btry 1 Bn 158 FA. 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 Recon Survey Officer. CPT Freddy C. Ricks transferred from SVC Btry 1 Bn 158 FA and assigned as Battery Commander.

**Annual Report of Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 and as a whole. But the officers and men of Battery "A", 158th FA, OKARNG, look forward to it with anticipation.

- 15 April 1974: 2LT Daryl K. McCall assigned to unit as Executive Officer replacing 1LT John W. Conger who was separated effective 20 February 1974.
- 22 September 1974: 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.
- 14 November 1974: SGT Darrell W. Long assigned Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section replacing SSG Jerry L. Marcum who was discharged.

**Annual Report of Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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.

- 19 April 1974: 1LY Gary R. Youell assumes command of Btry "B" from CPT Bobby R. Jantz, upon reassignment to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA, Lawton, OK.
- 17 June 1974: 2LT Dwight S. Wolfe ASJ & Jd 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.
- 23 June 1974: 1LT James A. Cunningham departed for USAR School, Fort Sill, OK.
- 24 June 1974: 1LT Max E. Daughtrey appointed Executive Officer in absence of 1LT Cunningham, in school at Fort Sill, OK.
- 19 July 1974: 1LT Cunningham returned to duty from 5038 USAR School, Fort Sill, OK assumed duty as Executive Office.
- 14 August 1974: 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.
- 1 October 1974: 1LT Max E. Daughtrey assumed duty as Executive Officer upon discharge of 1LT James A. Cunningham.
- 19 October 1974: 1LT Christopher P. Bills assumes command of Battery "B" from 1LT Gary R. Youell upon resignation from OKARNG.
- 21 October 1974: 2LT Dwight S. Wolfe assumed duty as Executive Officer upon reassignment of 1LT Max E.

Daughtrey as Executive Officer.

- 1 November 1974: SGT Jerry D. Kincannon assigned as Section Chief upon Honorable Discharge of SSG Lyndon H. Allen.

**Annual Report of Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** Drill 5-6 January 1974 was an 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, OK 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" 1 Bn 158 FA.

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 Armory 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.

- 19 October 1974: 1LT Christopher P. Bills transferred to Btry "B" 1 Bn 158 FA, assigned as Battery Commander.
- 1 December 1974: 2LT Howard W. Smith transferred from HHS 1 Bn 158 FA, assigned as Assistant Executive Officer Btry C 1Bn 158 FA.

**Annual Report of Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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".

- 15 April 1974: 2LT Daryl K. McCall transferred to "A" Battery 1/158 FA replaced by 1LT Guy C. Spence as Ammunition Officer.
- 3 May 1974: CW3 William G. Spangler promoted to CW4.
- 8 July 1974: CW4 William G. Spangler retired from Active Service.
- 10 July 1974: 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.
- 30 November 1974: 1LT Guy C. Spence, appointed Commanding Officer, replacing CPT Freddy C. Ricks, who was appointed Commanding Officer, HHB 1/158 FA, Lawton, OK.

### **HHB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	LTC Norman E. Duckworth	Battery Clerk	SGT Bob J. Bailey
Executive Officer	MAJ Merrill B. Burruss Jr.	First Cook	SP4 Paul E. Davis
S-3	MAJ Bobby R. Jantz	First Cook	SP4 Willie Williams
Battalion Motor Officer	CPT Herbert A. O'Neil	First Cook	SP4 Eddie J. Hargraves
Battalion Surgeon	CPT Robert R. Edde	Senior Wheel Mechanic	SP4 James A. Fischer
Chaplain	CPT Frank M. Hyde	Armorer	SP4 Robert E. McClure
Communications Officer	CPT Larry A. York	Cook	PFC Walter L. McCarley
Field Artillery Liaison Officer	CPT William R. Nixon	Maintenance Clerk	SP5 James D. Havlick
S-1	CPT Calvin E. Koonce	Power Generator Mechanic	SP4 James W. Decker
S-2	CPT William L. Barnes	PLL Clerk	PFC Jimmie L. Land
Battalion Sergeant Major	CSM Donald D. Liles	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Reginald D. Dungan
Battery Commander	CPT Kenneth W. Bray	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Don P. Yates
First Sergeant	SFC Alvin D. Carper	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Dennis L. Drews
Mess Stewart	SFC Clem B. Brooks	Wheel Mechanic Helper	PFC Larry D. Richardson
Motor Sergeant	SGT Emmet D. Unsell	Senior Career Counselor	SFC Clarence M. Priest
Supply Sergeant	SSG Lelian Hickey	Personnel Status NCO	SFC Kenneth V. Ille

Chaplain Assistant	SP4 Billy C. Davis	Senior FADAC Mechanic	SP4 Wayne A. Bishop
Clerk Typist	SP4 Robert H. Owens	FADAC/Radio Mechanic	SP4 Michael D. Seidel
Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Bennie D. Meyers	Senior Message Clerk	SP4 Albert A. Alvarez
Assistant S-3	CPT Charles D. Houston	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Lewis A. Elridge
Assistant S-3	1LT Daniel C. Martin	Wire Section Chief	SGT Ruben D. Fisher
Intelligence Sergeant	MSG Robert L. Stringer	Wire Team Chief No. 1	SGT James E. Beene
Operations Sergeant	MSG Rudy N. Hightower	Wire Team Chief No. 2	SGT Calvin L. Williams
Chemical Station NCO	SGT Tony R. Torres	Wire Team Chief No. 3	SGT Dennis D. Woommahuad
Clerk Typist	SSG Edward T. Sing	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 William D. Snider
Operations Specialist	SP6 William R. Morris	Senior Wireman No. 1	SP4 Joseph L. Scott
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Job Crawford	Senior Wireman No. 2	SP4 Jay B. Shatto
Chief FDC	SSG Edward F. Hall	Senior Wireman No. 3	SGT Carle R. Nordman
Assistant Chief FDC	SSG Larry F. Larson	Switchboard Operator No. 1	SP4 Glenn N. White
FDC No. 1	SSG Donald A. Breese	Switchboard Operator No. 2	SP4 Ray E. Fankhauser
FDC No. 2	SP4 Jimmy F. McFarley	Field Wireman No. 1	PFC Charles R. Brown
FDC No. 1	SGT Jessie J. Eppler	Field Wireman No. 2	PFC Thomas F. Green
FDC No. 2	SP4 Glenn E. Stallings	Field Wireman No. 3	PFC Benjamin Marshall
Chart Operator No. 1	SP5 Jerry D. McCarley	Field Wireman No. 4	PVT Lewis Lonzell
Chart Operator No. 2	PFC Dallas K. Haskell	Radio Team Chief	SGT Vernon R. Ward
CP Carrier Driver No. 1	SP4 Walter P. Webester	RTO No. 1	PFC Muriel G. Angel
CP Driver No. 2	SP4 Robert L. Wood	RTO No. 2	SP4 Brent W. Humble
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 David S. Buswell	RTO No. 3	SP4 Booker T. Loud
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Albert J. Heath	Medical Section Sergeant	SGT George A. Cotton
Recon Survey Officer	CPT Richard B. Buorrough	Senior Medical Aidman	SP6 Jerrie J. Burton
Chief Surveyor	SFC Gary D. Brown	Battery Aidman No. 1	PFC Eugene Ray
Chief of Survey Party No. 1	SSG Bennie H. Helm	Battery Aidman No. 2	PFC Walter M. Rhodes
Chief of Survey Party No. 2	SSG Larry B. Sparks	Battery Aidman No. 3	PVT Joseph Hettiger
Chief of Survey Party No. 3	SFC John W. Walker	Liaison Sergeant	PFC Ora A. Correll
Survey Computer No. 1	SP5 Bobby G. Dayton	Liaison Specialist	SP4 Thomas H. Meads
Survey Computer No. 2	SP4 Freddy L. Erkenbrack	ADA Platoon Leader	2LT Michael J. Mande
Survey Computer No. 3	SP4 Charles A. Grimm	Section Chief	SSG Edward F. Hartel
Survey Computer No. 4	SP5 Joe D. McClung	Redeye Team Chief No. 1	SSG Harold L. Davis
Survey Computer No. 5	SP5 Richard A. McDonald	Redeye Team Chief No. 2	SGT Carlos Pagan-Figueroa
Survey Computer No. 6	SGT Evans P. Warner	Redeye Team Chief No. 3	SGT Deyo W. Warren
Instrument Operator No. 1	SP4 Sammie O. Collins	Redeye Gunner No. 1	SP4 Richard D. Barger
Instrument Operator No. 2	SP5 Walter D. Coats	Redeye Gunner No. 2	SP4 Joseph D. Schelanko
Instrument Operator No. 3	PVT Edwin J. Rivera	Redeye Gunner No. 3	SGT Edward D. Repp
Survey Recorder	SP4 Norman G. Davis	Cook Apprentice	PVT Tommy L. Smith
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Donald L. Tate	Senior Pay Specialist	SGT Stanley L. Greenfield
Rodman/Tapeman No. 1	PFC Ruben Hawkins	Pay Specialist	SGT Roger C. Horst
Rodman/Tapeman No. 2	PFC Rodger B. Johnson	Unit Personnel Technician	SGW3 Dennis R. Roper
Rodman/Tapeman No. 3	PFC Freddie L. Shaw	Personnel Sergeant	SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr.
Commo Platoon Leader	CPT Larry A. York	Personnel Specialist	SP5 Frankie L. Wauahooah
Communications Chief	MSG George L. McDaniels	Records Specialist No. 1	SGT David O. Nixon

**Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8) (SP) 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Bobby D. Thomasson	Field Wireman	PFC Bobby W. Harris
First Sergeant	1SG Leslie E. Blalock	Executive Officer	1LT John W. Conger
Mess Steward	SFC Paul E. Ferr	Assistant Executive Officer	1LT Richard A. Horton
Motor Sergeant	SSG Michael J. Dobry	Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Glenn B. Funk
Supply Sergeant	SGT Larry D. Newell	Chief FDC	SSG Boyd J. Spencer Jr.
First Cook	SP6 James R. Hoffman	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Kenneth S. Brower
Battery Clerk	SP5 Phillip E. Compton	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Michael A. Dietrich
First Cook	SP5 George A. Harris	Fire Direction Computer	SGT Steven A. Urbach
First Cook	SP5 Steven W. Rodgers	Artillery Recorder	SP4 Jimmy J. Guesby
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Melvin R. King	Artillery Recorder	SP4 Clinton A. Burris
Armorer	PFC Jaye H. Flynn	Chart Operator	SP4 Kenneth D. Davis
Cook	SP4 Billy R. Weathers	Chart Operator	SP4 Douglas L. Zerger
Maintenance Clerk	PFC Danny E. Boren	Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Clyde E. Bingham
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Bobby L. Watson	Assembler	SP4 David W. Blalock Jr.
PLL Clerk	SP4 John A. White	Assembler	SP4 Larry D. Dyer
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Carl L. Martin	Assembler	SP4 Charles E. Lisenbery
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Christopher R. Kilpatrick	Assembler	SP4 Terry L. Williams
Track Mechanic Helper	PVT Johnny L. Cossey	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Amma D. Vanscoder
Forward Observer	2LT Eddie H. Drath	Chief of 1st Section	SSG Vincent P. Kobza
Communications Chief	SSG Ray L. Watts	Gunner	SGT Donald R. Epperson
Senior Switchboard Operator	SGT Michael M. Dye	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Lennis D. Miller
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 John E. Valerius	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Larry D. Holsted
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 James T. Stephens	Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Jerry D. Howell
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Dennis R. Holdge	Cannoneer	PFC Jerry D. Schimmel
Field Wireman	SP4 Phillip H. Halber	Cannoneer	PFC Bennie L. Jones Jr.

Cannoneer	PFC David C. Buckles	Cannoneer	PVT Randy L. Smith
Cannoneer	PFC Randy L. Bryson	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Larry A. Harbour
Cannoneer	PFC Carl H. Pyle Jr.	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Kent Hooks
Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Gerald W. Myers	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Jackie L. Pledger
Gunner	SGT Keith L. McPherson	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Kenneth L. Marrow
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Richard P. Strain	Light Truck Driver	SP4 David W. Gunter
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Johnny L. Jarel	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Boyd R. Bates
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Bobby C. Jarel	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Theodore Satoe Jr.
Cannoneer	PFC Johnny L. Greco	Ammunition Handler	PVT Elmer R. Post
Cannoneer	PFC Keith E. Teeter	Cook Apprentice Helper	PFC Thurman L. Brake Jr.
Cannoneer	PVT Freddie W. Morrow	Excess	SFC Richard R. Bell
Cannoneer	PVT William E. Horse	Excess	SFC Bobby J. White
Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Jerry L. Marcum	Excess	SFC Charles W. Watts
Gunner	SGT Darrel W. Long	Excess	SSG Edward R. Hall
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Nolan D. Dorsey	Excess	SSG Henry H. Kobza
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Richard B. Subia	Excess	SSG William F. Parsons
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Alton L. Allen	Excess	SSG Terrell R. Voyles
Cannoneer	PFC Bruce Caesar	Excess	SP5 Ernest R. Bolin
Cannoneer	PVT Charles A. Price	Excess	SGT Robert B. Churchill
Chief of 4th Section	SSG Johnnie W. Rogers	Excess	SGT Thomas R. Gilpin
Gunner	SGT Donnie G. Cash	Excess	SP5 Vernon D. Green
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Alan L. Williams	Excess	SGT Rudy J. King
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Gary D. Heddesten	Excess	SP5 Emmett W. McKenzie
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Ronald D. Lovin	Excess	SGT Earl B. Mogg Jr.
Cannoneer	PFC Alfred D. Howe	Excess	SGT Albert D. Thompson
Cannoneer	PFC James S. Raines	Excess	SGT Teddy L. Wishon
Cannoneer	PFC Robert J. Wilcox	Excess	SGT Elmer L. White
Cannoneer	PFC Michael S. McNeill	Excess	SP4 Leroy M. Brooks

**Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Christopher P. Bills	Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Max Yearby
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Assembler	SP4 Harvey Love
Mess Steward	SGT Danny A. Perry	Assembler	SP4 Larry Scott
Motor Sergeant	SGT Sydney C. Bullard	Assembler	SP4 Larry Eckstein
Supply Sergeant	SGT Steven G. Streich	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Weslie Holt
First Cook	SP5 Robert E. Jackson Jr.	Chief of 1st Section	SGT Robert Dodson
Battery Clerk	SP4 David L. Gray	Gunner	SP4 Gary Arrington
First Cook	SP5 Randall R. Wilcox	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Johnny C. Dillon
First Cook	SP4 Rickey Heffington	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Gary Nedd
Senior Track Mechanic	SP4 Jimmy McBee	Motor Carriage Driver	PVT Rex C. Shelburne
Armorer	SP4 Jerry D. Kelly	Cannoneer	SP4 David L. Cole
Cook	SP4 Danny A. Bonds	Cannoneer	SP4 Kenneth Woods
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Michael Powers	Cannoneer	PFC Lawrence G. Bratcher
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Jackie K. Morrison	Cannoneer	SP4 Leon E. Hooten III
PLL Clerk	PFC Jimmy L. Pennington	Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Jerry D. Kincannon
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Erskin Medford	Gunner	SP4 Thomas D. Wharton
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Bruce Lynn	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Jackie D. Shelton
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Terry L. Caudill	Cargo Carrier Driver	PFC Floyd L. Carter
Track Mechanic Helper	PFC William D. David	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Rickey Hazen
Communications Chief	SGT Jimmy D. Buie	Cannoneer	PVT Jackie J. Ingram
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Dennis Gray	Cannoneer	PFC Johnny K. Huff
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Arnold K. Lee	Cannoneer	PVT Jimmy D. Summers
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Randall Carrigan	Cannoneer	PVT Gerald L. Hudson
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Ronald K. Wilson	Chief of 3rd Section	SFC Harvard L. Tomlinson
Field Wireman	PFC Leslie Holt	Gunner	SP4 David N. McReynolds
Field Wireman	PFC Lennie Wood	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Sammye W. Amerson
Field Wireman	PFC Elmer Thompson	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Ty L. Prestidge
Executive Officer	1LT Max E. Daughtrey	Cannoneer	PFC Danny Bohannon
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Dwight S. Wolfe	Cannoneer	PFC Glenn M. Ritter
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Danny H. Talley	Cannoneer	PVT Hubert M. Cole
Chief FDC	SSG Thomas R. Hinkie	Cannoneer	PVT Ricky Harris
Fire Direction Computer	SGT Steve M. Harvill	Cannoneer	PVT William J. James
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 John C. Dombrowski	Chief of 4th Section	SFC Victor L. Hamel
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Jime E. Pitchey	Gunner	SSG Oscar L. Bishop
Artillery Recorder	SFC I. B. Jones	Assistant Gunner	SSG Richard Dannerburg
Artillery Recorder	SGT Dean L. Bearder	Chief of ammo Section	SGT Richard D. Williams
Chart Operator	PFC Jarrell T. Heath	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Teddy C. Reynolds
Chart Operator	PFC James C. Morris Jr.	Light Truck Driver	SP4 David P. Griffin
CP Carrier Driver	PVT Lester Vogler	Ammunition Handler	PFC Charles Prowse
Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Donald Garrett		

**Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Jerry G. Davis	Cannoneer	PVT James D. Smith
First Sergeant	SFC Jimmie M. Sims	Cannoneer	SFC Clyde L. Bennett
Mess Steward	SFC Thomas J. Hickey	Cannoneer	PFC Gregory S. Cook
Motor Sergeant	SSG J. Frank Green	Cannoneer	SGT Robert L. Seizer
Supply Sergeant	SGT Richard D. Story	Cannoneer	PFC Rocky L. Bray
First Cook	SSG Bruce C. Wright	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Larry D. Singleton
Battery Clerk	SP5 James H. Spangler	Gunner	SP4 Patrick M. Farncis
First Cook	SP5 Mark E. Cavin	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Samuel R. Dennis
First Cook	SP5 Larry W. Barrett	Cargo Carrier Driver	PFC Ronald M. McKenzie
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Bobby J. Wilson	Motor Carriage Driver	PFC John S. Surber
Armorer	SP4 Troy A. Rogers	Cannoneer	PFC Harles D. McCoy
Cook	SP4 Kenneth A. Handke	Cannoneer	SP4 Jerry L. Taylor
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Kenneth L. Dietrich	Cannoneer	SP4 Alan D. Todd
GP Generator Mechanic	PFC Arvel G. Hignite	Cannoneer	PVT Ronnie D. Logue
PLL Clerk	SP4 Lloyd D. Russ	Cannoneer	SP5 Lovell Taylor
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 David D. Burns	Cannoneer	SSG R. D. Robnett
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Stephen G. Haevin	Cannoneer	SSG Dorance W. Clifton
Light Vehicle Driver	SSG Gary D. Steelman	Cannoneer	SFC John E. Snow
Track Mechanic Helper	SGT Ronald A. Baker	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Jimmy J. Fielding
Forward Observer	2LT William M. Ohl	Gunner	SGT John L. Davis
Communications Chief	SGT Kenneth E. Taylor	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Johnnie L. Collier
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Kenneth L. McComas	Cargo Carrier Driver	PFC Ealis P. Batchelder
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Darrell W. Langford	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Billy P. Albers
Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Donald R. Wheeler	Cannoneer	SP4 Roger D. Comstock
Field Switchboard Operator	SP5 James L. Moore	Cannoneer	PFC Edward D. Jones
Field Wireman	SP4 Billy E. Crawford	Cannoneer	SP4 Patrick C. Winn
Field Wireman	SGT Rohn W. Reed	Cannoneer	PVT Stanley L. Burgess
Field Wireman	SGT Bobby R. Johnston	Cannoneer	PFC George W. Falkner
Executive Officer	1LT Gary L. Ransom	Cannoneer	SSG John W. Miracle
Assistant Executive Officer	1LT Christopher P. Bills	Cannoneer	SP4 Paul L. Powell
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Richard A. Bennett	Cannoneer	SFC Eddie M. Tubb
Chief FDC	SSG Joe C. Tubb	Chief of 4th Section	SGT Dennis K. Boyd
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Larry Miracle	Gunner	SP5 Jack C. Bullard
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Gary K. Pinkston	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Charles R. Jenkins
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Douglas M. Wheeler	Cargo Carrier Driver	PFC Jerry L. Cooley
Artillery Recorder	SP4 William R. Hansen	Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Orville K. Trout
Artillery Recorder	SSG Edgar R. Blunt	Cannoneer	SP4 Michael G. Winn
Chart Operator	SP4 Garry L. Findley	Cannoneer	PFC Thomas A. Ohara
Chart Operator	SGT James R. Frazier	Cannoneer	PVT Floyd E. Kinsey
CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Robert T Meek	Cannoneer	PFC Leslie E. Threadgill
Assembler	SP4 Roy L. Harris	Cannoneer	SP4 Joe B. Johnston
Assembler	SP4 Clyde J. Foster	Cannoneer	SP4 Phillip S. Mercer
Assembler	SP4 Joe D. Hansen	Cannoneer	SSG Carl O. Croskey
Assembler	PVT Mark R. Scott	Chief Ammo Section	SGT Roy W. Carter
Light Vehicle Driver	SFC Robert E. Ladwig	Light Truck Driver	PFC Sherman K. Williams
Chief of 1st Section	SSG Kenneth L. Roden	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Frank E. Croskey
Gunner	SGT John P. Koehler	Light Truck Driver	PFC Michael R. Opitz
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Robert J. Buser	Light Truck Driver	SP4 James E. Powers
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP5 Gery K. Barnes	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Shipley
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Henry D. Mainka	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Barry J. Burns
Cannoneer	PFC Jerry D. Bramlett	Ammunition Handler	SGT Dewight S. Wolfe
Cannoneer	PFC Earl D. Miracle	Ammunition Handler	SGT Leroy Mayhugh
Cannoneer	SGT John A. Gedraitis	Cooks Apprentice	SP4 Lowery Ewing

**Service Battery, 1st Battalioonn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Freddy C. Ricks	PLL Clerk	SP5 John F. Taylor
Executive Officer	1LT Alan Bowman	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Marvin P. Mercer
First Sergeant	1SG Thomas Meyers	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Jeffery Blackwood
Food Service Stewart	SGT Ralph J. Harper	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Vern A. Gossett
Motor Sergeant	SGT George Lane	Wheel Mechanic Helper	PFC John C. Hinson
Supply Sergeant	SSG Jimmy G. Pryor	Cook Apprentice	SGT Bobby Smith
First Cook	SP4 John O. Cregg	Unit Supply Technician	CW2 Gene Wells
Battery Clerk	SGT William E. Foote	Supply Sergeant	SSG Steve J. Mattoon
First Cook	SP4 George E. Massey	Supply Specialist	SP5 William G. Rodgers
Armorer	SP4 Lawrence O. Vaughan	POL Specialist	SP4 Perry Clay
Cook	SP4 Tommy D. Lovelady	POL Specialist	SP4 David L. Lindsey
Maintenance Clerk	SP5 Johnnie Graves	Supply Specialist	SP4 Joseph M. Perrante
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Charles D. Coffman	Supply Specialist	SP4 Elvin S. Lee
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Harvey Roof	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Pat T. Hennessee



Supply Clerk	SFC Lewis E. Ahrens	Ammunition Clerk	SP4 Billy R. Ingram
Supply Clerk	SFC Charles E. Myers	1st Ammo Section Chief	SP5 Stephen Schafer
Maintenance Technician	CW2 Robert J. Crabtree	Senior Vehicle Driver	SP5 Robert P. Wheeler
Maintenance Sergeant	SSG Richard A. Bybee	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Roger D. Cowan
Senior Recovery Operator	SP5 Marx L. Calhoun	Ammunition Handler	SSG Michael G. Hinson
Senior Recovery Operator	SP5 James P. Wright	Ammunition Handler	PVT Andrew L. Permon
Senior Recovery Operator	SP5 Ronnie Graves	Ammunition Handler	PFC Gary D. Austin
Senior Track Mechanic	SP4 George Hanning	Ammunition Handler	PFC John Bonehill
GP Generator Mechanic	SFC Jerry V. L. Wilson	2nd Section Chief	SP4 Joe G. Ford
Recovery Vehicle Operator	SSG Henry F. Smith	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Gerry T. Hendrix
Recovery Vehicle Operator	SSG George Odom	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Robert P. Hirsch
Recovery Vehicle Operator	SP4 George T. Huse	Ammunition Handler	PFC Larry Commings
PLL Clerk	SP4 Glenn D. Fuller	Ammunition Handler	PFC Charles Charton
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SFC Donald W. Poolaw	Ammunition Handler	SGT Johnnie R. Brown
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Rodney Raney	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Nelson Brown
Welder	PFC Douglas Dankowski	3rd Section Chief	SGT Kenneth W. Stradley
Wheel Vehicle Repairer	SP4 Charles D. Torres	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 James E. Shaw III
Wheel Vehicle Repairer	SP5 James L. Sikes	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 William D. Keith
Wrecker Operator	PFC Thomas L. Harrison	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Tom E. Thomas III
Track Mechanic Helper	SP4 Phillip E. Herd	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Elijah Jackson
Ammunition Officer	1LT Guy C. Spence	Ammunition Handler	PFC Miguel A. Rosa
Ammo Supply Sergeant	SGT Herman L. Morton	Ammunition Handler	PFC Gregory Harris
Ammunition Sergeant	SP4 Dennis R. Holland		

### **EXTRACT FROM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL HISTORY 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.

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** History of Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery 1975, the first drill of calendar year 1975 was held at the Armory, with FDC, Commo, 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.

- January 1975: 2LT Michael J. Mande transferred to Btry "A", 1 Bn 171 FA. 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.
- February 1975: LTC Norman E. Duckworth, transferred to 1 Bn 171 FA, 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.
- March 1975: 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.
- April 1975: CW2 B. L. Brence, transferred to SVC Btry. CW2 Robert J. Crabtree, transferred from SVC Btry to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA.
- May 1975: CPT Herbert A. O'Neil, transferred to SVC Btry. CPT Calvin E. Koonce, transferred to HHS Btry 2 Bn 158 FA. CPT John W. Chapman, reassigned from Assistant S-3 to S-2.
- June 1975: 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.
- August 1975: CPT John D. McReynolds, appointment effective 7 August 1975 as Communications Platoon Leader.
- November 1975: CPT Kenneth W. Barney, attached from HHD 1 November 1975.
- December 1975: CPT William L. Barnes, assigned to USAR 22 December 1975.

**Annual Report of Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** History of Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery. 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 an 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 retrain 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.

- 1 January 1975: 2LT Michael J. Mande assigned to unit as Forward Observer, replacing 2LT Eddie H. Drath, who was reassigned as Assistant Executive Officer replacing 1LT Richard A. Horton who is reassigned to the Inactive National Guard.
- 16 January 1975: SGT Nolan D. Dorsey assigned Section Chief of 4th Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Johnnie W. Rogers, who was discharged.
- 2 March 1975: SSG Henry H. Kobza assigned Chief of Firing Battery replacing SFC Glenn B. Funk, who was discharged.
- 25 March 1975: SGT Alan L. Williams assigned Section Chief of 2nd Howitzer Section, replacing SGT Lennis D. Miller who was discharged.
- 4 April 1975: SP6 James R. Hoffman assigned as Unit Mess Stewart, replacing SFC Paul E. Laferr who is discharged.
- 21 April 1975: SP5 Kenneth S. Brower, assigned as Fire Direction Section Chief replacing SSG Boyd J. Spencer Jr. who was discharged.
- 8 August 1975: SGT Larry D. Holsted assigned as Section Chief of 3rd Howitzer Section replacing SSG Darrell W. Long who was discharged.
- 7 November 1975: 1LT Duane G. Naccarato assigned as Forward Observer replacing 2LT Michael J. Mande who transferred to the Colorado National Guard effective 27 October 1975.
- 12 December 1975: SGT Alton L. Allen assigned as Section Chief of 4th Howitzer Section replacing SSG Nolan D. Dorsey who was discharged.

**Annual Report of Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 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.

- 5 January 1975: 2LT Dwight S. Wolfe assigned to TDY at FTDD USFA School.
- 7 February 1975: 1LT Bills promoted to Captain.
- 24 February 1975: 1LT Arthur R. South transferred from HHB 1Bn 158 FA, and assigned as FDO.

- 8 April 1975: 2LT Dwight S. Wolf returned to duty from FTTD USFA School.
- 1 May 1975: 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 1 Bn 158 FA. CPT Bills transferred to HHD Svc Btry 2Bn 158 FA.
- 1 June 1975: SP4 Ritchey promoted to Sergeant. SGT Gene Hendrick promoted to SSG.
- 5 June 1975: 2LT Dwight S. Wolf to TDY to U.S. FA School.
- 6 June 1975: David L. Cole released to enlisted in Texas
- 16 June 1975: I. B. Jones HQ to retired. 2LT Joe Johnston appointed and extended temporary Federal Recognition
- 22 October 1975: 2LT Joe Johnston assigned to TDY U.S. FA School
- 30 October 1975: 1LT James A. Cunningham promoted to Captain.

**Annual Report of Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 9-23 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 return 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 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 USPFO 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.

- 10 April 1975: 2LT William M. Ohl, separated incompatible occupation relation, Forward Observer.
- 1 May 1975: 2LT Alan W. Bowman transferred from 1 Bn 158 FA Lawton, OK assigned as Forward Observer.
- 1 June 1975: 2LT Alan W. Bowman, Separated incompatible occupation, released, Forward Observer.
- 16 June 1975: 2LT John A. White, appointed and extended temporary federal recognition Jd assigned as Forward Observer.
- 1 August 1975: 1LT Gary L. Ransom, transferred to SVC Btry 1 Bn 158 FA Lawton, OK released from Executive Officer.
- 1 August 1975: 1LT Dennis W. Byford, transferred from SVC Btry 1 Bn 158 FA Lawton, OK assigned as Executive Officer.

**Annual Report of Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 Burrell, 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, USPFO 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.

- 10 April 1975: CW3 B. L. Brence assigned from HHB, 1 Bn, 158 FA, replacing CW2 Robert J. Crabtree, transferred to HHB, 1 Bn, 158 FA.
- 1 May 1975: CPT Herbert A. O'Neil assigned from HHB, 1 Bn, 158 FA, and appointed Battery Commander replacing 1LT Guy C. Spence, discharged. 1LT Max E. Daughtry assigned from "B" Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA and appointed XO, replacing 1LT Alan W. Bowman, transferred to "C" Btry, 1Bn 158 FA. SSG George M. Odom, assigned from SVC Btry, 158 FA, and appointed as 1SG, replacing 1SG Thomas A. Meyers, transferred to 700 Support Bn, Norman.
- 31 May 1975: CW2 Robert J. Crabtree assigned from HHB, 1 Bn, 158 FA, assigned to Maintenance Technician, replacing CW3 B. L. Brence, retired.
- 1 August 1975: 1LT Gary L. Ransom assigned from "C" Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA, assigned as Ammunition Officer, replacing 1LT Dennis W. Byford, transferred to "C" Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA.

### **HHB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	LTC Norman E. Duckworth	CP Carrier Driver	PVT Reginald Bryant
Executive Officer	MAJ Merrill B. Burruss	CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Walter P. Webster
S-3	MAJ Bobby R. Jantz	Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Charles Washington
Battalion Motor Officer	CPT Herbert O'Neil	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Michael L. Shook
Battalion Surgeon	CPT Robert E. Edde	Recon Survey Officer	CPT William A. Abshire
Battalion Chaplain	CPT Frank M. Hyde	Chief Surveyor	SFC John W. Wlaker
Communications Officer	CPT William A. Abshire	Chief of Survey Party	SGT Bennie H. Helm
Liaison Officer	CPT Larry A. York	Chief of Survey Party	SSG Larry B. Sparks
S-1	CPT Calvin E. Koonce	Chief of Survey Party	SP5 Walter L. McCarley
S-2	CPT John W. Chapman	Survey Computer	SP5 Joe D. McClung
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Donald D. Liles	Survey Computer	SP5 Dennis Woommavovah
Battery Commander	CPT Freddy C. Ricks	Survey Computer	SP5 Freddy L. Erkenbrack
First Sergeant	SFC Alvin D. Carper	Survey Computer	SP5 Richard A. McDonald
Dining Facility Manager	SFC Clem B. Brooks	Survey Computer	SP5 Walter D. Coates
Motor Sergeant	SSG Emitt D. Unsell	Survey Computer	SP5 Bobby G. Dayton
Supply Sergeant	SSG John R. Mulhall	Instrument Operator	SP4 Donald L. Tate
Battery Clerk	SP4 Robert H. Owens	Instrument Operator	PFC Dallas K. Haskell
First Cook	SP5 Charles E. Anderson	Survey Recorder	SP4 Joe D. McClung
First Cook	SP5 Jerry D. McCarley	Survey Recorder	PVT Ronald K. Schooler
Senior Wheel Mechanic	SP4 Reginald Dungan	Survey Recorder	PFC Jessie L. Austin
Armorer	SP4 Robert E. McClure	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Robert P. Schooler
Cook	PFC Robert C. Jones	Rodman/Tapeman	SP4 Bruce Jones
Maintenance Clerk	SP5 James A. Fischer	Rodman/Tapeman	SGT Jimmy B. Fields
Power Generator Mechanic	PVT Wallace R. Jones	Rodman/Tapeman	PVT Melvin E. Danna
PLL Clerk	PVT Steven A. Foster	Liaison Sergeant	SSG Kenneth Youngsted
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SGT Charles H. Daugherty	Liaison Specialist	SSG Ronnie H. Graves
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Danny R. Crow	Commo Platoon Leader	1LT Alvin D. Brown
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Danny E. Paddie	Communications Chief	MSG George L. McDaniel
Wheel Mechanic Helper	SP5 Kenneth E. Carman	Senior FADAC Mechanic	SP4 Wayne A. Bishop
Senior Career Reporter	SFC Kenneth V. Ille	FADAC/Radio Mechanic	SGT Stanley Greenfield
Paralegal Staff NCO	SSG David O. Nixon	Senior Message Clerk	SP4 Albert A. Alvarez
Legal Clerk	SSG Bob J. Bailey	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Joe Crawford
Chaplain Assistant	SP4 Billy C. Davis	Wire Section Chief	SSG Vernon R. Ward
Clerk Typist	SSG Harold L. Davis	Wire Team Chief	SP5 James E. Beene
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Eugene Johnson	Wire Team Chief	SGT Joseph V. Rogers
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Bennie D. Myers	Wire Team Chief	SGT Calvin L. Williams
Assistant S-3	CPT William R. Nixon	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 William D. Snider
Assistant S-3	CPT Charles D. Houston	Senior Wire Specialist	SP4 Ray Fankhauser
Intelligence Sergeant	MSG Robert L. Stringer	Senior Wire Specialist	SP5 Deyo W. Warren
Operations Sergeant	MSG Ora A. Correll	Senior Wire Specialist	SP4 Benjamin Marshall
Chemical NCO	SSG Tony R. Torres	Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Albert J. Heath
Operations Specialist	SP4 Paul E. Davis	Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Rodger B. Johnson
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Wayne A. Bishop	Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Clifford J. Johnson
Chief FDC	SSG Cleo M. Otipoby	Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Lonzell Lewis
Assistant Chief FDC	SSG Larry F. Larson	Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Donald E. Needs
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Arnold D. Fischer	Tactical Wire Specialist	PVT Kenneth Washington
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Robert L. Wood	Tactical Wire Specialist	PVT Donald R. Washington
Chart Operator	PFC Tommy L. Smith	Tactical Wire Specialist	PVT Reginald Bryant
Chart Operator	SP4 Richard D. Barger	Team Chief	SP5 Booker T. Loud

Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Brent W. Humble	Redeye Team Chief	SGT Carlos Pagan-Figueroa
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Joseph L. Scott	Redeye Team Chief	SFC Clarence M. Priest
Medical Section Sergeant	SSG Jerre J. Burton	Redeye Gunner	SGT Glenn N. White
Clinical Specialist	PFC Harry L. Williams	Redeye Gunner	SP4 Jesse J. Eppler
Senior Medical Aidman	SP4 Walter M. Rhodes	Redeye Gunner	SP4 Donald R. Tharp
Ambulance Driver	PVT Roger B. Johnson	Unit Personnel Technician	CW3 Dennis R. Roper
Battery Aidman	SGT George A. Cotton	Personnel Sergeant	SFC Joseph L. Stevens
Battery Aidman	PVT Joseph H. Ettiger	Management Specialist	SGT Bob J. Bailey
Battery Aidman	SP4 Larry D. Richardson	Personnel Records Specialist	SSG Harold L. Davis
Battery Aidman	PVT Stanley W. Stevenson	Personnel Records Specialist	SSG David O. Nixon
ADA Platoon Leader	2LT Austin Atkinson	Personnel Actions Specialist	SP5 Kenneth E. Carman
Section Chief	SSG Michael P. Kelley	Finance Specialist	SGT Daniel W. White
Redeye Team Chief	SGT Edward D. Repp	Finance Specialist	SP5 Jack R. Codopony

**Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Bobby D. Thomasson	Cannoneer	PVT Cecil J. Marrow
First Sergeant	1SG Leslie E. Blalock	Cannoneer	SFC Bobby J. White
Mess Steward	SFC Paul E. Laferr	Cannoneer	SSG Vincent P. Kobza
Motor Sergeant	SSG Michael J. Dobry	Cannoneer	PVT Carroll O. Gilbert
Supply Sergeant	SGT Larry D. Newell	Cannoneer	SP5 Vernon D. Green
First Cook	SP6 James R. Hoffman	Chief of 2nd Section	SGT Lennis D. Miller
Battery Clerk	SP5 Phillip E. Compton	Gunner	SGT Alan L. Williams
First Cook	SP5 Steven W. Rodgers	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Richard P. Strain
First Cook	SP5 George A. Harris	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Johnny J. Jarel
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Bobby L. Watson	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Bobby C. Jarel
Armorer	SP4 Jaye H. Flynn	Cannoneer	PFC Keith E. Teeter
Cook	SP4 Billy R. Weathers	Cannoneer	PVT Marshall Dixon Jr.
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Danny E. Boren	Cannoneer	SP4 Donald R. Tharp
GP Generator Mechanic	SGT Teddy L. Wishon	Cannoneer	SP4 Sylvester J. Williams
PLL Clerk	PFC Johnny L. Cossey	Cannoneer	SFC Richard R. Bell
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Carl L. Martin	Cannoneer	SFC Charles W. Watts
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP5 Ernest R. Bolin	Cannoneer	SGT Elmer L. White
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Winfred L. McBride	Cannoneer	SGT John A. White
Track Mechanic Helper	PV2 Wahnee W. Evans	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Darrell W. Long
Forward Observer	2LT Michael J. Mande	Gunner	SGT Nolan D. Dorsey
Communications Chief	SSG Ray L. Watts	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Alton L. Allen
Senior Switchboard Operator	SGT Michael M. Dye	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Richard B. Subia
Senior Field Wireman	SGT John E. Valerius Jr.	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Bruce C. Caesar
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 James T. Stephens	Cannoneer	PVT Steve L. Marrow
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Dennis R. Holdge	Cannoneer	PFC Charles A. Price
Field Wireman	SP4 Phillip H. Halberg	Cannoneer	PFC James L. Hannum
Field Wireman	PVT Virgil O. Williams	Cannoneer	PVT Walter T. Raines
Field Wireman	SSG William F. Parsons	Cannoneer	SSG Henry H. Kobza
Executive Officer	1LT Daryl K. McCall	Cannoneer	SGT Rudy J. King
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Eddie H. Drath	Cannoneer	SGT Earl B. Moog Jr.
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Glenn B. Funk	Cannoneer	SSG Terrell R. Voyles
Chief FDC	SSG Boyd J. Spencer Jr.	Chief of 4th Section	SSG Johnnie W. Rogers
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Kenneth S. Brower	Gunner	SGT Donnie G. Cash
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Michael A. Dietrich	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Ronald D. Lovin
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Douglas L. Zeger	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Alfred D. Howe
Artillery Recorder	SGT Thomas R. Gilpin	Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Gary D. Heddlesten
Artillery Recorder	PFC John A. Brown	Cannoneer	PFC Michael S. McNeill
Chart Operator	SP4 Kenneth D. Davis	Cannoneer	PFC Robert J. Wilcox
Chart Operator	SP4 Clifton A. Burris	Cannoneer	PFC James S. Raines
Field Artillery Recorder	SP4 Christopher R. Kilpatrick	Cannoneer	PFC Johnny L. Greco
CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Jack W. Butterbaugh	Cannoneer	SGT Glen R. Blue
Assembler	SP4 David W. Blalock Jr.	Cannoneer	SP5 Cecil D. Snider
Assembler	SP4 Terry L. Williams	Cannoneer	SGT Phillip R. Castro
Assembler	SP4 Larry D. Dyer	Cannoneer	SSG Jerry L. Marcum
Assembler	SP4 Charles E. Lisenbery	Chief of Ammo Section	SGT Larry A. Harbour
Light Vehicle Driver	SP5 Amma D. Vanscoder	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Jackie L. Pledger
Chief of 1st Section	SGT Donald R. Epperson	Light Truck Driver	SP4 David W. Gunter
Gunner	SP4 Larry D. Holsted	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Boyd R. Bates
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Jerry D. Howell	Light Truck Driver	SGT Bobby G. Morrow
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Jerry D. Schimmel	Ammunition Handler	PFC Freddie W. Morrow
Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Randy G. Bryson	Ammunition Handler	SP4 William A. Pinion
Cannoneer	PFC David E. Buckles	Ammunition Handler	PVT Clyde A. Jackson
Cannoneer	PFC Carl H. Pyle Jr.	Cook Apprentice Helper	SP4 Thurman L. Brake Jr.
Cannoneer	PFC Bennie L. Jones Jr.		

**Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT James A. Cunningham	Cannoneer	PVT Eddie R. Johnson
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Cannoneer	SP5 David L. McDonald
Mess Steward	SFC Oscar L. Bishop	Cannoneer	SP5 Richard D. Underwood
Motor Sergeant	SGT Sydney G. Bullard	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Harvard L. Tomlinson
Supply Sergeant	SGT Steven G. Streich	Gunner	SGT Thomas D. Wharton
First Cook	SSG Danny V. Perry	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Rickey M. Hazen
Battery Clerk	SP5 David L. Gray	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Kenneth W. Woods
First Cook	SP5 Danny G. Bonds	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Rex C. Shelburne
Armorer	SP4 Jerry D. Kelly	Cannoneer	SP4 Johnny K. Huff
Cook	PFC William D. David	Cannoneer	SP4 Floyd K. Smith
GP Generator Mechanic	SP5 Randall R. Wilcox	Cannoneer	PVT Kyle E. Riggs
PLL Clerk	SP5 Marvin M. Lindsay	Cannoneer	SP4 David L. Dehaven
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Bruce R. Lynn	Cannoneer	PVT Thomas Christenson
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Erskin L. Medford III	Cannoneer	PVT Clayton R. Riddles
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Kenneth G. Wall	Cannoneer	PFC James R. Dodson
Cooks Helper	SP5 Robert E. Jackson Jr.	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Robert E. Dodson
Communications Chief	SGT Jimmy D. Buie	Gunner	SP4 Sammye W. Amerson
Senior Switchboard Operator	SGT Ronald K. Wilson	Assistant Gunner	SGT Gary R. Vardell
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Elmer L. Thompson	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Ty L. Prestidge
Field Wireman	SP4 Dennis E. Gray	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Glen M. Ritter
Field Wireman	SP4 Weslie L. Holt	Cannoneer	SP4 Richard C. Britten
Field Wireman	SP4 Leslie L. Holt	Cannoneer	SFC Victor L. Hamel
Executive Officer	1LT Arthur R. South	Cannoneer	PVT Billy A. Myers
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Dwight S. Wolfe	Cannoneer	SSG Richard E. Dannenburg
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC David L. Delong	Cannoneer	SP4 Ira P. Burden
Chief FDC	SSG Thomas R. Hinkie	Cannoneer	SP4 Billy B. Dean
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Stevie W. Harvill	Cannoneer	SGT Edward J. Cusato
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Jim E. Ritchey	Chief of 4th Section	SFC Danny A. Talley
Artillery Recorder	SSG Herbert J. Horinek	Gunner	SP4 Jerry D. Kincannon
Chart Operator	SP4 Jarrell T. Heath	Assistant Gunner	SGT Joe D. Arrington
Chart Operator	SP4 James C. Morris	Cargo Carrier Driver	SGT Richard L. Bechtel
CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Terry L. Cadill	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Rickey D. Heffington
Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Donald F. Garrett	Cannoneer	SP4 Johnny L. Kuykendall
Field Artillery Mechanic	SSG Dean L. Bearden	Cannoneer	SP4 William A. Biffle
Assembler	SP4 Larry D. Scott	Cannoneer	PVT John M. Kaiser
Assembler	SP5 Larry D. Eckstein	Cannoneer	SGT Richard D. Williams
Assembler	SP5 John C. Dombrowski	Cannoneer	PVT Johnny R. Pearson
Chief of 1st Section	SGT David N. McReynolds	Cannoneer	SP4 Billy R. Clyburn
Gunner	SGT Johnny C. Dillon	Cannoneer	SP4 Lloyd A. Fincher
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Jakie D. Shelton	Chief of Ammo Section	SSG Gene P. Hendricks
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Dannie J. Bohannon	Light Truck Driver	SP4 David P. Griffin
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Lawrence G. Bratcher	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Teddy C. Reynolds
Cannoneer	PVT Billy P. Morgan	Light Truck Driver	SGT Jesse G. Anderson
Cannoneer	PVT Alvin L. Burch	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Ronald E. Ballard
Cannoneer	PVT William J. James	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Charles F. Blackmon
Cannoneer	PVT Hurley L. Pinkie	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Lennie T. Woods

**Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

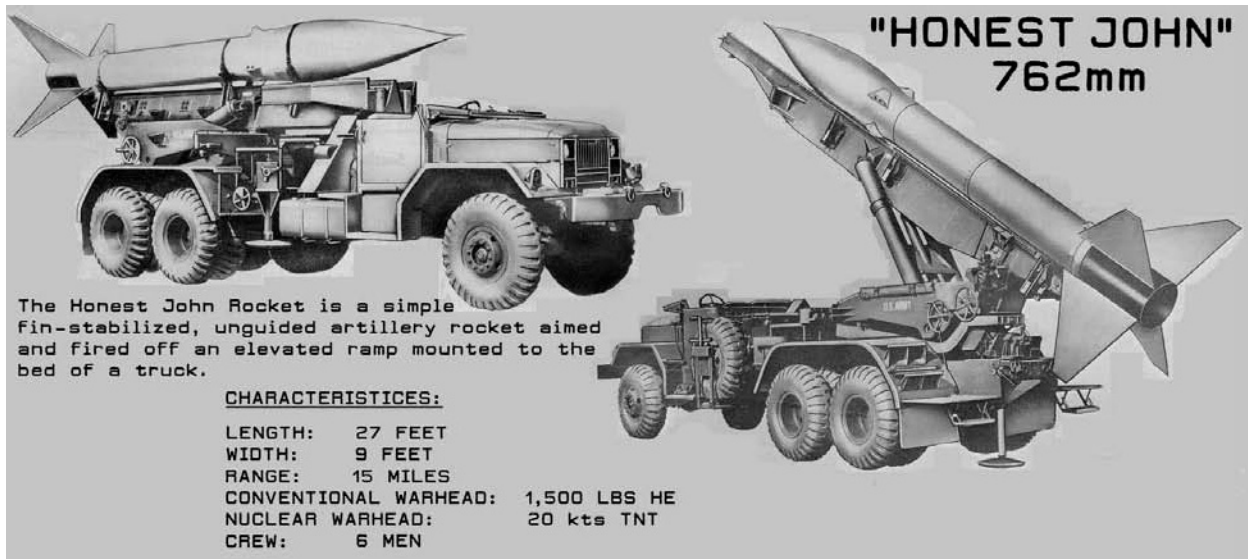
Battery Commander	CPT Jerry G. Davis	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Billy E. Crawford
First Sergeant	SFC Jimmie M. Sims	Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Darrell W. Langford
Mess Steward	SFC Thomas J. Hickey	Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Jerry L. Cooley
Motor Sergeant	SSG J. F. Green	Field Switchboard Operator	SP5 James L. Moore
Supply Sergeant	SGT Richard D. Story	Field Wireman	SP4 John H. Rhamy
First Cook	SSG Bruce C. Wright	Field Wireman	SGT John A. Marshall
Battery Clerk	SP5 Gregory S. Cook	Field Wireman	SGT Bobby J. Johnston
First Cook	SP5 Mark E. Cavin	Executive Officer	1LT Gary L. Ransom
First Cook	SP5 Larry W. Barrett	Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Howard M. Smith
Senior Vehicle Mechanic	SP5 Bobby J. Wilson	Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Richard A. Bennett
Armorer	SP4 Troy A. Rodgers	Chief FDC	SSG Joe C. Tubb
Cook	SP4 Kenneth A. Handke	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Gary K. Pinkston
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Lloyd D. Russ	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Douglas M. Wheeler
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Earl D. Miracle	Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Gary L. Findley
PLL Clerk	SP4 Stephen G. Heavin	Artillery Recorder	SP4 William R. Hansen
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Arvel G. Hignite	Artillery Recorder	SSG Edgar R. Blunt
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Kenneth L. Dietrich	Chart Operator	SGT James R. Frazier
Light Vehicle Driver	SSG Gary D. Steelman	Chart Operator	SP4 James E. Powers
Track Mechanic Helper	PVT Jimmy C. Rohling	CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Robert T. Meek
Forward Observer	2LT William M. Ohl	Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Joe D. Hansen
Communications Chief	SGT Kenneth E. Taylor	Field Artillery Mechanic	SGT Joe B. Johnston



Assembler	SP4 Roy L. Harris	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Clyde J. Bingham
Assembler	SFC Ronald M. Mckenzie	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Billy P. Albers
Assembler	SP4 John S. Surber	Motor Carrier Driver	SP4 Roger D. Comstock
Assembler	SP4 Clyde J. Foster	Cannoneer	PVT Marvin L. Belcher
Light Vehicle Driver	SFC Clyde L. Bennett	Cannoneer	PFC Harles D. McCoy
Chief of 1st Section	SGT Robert J. Busher	Cannoneer	PVT Alvin T. Stark
Gunner	SGT Samuel R. Dennis	Cannoneer	PFC Edward D. Jones
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Leroy Mayhugh	Cannoneer	PV2 James R. Cunningham
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Dock C. Brown	Cannoneer	Pvt Timmy D. Pursley
Motor Carrier Driver	SP4 Jerry L. Taylor	Cannoneer	PVT Clyde H. Boswell
Cannoneer	PVT Rocky L. Bray	Cannoneer	PVT Henry D. Lawson
Cannoneer	SGT Vernon J. Doke	Cannoneer	SSG Roy E. Holt
Cannoneer	SP4 Mearl L. Malone	Chief of 4th Section	SP5 James H. Spangler
Cannoneer	PFC Henry D. Mainka	Gunner	SP4 Ellis P. Batchelder
Cannoneer	PFC Willie D. Malone	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Paul L. Powell
Cannoneer	PVT Curtis L. Young	Cargo Carrier Driver	SSG Carl O. Croskey
Cannoneer	PVT James D. Smith	Motor Carrier Driver	SSG Thomas G. Busby
Cannoneer	PVT Ciecil L. Robinson	Cannoneer	SFC John E. Snow
Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Dennis K. Boyd	Cannoneer	SFC William G. Spangler
Gunner	SGT Johnnie L. Collier	Cannoneer	SSG Dorance W. Clifton
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Leslie E. Threadgill	Cannoneer	SSG John E. Miracle
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Orville K. Trout	Cannoneer	SFC Eddie M. Tubb
Motor Carrier Driver	SP4 George W. Falkner	Cannoneer	SSG R. D. Robnett
Cannoneer	PVT Robert L. Spearman	Cannoneer	SFC Robert E. Ladwig
Cannoneer	PVT Terry L. Mandrell	Chief of Ammo Section	SSG Roy W. Carter
Cannoneer	PVT Robert C. Hinchcliff	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Michael R. Opitz
Cannoneer	PVT Eddie D. Caplinger	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Barry J. Burns
Cannoneer	PVT Dannie M. Mann	Light Truck Driver	PFC Gerald R. Orange
Cannoneer	PVT Michael J. Wilson	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Phillip S. Mercer
Cannoneer	PVT Richard D. Shields	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Shipley
Cannoneer	PVT Phillip J. Wimberly	Ammunition Handler	SFC James T. Miller
Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Jimmy J. Fielding	Cooks Apprentice	SP5 Lovell Taylor
Gunner	SGT John Davis		

**Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT Guy C. Spence	Senior Recovery Operator	SP5 James P. Wright
Executive Officer	1LT Alan Bowman	Senior Recovery Operator	SP5 Ronnie Graves
First Sergeant	1SG Thomas Myers	Senior Track Mechanic	SP4 George Hanning
Mess Stewart	SSG Ralph J. Harper	GP Generator Mechanic	SFC Jerry V. L. Wilson
Motor Sergeant	SSG George Lane	Recovery Vehicle Operator	SSG Henry F. Smith
Supply Sergeant	SSG Michael G. Hinson	Recovery Vehicle Operator	SSG George Odom
First Cook	SP5 John O. Cregg	Recovery Vehicle Operator	SP4 George T. Huse
Battery Clerk	SGT William E. Foote	PLL Clerk	SP4 Glenn D. Fuller
First Cook	SP5 George E. Massey	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SFC Donald W. Poolaw
Armorer	SP4 Lewerence O. Vaughn	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Rodney Raney
Cook	SP4 Tommy D. Lovelady	Welder	PFC Douglas Dankowski
Maintenance Clerk	SP5 Johnnie Graves	Wheel Vehicle Repairer	SP4 Charles D. Torres
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Charles D. Coffman	Wheel Vehicle Repairer	SP5 James L. Sikes
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Harvey Roof	Wrecker Operator	PFC Thomas L. Harrison
PLL Clerk	SP5 John F. Taylor	Track Mechanic Helper	SP4 Phillip E. Herd
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Marvin P. Mercer	Ammunition Officer	2LT Dennis W. Byford
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Jeffery Blackwood	Ammo Supply Sergeant	SGT Herman L. Morton
Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Charles Charton	Ammunition Sergeant	SP4 Dennis R. Holland
Wheeled Mechanic Helper	PFC John C. Hinson	Ammunition Clerk	SP4 Billy R. Ingram
Cooks Apprentice	SGT Bobby Smith	1st Section Chief	SP5 Stephen Schafer
Unit Supply Technician	CW2 Gene Welks	Senior Light Vehicle Driver	SP5 Robert P. Wheeler
Supply Sergeant	SSG Charles E. Myers	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Roger D. Cowan
Supply Specialist	SP5 William G. Rodgers	Ammunition Handler	SSG Michael G. Hinson
POL Specialist	SP4 Perry Clay	Ammunition Handler	PVT Andrew L. Permon
POL Specialist	SP4 David L. Lindsey	Ammunition Handler	PFC Gary D. Austin
Supply Specialist	SP4 Joseph M. Perrente	Ammunition Handler	PFC John Bonehill
Supply Specialist	SP4 Elvin S. Lee	2nd Section Chief	SP5 Spencer Kendall
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Pat T. Hennessee	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Gerry T. Hendrix
Supply Clerk	SFC Lewis E. Ahrens	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Robert P. Hirsch
Supply Clerk	PVT Jesse Benjamin	Ammunition Handler	PFC Larry Commings
Maintenance Technician	CW2 Robert J. Crabtree	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Joseph P. Taylor
Maintenance Sergeant	SSG Richard A. Bybee	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Nelson Brown
Senior Recovery Operator	SP5 Marx L. Calhoun		



**Annual Report of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (HJ), Field Artillery:** 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 unit's 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 Nicholson. Drill 13 and 14 December 1975 included OJT Training of Specialist. FDC Training was conducted at Marlow, OK Armory.

- 1 June 1975: SFC Floyd T. Todd assigned as Intelligence Sergeant.
- 1 August 1975: SFC Louis D. Brower assigned as Dining Facility Manager, replacing SFC Wallace R. Hall.
- 1 December 1975: SFC Floyd T. Todd assigned as Personnel Staff NCO, replacing SFC John C. Gibson, which was assigned as Intelligence Sergeant.

**Annual Report of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery:** The 1975 activities of 245th MP Guard Company, 45th MP Battalion, Oklahoma Army National Guard and Reorganization into Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (Honest John) 158th Field Artillery, Marlow, Oklahoma. 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.

<b>NEW UNIT</b>	<b>OLD UNIT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
HHS Battery, 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA	205 Sig Co (Cbt Area)	Oklahoma City
Btry "A", 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA	245 MP Co (-Det 1) (Gd)	Marlow
Btry "B", 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA	Det 1 245 MP Co (Gd)	Walters
Btry "C", 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA	Det 1 1345th Trans Co	Healdton

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 fear 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 it's 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 Circuling. Sunday, Commo 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.

- 1 May 1975: 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 Bn (HJ) 158 FA, to accept Warrant Officer appointment and duty position as Unit Personnel Technician.
- 16 May 1975: 2LT Bruce M. Wood, assigned as Section Leader, First Rocket Firing Section, filling vacant position.
- 1 June 1975: SFC William A. Woodworth Jr., transferred from Battery "B", 1 Bn 160th FA, and assigned First Sergeant, to fill vacancy.
- 13 June 1975: 2LT Danny J. Dill, assigned as Ammunition Officer, filling vacancy. 2LT Richard L. Sacket, assigned as Section Leader, Second Rocket Firing Section, filling vacant position.
- 10 July 1975: SFC Arthur D. Mullin, Section Chief, Second Rocket Firing Section, discharged leaving vacancy.
- 1 August 1975: SP6 Woodrow W. Carter Jr., assigned Dining Facility Manager, replacing SFC Louis D. Brower Jr., transferred to HHS Battery 2nd Bn (HJ) 158 FA.
- 29 August 1975: SGT George W. Faulkner, assigned as Section Chief, First Rocket Firing Section, replacing SSG John B. Graham, discharged.
- 9 October 1975: 2LT Danny J. Dill, resignation to become enlisted man in HH&S Btry 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA.
- 1 December 1975: SP5 Bobby J. Miller, assigned as Dining Facility Manager, replacing SFC Woodrow W. Carter, Jr., transferred.
- 19 December 1975: SP4 Jimmy A. Nichols, assigned as Unit Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Herbert W. Martin, discharged.

**Annual Report of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery:** During multiple unit training assembly conducted on 18 and 19 January 1975, personnel receive 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 Maint of Equipment.

On 1 May 1975, Det 1, 245th MP 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 Fraining and Maintenance of Equipment.

On 13 and 14 September 1975, unit conducted mutiple unit training assembly, unit personnel received training in Nn-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.

- 1 April 1975: SGT Robert F. Braly, assigned as First Squad Leader, 2nd Platoon, replacing SSG Aubrey J. Mays Jr., discharged.
- 16 June 1975: 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.
- 18 June 1975: SGT Mickey L. Bentley, assigned as Section Chief of Firing Section Rocket Number #1, replacing SSG Larry H. Douglas, discharged.
- 1 August 1975: SGT Gary L. Jarvis, assigned as A&T Sergeant of A&T Section, replacing SSG Glend D. Smith, discharged.
- 1 September 1975: SGT Clinton D. Thurman, Mess Stewart, replacing SSG Robert F. Braly, discharged.

- 15 September 1975: CPT John H. Scaggs, assigned as Battery Commander, replacing 1LT Mark S. Brown Jr., discharged.
- 1 October 1975: SSG Clay F. Dudenhoefter, assigned as Chief Fire Direction Computer, replacing SFC Terry L. Ball, discharged.
- 19 October 1975: 2LT William F. White, transferred from Headquarters, 45th Artillery Group and assigned as Ammunition Officer of the A&T Section.
- 1 December 1975: SP4 Robert A. Red Elk, assigned as Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Alton L. Burnett, discharged.

**Annual Report of Battery “C”, 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery:** 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 “MinutemanMonth” 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 Bn 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.

- 3 July 1975: 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.

**Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	LTC Melford L. Scott	Survey Recorder	SP4 Corey L. Nimsey
Executive Officer	MAJ Calvin E. Koonce	Chief of Survey Party	SGT Jimmie L. Wells
S-3	CPT Henry D. Thornton	Survey Computer	SGT Johnnie L. Turnage
Battalion Surgeon	CPT Robert R. Edde	Survey Computer	SGT Stephen L. Vinson
CE Staff Officer	1LT John J. Hawk	Instrument Operator	SP4 Carl M. Dossier
Liaison Officer	CPT Christopher P. Bills	Survey Recorder	SP4 William G. Schmite
S-1	CPT Kenneth F. Perry	Rodman-Tapeman	SP4 R. J. Akins
S-2	1LT Charles P. Jones	Chief of Survey Party	SP5 Elbert B. Rouse
S-4	CPT Preston F. Willoughby	Survey Computer	SP4 Don L. Litle
Command Sergeant Major	SGM Rudy N. Hightower	Survey Computer	PVT Jeffrey L. Honrbeck
Battalion Commander	CPT Gary D. Maynard	Instrument Operator	SP4 Grady L. Sullivan
First Sergeant	MSG Bobby G. Pierce	Liaison Sergeant	SGT Danny J. Dill
Dining Facility Manager	SFC Wallace R. Hall	Commo Platoon Leader	1LT Terrell L. Berkenbile
First Cook	SP5 Gerald W. Robinson	Communications Chief	SFC Robert O. Mullinax
First Cook	SP4 Kenneth R. Pickard	Senior FADIC Mechanic	SP4 Carl L. Shepherd
First Cook	SP4 Ronald Fletcher	Teletype Repairman	SP4 Donald L. Foster
Cook	PFC Tony L. Mullins	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Johnny L. Holkum
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SSG William F. Seiter	Wire Section Chief	SSG Randall J. Ritter
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Roy L. Waldroop	Wire Team Chief	SGT Ronald G. Moss
GP Generator Mechanic	SP5 J. B. Cooper	Senior Switchboard Operator	PFC Joe Mayabb
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Anthony E. West	Senior Wire Specialist	SP4 Dennis W. Narney
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Matthew A. Davis	Wire Operation Specialist	SP4 Lee R. York
Generator Equipment Helper	SP4 Gerald W. Williams	Wire Team Chief	SGT Larry E. Herdritchka
Supply Sergeant	SGT Edgar Y. Ragle	Senior Wire Specialist	SP4 Jerry W. Whitney
Armorer	SP4 Warner P. Bentley	Tactical Wire Specialist	SP4 Billy Joe Bell Jr.
Unit Clerk	SP5 Edgar D. Quaid	R/TT Section Chief	SGT William T. Barton
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Charles A. Gasaway	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Danny J. Rees
Personal Staff NCO	SFC John C. Gibson	Unit Supply Technician	CW4 Billy G. Taylor
Legal Clerk	SP5 Alfred N. Blakely	Battalion Supply Sergeant	SFC Ralph E. Coffey
Clerk Typist	SP4 Kenneth I. Stone	Supply Specialist	PVT Nolan D. Long
Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Clifford N. Townley	Supply Specialist	SP4 Gilbert E. Price
Personnel Technician	CW2 Loyd Todd Jr.	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Richard I. McDaniel
Personnel Specialist	SP5 Gary P. Bates	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Curtis R. Lee
Personnel Specialist	PVT Larry D. Tempson	Light Vehicle Driver	SSG Calvin L. Wallis
Personal Action Specialist	PVT Jackson J. Ross	Maintenance Technician	CW2 Donald L. Truskey
Finance Specialist	SP4 David J. Jones	Battalion Motor Sergeant	MSG Jesse H. Stotts
Finance Specialist	SP4 Thomas W. Duncan	Material Supply Specialist	SP4 Wilbur C. Hazelton
Fire Direction Officer	CPT Vincent J. Scalice	Welder	SP4 Danny D. Cabe
Operations Sergeant	SFC George C. Roper	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Michael D. Helton
Chief FDC	SFC Jean R. Herring	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Edgar R. Riley
Assistant Chief FDC	SGT Donald Watson	Wrecker Operator	PFC Dennis R. York
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Walter M. Stoyanoski	Medical Section Sergeant	SSG Charles E. Saxon
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Randolph M. Baker	Clinical Specialist	SFC Carey D. McMillan
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Gary L. Maxon	Senior Medical Aidman	SP4 Stephen R. Lynch
Clerk Typist	SSG Richard D. Mutz	Ambulance Driver	SP4 Gerald D. Smith
Clerk Typist	SP4 Edward A. Beson	Battery Aidman	SP4 Kenneth W. Baucom
Chief Surveyer	SFC Elmer C. Kelley	Battery Aidman	SP4 Thomas R. Calaway
Survey Computer	SGT Randolph A. Knight	Battery Aidman	SP4 Daniel S. Snare
Instrument Operator	SP4 Uley R. Jones Jr.		

**Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery, Marlow, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	1LT Jimmie D. Sparks	Supply Sergeant	SSG Steve H. Brown
Dining Facility Manager	SFC Louis D. Brower	Motor Sergeant	SSG Herbert W. Martin

First Cook	SP6 Woodrow W. Carter Jr.	Launcher Crewman	PVT Woody I. Hopkins
First Cook	SP5 Bobby J. Miller	Launcher Crewman	PVT Lee W. Millhouse
Unit Clerk	SP5 William D. Alexander	Launcher Crewman	PVT Howard L. Henderson
Armorer	SSG James H. McNeil III	Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Rickey W. Nunn
Cook	SP5 Max V. VanDyke	Rocket Section #2 Chief	SFC Arthur D. Mullin
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Jimmy A. Nichols	Gunner	SSG Theodore L. Lawrence
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Dennis K. Langham	Senior Assembly Specialist	SSG Gilbert D. Riley
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Stephen R. Condit	Assembly Specialist	SSG Ronald M. Sparks
Driver/RTO	PFC Tony L. Davis	Assembly Specialist	SGT Buddy R. Aldridge
Communications Chief	SSG Willard G. Koch	Field Artillery Recorder	SGT Joe B. Harper
Radio Teletype Team Chief	SGT Steve F. Dowling	Launcher Crewman	SGT Harry L. Alsobrook
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Gary L. Langham	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Loyd K. Epperson
Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Donnie D. Lowry	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Ronald J. Gilpin
Executive Officer	2LT Carl G. Bateman Jr.	Assistant Launcher Crewman	SP4 Elvin T. Hines
Chief Firing Battery	SSG George D. Kulbeth	Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Everett G. Edwards
Chief FDC	SSG Jerry A. Green	A&T Sergeant	SGT Jerry C. Hankins
Assistant Chief FDC	SGT Robert L. Talley	Senior Assembly Specialist	SGT David J. Robinson
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Lester E. Peterson	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Gary L. Bray
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Franklin Tow	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Kern C. Heffington
Radio Operator	SP4 Bennie D. Whaley	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Michael S. Brown
Rocket Section #1 Chief	SSG John B. Graham	Boom Operator	SP4 Jerry D. Howell
Gunner	SGT George W. Faulkner	Boom Operator	SP4 Ricky D. Peck
Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Jerry W. Morgan	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Hayden D. Sparks
Assembly Specialist	SP4 Monty S. Brown	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Richard L. Radke
Assembly Specialist	SP4 Larry G. Martin	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Gary L. Samples
Field Artillery Recorder	PVT Cecil L. Wright Jr.	Launcher Crewman	PVT Randy L. Stone

**Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery, Walters, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	2LT Mark S. Brown Jr.	Rocket #1 Section Chief	SSG Larry H. Douglas
First Sergeant	MSG Albert J. Vardell	Gunner	SGT Mickey L. Bentley
Mess Stewart	SSG Robert F. Braly	Senior Assembly Specialist	SGT Doyle L. Newman
Supply Sergeant	SSG Michael L. Berry	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Clinton A. Auld
Motor Sergeant	SSG Alton L. Burnett	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Sammy D. Blair
First Cook	SGT Clinton D. Thurman	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Michael L. Hooper
First Cook	SP4 Curtis M. Parrack	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Gary J. Thurman
Unit Clerk	SP4 David F. Turnbo	Assistant Launcher Crewman	SP4 Gregory J. Mercado
Armorer	SP4 Keith W. Chasteen	Rocket #2 Section Chief	SSG John D. Wahnee
Cook	SP4 Richard D. Taylor	Gunner Richard	SGT Richard R. Briley
GP Generator Operator	PFC Raymond Cole Jr.	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 James R. Weaver
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Brian C. Johnson	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Wendell W. Cromwell
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Clinton L. Whittington	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Jack D. Hicks
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Billy F. Berry	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Joseph J. McPherson Jr.
Communications Chief	SGT Larry R. Johnson	Launcher Crewman	SP4 David E. Minton
Radio Teletype Team Chief	SGT Robert W. Dilbeck	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Bobby D. Preston
Radio Teletype Operator	PVT Frankie L. Gilbert	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Robert F. Odom
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Stephen L. Fletcher	A&T Sergeant	SSG Glend D. Smith
Senior Wire Specialist	PFC Curtis G. Kittrell	Senior Assembly Specialist	SGT Gary L. Jarvis
Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Bobby L. Sparks	Senior Assembly Specialist	SGT Carl E. Leseney Jr.
Executive Officer	2LT Danny T. Carter	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Ralph L. Holt
Chief Firing Battery	SFC Donald J. Logan	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Barry D. Spurlock
Chief FDC	SFC Terry L. Ball	Boom Operator	SP4 Richard N. Phillips
Assistant Chief FDC	SSG Clay F. Dudenhoefter	Boom Operator	SP4 Cletis R. Ball
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Arthur L. Ochsner	Launcher Crewman	SP4 David L. Thurman
Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Darrell E. Coker Jr.	Launcher Crewman	PFC Phil E. Norman
Radio Operator	PFC Ricky S. Dean	Launcher Crewman	PFC Robert D. Walling Jr.

**Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery, Healdton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT Marvin G. Mosley	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 George L. Lowery III
First Sergeant	SFC Jerry A. Wilson	Supply Sergeant	SSG Johnny E. Crabb
Dining Facility Manager	SFC Billy R. Hayes	Armorer	SP4 Roy O. Tynes
First Cook	PFC Roland D. Martin	Unit Clerk	SP5 Marshall L. Hunt
First Cook	SP4 Jimmy D. Gallop	Unit Clerk	SP5 Gordon A. Smith
Cook	SP4 Gary W. Gallop	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Michael R. Manley
Cook	SP4 Rocky L. Patty	Communications Chief	SP5 William G. Blankenship
Cooks Helper	PFC Allen K. May	Communications Chief	SP5 Ronnie A. Hayes
Motor Sergeant	SP5 Bobby W. Wilson	Radio Teletype Team Chief	SP4 Max N. Burris
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Rickie A. Hudson	Radio Teletype Team Chief	SP5 Stanley O. Welch
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 David M. Wallace	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Robert D. Henley Jr.
Prescribed Load List Clerk	SP4 James M. Burris	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Jerry W. Carpenter
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Danny D. Morse	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP5 John L. Spradlin

Senior Switchboard Operator	SP5 Warren Monday	Rocket #2 Section Chief	SSG Vernon K. Isbell
Senior Wire Specialist	SP4 Johnny C. Fizer Jr.	Gunner	SP5 Wayne D. Reid
Tactical Wire Specialist	PVT Clifford K. Hall	Gunner	SP5 Lindsay D. Thomas
Tactical Wire Specialist	PVT Wesley R. Alexander	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Carl W. Adams
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Billy Z. Fore	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Craig Roberts
Chief Fdc	SFC Charles R. Devenport	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Gen D. Brown
Chief FDC	SGT Jimmy D. Denney	Field Artillery Recorder	PFC Robert A. Brecheen
Assistant Chief FDC	SSG Robert D. Dickerson	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Michael R. Belvin
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Thomas J. Phelps	Launcher Crewman	SP4 George E. Hodge
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Larry R. Pickelsimer	Launcher Crewman	PVT James M. Blackerby
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Larry D. Milson	Assistant Launcher Crewman	PFC Ricky J. Smith
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Clyde M. Folsom	Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Fred D. Franklin
Radio Operator	PVT Kenneth G. Tyler	Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Michael R. Gregg
Radio Operator	PVT Frank A. Goldenstein	Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Johnny D. Doughty
Rocket #1 Section Chief	SSG William C. Mitchell III	Ammunition Officer	CW2 Robert D. Treadwell
Gunner	SP5 Roger D. Carney	A&T Sergeant	SSG Gerald L. Timmons
Gunner	SP5 Johnny L. Hartman	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 Allen C. White
Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 John J. Kloiber Jr.	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 Larry K. Longest
Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 Loran R. Hacker	Assembly Specialist	PFC Leonard T. Jones
Assembly Specialist	SP4 Jimmy D. Carnell	Assembly Specialist	PVT Kenneth D. Pickelsimer
Assembly Specialist	SP4 Larry D. Gilcrease	Boom Operator	PVT Michael G. Williams
Field Artillery Recorder	PVT Robert E. Lee	Boom Operator	SP4 James D. Cottrell
Launcher Crewman	SP4 Jerry L. Brown	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Ola W. Williams
Launcher Crewman	SP4 Donald K. Banes	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Kenneth R. Varner
Launcher Crewman	PVT Lovell G. Perry	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Arthur A. Wilson
Launcher Crewman	PVT Thomas C. Parker	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Raymond A. Brown
Assistant Launcher Crewman	SP5 Thomas C. Harris	Launcher Crewman	PFC Ricky L. Pender
Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Jerry L. Landram	Launcher Crewman	PFC Vernie L. Thompson
Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Johnny B. Webb	Launcher Crewman	SP5 Jack E. Brown
Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT John R. Brecheen	Launcher Crewman	PVT Andy J. Wilson

### **EXTRACT FROM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ANNUAL HISTORY 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 where 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 has never to return as are 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.

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 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 Chafee. 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%.

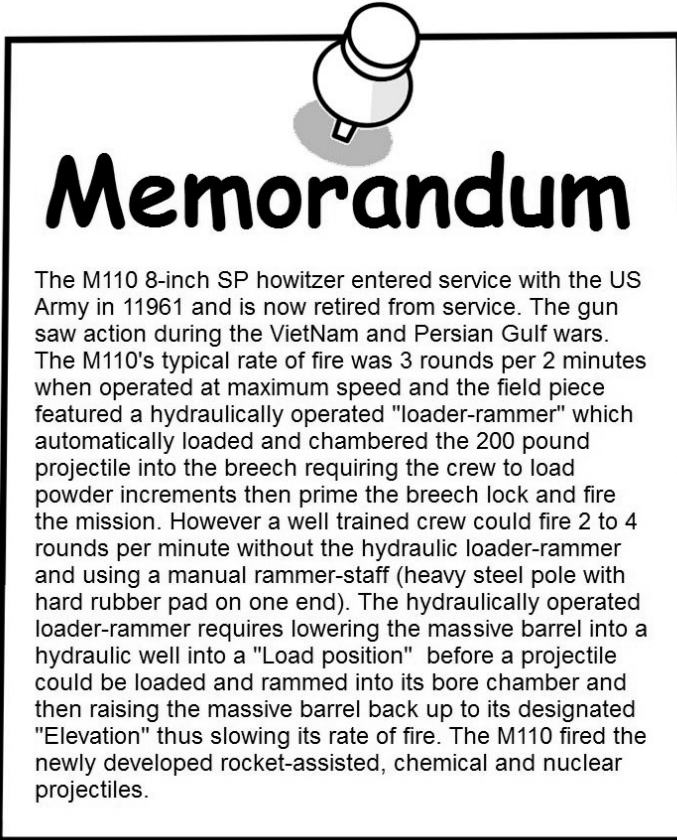
November drill was accomplished with Saturday spent in the field at Fort Sill in support of Direct Fire Exercises and ARTEP Oriented Training. Sunday brought MOS Testing, Drill and Ceremonies and Church Services. Drill attendance was 95.9%. A Management Workshop was also conducted on 20-21 November at 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%.

- February 1976: LTC Roy D. King, appointed 7 February, extended temporary federal recognition as LTC effective 25 June 1975. CPT Joe C. Graham, reassigned from Motor Officer to Assistant S-3. CPT Jerry G. Davis, transferred from Btry "C", effective 1 February 1976.
- March 1976: CPT Freddie C. Ricks, released from command, reassigned to Assistant S-3. CPT Joe C. Graham assumed command, reassigned from Assistant S-3.
- April 1976: CPT Kenneth W. Barry, received federal recognition effective 1 November 1975. MAJ Ronald W. Holt, transferred from 1 Bn 171 FA.
- May 1976: LTC Merrill B. Burruss, promoted effective 30 April 1976.
- July 1976: 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.

- August 1976: 1LT Austin L. Atkinson, promoted to 1LT effective 12 August 1976.
- October 1976: CPT Kenneth W. Barney Jr., transferred to Btry "A" 1 Bn 158 FA. CPT Bobby D. Thomasson, transferred from Btry "A" 1 Bn 158 FA.

**Annual Report of Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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 Btry "A", 1 Bn 158 FA 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.

- 27 January 1976: Ronald D. Lovin assigned Section Chief 2nd Howitzer Section replacing SSG Alan L. Williams, who is discharged.
- 1 February 1976: 1LT Duane G. Naccarato reassigned from Forward Observer to Executive Officer replacing 1LT Daryl K. McCall who is transferred to Battery "C" 1 Bn 158 FA, Chickasha and assigned as Commander.
- 12 March 1976: SP5 Vernon D. Green assigned Supply Sergeant replacing SSG Larry D. Newell, who is discharged.
- 27 April 1976: 2LT Gary R. Stebbins assigned to unit as Fire Direction Officer.
- 29 April 1976: SGT Jimmy L. Farris assigned as Ammunition Section Chief replacing SGT Larry A. Harbour, who was discharged. SP5 Douglas L. Zerger assigned as Fire Direction Section Chief replacing SSG Kenneth

- S. Brower, who was discharged.
- 1 May 1976: SGT John E. Valerius Jr. assigned as Communications Section Chief replacing SSG Ray L. Watts who was transferred to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA, Lawton.
- 23 July 1976: SGT Gary D. Heddlesten assigned as Section Chief of 4th Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Larry D. Holsted.
- 30 July 1976: SGT Dennis R. Holdge assigned as Communications Section Chief, replacing SSG John E. Valerius Jr., who was discharged.
- 24 August 1976: 1LT Duane G. Naccarato separated to accept assignment in Arkansas National Guard.
- 12 September 1976: SGT Jerry D. Howell assigned as Section Chief of 1st Howitzer Section, replacing SSG Donald R. Epperson.
- 1 October 1976: CPT Kenneth W. Barney Jr. assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT Bobby D. Thomasson who was transferred to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA Battalion staff. 1LT Eddie H. Drath reassigned as Executive Officer from Forward Observer.
- 11 October 1976: Jaye H. Flynn assigned as Supply Sergeant, replacing SSG Vernon D. Green.
- 1 December 1976: 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.

**Annual Report of Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** 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.

- 1 January 1976: SP4 Lawrence G. Bratcher transferred to Co D, 700th Support Bn.
- 1 February 1976: SSG Marvin D. Stout transferred from Btry C, 160th FA. SP4 Danny G. Bonds promoted to SP5.
- 1 March 1976: SP4 Teddy C. Reynolds promoted to Sergeant. SP4 Sammye W. Amerson promoted to Sergeant.
- 1 April 1976: 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.
- 1 June 1976: SP4 Ronald E. Ballard promoted to Sergeant.
- 21 June 1976: SP4 Richard C. Britton promoted to Sergeant. SGT David N. McReynolds promoted to Staff Sergeant.
- 1 July 1976: SP4 Billy B. Dean promoted to Sergeant.
- 15 July 1976: 2LT James R. Frazier transferred from Btry "C".
- 27 September 1976: 2LT James R. Frazier promoted to Assistant Executive Officer.
- 10 October 1976: 1LT Arthur R. South promoted to Captain. 1LT Dennis W. Byford transferred from Btry

“C”.

- 1 December 1976: SGT Sydney G. Bullard promoted to Staff Sergeant. SFC Marvin D. Stout transferred to HHD.

**Annual Report of Battery “C”, 1st Battalion (8”) (SP) 158th Artillery:** “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 “hipshoot” 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%.

- 1 February 1976: 1LT Daryl K. McCall was appointed Battery Commander replacing CPT Jerry G. Davis who was transferred to HHQ Btry, Lawton.
- 1 October 1976: 1LT Dennis W. Byford was transferred to Btry "B" 1 Bn 158 FA, Duncan, OK. SP4 Dannie Mann and PFC Rickie L. Drew received the Army National Guard Recruiting Badge.
- 19 November 1976: 1LT Daryl K. McCall was promoted to Captain.

**Annual Report of Service Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** The year of 1976 gave forth many adventures and rewarding experiences for the battery and it's 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 of this units 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 excises proved to be both educational and enjoyable. The USPFO Audit by LTC L. D. Davidson resulted in Service Battery receiving a rating of Superior.

- 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.
- 1 March 1976: 1LT Max E. Daughtrey assigned duties of the Unit Training Officer, replacing 2LT Gary L. Ransom, discharged.
- 1 May 1976: SFC Jerry W. Chedrick assigned from HQ 158 FA OKARNG and assigned as 1SG, replacing SFC George M. Odom, reassigned SVC Btry 1 BN 158 FA.
- 17 May 1976: 2LT Richard B. Subia assigned from HQ OMD and appointed Ammunition Officer, replacing 2LT Gary L. Ransom, discharged.
- 29 June 1976: SSG Bobby G. Smith assigned as Mess Stewart, replacing SSG Ralph Harper, discharged.
- 22 September 1976: SSG Steve H. Schaefer appointed as Ammunition NCO, replacing SSG Herman L. Morton, discharged.
- 26 September 1976: SSG William R. Lynn Jr. assigned from HQ Btry 1 Bn 158 FA OKARNG and appointed Unit AST, replacing SSG James Wright, transferred to DET 1, HHC 1 BN 179 INF, OKARNG.
- 13 November 1976: MSG Jerry V. L. Wilson assigned as Motor Sergeant, replacing SSG Richard A. Bybee, transferred to WETEP, Denver, Colo.

**HQB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	MAJ Merrill B. Burruss	Commo Platoon Leader	1LT Alvin D. Brown
Executive Officer	MAJ Charles D. Houston	Communications Chief	MSG George L. McDaniel
S-3	MAJ Bobby R. Jantz	Senior FADAC Mechanic	SP4 Wayne A. Bishop
Battalion Motor Officer	CPT Joe C. Graham	FADAC/Radio Mechanic	SGT Stanley Greenfield
Battalion Surgeon	MAJ Roy D. King	Senior Message Clerk	SP4 Albert A. Alvarez
Battalion Chaplain	CPT Frank M. Hyde	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Joe Crawford
Communications Officer	CPT William A. Abshire	Medical Section Sergeant	SSG Jerre J. Burton
Liaison Officer	CPT Larry A. York	Clinical Specialist	SP4 Archie C. Mays
S-1	CPT Robert J. Duggan	Senior Medical Aidman	SP4 Walter M. Rhodes
S-2	CPT John W. Chapman	Ambulance Driver	PVT Roger B. Johnson
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Donald D. Liles	Battery Aidman	SGT George A. Cotton
Battery Commander	CPT Freddy C. Ricks	Battery Aidman	PVT Jeffery L. Hooper
First Sergeant	SFC Kenneth J. Ille	Battery Aidman	SP4 Larry D. Richardson
Dining Facility Manager	SFC Clem B. Brooks	Battery Aidman	PVT Stanley W. Stevenson
Motor Sergeant	SGT Marx L. Calhoun	Unit Personnel Technician	CW3 Dennis R. Roper
Supply Sergeant	SSG William R. Lynn	Personnel Sergeant	SFC Joseph L. Stevens
Battery Clerk	SP4 Billy C. Davis	Personnel Specialist	SGT Larry C. Davis
First Cook	SP5 Charles E. Anderson	Personnel Records Specialist	SSG William E. Foote
First Cook	SP5 Jerry D. McCarley	Personnel Records Specialist	SSG David O. Nixon
Senior Wheel Mechanic	SP4 Reginald Dungan	Personnel Records Specialist	SSG Harold L. Davis
Armorer	SP4 Robert E. McClure	Personnel Actions Specialist	SP4 Cindy M. Loxton
Cook	PFC Robert C. Jones	Finance Specialist	SGT Daniel W. White
Maintenance Clerk	SP5 James A. Fischer	Finance Specialist	SP5 Jack R. Codopony
Power Generator Mechanic	PVT Wallace R. Jones	Personnel Records Specialist	SP4 Dora A. Smith
PLL Clerk	PVT Charles F. Layton	Personnel Records Specialist	PVT Judy B. McBath
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SGT Charles H. Daugherty	Personnel Records Specialist	PVT Sharline Straughter
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Danny R. Crow	Personnel Records Specialist	PVT Shirley M. Dean
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Danny E. Paddie	Personnel Records Specialist	PVT Brenda K. Cox
Career Casualty Reporter	SFC Jerry W. Chodrick	Chief FDC	SSG Jackie K. Morrison
Paralegal Staff NCO	SSG David O. Nixon	Assistant Chief FDC	SSG Larry F. Larson
Legal Clerk	SSG Bob J. Bailey	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Arnold D. Fischer
Chaplain Assistant	SP4 Robert L. Langford	Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Walter L. Jester
Clerk Typist	SSG Harold L. Davis	Chart Operator	PFC Tommy L. Smith
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Eugene Johnson	Chart Operator	SP4 Bobby G. Maddox
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Bennie D. Myers	CP Carrier Driver	PVT Reginald Bryant
Assistant S-3	CPT William R. Nixon	CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Walter P. Webster
Assistant S-3	CPT Kenneth W. Barney	Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Charles Washington
Intelligence Sergeant	MSG Robert L. Stringer	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT William K. Walker
Operations Sergeant	MSG Ora A. Correll	Recon Survey Officer	CPT William A. Abshire
Chemical NCO	SSG Tony R. Torres	Chief Surveyor	SFC Gene L. Hauptert
Clerk Typist	SP4 Ronald R. Yellowfish	Chief of Survey Party	SGT Bennie H. Helm
Operations Specialist	SP4 Jerry Wiser	Chief of Survey Party	SSG Larry B. Sparks
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Wayne A. Bishop	Chief of Survey Party	SP5 Walter L. McCarley

Survey Computer	SP5 Joe D. McClung	Senior Wire Specialist	SP4 Ray Fankhauser
Survey Computer	SP5 Dennis Woommavovah	Senior Wire Specialist	SP4 Jimmy L. Land
Survey Computer	SP5 Freddy L. Erkenbrack	Senior Wire Specialist	SP4 Benjamin Marshall
Survey Computer	SP5 Walter D. Coates	Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Donald D. Payne
Survey Computer	SP5 Bobby G. Dayton	Field Switchboard Operator	PFC Roger B. Johnson
Survey Computer	SP4 Eric L. Poindexter	Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Clifford J. Johnson
Instrument Operator	SP5 Christopher L. Reich	Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Lonzell Lewis
Instrument Operator	PFC Marlow Kassanavoid	Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Daniel Q. Land
Survey Recorder	SP4 Joe D. McClung	Tactical Wire Specialist	PVT Kenneth Washington
Survey Recorder	PVT Ronald K. Schooler	Tactical Wire Specialist	PVT Donald R. Washington
Survey Recorder	PFC Jessie L. Austin	Tactical Wire Specialist	PVT Reginald Bryant
Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Robert P. Schooler	Radio Team Chief	SP5 Booker T. Loud
Rodman/Tapeman	SP4 Larry D. Gentry	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Brent W. Humble
Rodman/Tapeman	SGT Jimmy B. Fields	Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Joseph L. Scott
Rodman/Tapeman	PFC Thomas J. Williams	ADA Platoon Leader	2LT Austin Atkinson
Liaison Sergeant	SSG Emmitt D. Unsell	Section Chief	SSG Michael P. Kelley
Liaison Specialist	SSG Ronnie H. Graves	Redeye Team Chief	SGT Edward D. Repp
Wire Section Chief	SSG Vernon R. Ward	Redeye Team Chief	SGT Carlos Pagan-Figueroa
Wire Team Chief	SP5 James E. Beene	Redeye Team Chief	SFC Clarence M. Priest
Wire Team Chief	SGT Joseph V. Rogers	Redeye Gunner	SGT Glenn N. White
Wire Team Chief	SGT Calvin L. Williams	Redeye Gunner	SP5 Stanley Greenfield
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 William D. Snider	Redeye Gunner	SP4 Donald R. Tharp

**Battery "A", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Anadarko, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Bobby D. Thomasson	Cannoneer	SP4 David E. Buckles
First Sergeant	1SG Leslie E. Blalock	Cannoneer	SFC Glenn B. Funk
Mess Steward	SFC James R. Hoffman	Cannoneer	SFC Charles W. Watts
Motor Sergeant	SSG Michael J. Dobry	Cannoneer	SP5 Vernon D. Green
Supply Sergeant	SGT Larry D. Newell	Cannoneer	SSG Rudy J. King
First Cook	SP5 Billy R. Weathers	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Alan L. Williams
Battery Clerk	SP4 Charles E. Lisenbery	Gunner	SGT Richard P. Strain
First Cook	SP5 George A. Harris	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Phillip H. Halberg
Armorer	SP4 Jaye H. Flynn	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Johnny L. Jarel
Cook	SP4 Thurman L. Brake Jr.	Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Keith E. Teeter
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Danny E. Boren	Cannoneer	PVT Jordan J. Williams
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Jimmy E. Brown	Cannoneer	PFC Marshall Dixon Jr.
Material Supply Specialist	SP4 William A. Pinion	Cannoneer	PVT Steve L. Morrow
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP5 Bobby L. Watson	Cannoneer	SSG Vernon M. Hedrick
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP5 Ernest R. Bolin	Cannoneer	SSG Vincent P. Kobza
Light Vehicle Driver	PV2 David E. Hudson	Cannoneer	SSG Gerald W. Myers
Track Mechanic Helper	Sp4 Anthony J. Stottman	Cannoneer	SGT Elmer L. White
Forward Observer	2LT Eddie H. Drath	Chief of 3rd Section	SGT Alton L. Allen
Communications Chief	SSG Ray L. Watts	Gunner	SP4 Bobby C. Jarel
Senior Switchboard Operator	SGT John E. Valerius Jr.	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Gary D. Heddlesten
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 James T. Stephens	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Bruce C. Caesar
Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 Dennis R. Holdge	Motor Carriage Driver	PFC Walter T. Raines
Field Wireman	PVT Virgil O. Williams	Cannoneer	PFC Charles A. Price
Field Wireman	SSG William F. Parsons	Cannoneer	PFC Carroll O. Gilbert
Executive Officer	1LT Daryl K. McCall	Cannoneer	SGT Vernon J. Bruce
Assistant Executive Officer	1LT Duane G. Naccarato	Cannoneer	SGT Richard B. Subia
Chief of Firing Battery	SSG Jerry L. Marcum	Cannoneer	SP4 Richard M. Banderas
Chief FDC	SSG Kenneth S. Brower	Cannoneer	SSG Harril G. Allison
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Douglas L. Zerger	Cannoneer	SP4 Sylvester J. Williams
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Kenneth D. Davis	Chief of 4th Section	SGT Larry D. Holsted
Artillery Recorder	SSG Thomas R. Gilpin	Gunner	SGT Ronald D. Lovin
Chart Operator	SP4 Ronald C. Stall	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Alfred D. Howe
Chart Operator	SP4 Clifton A. Burris	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Robert J. Wilcox
CP Carrier Driver	SFC Henry H. Kobza	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Michael S. McNeill
Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Christopher R. Kilpatrick	Cannoneer	SP4 Johnny L. Greco
Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Leroy M. Brooks	Cannoneer	SP4 James S. Raines
Assembler	SP4 John A. Brown	Cannoneer	PFC Dallas K. Haskell
Assembler	SP5 Bobby S. Vanauken	Cannoneer	PFC Clyde J. Jackson
Assembler	SP5 Jerry D. Williams	Cannoneer	SSG Terrell R. Voyles
Assembler	SP4 Terry L. Williams	Cannoneer	SSG Johnnie W. Rogers
Chief of 1st Section	SSG Donald R. Epperson	Cannoneer	SGT Earl B. Mogg Jr.
Gunner	SGT Jerry D. Howell	Ammo Chief of Section	SGT Larry A. Harbour
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Carl H. Pyle Jr.	Heavy Vehicle Driver	SP4 David W. Gunter
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Jerry D. Schimmel	Heavy Vehicle Driver	SP4 Boyd R. Bates
Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Randy G. Bryson	Heavy Vehicle Driver	SP4 Jackie L. Pledger
Cannoneer	PFC Cecil J. Marrow	Heavy Vehicle Driver	SGT Jimmy L. Farris
Cannoneer	SP4 Bennie L. Jones Jr.	Ammunition Handler	PFC Freddie W. Morrow

Senior Heavy Vehicle Driver SP5 Larry D. Dyer

Cook Apprentice Helper

SFC Paul E. Laferr

**Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT James A. Cunningham	Assistant Gunner	SGT Jackie D. Shelton
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Dannie J. Bohannon
Mess Steward	SFC Oscar L. Bishop	Motor Carriage Driver	SGT Jesse G. Anderson
Motor Sergeant	SGT Sydney G. Bullard	Cannoneer	PVT Billy P. Morgan
Supply Sergeant	SFC Victor L. Hamel	Cannoneer	PFC William J. James
First Cook	SP5 Danny G. Bonds	Cannoneer	PFC Eugene Johnson
Battery Clerk	SGT Richard R. Cunningham	Cannoneer	PVT Eddie R. Johnson
First Cook	SP4 Rickie D. Heffington	Cannoneer	SP4 David L. McDonald
Armorer	SP4 Jerry D. Kelly	Cannoneer	SP5 Rickard L. Underwood
Cook	PFC William D. David	Cannoneer	SP4 Gary W. Renfree
GP Generator Mechanic	SP5 Randall R. Wilcox	Cannoneer	SP5 William D. Compton
PLL Clerk	SP5 Marvin M. Lindsay	Cannoneer	PFC Kenneth O. Richey
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Bruce R. Lynn	Cannoneer	PVT Monte E. Meeke
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Erskin L. Medford III	Cannoneer	PFC Patrick H. Resneder
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Kenneth G. Wall	Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Harvard L. Tomlinson
Battery Clerk	SP5 David L. Gray	Gunner	SGT Thomas D. Wharton
Cook	SP5 Richard Owens	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Rickey M. Hazen
Cook Helper	SP5 Larry D. Eckstein	Cargo Carrier Driver	SGT Kenneth W. Woods
Supply Sergeant	SSG Gene P. Hendricks	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Rex C. Shelburne
Executive Officer	1LT Arthur R. South	Cannoneer	SP4 Johnny K. Huff
Assistant Executive Officer	2LT James R. Frazier Jr.	Cannoneer	SGT Richard C. Britton
Fire Direction Officer	1LT Dennis W. Byford	Cannoneer	SFC Jerry L. Broyles
Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Marvin D. Stout	Cannoneer	PFC Claton R. Riddles
Chief FDC	SSG Thomas R. Hinkie	Cannoneer	PVT Edward P. Sockbeson
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Jim E. Ritchey	Cannoneer	PFC John M. Kaiser
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Stevie W. Harvill	Cannoneer	PVT Fred M. Anderson
Artillery Recorder	SSG Joe D. Arrington	Cannoneer	SP4 Troy P. Coker
Chart Operator	SP4 James C. Morris	Cannoneer	PVT Pyong Y. Cho
Chart Operator	SP4 Jarrell T. Heath	Cannoneer	PFC Billy A. Myers
CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Terry L. Caudill	Cannoneer	PVT William Carl Clark
FDC General Operator	SP4 Lloyd A. Fincher	Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Robert W. Dodson
Assembler	SGT Johnny L. Moore	Gunner	SGT Sammye W. Amerson
Field Artillery Mechanic	SGT William A. Biffle	Assistant Gunner	SGT Ronald E. Ballard
Field Artillery Mechanic	SSG Alvin L. Burch	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Ty L. Prestidge
Assembler	SGT Richard L. Bechtel	Motor Carriage Driver	SP4 Glen M. Ritter
Assembler	SGT Larry D. Scott	Cannoneer	SP5 Harry E. Nickell
Communications Chief	SGT Ronald K. Wilson	Cannoneer	PVT Darrell L. Prowell
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Elmer L. Thompson	Cannoneer	PFC Richard E. Oliver
Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Wesley L. Holt	Cannoneer	PVT Alvin W. Sharpe
Field Wireman	SP4 Leslie L. Holt	Cannoneer	PVT Brady Brookins
Field Wireman	PFC Virgil Lawrence Jr.	Cannoneer	PVT Dan Francis
Field Wireman	SP4 Glen Merel Willis	Cannoneer	PVT Reginal Bryant
Field Wireman	SP4 Lennie T. Woods	Cannoneer	PVT Tony R. Burns
Chief of 1st Section	SSG David N. McReynolds	Cannoneer	PFC Bennie D. Myers
Gunner	SSG Johnny C. Dillon	Cannoneer	PVT Jimmie D. Belshe

**Battery "C", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

Commander	CPT Jerry G. Davis	Communications Chief	SGT Kenneth E. Taylor
First Sergeant	SFC Jimmie M. Sims	Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Billy E. Crawford
Mess Steward	SFC Thomas J. Hickey	Senior Field Wireman	SP4 Darrell W. Langford
Motor Sergeant	SSG J. F. Green	Field Switchboard Operator	SP4 SP4 Jerry L. Cooley
Supply Sergeant	SGT Richard D. Story	Field Switchboard Operator	SP5 James L. Moore
First Cook	SSG Bruce C. Wright	Field Wireman	SP4 John H. Rhamy
Battery Clerk	SP5 Gregory S. Cook	Field Wireman	SGT John A. Marshall
First Cook	SP5 Mark E. Cavin	Field Wireman	SGT Bobby J. Johnston
First Cook	SP5 Larry W. Barrett	Executive Officer	1LT Gary L. Ransom
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 Bobby J. Wilson	Assistant Executive Officer	2LT Howard M. Smith
Armorer	SP4 Troy A. Rodgers	Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Richard A. Bennett
Cook	SP4 Kenneth A. Handke	Chief FDC	SSG Joe C. Tubb
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Lloyd D. Russ	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Gary K. Pinkston
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Earl D. Miracle	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Douglas M. Wheeler
PLL Clerk	SP4 Stephen G. Heavin	Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Garry L. Findley
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Arvel G. Hignite	Artillery Recorder	SP4 William R. Hansen
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Kenneth L. Dietrich	Artillery Recorder	SSG Edgar R. Blunt
Light Vehicle Driver	SSG Gary D. Steelman	Chart Operator	SGT James R. Frazier
Track Mechanic Helper	PVT Jimmy C. Rohling	Chart Operator	SP4 James E. Powers
Forward Observer	2LT William M. Ohl	CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Robert T. Meek

Field Artillery Mechanic	SP4 Joe D. Aunsle	Gunner	SGT John Davis
Field Artillery Mechanic	SGT Joe B. Johnston	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Clyde J. Bingham
Assembler	SP4 Roy L. Harris	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Billy P. Albers
Assembler	SFC Ronald M. Mckenzie	Motor Carrier Driver	SP4 Roger D. Comstock
Assembler	SP4 John S. Surber	Cannoneer	PVT Marvin L. Belcher
Assembler	SP4 Clyde J. Foster	Cannoneer	PFC Harles D. McCoy
Light Vehicle Driver	SFC Clyde L. Bennett	Cannoneer	PVT Alvin T. Stark
Chief of 1st Section	SGT Robert J. Busher	Cannoneer	PFC Edward D. Jones
Gunner	SGT Samuel R. Dennis	Cannoneer	PV2 James R. Cunningham
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Leroy Mayhugh	Cannoneer	PVt Timmy D. Pursley
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Dock C. Brown	Cannoneer	PVT Clyde H. Boswell
Motor Carrier Driver	SP4 Jerry L. Taylor	Cannoneer	PVT Henry D. Lawson
Cannoneer	PVT Rocky L. Bray	Chief of 4th Section	SSG Roy E. Holt
Cannoneer	SGT Vernon J. Doke	Gunner	SP5 James H. Spangler
Cannoneer	SP4 Mearl L. Malone	Assistant Gunner	SP4 Ellis P. Batchelder
Cannoneer	PFC Henry D. Mainka	Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Paul L. Powell
Cannoneer	PFC Willie D. Malone	Motor Carrier Driver	SSG Carl O. Croskey
Cannoneer	PVT Curtis L. Young	Cannoneer	SSG Thomas G. Busby
Cannoneer	PVT James D. Smith	Cannoneer	SFC John E. Snow
Cannoneer	PVT Ciecil L. Robinson	Cannoneer	SFC William G. Spangler
Chief of 2nd Section	SSG Dennis K. Boyd	Cannoneer	SSG Dorance W. Clifton
Gunner	SGT Johnnie L. Collier	Cannoneer	SSG John E. Miracle
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Leslie E. Threadgill	Cannoneer	SFC Eddie M. Tubb
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Orville K. Trout	Cannoneer	SSG R. D. Robnett
Motor Carrier Driver	SP4 George W. Falkner	Cannoneer	SFC Robert E. Ladwig
Cannoneer	PVT Robert L. Spearman	Ammo Chief of Section	SSG Roy W. Carter
Cannoneer	PVT Terry L. Mandrell	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Michael R. Opitz
Cannoneer	PVT Robert C. Hinchcliff	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Barry J. Burns
Cannoneer	PVT Eddie D. Caplinger	Light Truck Driver	PFC Gerald R. Orange
Cannoneer	PVT Dannie M. Mann	Light Truck Driver	SP4 Phillip S. Mercer
Cannoneer	PVT Michael J. Wilson	Ammunition Handler	SP4 David A. Shipley
Cannoneer	PVT Richard D. Shields	Ammunition Handler	SFC James T. Miller
Cannoneer	PVT Phillip J. Wimberly	Cooks Apprentice	SP5 Lovell Taylor
Chief of 3rd Section	SSG Jimmy J. Fielding		

**Service Battery, 1st Battalioonn (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	CPT Herbert A. O'Neil	GP Generator Mechanic	SFC Jerry V. L. Wilson
Executive Officer	1LT Max E. Daughtrey	Recovery Vehicle Operator	SSG Henry F. Smith
First Sergeant	SFC George M. Odom	Recovery Vehicle Operator	SP4 Ricky D. Jones
Mess Stewart	SSG Ralph J. Harper	Recovery Vehicle Operator	SP5 George T. Huse
Motor Sergeant	SSG George Lane	PLL Clerk	PFC Edward Foley
Supply Sergeant	SSG James P. Wright	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SFC Donald W. Poolaw
First Cook	SP5 John O. Cregg	Track Vehicle Mechanic	SP5 Rodney Raney
Battery Clerk	SP4 Denver D. Poco	Welder	SP4 Douglas Dankowski
First Cook	SP5 George E. Massey	Wheel Vehicle Repairer	SP4 Charles D. Torres
Armorer	SP4 Lewerence O. Vaughn	Wheel Vehicle Repairer	SP5 James L. Sikes
Cook	SP4 Tommy D. Lovelady	Wrecker Operator	PFC Willie Warn
Maintenance Clerk	SP5 Johnnie Graves	Track Mechanic Helper	SP5 Phillip E. Herd
Senior Switchboard Operator	SP4 Charles D. Coffman	Ammunition Officer	1LT Gary Ransom
GP Generator Mechanic	SGT Michael G. Hinson	Ammo Supply Sergeant	SSG Herman L. Morton
PLL Clerk	SP5 Stephen Schafer	Ammunition Sergeant	SP4 Jack Hick
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Marvin P. Mercer	Ammunition Clerk	SP4 Billy R. Ingram
Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Jackie D. Hillary	Ammo #1 Section Chief	SGT Zane Ochs
Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Charles Charton	Senior Light Vehicle Driver	SP5 Robert P. Wheeler
Wheeled Mechanic Helper	PFC John C. Hinson	Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Roger D. Cowan
Unit Supply Technician	CW2 Gene Wells	Ammunition Handler	PFC John K. Hinson
Supply Sergeant	SFC Charles E. Myers	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Jesse W. McKinney
Supply Specialist	SSG Vernon D. Halbrooks	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Gary D. Austin
POL Specialist	SP4 Perry Clay	Ammunition Handler	PFC John Bonehill
POL Specialist	PFC Don P. Yates	Ammo #2 Section Chief	SP5 Spencer Kendall
Supply Specialist	PFC Roger D. Cowan	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Willie L. Williams
Supply Specialist	SP4 Reynaldo Merza	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Robert P. Hirsch
Light Vehicle Driver	SSG Sherman Sims	Ammunition Handler	SGT Larry Commings
Supply Clerk	SFC Lewis E. Ahrens	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Joseph P. Taylor
Supply Clerk	PVT Jesse Benjamin	Ammunition Handler	SGT Charles D. Torres
Maintenance Technician	CW2 Robert J. Crabtree	Ammo #3 Section Chief	SGT William D. Keith
Maintenance Sergeant	SSG Richard A. Bybee	Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Willie Smith
Senior Recovery Operator	SP4 Alvin Stillwell	Light Vehicle Driver	SP5 Lauerne Davis
Senior Recovery Operator	SP4 Alvin Wilkinson	Ammunition Handler	SP5 Stanley L. Davis
Senior Recovery Operator	SGT Edel Clark	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Elijah Jackson
Senior Track Mechanic	SP5 George Hanning	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Miguel A. Rosa

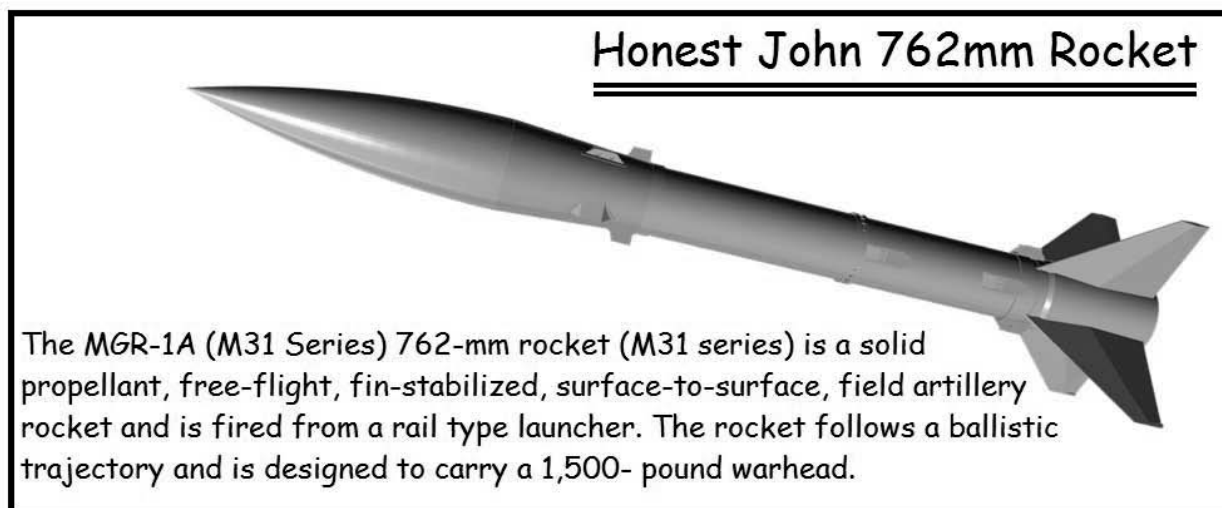
**Annual Report of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (HJ), Field Artillery:**

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 one 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 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 tCBR 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.

- 1 February 1976: 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 Recon and Survey Officer.
- 6 March 1976: CPT John E. Arstingstall assigned as S-2.
- 15 April 1976:SGT Alan S. Miller assigned as Supply Sergeant.
- 17 May 1976: 2LT Dennis D. Livesay assigned as Platoon Leader.
- 4 June 1976: 1LT Sanford W. Wylie Jr. assigned as Chaplain.
- 10 September 1976: 2LT Gary K. Neller assigned as Battalion Surgeon.
- 1 November 1976: 1LT Carl G. Bateman Jr. assigned as S-1.
- 1 December 1976: MAJ Loyd Greenfield Jr. assigned as Battalion Commander.

**Annual Report of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery:** 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 disingently 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" an 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 my 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, nevertheless, we are confident 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 were 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 assemble 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.

- 7 January 1976: SGT Gary L. Langham, assigned Communications Chief, replacing SGT Steven F. Dowling, discharged.
- 23 January 1976: 1LT Thomas R. Southard assigned Battery Commander from Company C (-) 1 Bn 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.
- 12 February 1976: SSG Robert L. Talley assigned Chief Fire Direction Computer replacing SFC Jerry A. Green, discharged.
- 13 February 1976: 2LT Richard L. Sacket transferred to HHB 700th Support Battalion, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from Ammunition Officer leaving position vacant.
- 16 February 1976: SGT Jerry C. Hankins discharged leaving Assembly and Transport Section Sergeant position vacant. SP5 William D. Alexander discharged leaving Battery Clerk position vacant.
- 21 February 1976: 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.

- 27 February 1976: 1LT Robert E. Cox appointed and assigned Ammunition Officer filling vacancy.
- 28 February 1976: SSG Herbert W. Martin enlisted and assigned Motor Sergeant replacing SGT Jimmy A. Nichols reassigned as Equipment Maintenance Clerk.
- 1 May 1976: SGT David L. Brown enlisted and assigned Motor Sergeant replacing SSG Herbert W. Martin assigned Chief of Firing Battery filling vacant position.
- 17 May 1976: 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.
- 30 July 1976: SSG Robert E. Grissom discharged leaving Fire Section Two Section Chief position vacant.
- 19 August 1976: CPT Thomas R. Southard assumes command upon completion of Field Artillery Officer Basic Course. 1LT Carl G. Bateman Jr. reassumes Executive Officer position.
- 20 August 1976: SP4 Michael N. Thompson enlisted filling vacant Battery Clerk position.
- 24 August 1976: SGT Ronald L. Roberts assigned Section Chief First Firing Section replacing SGT George W. Faulkner, discharged.
- 29 September 1976: 1LT Robert E. Cox transferred to Btry "B" 2nd Bn (HJ) 158 FA, Walters, Oklahoma, leaving Ammunition Officer position vacant.
- 1 November 1976: 1LT James L. Welch transferred from Btry B 2nd Bn (HJ) 158 FA, Walters, Oklahoma, to Executive Officer position. 1LT Carl G. Bateman Jr., Executive Officer transferred to HH&S Btry 2nd Bn (HJ) 158 FA, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Annual Report of Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery:** 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, USPFPO 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 Bn (HJ) 158 FA 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 Dention 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.

- 1 February 1976: 1LT Larry W. Long transferred from Btry "A", 1 Bn (175mm SP) 189 FA, and assigned as Ammunition Officer of the A&T Section replacing 2LT William F. White, who was transferred to HH&S 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA.
- 1 April 1976: CPT Kenneth F. Perry, transferred from HH&S 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA, and assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT John H. Skaggs, discharged.
- 30 April 1976: 1LT Larry W. Long reassigned as Executive Officer, replacing 1LT Danny T. Carter, discharged.
- 17 May 1976: 2LT Henry R. Holasek, transferred from HH&S 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA, and assigned as Ammunition Officer of the A&T Section.
- 1 June 1976: 1LT James L. Welch, transferred from Btry "C", 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA, and assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT Kenneth F. Perry, who was transferred to HH&S 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA.
- 21 July 1976: SSG Bobby G. Maddox, transferred from HH&S 1 Bn 158 FA, and assigned as 1SG, replacing MSG Albert J. Vardell, discharged.
- 20 August 1976: 1LT Larry W. Long transferred to 45 FA Group.
- 30 August 1976: 2LT Michael D. White transferred to HHB 45 FA Group.
- 1 September 1976: SGT Jack L. Codopony reassigned to Chief Fire Direction Computer, replacing SFC Clay D. Dudenhoeffer, transferred to HHB 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 5 September 1976: SSG John D. Wahnee reassigned to Chief of Firing Battery, replacing SFC Donald J. Logan, discharged.
- 10 September 1976: SSG Gary L. Jarvis, A&T Sergeant, discharged.
- 29 September 1976: 1LT Robert E. Cox assigned as Executive Officer.
- 1 November 1976: CPT Kenneth F. Perry transferred from HH&S 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA, assigned as Battery Commander, replacing 1LT James L. Welch, transferred to Btry "A", 2 Bn (HJ) 158 FA.
- 11 November 1976: SSG Gary L. Jarvis assigned as A&T Sergeant.
- 1 December 1976: SP6 Otis D. Holdge transferred from Btry "B" (-) 1 TAB 171 FA, assigned as Motor Sergeant replacing SP4 Robert A. Redelk, discharged.
- 1 December 1976: 2LT Walter M. Stoyanoski, assigned as Section Leader, Second Firing Section.

**Annual Report of Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery:** Another year has passed and it's time once again to put on paper the history of Btry "C", 2nd Bn (HJ), 158th FA, 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.

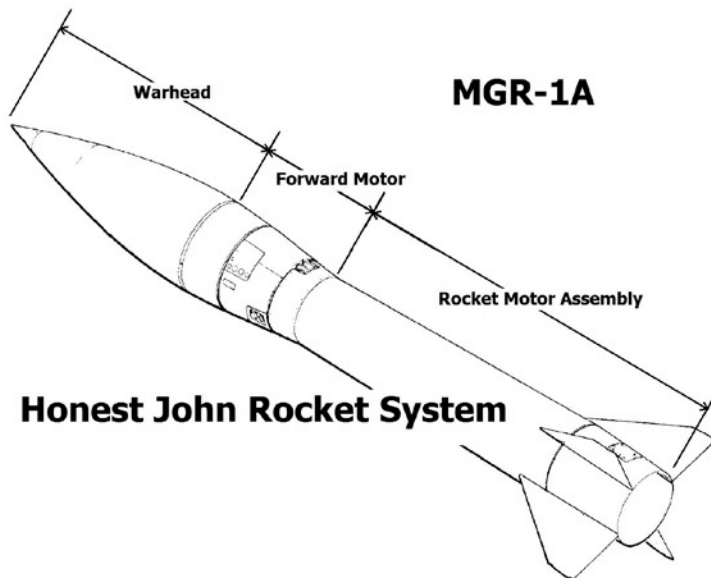
Well, summer camp time again. The unit moved to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas on 31 July 1976 for a two week training period. The primary mission of our unit during the encampment period was to conduct section training and to fire a Honest John Rocket during the second week of camp.

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 an 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 Bn (HJ), 158th FA 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 unit's 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. Coutts enlisted into the unit. PVT Eddie L. Coutts 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 of this and surrounding communities 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 Btry "C", 2nd Bn (HJ), 158th FA. 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.

- 6 February 1976: 2LT James W. Kimberlin, assigned as Section Leader, First Firing Section replacing CW2 Robert D. Treadwell who was assigned as overstrength.
- 4 June 1976: 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.

- 1 July 1976: SP4 David M. Wallace assigned as Motor Sergeant replacing SGT Bobby W. Wilson who was discharged.
- 9 July 1976: 1LT Lester E. Petersen assigned as Ammunition Officer of Assembly and Transport Section.
- 25 July 1976: SP5 Billy H. McLaughlin assigned as Communications Chief replacing SSG Billy G. Blankenship who was discharged.
- 20 December 1976: 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.

**Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	LTC Melford L. Scott	Instrument Operator	SP4 Uley R. Jones Jr.
Executive Officer	MAJ Calvin E. Koonce	Survey Recorder	SP5 Johnnie L. Turnage
S-3	CPT Henry D. Thornton	Survey Computer	SGT Stephen L. Vinson
Battalion Surgeon	CPT Robert E. Edde	Instrument Operator	SP4 Carl M. Dossier
C-E Staff Officer	1LT John J. Hawk	Survey Recorder	SP4 William G. Schmitz
Liaison Officer	CPT Christopher P. Bills	Rodman-Tapeman	SP4 R. J. Akins
S-1	CPT Kenneth F. Perry	Chief of Survey Party	SP5 Elbert B. Rouse
S-2	1LT Charles P. Jones	Survey Computer	SP4 Don L. Little
S-4	CPT Preston F. Willoughby	Survey Computer	PVT Jeffery L. Hornbeck
Command Sergeant Major	SGM Rudy N. Hightower	Instrument Operator	SP4 Gary L. Sullivan
Battalion Commander	CPT Gary D. Maynard	Liaison Sergeant	SGT Danny J. Dill
First Sergeant	1SG Bobby G. Pierce	Platoon Leader	1LT Terrell L. Berkenbile
Dining Facility Manager	SFC Louis Brower	Communications Chief	SFC Robert O. Mullinax
First Cook	SP5 Gerald W. Robinson	Senior FADIC Mechanic	SP4 Carl L. Shepherd
First Cook	SP4 Kenneth R. Pickard	Teletype Repairman	SP4 Donald L. Foster
First Cook	SP4 Ronald Fletcher	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Johnny L. Holkum
Cook	PFC Tomy L. Mullins	Wire Section Chief	SSG Randall J. Ritter
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SSG William F. Seiter	Wire Team Chief	SGT Ronald G. Moss
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Roy L. Waldroop	Senior Switchboard Operator	PFC Joe Mayabb
Power Generator Mechanic	SP5 J.B. Cooper	Senior Wire Operator	SP4 Dennis W. Narney
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Anthony E. West	Tactical Wire Specialist	SP4 Lee R. York
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Matthew A. Davis	Wire Team Chief	SGT Larry E. Herdritchka
Power Generator Helper	SP4 Gerald W. Williams	Senior Wire Specialist	SP4 Jerry W. Whitney
Supply Sergeant	SGT Edgar Y. Ragle	Tactical Wire Specialist	SP4 Billy Joe Bell Jr.
Armorer	SP4 Warner P. Bentley	Radio Section Chief	SGT William T. Barton
Unit Clerk	SP5 Edgar D. Quaid	Radio Teletype Operator	PFC Danny J. Rees
Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Charles A. Gasaway	Unit Supply Technician	CW4 Billy G. Taylor
Personnel Staff NCO	SFC Floyd T. Todd	Battalion Supply Sergeant	SFC Ralph E. Coffey
Legal Clerk	SP5 Alfred N. Blakely	Supply Specialist	PVT Nolan D. Long
Clerk Typist	SP4 Kenneth I. Stone	Supply Specialist	SP4 Gilbert E. Price
Unit Personnel Technician	CW2 Loyd Todd Jr.	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Richard I. McDaniel
Personnel Specialist	SP5 Gary P. Bates	Light Vehicle Driver	SP4 Curtis R. Lee
Personal Records Specialist	PVT Larry D. Tempson	Light Vehicle Driver	SSG Calvin L. Wallis
Personnel Actions Specialist	PVT Jackson J. Ross	Automotive Technician	CW2 Donald L. Truskey
Finance Specialist	SP5 David J. Jones	Battalion Motor Sergeant	MSG Jesse H. Stotts
Finance Specialist	SP4 Thomas W. Duncan	Material Supply Specialist	SP4 Wilbur C. Hazelton
Fire Direction Officer	CPT Vincente J. Scalice	Welder	SP4 Danny D. Cabe
Operations Sergeant	SFC John Snow	Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Michael D. Helton
Intelligence Sergeant	SFC John C. Gibson	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Edgar R. Riley
Chief FDC	SFC Jean R. Herring	Wrecker Operator	PFC Dennis R. York
Assistant Chief FDC	SGT Donald Watson	Medical Section Sergeant	SSG Charles E. Saxon
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Walter M. Stoyanoski	Clinical Specialist	SGT Carey D. McMillen
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Randolph M. Baker	Senior Medical Aidman	SP4 Stephen R. Lynch
Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Gary L. Maxon	Ambulance Driver	SP4 Gerald D. Smith
Clerk Typist	SSG Richard D. Mutz	Battery Aidman	SP4 Kenneth W. Baucom
Clerk Typist	SP4 Edward A. Beson	Battery Aidman	SP4 Thomas R. Calaway
Chief Surveyor	SFC Elmer C. Kelley	Battery Aidman	SP4 Daniel S. Snare
Survey Computer	SGT Randolph A. Knight		

**Battery "A", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery, Marlow, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	1LT Jimmy D. Sparks	Supply Sergeant	SSG Steven H. Brown
First Sergeant	SFC William A. Woodworth Jr.	Armorer	SSG James H. McNeil III
Unit Clerk	SP5 William D. Alexander	Motor Sergeant	SP4 Jimmy A. Nichols
Light Vehicle Driver	PVT Stephen R. Ensminger	Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Dennis K. Langham
Dining Facility Manager	SP5 Bobby J. Miller	GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 Stephen R. Condit
First Cook	SP5 Max V. VanDyke	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	PVT Lloyd A. Sanders
First Cook	SP4 Gary W. Gallop	Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	PVT Harold P. Melton
Cook	PVT Randy L. Stone	Communications Chief	SGT Steven F. Dowling

Radio Teletype Team Chief	SGT Gary L. Langham	Field Artillery Recorder	PFC Cecil L. Wright Jr.
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Donnie D. Lowry	Launcher Crewman	PFC Lee W. Millhouse
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Freddy D. Haragan	Launcher Crewman	PFC Howard L. Henderson
Executive Officer	1LT Carl G. Bateman Jr.	Launcher Crewman	PVT Billy J. Calhoun
Chief Firing Battery	SSG George D. Kulbeth	Ammunition Officer	2LT Richard L. Sacket
Chief FDC	SFC Jerry A. Green	A&T Sergeant	SGT Jerry C. Hankins
Assistant Chief FDC	SSG Robert L. Talley	Senior Assembly Specialist	SGT David J. Robinson
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Lester E. Petersen	Senior Assembly Specialist	SGT Buddy R. Aldridge
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Franklin Tow	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Kern L. Heffington
Radio Operator	SP5 Bennie D. Whaley	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Michael S. Brown
Rocket #1 Section Chief	2LT Bruce M. Wood	Boom Operator	SP4 Jerry D. Howell
Section Chief	SGT George W. Faulkner	Boom Operator	SP4 Ricky D. Peck
Gunner	SP4 Johnie E. Farley	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Tony L. Davis
Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Monty S. Brown	Launcher Crewman	PFC Rickey W. Nunn
Assembly Specialist	SP4 Hayden D. Sparks	Launcher Crewman	PFC Woody I. Hopkins
Assembly Specialist	SP4 Loyd K. Epperson	Launcher Crewman	PFC James M. Lee

#### Battery "B", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery, Walters, Oklahoma

Battery Commander	CPT John H. Scaggs	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Layne D. Sterett
First Sergeant	MSG Albert J. Vardell	Assistant Launcher Crewman	PFC Billy F. Berry
Unit Clerk	SP4 David F. Turnbo	Assistant Launcher Crewman	SP4 Gregory J. Mercado
Food Service Sergeant	SGT Clinton D. Thurman	Rocket #2 Section Leader	2LT Michael D. White
First Cook	SP4 Curtis M. Parrack	Section Chief	SSG John D. Wahnee
Cook	SP4 Gary J. Thurman	Gunner	SGT Michael D. Hooper
Supply Sergeant	SSG Michael L. Berry	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 Larry W. Shelton
Armorer	SP5 Keith W. Chasteen	Assembly Specialist	SP5 James R. Weaver
Motor Sergeant	SP4 Robert A. Redelk	Field Artillery Recorder	SGT David E. Minton
GP Generator Mechanic	PVT Raymond Cole Jr.	Launcher Crewman	PVT Larry W. Tyson
Assistant Wheel Mechanic	SP4 Brian C. Johnson	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Eddie S. Overstreet
Communications Chief	SGT Carl E. Leseney Jr.	Launcher Crewman	PVT Charles A. Gibson II
Radio TeleType Team Chief	SGT Robert W. Dillbeck	Assistant Launcher Crewman	SP4 Bobby D. Preston
Radio TeleType Operator	PVT Frankie L. Gilbert	Assistant Launcher Crewman	SP4 Joseph J. McPherson Jr.
Tactical Wire Specialist	PVT Bobby L. Sparks	Ammunition Officer	2LT William F. White
Executive Officer	1LT Danny T. Carter	A&T Sergeant	SSG Gary L. Jarvis
Chief of Firing Battery	SSG Donald J. Logan	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 Barry D. Spurlock
Chief FDC	SFC Clay F. Dudenhoefter	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Ralph L. Holt
Fire Direction Computer	SSG Arthur L. Cohsner	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Cletis R. Ball
Fire Direction Computer	SGT Darrell E. Coker Jr.	Boom Operator	SP4 Richard N. Phillips
Radio Operator	SP4 Ricky S. Dean	Launcher Crewman	PVT Charles J. Coonfield
Rocket #1 Section Leader	2LT Doyle L. Newman	Launcher Crewman	PVT Bobby Sides
Section Chief	SSG Mickey L. Bentley	Launcher Crewman	SP4 David L. Thurman
Senior Assembly Specialist	SP4 Clinton A. Auld	Launcher Crewman	PFC Phillip E. Norman
Assembly Specialist	SP4 Sammy D. Blair		

#### Battery "C", 2nd Battalion (HJ), 158th Field Artillery, Healdton, Oklahoma

Battery Commander	CPT Donald R. Hathorn	Senior Wire Specialist	SP5 John L. Spradlin
First Sergeant	SFC Jerry A. Wilson	Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Wesley R. Alexander
Dining Facility Manager	SFC Billy R. Hayes	Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Clifford K. Hall
First Cook	SP4 Roland D. Martin	Executive Officer	1LT Marvin G. Mosley
First Cook	SP4 Jimmy D. Gallop	Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Billy Z. Fore
Cook	SP4 Virgil M. Gallop	Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Frank A. Warrington
Cook	PFC Rocky L. Patty	Chief FDC	SFC Charles R. Davenport
Cooks Helper	PFC Larry D. Gilcrease	Chief FDC	SFC John W. Walker
Cooks Helper	PFC Allen K. May	Assistant Chief FDC	SP5 Jerry N. Underwood
Motor Sergeant	SGT Bobby W. Wilson	Assistant Chief FDC	SP5 Ronnie A. Hayes
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Rickie A. Hudson	Fire Direction Computer	SP5 Johnnie C. Fizer Jr.
GP Generator Mechanic	SP4 David M. Wallace	Fire Direction Computer	SP4 Glen D. Brown
PLL Clerk	SP4 Scott V. Horn	Radio Operator	PFC Fred D. Franklin
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Danny D. Morse	Radio Operator	PFC Frank A. Goldenstein Jr.
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	SP5 Billy H. McLaughlin	Rocket #1 Section Leader	CW2 Robert D. Treadwell
Supply Sergeant	SSG Johnny E. Crabb	Section Chief	SSG William C. Mitchell III
Armorer	PFC Lyndon B. Teafattiller	Gunner	SP5 James M. Burris
Unit Clerk	SP6 Marshall L. Hunt	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 Carl W. Adams
Light Vehicle Driver	PFC Michael R. Manley	Assembly Specialist	SP5 Leonard T. Jones
Communications Chief	SSG Billy D. Blankenship	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Kenneth D. Pickelsimer
Radio Teletype Team Chief	SP5 Max N. Burris	Field Artillery Recorder	PFC Robert E. Lee
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Robert D. Henley Jr.	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Ola W. Williams
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Jerry W. Carpenter	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Jerry L. Brown
Radio Teletype Operator	SP4 Billy S. Hornbeck	Launcher Crewman	PFC Ricky J. Smith
Senior Switchboard Operator	PFC Vernie L. Thompson	Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Jerry L. Landram

Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT John R. Brecheen	A&T Sergeant	SSG Gerald L. Timmons
Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Johnny D. Doughty	A&T Sergeant	SSG Allen C. White
Rocket #2 Section Leader	2LT James W. Kimberlin	Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 Larry D. Milson
Section Chief	SSG Vernon K. Isbell	Assembly Specialist	SP4 James D. Cottrell
Gunner	SGT Wayne D. Reid	Assembly Specialist	SP4 Arthur A. Wilson
Senior Assembly Specialist	SP5 Johnny L. Hartman	Boom Operator	SP5 Larry R. Pickelsimer
Assembly Specialist	SP4 John W. Kloiber Jr.	Boom Operator	SGT Ronald W. McMillen
Field Artillery Recorder	SP4 Craig Roberts	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Kenneth R. Varner
Launcher Crewman	SP4 Larry D. Mercer	Launcher Crewman	PFC Michael G. Williams
Launcher Crewman	PFC Raymond D. Brown	Launcher Crewman	PFC Thomas C. Parker
Launcher Crewman	PFC Andy J. Wilson	Launcher Crewman	PVT Johnny G. Webb
Assistant Launcher Crewman	PFC Kenneth G. Tyler	Launcher Crewman	SP5 Roger D. Carney
Assistant Launcher Crewman	PFC Larry E. Denney	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Robert A. Brecheen
Assistant Launcher Crewman	PVT Marlan V. Banta Jr.	Launcher Crewman	SP4 Jimmy D. Denney
Ammunition Officer	1LT James L. Welch	Launcher Crewman	PVT Alan L. Buck

### **EXTRACT FROM HHB ANNUAL HISTORY 1980**

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** The year 1980 will not be forgotten for a long time. Along with achievements and important goals being met, the unit survived with great success, the heat wave of the months of July and August. Very important changes in command called for a combined effort for improvement in programmed training, appearance and a striving for pride in the Guard. The men and women of the unit had very good attitudes and there was progressive improvement throughout the entire year of 1980.

On 12 January 1980, the initial formation was held at 0730 hrs, followed by Drill and Ceremonies and Commander's Time. At 0900 hrs, each section was prepared to function efficiently. Training, which was oriented towards Recruiting and Retention, was also conducted. SQT testing also took place on Sunday, 13 January 1980, after the 0730 hrs formation and the 0800 hrs worship services, for all 13E personnel. Saturday's training was continued on Sunday until the final formation, which was conducted at 1700 hrs with a training critique by the battery commander.

On Saturday, 2 February 1980, the initial formation was held at 0730 hrs, followed by Drill and Ceremonies and Commander's time. At 0900 hrs, individual field equipment was issued to the personnel for training. The unit then moved to Fort Sill for RSOP training and then returned to home station at approximately 1600 hrs. Sunday, 3 February 1980, began with an initial formation at 0730 hrs. After the formation, worship services were held by the Battalion Chaplain. At 0800 hrs, Soldier's Manual training took place at the armory until 1200 hrs. At 1300 hrs, material care and maintenance was performed until the final formation of the day at 1700 hrs, which also had the unit commander's training critique.

On Saturday, 22 March 1980, initial formation was held at 0730 hrs, with preparation to support the Live Fire RSOP at Fort Sill being made. At 0830 hrs, individual field equipment was issued to the unit personnel and the unit moved to Fort Sill at approximately 0900 hrs. From 0930 hrs until 1600 hrs, the unit supported the Live Fire RSOP at Fort Sill and then returned to home station at the armory. On Sunday, 23 March 1980, section level Soldier's Manual training took place within the armory after the initial formation, which was conducted at 0730 hrs, and worship services at 0800 hrs. At 1300 hrs, material care and maintenance took place until the final formation at 1700 hrs, which also had the commander's training critique.

On Saturday, 12 April 1980, initial formation was held at 0730 hrs, followed by Drill and Ceremonies and commander's time. At 0900 hrs, field equipment was issued to the unit personnel along with their weapons and individual protective masks. At 1000 hrs, the unit then moved to Fort Sill at its field location. This was the unit's first overnight field problem of the year, with most activities ending at 2300 hrs. On Sunday, 13 April 1980, training resumed after the morning formation and worship services. At 0900 hrs, the unit then moved back to the armory. At 1100 hrs, weapons, masks, and individual field equipment were turned in to the organizational Supply Room. From 1300 hrs until 1650 hrs, the unit conducted material care and maintenance. The final formation was at 1700 hrs with a training critique given by the battery commander.

Saturday, 10 May 1980, was designated as maintenance drill, in which the unit performed maintenance and loaded for annual training, that was to be conducted at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, beginning the following Saturday. Initial formation was conducted at 0730 hrs and the final formation was at 1700 hrs with a training critique given by the battery commander.

From Saturday, 17 May 1980 to Saturday, 31 May 1980, Annual Training took place. On 17 May 1980, initial formation was held at the armory at 0730 hrs, after which the unit departed for Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. The unit arrived at Fort Chaffee at approximately 1700 hrs the same day. These two (2) weeks would prove to be very significant for the unit, because Fort Chaffee had been designated as a refugee center for the thousands of Cuban refugees who had fled Cuba; and had been released by their Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, to the United States and other

countries. The unit, because of this, was tested in a variety of ways. First, the entirety of the Annual Training at Fort Chaffee would be spent in the field, subjecting the personnel to a limited field area and souse of travel to and from post facilities. Being more isolated than usual, the units overall morale would be put to the test. The unit's ability to function as a unit in the field during the annual ARTEP training evaluation was also tested during these two (2) weeks. The unit was ready to meet, head on, any and all adverse conditions. The unit was prepared, as a working force, to fulfill its obligations to meet the unit's mission of combat readiness. Annual Training was a total success and morale stayed at a high, as all individuals asserted themselves, meeting the standards and needs of the unit. On Saturday, 31 May 1980, after two (2) weeks of Annual Training, the unit finally started its long move back to its home station at the Lawton Armory, at approximately 0600 hrs. The unit arrived at the armory at approximately 1630 hrs. The personnel began to down load as much equipment as possible and also turned in all sensitive items to the supply room. Personnel were released approximately 1800 hrs.

Sunday, 1 June 1980, was another maintenance drill for the unit. This time, after initial formation at 0730 hrs, the unit used most of the day to finish down loading its equipment from Annual Training and began restoring the sections back to order. The afternoon brought a showdown inspection, after which the unit was released following the final formation at 1700 hrs, with a training critique given by the battery commander concerning the previous two (2) weeks.

On Saturday, 21 June 1980, initial formation and commander's time were conducted at 0730 hrs. At 0800 hrs, field equipment was issued and the unit moved to Fort Sill for a Land Navigation exercise. At 1600 hrs, the unit moved back to the armory and turned in all of the issued equipment. Final formation was conducted at 1700 hrs and personnel were released for the day. On Sunday, 22 June 1980, at 0730 hrs, there was an initial formation conducted, followed by Drill and Ceremonies. At 0830 hrs, worship services were given by the chaplain. Section level training was performed from 0900 hrs until 1150 hrs. At 1300 hrs, material care and maintenance was performed until 1650 hrs, after which a final formation and training critique was given by the battery commander at 1700 hrs.

On Saturday, 19 July 1980, formation began at 0745 hrs, followed by preparation for training. 0830 hrs thru 1100 hrs included Drill and Ceremonies, commander's time, and an extensive safety briefing on Repelling. At 1200 hrs, the unit departed for the repelling site at Fort Sill and began the repelling exercise at approximately 1300 hrs. Repelling exercises were completed by 1600 hrs. Sunday, 20 July 1980, began with an initial formation at 0730 hrs, and then worship services at 0800 hrs. All sections participated in the regular material care and maintenance until 1650 hrs. The final formation was at 1700 hrs, which ended the units drill, but not the heat wave, which was still into its record breaking 27th day with temperatures over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

On Saturday, 23 August 1980, initial formation was conducted at 0730 hrs. After formation, individual platoons conducted drill and ceremonies and then had commander's time at 0830 hrs. Selected personnel then departed to Fort Sill for familiarization of crew served weapons, while the remainder of the personnel in the unit were involved with Soldier's Manual training. The day concluded with a formation at 1700 hrs. On 24 August 1980, the day started with a 0730 hrs formation. The unit departed to Fort Sill at 0830 hrs, after drawing individual weapons and protective masks. The unit arrived at Fort Sill's small arms firing ranges and began zeroing weapons and then went on to the record firing range to qualify for the annual qualification, which also included firing ,with protective masks on. During this time the medical section conducted training on first aid protective measures for personnel not on the firing line, and rotated the classes as the day progressed. The weekend ended successfully after all weapons and masks were cleaned and turned in, with a final formation and a training critique by the battery commander at 1700 hrs.

On Saturday, 13 September 1980, the day began with a formation at 0730 hrs. It was followed by drill and ceremonies and commander's time. At 0900 hrs, the unit moved to Fort Sill for the support of the Direct Fire exercise. The unit also underwent integrated and concurrent training with a practical exercise in NBC defense station training. Sunday, 14 September 1980, started with a formation at 0730 hrs. At 0830 hrs, NBC station training continued at the armory. The weekend closed with material care and maintenance, followed by a formation and a training critique given by the battery commander at 1700 hrs.

Saturday, 4 October 1980, began with an initial formation at 0730 hrs, followed by unit training on mandatory subjects at the armory. Training was conducted in some of the following areas: Military Justice, Race Relations training, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, POW Training, and Survival/Escape/Evasion training. At 1600 hrs a unit readiness briefing was conducted. On Sunday, 5 October 1980, formation was held at 0745 hrs, followed by Drill and Ceremonies and commander's time. Worship services was also conducted on this day for those personnel who wished to attend. At 0900 hrs, a Command Inspection was given to the unit by Battalion Headquarters. After the Command Inspection, normal section level training resumed in all sections, covering Soldiers Manual tasks. Material care and maintenance was then performed from 1300 hrs until 1650 hrs, after which final formation was conducted with a training critique by the battery commander at 1700 hrs.

On Saturday, 8 November 1980, at 0745 hrs, initial formation was held. Drill and Ceremonies were performed at 0800 hrs and commander's time began at 0830 hrs. At 0900 hrs, the unit began its annual Civil Disturbance training,



which continued until 1650 hrs. At 1700 hrs, there was a final formation. At 0745 hrs, on 9 November 1980, the unit began the day with a formation. A practical exercise in Civil Disturbance training began at 0800 hrs and lasted until approximately 1200 hrs. At 1300 hrs, the unit performed material care and maintenance until 1650 hrs. Final formation, with a training critique, ended the drill at 1700 hrs.

Saturday, 13 December 1980, started drill with a 0745 hrs formation. The drill was oriented towards Soldiers Manual training. All sections conducted this training until 1650 hrs. Also, during the day, vaccinations were given to the members of the unit, by the Battalion Medical Section. The day finished with a 1700 hrs formation. Sunday, 14 December 1980, started at 0730 hrs, with a formation, and the Soldiers Manual training continued from the previous day, until 1200 hrs. Vaccinations were also finished up during this time period. Briefings were conducted in various sections by the section chiefs, emphasizing the progress completed during the year and to establish goals for the next year. Material care and maintenance was performed from 1300 hrs until 1650 hrs. The year closed with a formation at 1700 hrs and a training critique given by the battery commander.

- 1 January 1980: CPT James H. Welch assigned as C-E Staff Officer, replacing CPT Kenneth W. Barney Jr., transferred to C Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA. LTC Jerry D. Simmons assigned as Battalion Commander, replacing LTC Merrill B. J. Burruss, resigned. MAJ Jackson H. Adams assigned as Battalion Executive Officer, replacing MAJ Bobby R. Jantz, transferred to HHB 1 Bn 171 FA. MAJ Bobby D. Thomasson assigned as Battalion S-3 Officer, replacing MAJ Jim R. Swafford, transferred to HHB 45th FA Bde. CPT Austin L. Atkinson assigned as Motor Officer, replacing CPT James H. Welch, reassigned as C-E Staff Officer.
- 1 May 1980: MSG Howard R. Ehardt assigned as TACT Comm Chief, replacing MSG Jimmie L. Sims, accepted appointment as Warrant Officer.
- 4 May 1980: SSG Donald R. Tharp assigned as RedeEye Section Sergeant, replacing SSG Michael Kelly, accepted appointment as officer from State OCS.
- 30 May 1980: SSG Carl J. Kulow assigned as Liaison Sergeant, replacing SSG Ronnie Graves, discharged.
- 1 July 1980: SSG Walter L. McCarley assigned as Battalion Renlistment NCO, replacing SSG Clarence M. Priest, reassigned to Redeye Section.
- 8 August 1980: SSG Rudy J. King assigned as Chemical Staff NCO, replacing SSG Bobby G. Maddox, discharged.
- 1 September 1980: CPT Leland F. Kliewer assigned as Battery Commander, replacing CPT David G. O'Neal, transferred to A Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA. CPT William R. Johnson assigned as C-E Staff Officer, replacing CPT James H. Welch, transferred to HHB 45th FA Bde. CPT Arthur R. South assigned as Battalion S-2 Officer, replacing CPT Leland F. Kliewer, reassigned as Battery Commander.
- 1 October 1980: 1LT Richard Terrell assigned as Platoon Leader, replacing 1LT James R. Frazier, transferred to A Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA.
- 1 November 1980: MAJ Ronald W. Holt assigned as Battalion Commander, replacing LTC Jerry D. Simmons, transferred to HHD OKARNG.
- 1 December 1980: CPT John D. McReynolds assigned as Battalion Executive Officer, replacing MAJ Jackson H. Adams, transferred to HHB 45th FA Bde.

**HHB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	LTC Jerry D. Simmons	Cook	SP5 Charles E. Anderson
Executive Officer	MAJ Jackson H. Adams	Cook	SP5 Jimmie L. McAfee
S-3	MAJ Bobby D. Thomasson	Cook	PFC Reginal Bryant
Battalion Motor Officer	CPT Austin L. Atkinson	Cook	SP4 Marcus West
Battalion Chaplain	MAJ Marvin D. Hays	Equipment Maint Clerk	SGT Randall Dedert
Commo/Electronic Officer	CPT James L. Welch	Mechanic	SSG William W. Layton
LNO Officer	CPT Jerry G. Davis	Mechanic	PV2 David M. Pierce
S-1	CPT John D. McReynolds	Mechanic	SP5 James Tinnell
S-2	CPT Leland F. Kliewer	Mechanic	SGT Charles R. Taylor
CSM	CSM Robert L. Stringer	Mechanic	SSG Michael S. Pirtle
Btry Cmdr	CPT David G. O'Neal	Track Mechanic	PFC Berrick E. McBath
1SG	1SG Clay F. Dudenhoefter	Light Vehicle Driver	SGT Kyle Riggs
Food Service SGT	SFC Marx L/ Calhoun	Light Vehicle Driver	SP5 Danny E. Paddie
Motor Sgt	SP5 John C. Spurlock	PAC Clerk	SSG William Foote
Supply Sgt	SSG Michael C. Hinson	Chapel Specialist	SGT Earl L. Smith
Supply Sgt	SSG Jesus M. Salazar	Clerk/Typist	SSG Carl J. Kulow
First Cook	SSG Oliver J. Gordon	PAC Clerk	SP5 Jerry Wisner
Unit Clerk	SSG James V. LeCompte	FDC Officer	CPT Daryl K. McCall
Unit Clerk	SP4 Robert Sims	Intell SGT	MSG Kenneth V. Ille
Armorer	PFC Frank E. Sales	Operations Sergeant	MSG Ora A. Correll Jr.
Armorer	PV2 Tyron A. Barnes	Chemical Staff NCO	SSG Bobby G. Maddox
Cook	SP4 Rosevelt Danna	Operations Specialist	PV2 William Freeman Jr.
Cook	SP5 Wallace Carrier Jr.	Vehicle Driver	PV2 Chris R. Dickinson
Cook	SGT Garen Franklin	Chief FDC Computer	SFC Rudy J. King
Cook	SP5 Richard Limon	Asst FDC Computer	SSG Emmitt Unsell

FDC Computer	SSG David T. Post	Tact Comms Supervisor	SGT Freddie Reynolds
FDC Computer	SGT Walter E. King	Tact Comms Chief	SSG Joseph V. Rogers
FDC Computer	SSG Charles F. Layton	Tact Wire Ops	SGT Timothy W. Zumwalt
FDC Computer	PV2 Jeffery H. Frazier	Tact Wire Ops	SGT Charles H. Daugherty
Chart Operator	SSG James G. Snyder	Tact Wire Ops	SSG Calvin L. Williams
Chart Operator	SGT Edward L. Jones	Tact Wire Ops	SGT Melvin L. Tenney Jr.
Chart Operator	SP4 William K. Walker	Vehicle Driver	PV2 Russell Adams
CP Carrier Driver	PFC Donald W. Simerly	Vehicle Driver	PV1 Domingo Aguilera Jr.
CP Carrier Driver	SP4 Harry L. Richardson	Tact Wire Ops	SSG Duane W. McGuire
Tactical Wire Specialist	SGT Johnnie E. Zumwalt	Tact Wire Ops	SP5 Richard W. Nelson
Tactical Wire Specialist	PV2 Gary D. Wilks	Tact Wire Ops	PV2 Dozie Huffman
Tactical Wire Specialist	SSG Earl E. Sappington	Tact Wire Ops	SGT Frank Love
Tactical Wire Specialist	PV1 Ronnie A. Carter	Tact Wire Ops	PV1 Eddy Middleton
Tactical Wire Specialist	SGT Willie L. Fitzgerald	Tact Wire Ops	PV1 Scotty D. Brewer
Tactical Wire Specialist	PV2 Darnell K. Johnson	Tact Wire Ops	PV1 Eddie Williams
Tactical Wire Specialist	PV2 Adolph S. Scott	Tact Wire Ops	PV1 Michael C. Harrington
Tactical Wire Specialist	SP4 Daniel Land	Tact Wire Ops	PFC Jimmie L. Halbert
Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Ernest Jackson	Tact Wire Ops	PV1 Kenneth D. Rackler
Tactical Wire Specialist	PV2 Billy D. Galbreath	Aid Section Sergeant	SSG Otho Smith
Tactical Wire Specialist	PFC Richard Pennington	Clinical Specialist	PV1 Karl G. Jensen
Tactical Wire Specialist	SP4 Dennis M. O'Connor	Medical Aidman	SSG Ermel Kittle
Tactical Wire Specialist	SP5 Keith A. Holte	Ambulance Driver	SP4 Robert W. Hawkins
Tactical Wire Specialist	SGT Bennie J. Carey Jr.	Battery Aidman	SP6 Jerre Burton
Vehicle Driver	SP4 Tommy E. Wooten	AD Section Sergeant	SSG Michael P. Kelley
Recon/Survey Officer	1LT Gary R. Stebbins	Redeye Team Chief	SSG Hershel W. Tuck Jr.
Chief Survey	SSG Roy McCarley	Redeye Team Chief	SSG Carl Pagan-Figueroa
Chief of Party	SSG William C. Phillips	Redeye Team Chief	SSG Harold Davis
Chief of Party	SSG Walter D. Coates	Redeye Gunner	PV2 Winfred Gordon
Chief of Party	SP5 Brian E. Hill	Redeye Gunner	SP5 James A. Tuckness
Survey Computer	SP4 Paul McCarley	Redeye Gunner	SSG Donald R. Tharp Sr.
Survey Computer	SP5 Arty L. Dover Jr.	Redeye Gunner	SFC Clarence Priest
Instrument Operator	PV2 David Campbell Jr.	Unit Personnel Tech	CW4 Dennis R. Roper
Instrument Operator	SP4 Michael A. Tyler	Personnel Sergeant	SFC David O. Nixon
Instrument Operator	PV1 Ronald J. Gross Jr.	Personnel Management	SSG Bob J. Bailey
Light Vehicle Driver	SP5 Donald M. Sullivan	Personnel Management	SP5 Barbara Catlett
Rodman/Tapeman	SP4 Arthur D. Mullen Jr.	Personnel Management	SP4 Alice Dyer
Rodman/Tapeman	PV1 Raul M. Salazar	Personnel Management	SP4 Marian McBath
Rodman/Tapeman	SP5 Jerry D. McCarley	Personnel Management	SP5 Dora A. Smith
Survey Recorder	SSG Walter L. McCarley	Personnel Management	SP5 Sharline Straughter
Survey Recorder	SGT Rodriguez Lopez M.A.	Personnel Management	PV1 Marvin Fish
Survey Recorder	SSG Vernon R. Ward	Physicians Assistant	CW2 Leo Ocker
LNO NCO	SSG Ronnie Graves	SMP FA FO	SGT Gary L. Tolliver
LNO Specialist	SGT Danny Crow	SMP FA FO	SGT Donald R. Huntley
Platoon Leader	1LT James R. Fraizer	SMP FA FO	SP4 Steve Bass
Tactical Comms Chief	SFC Ray L. Watts		

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**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** The year 1981 was a very productive, as well as a memorable, schedule of events for the unit. Many individual and unit achievements were made and all important goals were met with great success. Changes in command brought about positive ideas and realistic goals, calling for combined efforts in the improvement of training missions and recruiting and retention plans. Throughout the year, the "Esprit de Corps" of unit members was very evident, by their military bearing and professionalism. Leadership brought with it, progressiveness and attitudes were exemplified by a "Pride in Belonging."

The year began on 10 January 1981, with an initial formation at 0730 hrs, followed by Drill and Ceremonies and commander's time. At 0900 hrs, each section began the year with instruction from their appropriate Soldiers Manuals, with emphasis on ARTEP tasks. It was also during this eventful drill, that the unit underwent its Annual General Inspection, which was conducted by LTC Charles Horton and SFC Tonny Fieorva, from 5th USA Headquarters. The unit received a satisfactory rating with many favorable comments. Sunday began with church services by the Battalion Chaplain, followed by motor stables and more Home Station ARTEP training. Drill finished with material care and maintenance, followed by a final formation, with the commander's training critique.

On 15 January 1981, the unit received a COMET Inspection by WO1 Richard Benesh, CSMS. The unit once again received a satisfactory rating for an inspection. It was during this inspection, that the unit received a 100% in Maintenance Operations. Overall, the unit received a rating of 95%.

Split Training was conducted for several members of the unit on the 24th and 25th of January 1981. They were participating in the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy at the Oklahoma Military Academy. This was the fourth such drill assembly for these personnel, since the inception of the school in October 1980.

During the 7- 8 February 1981 drill, the battery drilled at the Armory with an initial formation at 0730 hrs. It was Soldiers Manual and ARTEP training tasks again, that constituted training for the weekend. On Sunday, the Battalion Chaplain conducted worship services and then training continued, with classes on the M16 rifle. At 1300 hrs, material care and maintenance took place until the final formation, which also had the commander's training critique.

On 14-15 February 1981, the 1st Bn, 158th FA Advanced NCO Academy concluded with subjects on artillery subjects. The academy drill was completed with a graduation ceremony in the underground auditorium at the Sequeyah Building located in the state capital. SFC James W. LeCompte of this unit received top honors as the Distinguished Honor Graduate. The month closed with a Pre-AT Recon by unit commanders and staff personnel on 21-22 February 1981 at Fort Sill, OK.

A 0730 hrs formation began the units 14-15 March 1981 drill assembly. Next was Drill and Ceremonies followed by commanders time. Our FDC and Medical personnel supported the firing batteries on a Dry Fire RSOP, while everyone else continued Home Station training. Sunday began with worship services followed by continued training from the previous day. At 1300 hrs, material care and maintenance was performed until the final formation at 1700 hrs. During the formation, the commander also presented his training critique.

The 4-5 April 1981 drill was, as in March, was an ARTEP oriented weekend, with one exception. The unit finally went to the field for the first time in the year and practiced ARTEP related tasks in a Dry Fire RSOP atmosphere. The unit returned to Home Station on Saturday and performed maintenance on equipment. Sunday was very productive. After the worship services, the Battery Commander gave his Annual Satisfactory Participation briefing to the unit's personnel and the Medical section weighed everyone for the annual weigh-in requirement. Sunday afternoon brought about material care and maintenance and ended with a formation and the training critique by the Battery Commander.

The 2-3 May 1981 drill was a live fire exercise at Fort Sill, OK. This was the unit's first overnight drill of the year. It was a weekend full of ARTEP oriented training. Prior to moving to the field, the unit had its initial formation. During the formation, the Battalion Commander presented the unit with a congratulatory letter signed by the Brigade Commander indicating that our unit had received the Superior Unit Award from the National Guard Bureau. Following formation the unit prepared to move to the field. After moving to the field, the personnel were trained in occupation and improvement of position, preparation of defense diagrams, and defense of the perimeter. Live fire exercises continued until 2400 hrs. On Sunday the battery continued its support of live fire exercises and then moved back to Home Station. Material care and maintenance was then performed and drill concluded with a training critique by the Battery Commander at the 1700 hrs final formation.

During the period 11-15 May 1981, several members of the unit performed Affiliation Duty with 4th Bn, 4th FA, our sister unit at Fort Sill, OK. Many ideas were gained to benefit our unit for our upcoming ARTEP.

On 17 May 1981, the unit assembled once again for our AT preparation. This drill started with an initial formation at 0730 hrs, followed by the commander's AT safety briefing. It was a very successful loading drill. This one day drill was finalized with material care and maintenance, The Battery Commander then gave his training critique at the final formation at 1700 hrs.

From Saturday, 30 May 1981 to Saturday, 13 June 1981, Annual Training took its course of events. On 30 May 1981, initial formation was held at the Armory approximately 0600 hrs, after which the unit departed for Fort Sill, OK; our base of operations for the next two weeks. The unit arrived at Fort Sill's Key Gate, being received by a receptive audience, headed by Major General Robert M. Morgan, the State Adjutant General. The next two weeks would prove to be very significant for the unit. It would be during the days to follow, that much needed training would result and many emotional highs and lows would reflect on the final results of our annual training and evaluation plan.

First, Annual Training was spent in its entirety in a field environment. The unit's ability to function as a coordinated and cohesive working force was tested with immeasurable results. The unit proved that it was ready to meet any and all adverse conditions, especially the factor of weather. The unit met its required goals by meeting its training mission with enthusiasm and assertiveness. Annual Training was a complete success since all personnel achieved the standards of the unit. This was also a time to be remembered. It was during this AT that the unit was awarded, for the first time, the "Governors Trophy" on 5 June 1981, by Lieutenant Governor Spencer Bernard, on behalf of Governor George Nigh, as being the best unit in the State of Oklahoma for calendar year 1980. This award resulted in 122 personnel of this unit being awarded the Governor's Distinguished Unit Citation, as per permanent orders 40-1 HQ OMD signed by the governor himself. Also during AT, the unit was visited by many distinguished personnel. The unit

was visited by MG Robert M. Morgan on 5 and 11 Jun 1981; BG William H. Henderson, Assistant AG, on 5, 10, and 11 June 1981; and Governor George Nigh on 11 June 1981.

On Saturday, 13 June 1981, the unit returned to Home Station and proceeded to down load as much equipment as possible. All sensitive items were turned in and after accounting for everything, the unit was released.

The next day, 14 June 1981 was our maintenance drill. This began with an initial formation, after which, the unit used the day to finish downloading its equipment from annual training. Personnel began restoring their section rooms back to order. The afternoon brought a showdown inspection, after which, the unit received a training critique by the Battery Commander, covering the previous two weeks of training. Final formation was then held and all personnel were released.

July brought about a time of sorrow to members of this unit. Private-E2 Richard D. Houck, a wire team member, was killed in a tragic motor cycle accident on 3 July 1981. Our 11-12 July 1981 drill had a memorial service conducted by Chaplain Marvin D. Hays on Saturday, during the initial formation at 0730 hrs. Drill continued, though, with emphasis on Soldiers Manual task training. Also, personnel participated, on a voluntary basis, in adventure training at Fort Sill's Medicine Bluff, where a Rapelling exercise was conducted. Sunday had worship services with continued Soldiers Manual training. Material care and maintenance was performed Sunday afternoon, followed by a final formation and training critique by the Battery Commander.

On 1 August 1981, the unit had a change of command. 1LT James R. Frazier assumed command replacing CPT Leland F. Kliewer. The new commander was no stranger to the unit, since he was previously in the unit as the Commo Platoon Leader.

During the 8- 9 August 1981 drill, the unit moved to the Red River near Ryan, OK to conduct an Individual Evaluation, with emphasis on job books. Subjects evaluated were on NBC, First Aid, Operator's Maintenance, RTO procedures, and Map Reading. It was a great experience for all personnel concerned. After training was performed, the unit was dismissed approximately 1700 hrs and everyone participated in some kind of athletic activity. On Sunday, the unit returned to Home Station and began material care and maintenance. Drill was completed with a final formation and a training critique by the Battery Commander at 1700 hrs.

The 19-20 September 81 drill brought with it no new surprises in training. This was, of course, the time of year for annual weapons familiarization and qualification. Drill was a great success and everyone had a good time. Sunday began with worship services after the morning formation. Maintenance of weapons was performed, after the services, until noon. The afternoon was devoted to material care and maintenance, and a showdown inspection was conducted by the new commander. Final formation was conducted at 1700 hrs, with the Battery Commander presenting his training critique. Also, during the month of September 1981, several personnel participated in Junior Leadership Training at Fort Sill, OK. This training took place on 27 September 1981. Training was very informative and educational for all personnel that attended.

October was another special month for the personnel of this unit. Mayor Wayne Gilley, of Lawton, cited the unit and its personnel for their achievements and value to the community as citizen soldiers, by declaring 7 October 1981 as "National Guard Day" in Lawton, OK.

On 19 October 1981, CW4 Gene Wells, USPFO, conducted our annual audit. Everything went well, with the inspection, and the unit received another satisfactory rating for the year.

On 24 - 25 October 1981, personnel assembled once again for drill. The unit held its initial formation at 0730 hrs, after which the unit received instruction from the 4155th USAR School on NBC subjects. The subjects were oriented on individual defense, recognition, and decontamination. Also during 24 October 1981, the unit received its annual Command Inspection by higher headquarters. The unit received another satisfactory rating by COL Norman E. Duckworth, the Bde Cdr, and his staff. On Sunday, the Bn Chaplain performed his monthly worship services, and the unit continued training in NBC subjects until noon. During the afternoon, the unit conducted material care and maintenance. The weekend closed out with a final formation and training critique given by the Battery Commander.

7- 8 November 1981, once again, was another productive drill. Training was oriented in instruction of Civil Defense subjects. Beneficial and educational training took place. Sunday, after formation and worship services, training was devoted to a practical exercise on Riot Control Formations. 1300 hrs began the afternoon with material care and maintenance of vehicles and equipment. The day concluded with a final formation at 1700 hrs, in which the Battery Commander presented his training critique to unit personnel.

The final drill assembly of the year was conducted on 5-6 December 1981. Initial formation was conducted at 0730 hrs, followed by drill and ceremonies and commander's time. Training started at 0900 hrs, with instruction, once again, by the 4155th USAR School, covering NBC subjects. Instruction on the use and wear of the MOPP Uniform, NBC Warning and Reporting, and operation of the IM-93 Dosimeter and IM-174 Radiacmeter was conducted. Also,

the unit received assistance from the Civil Defense Director of Lawton, Mr. Richard Atkins. He provided some radio-isotopes for the units personnel to train with during their NBC instruction. Training was a great success, and everyone complimented training. The next day, Sunday, had worship services after the unit's initial formation. Training resumed with NBC subjects being taught. There was a special class given to staff officers and key NCO's of the unit on the phases and wearing of the MOPP uniform. Training concluded at 1200 hrs and material care and maintenance began at 1300 hrs. During this time, briefings were conducted in various sections, by the section chiefs, emphasizing the progress during the year and goals to be met for the upcoming year. Also, during this time, all officers of the unit received their semi-annual Standards of Conduct briefing. The year closed with a formation at 1700 hrs and a training critique given by the Battery Commander.

- 20 February 1981: 1LT Gary R. Stebbins reassigned from Recon/Survey Officer to S-1, replacing CPT John D. McReynolds, reassigned as Bn XO effective 1Dec80.
- 18 March 1981: CPT Jerry Davis, Liaison Officer, transferred to HHB 45th FA Bde.
- 25 March 1981: 2LT Paul E. Smith, assigned & Jd as Recon/Survey Officer.
- 1 April 1981: SSG Carl J. Kulow assigned as Chemical Staff NCO, replacing SSG Rudy J. King, transferred to Btry C, 1 Bn, 158 FA. 1LT Richard Terrell, Commo Plt Ldr, transferred to Btry C, 1 Bn, 158 FA.
- 5 April 1981: SSG Ronnie H. Graves, assigned & Jd as Liaison NCO, replacing SSG Carl J. Kulow, reassigned as Chemical Staff NCO effective 1Apr81.
- 5 May 1981: SFC Gerald S. Plaster (AGR) assigned & Jd as AFTM Unit Training NCO in Bn Opns, replacing SFC Donnie G. Buller (AGR), transferred to Svc Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA.
- 12 May 1981: 2LT David B. Smith, FA Forward Observer, Separated.
- 15 May 1981: CPT Arthur R. South, reassigned from S-2 to Liaison Officer, replacing CPT Jerry Davis, transferred to HHB 45th FA Bde effective 18Mar81. CPT Austin L. Atkinson, reassigned from Motor Officer to S-2, replacing CPT Arthur R. South, reassigned to Liaison Officer.
- 18 May 1981: SGT Gary L. Tolliver, received Honorable Discharge to accept Appointment as Communications Officer in USAR.
- 29 May 1981: 2LT Gary L. Tolliver assigned & Jd as FA Forward Observer.
- 1 August 1981: 1LT James R. Frazier Jr., assumed Command, replacing CPT Leland F. Kliewer, reassigned as FDO. CPT Leland F. Kliewer, assigned as FDO, replacing CPT Daryl K. McCall transferred to Btry C, 1 Bn, 158 FA. CPT Daryl K. McCall, FDO, transferred to Btry C, 1 Bn, 158 FA.
- 11 September 1981: 1LT Jackie L. Byas, Attached & Jd as Bn Chaplain.
- 9 October 1981: 1LT James Chandler, assigned & Jd as Commo Plt Ldr.
- 1 December 1981: CPT William R. Johnson, reassigned from C-E Staff Off to Motor Off. SSG William W. Layton, reassigned as Bn Reenlistment NCO, replacing SSG Walter L. McCarley, reassigned as Survey Computer.
- 3 December 1981: 2LT Roderick Hewlett, assigned & Jd as Redeye Section Leader.

**Annual Report of Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** January starts with IG Inspection on 8 January 1981. Drill brings Soldiers Manual Training followed by COMET Inspection. Unit does well on both inspections as a whole. Strength shows no gains and no losses.

February 1981 brings more Soldiers Manual Training. Strength shows 3 gains but 3 losses.

March 1981 takes the battery to the field at Fort Sill, OK for Dry Fire RSOP Training. Starting to work some kinks out for Annual Training. Strength shows 3 losses this month.

April 1981 finds Battery "B" back in the field at Fort Sill, OK again. This time is Live Fire. Strength indicates 1 gain and 5 losses.

May 1981 has the battery firing its Howitzers at Fort Sill, OK and spending the night for Night Operations in preparation for Annual Training. 17 May 1981 the battery loads for Annual Training. Annual Training is from 30 May to 13 June 1981. The entire 2 weeks is spent in the field at Fort Sill, OK. The first week it rained and mud in the bivouac area was knee deep. The second week the mosquitoes were bad. Two of the battery personnel were nearly carried off by them. Two of the howitzers got stuck in a creek. Two Section Chiefs said they were providing the Retrieval Section in Service Battery with some valuable training. 3 gains and 3 losses this month.

June 1981 brings unloading from camp. No gains or losses.

July 1981 is Soldiers Manual Training and Repelling at Fort Sill, OK. Some of the unit members tried the Australasian Style of repelling. They said going down 120 feet head first was breath taking. Strength gain 1 but loss 1.

August 1981 brings Field Training at Red River near Ryan, OK. Soldiers Manual Tasks were performed. After training was complete, some troops introduced CPT South to an Alligator Gar. He let shake his ear. Strength is 2 losses but 1 gain.

September 1981 is Small Arms Qualification at Fort Sill, OK. 1SG Spruill resigns as Unit Administrator this month. He will stay as First Sergeant, but will be missed as full-time administrator. Strength shows 4 gains and 2 losses.

October 1981 finds Battery "B" at Fort Sill, OK again. This time for Dry Fire RSOP Training. Training goes well, but the Mess Section led by SGT Scott goes awry. The front tire blew out on the mess truck and ended up in a ditch. Just minor injuries reported. Unit mess was audited for property by CW4 Gene Wells on 28 October 1981 and passed satisfactorily. Strength shows 2 gains and 4 losses.

November 1981 brings Civil Disturbance and Soldiers Manual Training. Strength is 1 gain and 2 losses.

December 1981 is more Section Training including NBC Defense, Map Reading, First Aid Training. Strength shows 3 gains and 3 losses.

- 1 January 1981: SGT William M. Scott was assigned as Food Service Sergeant.
- 8 February 1981: SSG David L. Clinton enlisted for 1 year.
- 20 February 1981: 2LT David L. Brady was transferred to Standby Reserve USAR Control Group (Inactive).
- 1 March 1981: SGT Billy P. Morgan promoted to SSG and assigned as Section Chief.
- 1 April 1981: SP4 David B. Sloan promoted to SGT and assigned as Gunner.
- 7 April 1981: SGT William O. Peebles transferred to Inactive National Guard.
- 1 May 1981: SGT John M. Kaiser promoted to SSG and assigned as Section Chief. SP4 Randy R. Blumer promoted to SGT and assigned as Gunner.
- 5 May 1981: SSG Richard L. Bechtel promoted to SFC.
- 12 May 1981: SGT Jerry Sheppard enlisted for 1 year.
- 22 May 1981: SFC Walker A. Rowell reenlisted for 3 years.
- 29 May 1981: SSG Victor L. Hamel transferred to Inactive National Guard. SP5 Eldon W. Hurley transferred to Inactive National Guard.
- 5 June 1981: SP4 Stephen L. Hamel attached to Oklahoma Military Academy to attend OCS training.
- 1 July 1981: SGT Stanley E. Boughton promoted to SSG.
- 8 July 1981: SSG Jack R. Van Dyke reenlisted for 3 years.
- 31 July 1981: SGT Jerry Sheppard transferred to TXARNG.
- 7 August 1981: SGT William M. Scott reenlisted for 3 years.
- 24 August 1981: SGT Randy R. Blumer Honorable Discharge ETS.
- 8 September 1981: SSG Ronald F. Abersoll transferred to USAFR.
- 1 October 1981: SGT Bobby R. Stringer transferred to Co D, 2Bn 180Inf Marlow, OK.
- 27 October 1981: SSG Victor L. Hamel Honorable Discharge ETS.
- 7 November 1981: SP5 Walter B. Van de Mark Honorable Discharge ETS.
- 2 December 1981: SSG Abundio V. Rodriguez reenlisted for 6 years.
- 11 December 1981: SSG Patrick H. Resneder extended his ETS for 1 year.
- 30 December 1981: SGT Dan Francis extended his ETS for 1 year.

#### **HHB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	MAJ Ronal W. Holt	Mechanic	PFC Randall J. Gamet
Executive Officer	CPT John D. McReynolds	Mechanic	PV2 Eddy D. Middleton
S-3	MAJ Bobby D. Thomasson	Cook	SP4 Rosevelt Danna Jr.
Motor Officer	CPT Austin L. Atkinson	PAC Supervisor	SP6 Larry C. Davis
Chaplain	MAJ Marvin D. Hays	Reenlistment NCO	SSG Walter L. McCa rley
Liaison Officer	CPT Jerry G. Davis	Personnel NCO	SFC Joseph L. Stevens
S-2	CPT Arthur R. South	PAC Clerk	SSG William E. Foote Sr.
Command Sergeant Major	SGM Robert L. Stringer	Clerk/Typist	SP4 John P. Sanders
Battery Commander	CPT Leland F. Klierer	PAC Clerk	S P5 Jerry A. Wiser
First Sergeant	1SG Clay F. Dudenhofer	Fire Direction Officer	CPT Daryl K. McCall
Food Service Sergeant	SFC Marx L. Calhoun	INTEL Sergeant	MSG Kenneth V. Ille
Motor Sergeant	SSG John C. Spurlock Sr.	Operations Sergeant	MSG Ora A. Correll
Supply Sergeant	SSG Michael C. Hinson	Chemical NCO	SSG Rudy J. King
First Cook	SSG Oliver J. Gordon	Clerk Typist	SP5 Tommy E. Wooten
Unit Clerk	SSG Timothy W. Reed	Operations Specialist	SP5 Amos J. Owens Jr.
Armorer	SP4 Caldean L. Pitcher	Vehicle Driver	SGT John L. Kyllingstad
Armorer	SP4 Frank E. Sales	Chief FDC Computer	SFC Emmitt D. Unsell
Cook	SSG Charles E. Anderson	Assistant FDC Chief	SSG Charles F. Layton
Cook	SSG Jimmie L. McAfee	FDC Computer	SP4 Michael G. Knudsen
Cook	SSG David P Higuera	FDC Computer	S SG James G.B. Snyder
Cook	SP5 Richard Limon	FDC Computer	SP5 James A. Tuckness
Equipment Maint Clerk	SGT Randal R. Dedert	FDC Computer	SSG William A. Dupre Jr.
Mechanic	PV2 David M. Pierce	FDC Computer	SGT Walter S. King
Mechanic	SP4 Loyal E. Hicks	Chart Operator	PV2 Keith A. May
Track Mechanic	SGT Charles H. Daugherty	Chart Operator	PFC William Freeman Jr.
Light Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Harry L. Richardson	Chart Operator	PFC Patri ck E. Grannan

Chart Operator	PFC George K. Farley	TACT Wire Ops	PV2 Adolph S. Scott
Chart Operator	SGT Michael A. Tyring Sr.	TACT Wire Ops	PFC Thomas L. Stewart
CP Driver	PFC Jack D. Powers	TACT Wire Ops	PV1 Richard D. Houck
CP Driver	SP4 Donald W. Simerly	Radio/TT Ops Chief	SGT Willie L. Fitzgerald
TACT Wire OPS	SGT Edward L. Jones	Radio/TT Ops Chief	SSG Joseph V. Rogers
Vehicle Operator	PV2 Jeffrey H. Frazier	Radio/TT Ops	SP5 Gene L. Brown
Recon/Survey Officer	1LT Gary R. Stebbins	Radio/TT Ops	SP5 Richard W. Nelson
Chief of Survey	SSG Roy D. McCarley	Radio/TT Ops Super	SSG Earl E. Sappington
Chief of Party	SGT Garen Franklin	Radio/TT Ops	SGT Willie B. Mark
Chief of Party	SP5 Mario A. Lopcz-Rodriguez	Section Sergeant	SSG Otho Smith Jr.
Chief of Party	SP5 Jerry D. McCarley	Medical Aidman	SSG Ermel L. Kittle
Survey Computer	SP5 Orville A. Clothier	Medical Aidman	SP6 Jerre J. Burton
Survey Computer	SSG William W. Layton	Medical Aidman	PFC Robert F. Chessman
Survey Computer	SSG James R. Landrum Jr.	Medical Aidman	SP5 Ralph G. Parker
Instrument Operator	PV2 Ronald J. Gross Jr.	Medical Aidman	SGT Larry Richardson
Instrument Operator	PFC Victor G. Davila	Medical Aidman	PFC Stephen J. Clark
Vehicle Operator	SP4 Paul G. McCarley	Section Leader	1LT Eddie H. Drath
Rodman/Tapeman	PV2. David Campbell Jr.	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Donald H. Tharp Sr.
Rodman/Tapeman	PV1 Richard W. Sparks	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Clarence M. Priest
Survey Recorder	SP5 Arty L. Dover	MANPADS Crewman	SGT Clifton O. Allen
Survey Recorder	SP5 Donald M. Sullivan	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Carlos F. Pagan-Figueroa
Survey Recorder	SP4 Michael A. Tyler	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Hershel W. Tuck Jr.
Liaison Sergeant	SSG Car l J. Kulow	MANPADS Crewman	PFC Winfred D. Gordon
Liaison Specialist	SGT Danny R. Crow	MANPADS Crewman	SP5 Danny E. Paddie
Platoon Leader	1LT Richard C. Terrell	MANPADS Crewman	SGT Kyle E. Riggs
TAC/Comms Chief	MSG Howard R. Ehardt	Unit Personnel Tech	CW4 Dennis R. Roper
TAC/Comms Supervisor	SGT Bennie J. Garey Jr.	Personnel Sergeant	SFC David O. Nixon
TAC/Comms Operator	PV1 James E. Johnson	Personnel Management	SSG Bob J. Bailey
TAC/Comms Operator	PFC Gary D. Wilks	Senior Personnel MGT	SP5 Dora A. Smith
TAC Wire Specialist	SP4 Dwight W. Franklin	Senior Personnel MGT	PFC Kathleen A. Comforti
Vehicle Driver	PV2 Russell B. Adams	Senior Personnel MGT	PFC Cynthia J. Morris
TAC Wire Specialist	PV2 Kenneth D. Hackler	Senior Personnel MGT	SP4 Alice F. Dyer
TAC Comms Chief	SSG Vernon R. Ward	Senior Personnel MGT	SP4 Judy B. McBeth
TACT Wire Ops Chief	SGT Frank Love	Senior Personnel MGT	SP5 Sharline Stranghter
TACT Wire Ops Chief	SSG Ray L. Watts	Senior Personnel MGT	PFC Addie M. Manning
TACT Wire Ops Chief	SGT Johnnic E. Zumwalt	Senior Personnel MGT	SP5 Barbara R. Catlett
TACT Wire Ops Chief	SGT Timothy W. Zumwalt	Senior Personnel MGT	SGT Cynthia J. Colvin
TACT Wire Ops	SSG Calvin L. Williams	FA Forward Observer	2LT David B. Smith
TACT Wire Ops	SGT Cecil Wright Jr.	SMP Recon/Survey	SGT Donald A. Huntley
TACT Wire Ops	SP4 Anthony Evans	SMP Platoon Leader	SGT Marvin W. Fish
TACT Wire Ops	SP5 James H. Tinnell	SMP Section Leader	SGT Steve M. Bass
TACT Wire Ops	PV2 Domingo Aguilera	SMP FA FO	SGT Karl G. Jensen
TACT Wire Ops	PFC Jackie E. Burnett	SMP FA FO	SGT Gary L. Tolliver
TACT Wire Ops	PV2 Ronnie A. Carter	AFTM Training Asst	CPT David G. O'Neal
TACT Wire Ops	PV2 James H. Crumpton	AFTM Training NCO	SSG Donnie G. Buller
TACT Wire Ops	PV2 Billy D. Galbreath	AFTM Personnel Admin	SP5 Connie M. Vann
TACT Wire Ops	PV2 Darnell K. Johnson	AFTM Training NCO	SSG James W. LeCompte
TACT Wire Ops	PFC Daniel C. Land	AFTM Personnel Admin	SP5 Roy D. Tyson
TACT Wire Ops	PFC Stanley L. Lang	Physicians Asst	CW2 Leo E. Ocker
TACT Wire Ops	PFC Richard Pennington		

**Battery "B", 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Duncan, Oklahoma**

Battery Commander	1LT Gary D. Bray	Tactical Wire Specialist	SP4 Thomas Harrison
Executive Officer	2LT Joe D. Arrington	Fire Direction Officer	2LT Terry L. Rowe
First Sergeant	1SG James D. Spruill	Chief of Firing Battery	SFC Harvard L. Tomlinson
Food Service Sergeant	SGT William M. Scott Jr.	Chief FDC Computer	SP5 Lloyd A. Fincher
Motor Sergeant	SSG Jerry L. Broyles	FDC Computer	SSG Ronald F. Abersoll
Supply Sergeant	SSG Victor L. Hamel	FDC Computer	PFC Carlos L. Aponte
Unit Clerk	SSG Jack R. Van Dyke	Chart Operator	SP5 Asa C. Pearson
Armorer	SP5 Walter B. Van de Mark	Chart Operator	SP4 Robert A. Whitley
Cook	SP4 Kenneth O. Richey	Chart Operator	PVT Leo W. House III
Maintenance Clerk	PFC Robert M. Stranahan	CP Carrier Driver	SGT Marvin D. Sewell
Generator & Wheel Mechanic	SGT Albert G. Castle	FA Weapons Mechanic	SSG Charles W. Bell
Track Vehicle Mechanic	SGT Dorman L. Walters	Assembler	PVT Tommy L. Chisum
Vehicle Driver	PFC David F. Shrope	Assembler	SP5 Eldon W. Hurley
Track Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Eugene P. Ross Jr.	Assembler	SP4 Stephen L. Hamel
Generator & Wheel Mechanic	PVT Michael J. Hendricks	Gunnery Sergeant	SFC Walker A. Rowell
Cook	SP4 William N. Pogue	Section Chief	SSG Larry D. Eckstein
First Cook	SGT Bobby R. Stringer	Section Chief	SSG Gene P. Hendricks
Tactical Commo Chief	SSG Ronald E. Ballard	Section Chief	SSG Patrick H. Resneder
Tactical Wire Specialist	SGT Jeffery L. Spivey	Section Chief	SSG Abundio V. Rodriguez

Gunner	SGT Billy P. Morgan	Cannoneer	PVT Royce D. Myers
Gunner	SGT John M. Kaiser	Cannoneer	PVT Phillip A. Woolf
Gunner	SGT David L. McDonald	Cannoneer	PVT Robert L. Cobbs
Gunner	SGT Dan Francis	Cannoneer	PFC Bobby K. Griffith
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Jimmie L. Arrington	Cannoneer	PFC Kevin A. Taylor
Assistant Gunner	SP4 Charles D. Houston	Cannoneer	PVT Jimmy T. Bullock
Assistant Gunner	SP4 David B. Sloan	Cannoneer	PFC Johnny A. Smith
Assistant Gunner	SGT Clayton R. Riddles	Cannoneer	PVT Jesse L. Pulliam
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 James B. Sullivan	Cannoneer	PVT Michael R. Gatlin
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Alan D. Miller	Cannoneer	PVT Johnny L. Johnston
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Randy R. Blumer	Ammo Section Chief	SGT Danny J. Bohannon
Cargo Carrier Driver	SP4 Patrick F. Stephens	Heavy Vehicle Driver	SGT Richard C. Britton
Motor Carrier Driver	SP4 Billy A. Myers	Ammunition Handler	SGT Richard D. Williams
Motor Carrier Driver	PFC Donald G. Pruitt	Ammunition Handler	SP4 Wendell E. Davidson
Motor Carrier Driver	PFC Shelby L. Barnes	Heavy Vehicle Driver	SP4 Edward D. Foley
Motor Carrier Driver	PFC Carlton S. Keenan	Heavy Vehicle Driver	PFC Michael L. Hunt
Cannoneer	PFC Larry E. Clyburn	Unit Training NCO	SSG Richard L. Bechtel
Cannoneer	SGT William O. Peebles	Unit Maintenance NCO	SGT Stanley E. Boughton
Cannoneer	PVT Terrance Worley	Unit Supply Technician	SGT David Gleason
Cannoneer	PFC Carl R. Sternadel	Unit Administration NCO	SSG Luis E. Matos Sr.
Cannoneer	PFC Michael R. Copeland		

### **EXTRACT FROM HHB ANNUAL HISTORY 1982**

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** The memorable year of 1982 brought with it many individual and unit achievements. Also, the unit achieved, with great success, all of its goals and missions. Members of the unit displayed professionalism and leadership abilities combined with progressiveness and attitudes that surpassed only a "pride in belonging."

The year began on 16 January 1982, with an initial formation at 0730 hrs, followed by Drill and Ceremonies and commanders time. At 0900 hrs, each section began the year with instruction from their appropriate Soldiers Manuals, with emphasis on ARTEP tasks. On Sunday, church services were given by Chaplain Hays, followed by the commanders Satisfactory Participation briefing. After the briefing, classes were given on Military Justice, Recruiting & Incentive Programs, and the units Retention Program; with material care and maintenance following. The weekend closed with a final formation and the commanders training critique. The month of January 1982 finished with several members participating in a BTMS Training Managers Workshop conducted 24-25 January 1982 at the Military Academy in Oklahoma City.

During the 6-7 February 1982 drill, the battery drilled at the Armory with an initial formation at 0730 hrs. It was Soldiers Manual and ARTEP training tasks, that again constituted training for the weekend. Sunday started with the battalion chaplain conducting worship services for the members of the unit, followed by more Soldiers Manual training. At 1500 hrs, material care and maintenance took place until the final formation, which also had the battery commander give his training critique. On 20-21 February 1982, several members participated in a Pre-AT Recon at Fort Chaffee, AR to select positions for the upcoming AT-82.

A 0730 hrs formation began the unit's 6-7 March 1982 drill assembly. First formation was followed by Drill & Ceremonies and commanders time. Our FDC and Medical personnel supported the firing batteries on a Dry Fire RSOP, while everyone else conducted more Soldiers Manual training at the armory. Sunday began with worship services followed by continued training from the previous day's tasks. At 1300 hrs, material care and maintenance was performed until the final formation was conducted at 1700 hrs. During the formation, the commander gave his training critique to the members of the unit. Also during the month, MAJ John D. McReynolds and SSG Michael C. Hinson participated in a Ration & Subsistence Accountability School in the Military Academy on 30-31 March 1982.

The drill in April 1982, was again another month of individual training. This month, however, which was started on 3 April 1982, brought with it the first exercise in a field environment at Fort Sill, OK. Drill, for the most part was oriented towards many ARTEP tasks that would be seen on the batteries upcoming ARTEP at AT-82. Sunday again started off with the chaplain giving worship services to the members of the unit, which was followed by material care and maintenance. The drill concluded with a final formation containing the commander's critique. April was again a very busy month, for the unit conducted its second drill of the month. Drill was conducted on 24-25 April 1982, but this time it was an over-night exercise in the field. Many ARTEP tasks were again performed by the sections. The battery returned to home station on Sunday morning and started working material care and maintenance. The final drill in April concluded with a formation, in which the unit commander presented his training critique for the weekends training events.

On the 8th of May 1982, the unit formed for yet another drill. This time it was a "Maintenance drill", with much emphasis on preparing vehicles and equipment for the upcoming AT which would have included with it, a COMET



inspection. Drill finished with all sections indicating that they were ready for AT. The commander then called a formation and released the units personnel, after he had briefed the members about the long convoy ahead of them on the next assembly. This briefing was mostly safety oriented. On the 15th of May 1982, the unit once again assembled. This was the start of our Annual Training, which would be conducted from 15 May 1982 to Saturday 29 May 1982. The battery commander briefed all personnel about the long convoy which would take place going to Fort Chaffee, AR. The unit then departed and arrived at Fort Chaffee without any accidents or incidents. From Saturday, 15 May 1982 to Saturday 29 May 82, Annual Training took its course of events. The next two weeks would bring the unit to some of its greatest tests. It would be during the days to follow, that much needed training would take place, reflecting the many highs and lows of the personnel of the unit. During the first couple of days, the battery personnel prepared for the COMET inspection. This was a very trying time for all the members of the unit. But the inspection, which was conducted on Monday 17 May 1982, gave all of the members of the battery a great sense of accomplishment, because of the final results of the inspection. The batteries Wire section did very commendable, achieving a percentile score of a 99%. During the whole of AT, the unit met every challenge with great success. The unit proved that it could meet any and all adverse conditions. The mission was accomplished with much enthusiasm and assertiveness. Also, during AT, the unit was visited by Governor George Nigh, on 19 May 1982. On Saturday, 29 May 1982, the unit returned to Home Station and proceeded to download as much equipment as possible. All sensitive items were turned in and after accounting for everything, the battery was released. The next day, 30 May 1982, was our maintenance drill. This began with an initial formation, after which, the unit used the day to finish downloading its equipment from annual training. Personnel began to restore their sections back to order. The afternoon brought material care and maintenance with motor stables. The day concluded with a final formation.

During the 26-27 June 1982 drill, the first assembly started at 0750 hrs, followed by commander's time. Soon after, the battery moved to Fort Sill to conduct Common Task Training. This training was designed to evaluate individual proficiency in First Aid, NBC, Map reading, and RTO procedures. The battery returned to home station at approximately 1600 hrs. On Sunday, the Chaplain, MAJ Hays, performed services for the members of the unit. This was followed by Soldiers Manual training. The afternoon brought material care and maintenance. Drill finalized with a formation and a training critique by the battery commander.

During the month of July 1982, the unit did not have a scheduled drill, but several members participated in a BTMS Training Managers Workshop refresher/training conference put on by the 45th FA Brigade during the period of 24-25 July 1982.

August 1982 was a very productive month. Drill was 14-15 August 1982. First formation started at 0730 hrs, followed by drill & ceremonies and the usual commander's time. During the day all members familiarized and qualified with their assigned weapons. The training took place at the underground range, Burch Hall, Cameron University. This was because of the .22 caliber ammunition that was being used to familiarize and qualify the unit's personnel. Also, during the month of August several personnel attended the 45th FA Brigade's Advanced NCO Academy at Oklahoma City. This NCO school began their first of five drills on 27-22 August 1982. Also, during the same time period, 21-22 August 1982, several other members of the unit participated in a Mobilization exercise at Fort Sill, OK.

During the September drill conducted on the 18th and 19th, the unit again conducted Soldiers Manual training. Selected personnel were also given instruction in NBC defense by CPT Centracco, of the 4155th USAR school. 25-26 September 1982 was again another drill for several NCO's of this unit at the 45th FA Brigade's Advanced NCO Academy at the Military Academy in Oklahoma City. Also on 29-30 September 1982, select members participated in another MOBEX at Fort Sill, OK.

Drill for October 1982 kicked off on 2-3 October 1982. Select personnel again participated in NBC defense training put on by the 4155th USAR school. The remainder of the unit's personnel, continued to do individual training from their Soldiers Manuals.

On 5-6 October 1982, the battery underwent its Annual Command Inventory. CW4 Gene Wells and CW4 Billy C. Taylor performed the inspection. They were members of the USPFO for OK team,

The November 1982 drill was a very profitable one for the battery. Drill commenced on 6 November 1982. Soldiers Manual training went on as usual, but it was during this drill that the unit received its Command Inspection by Brigade. This inspection helped determine the unit status and its readiness for the upcoming Command Readiness Inspection that would take place sometime in January 1983. The unit completed the inspection with very favorable results. Again on Sunday, the Chaplain gave his worship services to the members of the unit. At 1300 hrs, the personnel performed material care and maintenance once again. At 1700 hrs, final formation was held, in which the commander gave his training critique. It was during this critique, that the commander talked about the successful accomplishment in passing the command inspection, but the long road ahead in getting ready for the all important Command Readiness Inspection.

The final drill assembly of the year was conducted on 4-5 December 1982. Initial formation was conducted at 0730 hrs, followed by drill & ceremonies and commanders time. Training started at 0900 hrs, with instruction for selected

personnel in NBC defense and the rest of the battery undertaking the usual Soldiers Manual training. Sunday resumed with more individual training taking place after worship services being given by Chaplain Hays. At 1300 hrs, material care and maintenance was conducted. During the maintenance being performed, many section chiefs briefed their personnel

on the many accomplishments during the year and set new goals to be met in the upcoming year. Also, during this time period, all of the officers of the unit received their semi-annual Standards of Conduct Briefing. The year finally closed with a formation at 1700 hrs and a training critique given by the Battery Commander.

- 7 January 1982 - SSG William W. Layton, Reenlistment NCO, transferred to HHD OKARNG to accept SW OK Retention NCO position
- 15 January 1982 - 2LT Paul E. Smith, Recon/Survey Officer, transferred to Svc Btry 1 Bn 158 FA. CPT Howard W. Smith, assigned & Jd as C-E Staff Officer, replacing 1LT James L. Chandler, reassigned as Platoon Leader. 1LT James L. Chandler, reassigned from C-E Staff Officer to Platoon Leader.
- 1 March 1982 - SSG Carl J. Kulow, Chemical Staff NCO, transferred to Btry B, 1 Bn, 158 FA.
- 3 March 1982 - 2LT John T. Helms, assigned & Jd as Recon/Survey Officer, replacing 2LT Paul E. Smith, transferred to Svc Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA on 15 Jan 82.
- 1 April 1982 - 2LT Roderick Hewlett, Section Leader, transferred to Svc Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA.
- 2 April 1982 - SP5 Amos J. Owens, reassigned from Opns Spec to Reenlistment NCO replacing SSG William W. Layton, transferred to HHD OKARNG on 7 Jan 82.
- 26 April 1982 - MSG Howard R. Ehardt, Comm Chief, transferred to Retired Reserve USAR Control Group. SSG Ray L. Watts, reassigned from TACT Wire Opns Team Chief to Comm Chief, replacing MSG Howard R. Ehardt, transferred to Retired Reserve USAR Control Group.
- 1 May 1982 - SSC Carl J. Kulow, assigned & Jd as Chemical Staff NCO.
- 19 May 1982 - 2LT Michael D. Avery, assigned & Jd as FA Forward Observer.
- 6 June 1982 - 1LT Jackie L. Byas, attached Chaplain, RFAT dpvt to HHD 245th Trans Bn OKARNG, Ardmore, OK.
- 29 July 1982 - 2LT Michael R. Anderson, assigned & Jd as Section Leader, replacing 2LT Roderick Hewlett, transferred to Svc Btry, 1 Bn, 158 FA on 1 Apr 82. 2LT Robert R. Emerson, assigned & Jd as FA Forward Observer.
- 10 September 1982 - CPT William R. Johnson, Motor Officer, transferred to Btry C, 1 Bn 158 FA.
- 30 September 1982 - CPT David G. O'Neal, AFTM Tng Asst, RFAT dpvt to Cmd & Cnt HQ's OKARNG (-) (45 Trp Cmd).
- 1 October 1982 - CPT David G. O'Neal, assigned & Jd as AFTM Tng Asst. CPT Arthur R. South, 52, transferred to HHB 45 FA Bde, Enid, OK.
- 14 October 1982 - SFC Gerald S. Plaster, AFTM Unit Tng NCO, RFAT dpvt to Cmd & Cnt HQ's OKARNG (-) (45 Trp Cmd). SFC James W. LeCompte, AFTM Unit Tng NCO, RFAT dpvt to Cmd & Cnt HQ's OKARNG (-) (45 Trp Cmd).
- 15 October 1982 - SFC Gerald S. Plaster, assigned & Jd as AFTM Unit Tng NCO. SFC James W. LeCompte, assigned & Jd as AFTM Unit Tng NCO.
- 31 October 1982 - CPT Howard W. Smith, C-E Staff Officer, Sep resignation.
- 1 November 1982 - CPT Douglas P. Wellman, assigned & Jd as C-E Staff Officer, replacing CPT Howard W. Smith, Sep resignation on 31 Oct 82. 2LT Joe D. Arrington, assigned & Jd as Liaison Officer, replacing CPT Arthur R. South, transferred to HHB 45 FA Bde on 1 Oct 82.
- 24 November 1982 - CPT James D. Martin, assigned & Jd as Motor Officer, replacing CPT William R. Johnson, transferred to Btry C, 1 Bn, 158 FA on 10 Sep 82.

**HHB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Battalion Commander	LTC Ronald W. Holt	First Cook	SSG Jimmie L. McAfee
XO	MAJ John D. McReynolds	Unit Armorer	SP4 Caldean L. Pitcher
S-3	MAJ Bobby D. thonasson	Unit Armorer	PV1 Ronald B. Hopkins
Motor Officer	CPT William R. Johnson	Cook	SSG Charles E. Anderson
Chaplain	MAJ Marvin D. Hays	Cook	SSG David P. Higuera
C-E Staff Officer	1LT James L. Chandler	Cook	SP5 Richard Limon
Liaison Officer	CPT Austin L. Atkinson	Equip Maint Clerk	SP4 Michael D. Duncan
S-1	CPT Gary R. Stebbins	Generator Mechanic	SP4 Rolando M. Paragan
S-2	CPT Arthur R. South	Generator Mechanic	SP4 Loyal E. Hicks Jr.
CSM	SGM Robert L. Stringer	Generator Mechanic	PFC Kenneth D. Rackler
Battery Commander	CPT James R. Frazier Jr.	Generator Mechanic	PV2 Eddy D. Middleton
First Sergeant	1SG Clay F. Dudenhoeffer	Track Mechanic	SGT Charles H. Daugherty
Food Service Sergeant	SFC Marx L. Calhoun	Cook	SP4 Joseph H. Haas
Motor Sergeant	SGT Randall R. Dedert	Cook	SP5 Samuel Santiago
Supply Sergeant	SSG Michael C. Hinson	Cook	PV2 Victor G. Richardson
First Cook	SFC Charles L. Scott	PAC Supervisor	SP6 Larry C. Davis
First Cook	SSG Oliver J. Gordon	Reenlistment NCO	SSG William W. Layton

Personnel NCO	SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr.	TACT Wire Specialist	PV1 Teddy M. Christian
PAC Clerk	SSG William E. Foote Sr.	TACT Wire Specialist	PV1 James H. Crumpton
PAC Clerk	SP5 Jerry A. Wiser	TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Ronnie A. Carter
FDO Officer	CPT Leland F. Kliewer	TACT Wire Specialist	PFC Billy E. Barham
INTELL Sergeant	MSG Kenneth V. Ille	TACT Wire Specialist	PV1 Billy D. Galbreath
Operations Sergeant	MSG Ora A. Correll	TACT Wire Specialist	PV2 Richard L. Hix
NBC NCO	SSG Carl J. Kulow	TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Jonathan D. McMackin
NBC Specialist	PV1 Albert A. Lagomarsino	TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Richard Pennington
Clerk Typist	SP4 John P. Sanders	TACT Wire Specialist	PV1 Edward P. Sockbeson
Operations Specialist	SP5 Amos J. Owens	Radio TT Operator	SP5 Richard W. Nelson
Vehicle Driver	SGT John L. Kyllingstad	Radio TT Operator	SP5 Gene L. Brown
Chief FDO Computer	SFC Emmitt D. Unsell	Radio TT Team Chief	SGT Willie L. Fitzgerald
Asst Chief FDO	SSG James A. Tuckness	Radio TT Team Chief	SSG Joseph V. Rogers
FDO Computer	SSG William A. Dupre Jr.	Radio TT Team Chief	SSG Earl E. Sappington
FDO Computer	SSG Kenneth G. Clark	Section Sergeant	SSG Otho Smith Jr.
FDO Computer	SGT Walter E. King	Clinical Specialist	SSG George A. Cotton
FDO Computer	SP5 Tommy E. Wooten	Medical Aidman	SSG Ermel L. Kittle
Chart Operator	SGT George K. Farley	Ambulance Driver	PFC Glen A. Clark
Chart Operator	SP4 Patrick E. Grannan	Battery Aidman	SP4 Robert F. Cheesman
Chart Operator	SP4 Keith A. May	Battery Aidman	PFC Stephen J. Clark
CP Driver	PFC Jeffrey H. Frazier	Battery Aidman	SP6 Jerre J. Burton
CP Driver	SP4 Jack D. Powers	Battery Aidman	SP4 Shelton R. Knox III
TACT Wire Specialist	PFC Gary D. Wilks	Aidman	PFC Ollie D. Walker
Vehicle Driver	PV1 James C. Gryder	Aidman	PV1 Mark N. Hanks
RECON/Survey Officer	2LT Paul E. Smith	Aidman	PV1 Johnny A. Zapata
Chief Surveyor	SFC Hugh E. Chebahtah	Section Leader	2LT Roderic Hewlett
Chief of Party	SSG Orville A. Clothier	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Donald R. Tharp Sr.
Chief of Party	SSG Garen Franklin	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Hershel W. Tuck Jr.
Chief of Party	SSG Roy D. McCarley	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Carlos Pagan-Figueroa
Survey Computer	SSG Walter L. McCarley	MANPADS Crewman	SSG John C. Spurlock
Survey Computer	SP4 Mario A. Lopez-Rodriguez	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Clarence M. Priest
Instrument Operator	PFC Victor G. Davila	MANPADS Crewman	SGT Clifton O. Allen
Instrument Operator	PFC Arty L. Dover Jr.	MANPADS Crewman	SP4 Patrick W. Reyes
Instrument Operator	SP4 Bradley D. Rittenhouse	MANPADS Crewman	PFC Winfred D. Gordon
Vehicle Driver	SP4 Frank E. Sales	MANPADS Crewman	SGT Kyle E. Riggs
Rodman/Tapeman	PV1 Eddy E. Christian	Unit Personnel Tech	CW4 Dennis R. Roper
Rodman/Tapeman	PV1 Richard P. Rozsypal	Personnel Sergeant	SFC David O. Nixon
Rodman/Tapeman	PV2 Cyril R. St. Pierre	Personnel Management	SSG Bob J. Bailey
Survey Recorder	SP4 Jimmie D. Avance	Personnel Specialist	SPS Dora A. Smith
Survey Recorder	SP5 Donald L. Sullivan	Personnel Specialist	SP5 Barbara R. Catlett
Survey Recorder	PFC Michael A. Tyler	Personnel Specialist	SP4 Kathleen A. Comforti
Liaison Sergeant	SSG Ronnie H. Graves	Personnel Specialist	PV2 Christina M. Cook
Liaison Specialist	SGT Danny R. Crow	Personnel Specialist	SP4 Alice F. Dyer
TACT Comm Chief	MSG Howard R. Ehardt	Personnel Specialist	PFC Marvin W. Fish
TACT Comm System	SGT Bennie J. Garey Jr.	Personnel Specialist	SP5 Judy B. McBath
TACT Comm Mechanic	SP4 Robert T. Terlisner	Personnel Specialist	PFC Cynthia J. Morris
Vehicle Driver	SP4 Jackie E. Burnett	Personnel Specialist	SP4 Addie M. Smith
TACT Comm Chief	SSG Vernon R. Ward	Personnel Specialist	SP5 Sharline Straughter
TACT Wire Team	SGT Frank Love	FA Forward Observer	2LT Gary L. Tolliver
TACT Wire Team	SSG Ray L. Watts	SMP RECON/Survey	SGT William Freeman Jr.
TACT Wire Team	SGT Timothy W. Zumwalt	SMP Platoon Leader	SGT Donald A. Huntley
TACT Wire Team	SGT Johnny E. Zumwalt	Physicians Assistant	CW2 Leo E. Ocker Jr.
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Erwin Kanins	Chaplain Attached	1LT Jackie L. Byas
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Monte E. Meeke	AFTM TNG Asst	CPT David G. O'Neal
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Larry R. Powell	AFM Unit TNG NCO	SFC Gerald S. Plaster
TACT Wire Specialist	SSG Calvin L. Williams	AFM Unit TNG NCO	SFC James W. LeCompte
TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Cecil Wright Jr.	AFTM Personnel Admin	SSG Connie M. Vann
TACT Wire Specialist	PV2 David Campbell Jr.	AFTM Personnel Admin	SP5 Roy D. Tyson

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The year began on 8 January 1983, with an initial formation at 0730 hours, followed by platoon level Drill and Ceremonies and commanders time. At 0900 hrs, each section began the year training at individual Soldiers Manual tasks in support of ARTEP tasks. It was also during this eventful drill, that the unit underwent the new "Command Readiness Inspection", which was conducted by MAJ Michael E. Denney, IG, HQ's Fifth US Army and his inspection team. The unit received a satisfactory rating which was outstanding, considering the immense importance of this new type of inspection which reflected greatly on the

readiness of the unit and its capability to accomplish the mission. The drill finalized with more individual training and some maintenance of equipment. Personnel were then released after final formation which included the commander's training critique. The month of January 1983 finished with the Battalion Commander and several key personnel participating in a Pre-AT recon at Ft. Sill, OK to select positions for the upcoming AT-83.

During the 5-6 February 1983 drill, the battery drilled at the armory with an initial formation at 0730 hrs. It was all Soldiers Manual training in support of ARTEP tasks, that again constituted training for the weekend. Sunday brought more individual training followed by material care and maintenance. Drill concluded with a final formation and a commanders training critique at 1700 hrs. After the February 1983 drill there was still more training for selected personnel, because on 26-27 February 1983 several personnel from the unit participated in a Staff CPX at Fort Sill, OK while others participated in a safety personnel orientation at UTES #2, Fort Sill, OK.

March 1983 was a very special, as well as a very productive, month for the unit. During the 12-13 March 1983 drill, the unit went to the field for the first time during the year. It was a fruitful drill since each section performed section level ARTEP missions, applying individual tasks learned from previous drills. Drill concluded with material care and maintenance followed by final formation and the commander's Training critique at 1700 hrs. On 15 March 1983, SGM Robert L. Stringer Bn Sgt Maj., retired after more than 35 years service. This was a time which showed that an individual reaped the rewards of a long and dedicated profession, but also made evident an individual, whose active participation would truly be missed.

April was again a very busy month, for the unit conducted its second drill in a field environment. Drill was conducted 9-10 April 1983, but this time it was an over-night exercise in the field. Many ARTEP tasks were again performed by the sections. The battery returned to home station on Sunday morning and started working on maintenance. Drill concluded with a formation, in which the commander presented his training critique for the weekend's training events.

During the month of May 1983, the unit did not have a scheduled drill, but several other events took place. On the 7th of May 1983, the unit assembled for yet another annual training period. This was the beginning of our AT, which would be conducted from 7 May 1983 until 21 May 1983. The battery commander briefed all personnel about safety and convoy procedures during first formation at which time the 1SG conducted a physical inspection of the unit's personnel. After formation, all sections continued to prepare for departure, and at 1200 hrs 7 May 1983 the unit departed and arrived at Fort Sill, OK (the site for our AT) without any incidents or accidents. From Saturday, 7 May 1983 to Saturday 21 May 1983, annual training took its course of events. The next two weeks would bring the unit to its greatest test yet. The first test that the unit underwent was the COMET inspection, which was conducted by CPT Merle D. Anderson, team chief, CSMS, on 10 May 1983. The results of the inspection were very successful and the unit once again set out in preparation for yet another inspection (the "ARTEP") which have everyone (bar none) performing to their utmost ability. This was a very important ARTEP, since the unit was striving for an "N-1" rating. Despite the adversities and sacrifices made, the unit met every challenge with great success. The unit proved, once again, that it could tackle any task and accomplish the mission. The ARTEP missions were accomplished with much enthusiasm and assertiveness. On Saturday, 21 May 1983, the unit returned to home station and proceeded to download equipment and perform maintenance. After all sensitive items were turned in and accounted for, the

battery was released. One could feel the ecstatic emotions of everyone in the air upon the batteries departure, evidently due to the batteries accomplishments during the previous two weeks, The next day, some personnel from the unit still underwent yet another test of endurance, because during the week of 22-27 May 1983 they went to Fort Chaffee, AR to serve as ARTEP evaluators for the 1 Bn 171 FA, a sister battalion in the 45th FA Brigade.

June 1983 was a very productive month. Drill was 11-12 June 1983. During the first day of drill, all members familiarized and qualified with their assigned weapon. Training was followed maintenance of assigned weapons. Sunday brought with it individual training in all sections followed by material care and maintenance. Drill concluded with a training critique by the commander during final formation.

The 16-17 July 1983 drill was again another test of the unit's ability to perform in a field environment. Once again the unit's personnel proved that the ARTEP missions they were challenged with could result in successful accomplishment. Drill finalized on a good note, after the commander rendered his training critique.

Drill once again came and was performed on 6-7 August 1983, During this drill, BG Norman H. Duckworth, Asst AG, visited the unit. Training, once again, was all Soldiers Manual tasks in support of ARTEP tasks. This drill was not any different than any other. Final formation, with a training critique, concluded yet another very productive drill. Also during August 1983, the unit received its annual "Internal Review" which was evaluated by CW4 Gene Wells, Examiner, USPFO for OK. The inspection started on Friday 26 August 1983 and was interrupted only by the weekend and concluded during the period 29-31 August 1983. The inspection went very well with only a few suggestions and comments made. It appeared that the unit was once again continuing to accomplish its mission and meet its established goals.

September 1983 was a very unique month for training. Drill was 10-11 September 1983. During this month, nearly every officer and NCO in the unit attended BTMS at Snow Hall, Fort Sill, OK. Everyone else in the unit not participating in BTMS received special training from the 4155th USAR school in specific NBC subjects in the unit's classroom. This was a very rewarding training period for everyone in the unit, since training management was enlightened for everyone. Also during this drill the unit received an unannounced IDT attendance internal review by CW4 Gene Wells, Examiner, USPFO for OK.

The 1-2 October 1983 drill started with yet another inspection. This time it was a new "Readiness Improvement Program" inspection which replaced the old command inspection. The RIP inspection was done by COL Robert N. Clark, and team, from HQ's STARC. This inspection did not hinder training though, because the unit once again went to Fort Sill, OK and conducted weapons qualification for the FY-84 requirement. Training also continued as usual in Soldiers Manual tasks in support of ARTEP tasks. As always, drill ended with yet another final format ion and the commanders training critique.

November 1985 was again another productive month. Drill was performed on 5-6 November 1983. Training was highlighted as always in the Soldiers Manual subject area in support of ARTEP tasks. Drill ended with maintenance followed by formation, which also included another critique by the commander in accomplishments made and future training requirements.

The final drill of the year was performed on 3-4 December 1983. This drill rounded out a very productive year for the battery. It was also a very festive time of the year for everyone concerned. Emotions were high and "esprit de corps" was very evident. Every section continued their training by striving for excellence in their specific individual skills. After the excellent meal on Sunday, the battery performed material care and maintenance, in which many section chiefs briefed their personnel on many accomplishments during the year and set new goals to be met in the upcoming year. The year finally closed with a training critique presented by the Battery commander.

- 6 January 1983: 2LT John T. Helms, RSO, Separated to Accept appointment in ALARNG.
- 14 January 1983: 2LT Joe D. Arrington, Liaison Officer, Separated resignation.
- 16 January 1983: CPT Timothy D. Laster, assigned & JD as Recon/Survey Officer, replacing 2LT John T. Helms, Separated to accept appointment in ALARNG.
- 15 February 1983: CPT James D. Martin, Motor Officer, transferred to Btry B, 1 Bn, 158 FA, Duncan, OK. CPT Leland F. Kliewer, reassigned from FDO to Motor Officer. CPT Gary D. Bray, assigned & JD as FDO, replacing CPT Leland F. Kliewer, reassigned as Motor Officer.
- 1 March 1983: MAJ Marvin D. Hays, Chaplain, transferred to HHB 45th Bde, Enid, OK.
- 15 March 1983: SGM Robert L. Stringer, Bn SGT Major, transferred to USAR Control Group (Retired).
- 1 April 1983: CPT Sanford W. Wylie Jr., assigned & JD as Chaplain, replacing MAJ Marvin D. Hays, transferred to HHB 45th FA Bde, Enid, OK. CSM Medgar D. Beaver, assigned & JD as Bn SGT Major, replacing SGM Robert Stringer, transferred to USAR Control Group (Retired).
- 11 May 1983: 2LT Michael R. Anderson, Section Leader, Separated resignation.
- 28 May 1983: 2LT Michael D. Avery, FA Forward Observer, Separated ROTC-EC Officer entering 3 yrs volunteer AD.

- 10 June 1983: 2LT George K. Farley, assigned & JD as Section Leader, replacing 2LT Michael R. Anderson, Separated resignation.
- 31 July 1983: 2LT Douglas B. Kelly, assigned & JD as FA Forward Observer, replacing 2LT Michael D. Avery, Sep ROTC-EC Off entering 3 yrs volunteer AD.
- 9 September 1983: 1LT James L. Chandler Commel Platoon Leader, Separated accept of Appointment in USAR.
- 1 October 1983: CSM Medgar D. Beaver, Bn SGT Major, transferred to HHB 1 Bn 171 FA, Altus, OK.
- 15 December 1983: 1SG Clay F. Dudenhoeffer, 1SG, Appointed to MSG. MSG Clay F. Dudenhoeffer, 1SG, reassigned as Bn SGT Major, replacing CMS Medgar D. Beaver, transferred to HHB 1Bn 171 FA, Altus, OK.

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Battalion Commander	LTC Ronald W. Holt	Chief of Party	SSG Garen Franklin
XO	MAJ John D. McReynolds	Survey Computer	SP4 Jimmie D. Avance
S-3	MAJ Bobby D. Thomasson	Survey Computer	SP4 Bennie R. Vaughan
Motor Officer	CPT James D. Martin	Instrument Operator	SP4 William A. Dougherty
Surgeon	CW2 Leo E. Ocker Jr.	Instrument Operator	PFC Gregory A. Robinson
Chaplain	MAJ Marvin D. Hays	Instrument Operator	PV2 James G. Powers
C-E Staff Officer	CPT Douglas P. Wellman	Vehicle Driver	PV2 Richard P. Rozsypal
Liaison Officer	2LT Joe D. Arrington	Rodman/Tapeman	PV2 Victor G. Davila
S-1	CPT Gary R. Stebbins	Rodman/Tapeman	PV1 Tony L. Gilley
S-2	CPT Austin L. Atkinson	Rodman/Tapeman	PV2 Cyril R. St. Pierre
CSM	SGM Robert L. Stringer	Survey Recorder	SP5 Walter D. Coates
Battery Commander	CPT James R. Frazier Jr.	Survey Recorder	SGT Leopoldo Montoya Jr.
First Sergeant	1SG Clay F. Dudenhoeffer	Survey Recorder	SFC Charles L. Scott
Food Service Sergeant	SFC Marx L. Calhoun	Liaison Sergeant	SSG Ronnie H. Graves
Motor Sergeant	SGT Randall R. Dedert	Liaison Specialist	SGT Calvin M. Clay
Supply Sergeant	SSG Donald M. Sullivan	Platoon Leader	1LT James L. Chandler
First Cook	SSG Jimmie L. McAfee	TACT COMM Chief	MSG Ray L. Watts
Unit Clerk	SSG Timothy W. Reed	TACT COMM System	SSG Bennie J. Garey
Armorer	SP5 Caldean L. Pitcher	TACT COMM Mechanic	PV2 Timothy L. Tappan
Cook	SSG Charles E. Anderson	TACT COMM Mechanic	SP4 Robert T. Terlisner
Cook	SP5 Roosevelt Danna Jr.	TACT Wire Ops	SP4 Richard Pennington
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Michael D. Duncan	Vehicle Operator	SP4 Jackie E. Burnett
Track Mechanic	SP4 Rolando M. Paragan	TACT Wire Ops	PFC Anthony M. Sanders
Vehicle Mechanic	PFC Bobby L. Whittington	TACT COMM Chief	SSG Vernon R. Ward
Vehicle Driver	SP4 Harry L. Richardson	TACT Wire Ops	SSG Joseph V. Rogers
Wheel Mechanic	SP4 Kenneth D. Rackler	TACT Wire Ops	SGT Johnny E. Zumwalt
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Cook	SSG Richard Limon	TACT Wire Ops	SGT Timothy W. Zumwalt
PAC Supervisor	SP6 Larry C. Davis	TACT Wire Ops	SGT Frank Love
REUP NCO	SSG Amos J. Owens	TACT Wire Ops	SGT Monte E. Meeke
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Clerk Typist	PFC Victor G. Richardson	TACT Wire Ops	PV2 Winfred D. Gordon
Operations Specialist	SP4 Hector Torres	TACT Wire Ops	PFC Richard L. Hix
Vehicle Driver	SGT Kyle E. Riggs	TACT Wire Ops	PV2 Ronald B. Hopkins
Chief Computer	SFC Emmitt D. Unsell	TACT Wire Ops	PFC Erwin Kanins
Asst Chief Computer	SSG James A. Tuckness	TACT Wire Ops	PV2 Scott W. Kennedy
FDO Computer	SSG Kenneth G. Clark	TACT Wire Ops	PFC Edward P. Sockbeson
FDO Computer	SSG William A. Dupre Jr.	TACT Wire Ops	PFC Broderick L. Stewart
FDO Computer	SSG Walter E. King	Radio TT Chief	SP5 Gene L. Brown
FDO Computer	SP5 Samuel Santiago	Radio TT Chief	SGT Willie L. Fitzgerald
Chart Operator	SP4 Keith A. May	Radio TT Operator	SP5 David S. Ballenger
Chart Operator	SP4 Jack D. Powers	Radio TT Operator	SP5 Richard W. Nelson
Chart Operator	PFC Thomas W. Pritchard	Radio TT Supervisor	SSG Earl E. Sappington
CP Driver	PV2 James C. Gryder	Radio TT Operator	SP4 George S. Escoe
TACT Wire Specialist	PFC Gary D. Wilks	Radio TT Operator	SP4 Gregory T. Frazier
Vehicle Driver	PV2 Albert A. Lagomarsino	Section Sergeant	SSG Otho Smith Jr.
RECON/Survey Officer	2LT John T. Helms	Patient Care Specialist	SSG George A. Cotton
Chief Surveyor	SSG Michael C. Hinson	Medical Aidman	SSG Ermel L. Kittle
Chief of Party	SFC Hugh E. Chebahtah	Ambulance Driver	PV1 Stephen C. Stueart
Chief of Party	SSG Orville A. Clothier	Battery Aidman	SP4 Robert F. Cheesman

Battery Aidman	SP5 Ralph G. Parker	Personnel Specialist	SP4 Alice F. Dyer
Battery Aidman	SP6 Jerre J. Burton	Personnel Specialist	SSG Judy B. McBath
Battery Aidman	SGT Larry D. Richardson	Personnel Specialist	SSG Cynthia J. Morris
Medical Aidman	PV2 Stephen J. Clark	Personnel Specialist	SP4 Addie M. Smith
Section Leader	2LT Michael R. Anderson	Personnel Specialist	SP5 Sharline Straughter
MANPADS Crewman	SSG Hershel W. Tuck Jr.	Forward Observer	2LT Michael D. Avery
MANPADS Crewman	SSG Carlos Pagan-Figueroa	Forward Observer	2LT Robert R. Enerson
MANPADS Crewman	SGT Clifton O. Allen	RECON/Survey Officer	SGT Bradley D. Rittenhouse
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MANPADS Crewman	SP5 Patrick W. Reyes	SMP FA FO	SGT George K. Farley
MANPADS Crewman	PV2 Bert T. Bearman	SMP FA FO	SGT Patrick E. Grannan
MANPADS Crewman	SP4 Joseph H. Haas	AFTM TNG ASST	CPT David G. O'Neal
Unit Personnel Tech	CW4 Dennis R. Roper	AFTM Unit TNG NCO	SFC Gerald S. Plaster
Personnel Sergeant	SFC David O. Nixon	AFTM Personnel	SSG Connie M. Vann
Personnel Management	SSG Bob J. Bailey	AFTM UNIT TNG NCO	SFC James W. LeCompte
Personnel Specialist	SP4 Marvin W. Fish	AFTM Personnel	SP5 Roy D. Tyson
Personnel Specialist	SP5 Barbara R. Catlett	FTRF	SFC Dean A. Vargas
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### **EXTRACTS FROM HHB OKARNG FORM 191 (1 OCT 83) FOR 1984**

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** Unit Assembly Date 7-8 January 1984. The month of January 1984 was very productive. It was the start of a new year where everyone wished to meet all established goals. Training consisted of individual Soldiers Manual tasks in support of ARTEP tasks. This was also the final drill for LTC Ronald W. Holt, Bn Cdr and MAJ Bobby D. Thomasson, Bn S-3, both of them were to be transferred to other unit's in the State. The Battalion would gain LTC Johnny LB McWhirter as the new Bn Cdr and MAJ Larry D. Haub as the new Bn S-3. Also, during the month several members of the unit participated in the Golden Sabre Exercise during the period 15-28 January 1984 at Fort Hood, TX.

**Individual and Unit awards:** CPT James R. Frazier Jr.-Oklahoma Meritorious Service Medal (1st Award), SSG Michael C. Hinson-Oklahoma Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award).

**Promotions:** SP5 Jimmie D. Avance to SSG, SP4 William A. Dougherty to SP5, SP4 Brian A. Kiel to SP5, SP4 Keith A. May to SP5, SP4 Jack D. Powers to SP5, SP4 Otho Smith Jr. to SP5.

Unit Assembly Date 4-5 February 1984. February 1984 was a very busy month. The 4-5 February 1984 drill consisted of training Soldiers Manual tasks in support of ARTEP tasks. This was the month in which the unit once again had its semi-annual weight-in. Several members also participated in the Oklahoma Medical Specialist School, BNCOC Class No. 11, Safety Officer/NCO school and a pre-camp RECON.

**Extra Activities:** Unit participated in the VO-Tech Education Skills fair, Central Mall, Lawton, OK. Project was to finger print children for "CHILD FIND". Finger printed 402 children.

**Individual and Unit awards:** SSG Hershel W. Tuck-Oklahoma Recruiting Medal (1st Award).

**Promotions:** PFC Edward C. Lynde Promoted to SP4 effective 1 Feb 84, PV2 Donald C. Wallace Promoted to PFC effective 1 Feb 84, MSG Ray L. Watts appointed to 1SG effective 17 Feb 84.

Unit Assembly Date 10-11 March 1984. March 1984 was again a very busy month. The unit conducted Soldiers Manual training in support of ARTEP missions. Many personnel also attend BTMS workshop on 24-25 March 1984 in-lieu-of their normal drill. Other members attended the Oklahoma Medical Specialist School & BNCOC Class No. 11. Also there was a change in command for the Battalion. LTC Kenneth Bray assumed command of the Battalion from LTC Johnny LB McWhirter on 14 March 1984. Also on 13-14 March 1984 the unit received the State CRI.

**Individual and Unit awards:** MSG Clay F. Dudenhoefter-Army Meritorious Service Medal (1st Award).

Unit Assembly Date 7-8 April 1984. April 1984 was a good month. The unit went to Fort Sill, OK and conducted ARTEP Training. This was an overnight drill and members of the unit worked out many problems in preparation for the upcoming AT period.

Individual and Unit awards: MAJ John D. McReynolds-Oklahoma Star of Valor (1st Award).

Unit Assembly Date 5-6 & 19 May 1984. May 1984 was a very busy month. The unit went to the field on 5 May 1984 and again performed ARTEP Training. On the 19 May 1984 the unit loaded equipment for annual training and made all final preparations before annual training was to begin.

**Promotions:** PFC Aaron P. Robinson to SP4 effective 1 May 1984 and PFC Bert T. Bearman to SP4 effective 15 May 1984.

Unit Assembly Date 17 June 1984. The unit had a maintenance drill on 17 June 1984. This was a very productive drill. All equipment was unloaded, inventoried, and all required/needed PMCS was performed. All section rooms were restored back to order and many section chiefs briefed their personnel on the many accomplishments during the annual training period just completed.

**Promotions:** PFC Eduardo A. Morales to SP4 effective 1 Jun 1984.

Unit Assembly Date 14-15 July 1984. The month of July was a very busy drill. The training conducted was individual Soldier's Manual training in support of ARTEP tasks. During this drill all sections also prepared for the upcoming 5th Army CRI, scheduled for the August drill.

**Individual and Unit awards:** SSG Ronnie H. Graves-Oklahoma Recruiting Medal (1st Award) and SSG Amos J. Owens-Oklahoma Recruiting Medal (1st Award).

Unit Assembly Date 18-19 August 1984. August 1984 drill was a very busy month. The unit performed its individual training in support of ARTEP Mission. This was also the month for the CRI, given by the 5th Army Inspection team out of Fort Sam Houston, TX. Several members put in extra time in preparation for the CRI.

Unit Assembly Date 8-9 September 1984. This was a very unique month for members of the unit in the area of training. All the unit's personnel participated in a "Road Rally" exercise at Fort Sill, OK. The concept of the Road Rally was to evaluate personnel in certain tasks and provide feedback to the commander as to the status of training, therefore providing positive measures for future training needs of the unit and its personnel. Some of the tasks tested were NBC Defense, First Aid, CEOI procedures, Bridge Classification an River Crossing , M16A1 familiarization, firing of the LAW and M203 grenade launcher, firing of the M60 MG and .50 Cal MG and Map Reading.

Unit Assembly Date 6-7 October 1984. Drill this month was oriented towards individual weapons qualification. All members participated in individual weapons familiarization and qualification at Fort Sill, OK on 6 October 1984. Also, members had integrated training in the wear of their protective mask and MOPP uniform. On Sunday, the unit performed Material Care and Maintenance of equipment and vehicles, after which the various sections received individual Soldiers Manual training in support of ARTEP tasks.

**Individual and Unit awards:** Armed Forces Reserve Medal awarded to SSG Anderson, SP6 Burton, SFC Calhoun, SSG McAfee, SFC Nixon, SSG Pagan-Figueroa, SGT Richardson L., SFC Unsell, & SSG Ward.

**Promotions:** PFC Christian to SP4 effective 5 Oct 84, PFC Huber to SP4 effective 5 Oct 84, PV2 Harris R. to PFC effective 5 Oct 84, PV2 Langford to PFC effective 5 Oct 84, PV2 Negron to PFC effective 5 Oct 84 and PV2 Driver to PFC effective 11 Oct 84

Unit Assembly Date 3 -4 November 1984. Drill during November was oriented towards ARTEP tasks while the unit was out on held training exercises at Fort Sill, OK. This was a very beneficial drill, since everyone gained during the refresher training that was conducted. It was also a new experience since all of the ARTEP tasks were taken from the unit's new ARTEP manual (ARTEP 6-400). Drill finished out with material care and maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

**Individual and Unit awards:** 1SG Ray L. Watts-Oklahoma Recruiting Medal (1st Award) and SGT Monte E. Meeke-Oklahoma Recruiting Medal (1st Award).

**Promotions:** PV1 David Robinson to PV2 effective 28 Nov 84.

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Battalion Commander	LTC Ronald W. Holt	Personnel NCO	SFC Joseph L. Stevens
XO	MAJ John D. McReynolds	Legal Clerk	SP4 Harry W. Staten
S-3	MAJ Bobby D. Thomasson	PAC Clerk	SGT Jonathan D. Myers
Motor Officer	CPT Leland F. Kliever	Chapel Specialist	SP5 Oliver J. Gordon
Surgeon	CW2 Leo O. Ocker Jr.	Clerk Typist	SP5 Johnny L. McGoethlin
Chaplain	CPT Sanford D. Wylie	PAC Clerk	SP4 Joseph H. Haas
C-E Staff Officer	CPT Douglas P. Wellman	PAC Clerk	PFC Ronnie Vest
Liaison Officer	CPT David G. O'Neal	PAC Clerk	PV1 David W. Robinson
S-1	CPT Gary R. Stebbins	FDO Officer	CPT Gary D. Bray
S-2	CPT Austin L. Atkinson	INTELL Sergeant	MSG Ora A. Correll
CSM	MSG Clay F. Dudenhoeffler	Operations Sergeant	SFC Gerald S. Plaster
Battery Commander	CPT James R. Frazier Jr.	NBC Sergeant	SSG Kenneth G. Clark
Food Service Sergeant	SFC Marx L. Calhoun	Clerk Typist	SP4 Victor G. Richardson
Motor Sergeant	SSG Jackie E. Hilliary	Operations Specialist	SP5 John P. Sanders
Supply Sergeant	SSG Donald M. Sullivan	Vehicle Driver	SP4 Kyle E. Riggs
First Cook	SSG Charles E. Anderson	Chief FDO Computer	SFC James W. LeCompte
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Cook	SSG Richard Limon	FDO Computer	SP5 Brian A. Keil
Cook	SSG Jimmie L. McAfee	FDO Computer	SP4 Gary D. Wilks
Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Michael D. Duncan	FDO Computer	SP5 Keith A. May
Vehicle Mechanic	SGT Randall R. Dedert	Chart Operator	SP4 Michael D. Grubbs
Track Mechanic	SP4 Bobby L. Whittington	Chart Operator	PV2 Stephen D. Langford
Vehicle Driver	SP4 Harry L. Richardson	Chart Operator	PFC Thomas W. Pritchard
Vehicle Mechanic	PV1 Eugene P. Ross	CP Carrier Driver	PFC William E. Gifford
Cook	SP5 Roosevelt Danna	CP Carrier Driver	PFC James C. Gryder
PAC Supervisor	SSG William E. Foote	TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Edward T. Hixon
ReUp NCO	SSG Amos J. Owens Jr.	Vehicle Driver	PV2 Donald C. Wallace



RECON/Survey Officer	CPT Timothy Laster	Radio TT Chief	SP5 Gene L. Brown
Chief Survey	SSG Michael C. Hinson	Radio TT Chief	SGT Willie L. Fitzgerald
Chief of Party	SSG Orville A. Clothier	Radio TT Operator	SP5 David S. Ballenger
Chief of Party	SSG Jimmie D. Avance	Radio TT Operator	SP5 Richard W. Nelson
Chief of Party	SSG Garen Franklin	Radio TT Supervisor	SSG Earl E. Sappington
Survey Computer	SP4 James P. Banks	Radio TT Operator	SGT Stephen W. Kondi
Survey Computer	SGT Robert D. Eskridge	Radio TT Operator	SP4 Edward C. Lynde
Survey Computer	SSG Bennie R. Vaughan	Section Sergeant	SSG George A. Cotton
Instrument Operator	SP4 Gregory A. Robinson	Clinical Specialist	SP5 Otho Smith Jr.
Instrument Operator	SP4 David M. Buettner	Medical Aidman	SSG Ermel L. Kittle
Instrument Operator	SP4 Mark D. Halterman	Battery Aidman	SP5 Ralph G. Parker
Vehicle Driver	PFC Edward A. Morales	Battery Aidman	SP4 Jerre J. Burton
Rodman/Tapeman	PFC Aaron P. Robinson	Battery Aidman	SGT Larry D. Richardson
Rodman/Tapeman	PFC Cyclic R. St.Pierre	Medical Aidman	SP4 Billy J. Chapman
Rodman/Tapeman	PV2 Albert Lagomarsino	Section Leader	2LT George K. Farley
Survey Recorder	SGT Leopoldo Montoya Jr.	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Hershel N. Tuck
Survey Recorder	SP4 William A. Dougherty	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Carlos Pagan-Figueroa
Survey Recorder	SP5 Johnny M. Graves	MANPADS Crewman	SSG John C. Spurlock
Liaison Sergeant	SSG Ronnie H. Graves	MANPADS Crewman	PFC Bert T. Bearman
Liaison Specialist	SGT Danny R. Crow	MANPADS Crewman	SP4 Todd J. Gorrell
TACT COMM Chief	MSG Ray L. Watts	MANPADS Crewman	SP5 Patrick W. Reyes
TACT COMM System	SSG Bennie J. Garey	Personnel Technician	CW4 Dennis R. Roper
TACT COMM Mechanic	SGT Vernon J. Myers	Personnel Sergeant	SFC David O. Nixon
TACT COMM Mechanic	PFC Kevin S. Krout	Personnel Management	SSG Bob J. Bailey
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Richard J. Pennington	Personnel Specialist	SP4 Marvin W. Fish
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Ruben Aleman	Forward Observer	2LT Michael R. Emerson
TACT COMM Chief	SSG Vernon H. Ward	Forward Observer	2LT Douglas B. Kelly
TACT Wire Team	SGT Timothy W. Zumwalt	SMP Recon	SGT Bradley D. Rittenhouse
TACT Wire Team	SSG Joseph V. Rogers	SMP Platoon Leader	SGT William G. Pitts
TACT Wire Team	SGT Calvin L. Williams	SMP Section Leader	SGT Howard L. McKire Jr.
TACT Wire Team	SGT Johnnie E. Zumwalt	SMP Forward Observer	SGT Bobby D. Stallworth
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 George G. Red Elk	SMP Forward Observer	SGT Patrick E. Grannon
TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Frank Love	AFTM Admin	SP6 Carlton E. Arnold
TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Monte Meeke	FTRF	SFC Dean A. Vargas
TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Charles H. Daugherty	FTRF	SSG James Bryant
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Cecil Wright	Excess	SP5 Barbara R. Catlett
TACT Wire Specialist	PV2 Calvin M. Clay	Excess	SP5 Charles L. Scott
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Frankie L. Harris	Excess	SP4 Alice F. Dyer
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Ronnie A. Carter	Excess	SP4 Addie M. Smith
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TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Richard E. Denning	Excess	MSG Kenneth V. Ille
TACT Wire Specialist	PFC Teddy M. Christian	Excess	SFC Emmitt D. Unsell
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Broderick L. Stewart	Excess	SP4 Robert T. Terlisner
TACT Wire Specialist	PV2 Luster G. Copus	Excess	PV2 Samuel C. Collins
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 James A. Allen	ING	SSG Carl J. Kulow
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Martin T. Sechrist	ING	SP5 Walter D. Coats
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 David J. Smith	ING	SP5 Samuel Santiago

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**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** Unit Assembly Date 5-6 January 1985. Drill for the month of January was very busy for all units. Drill was oriented toward section level Soldiers Manual training in support of ARTEP tasks. Select personnel attended NBC Defense training conducted at Fort Sill, OK. The Survey Team was also at Fort Sill attending class at I-See-O Hall pertaining to additional survey training. The drill concluded with training on material care and vehicle equipment maintenance.  
**Promotions:** PV2 Daniel Ferguson to PFC effective 5 Jan 85.

Unit Assembly Date 2-3 March 1985. Drill for the month of March was very busy for the unit. Drill started with a move to Fort Sill for the unit to begin a live fire RSOP/FTX. Once the Live Fire exercise was finished, the battery returned to Home Station. Drill concluded with Material Care and Maintenance on vehicles and assigned equipment.  
**Extra Activities:** The unit set up a vehicle display at the Central Mall in downtown Lawton during the period 18-22 March 1985, which was during the normal spring break for all schools in Lawton.

Unit Assembly Date 13-14 April 1985. The unit had another good drill at Fort Sill. All units participated in an overnight drill at Fort Sill in preparation for ARTEP training coming up in the month of May at Fort Sill. The firing batteries made night moves and fired 120 rounds.

Unit Assembly Date 4-5 May 1985. 4 May 1985 was a very busy day. The unit went to the field and performed ARTEP training, in preparation for Annual Training 85. 5 May 1985 the unit performed material care and maintenance of

equipment and vehicles. 18 May 1985 the unit loaded equipment for Annual Training and made all final preparations before Annual Training was to begin.

**Promotions:** Charles Thomas to PFC, Andrew H. Negron to SP4, and Mitchell L. McWhirter to PFC.

Unit Assembly Date 29-30 Jun 1985. The unit had another good drill. All sections cleaned and maintained and inventoried equipment and all required/needed PMCS was performed. All section rooms were restored back to order and all section chiefs briefed their personnel on the many accomplishments during the annual training period just completed.

**Promotions:** James Holley promoted to SP4 effective 9 Jun 85, Fernando Matias-Rosarios promoted to SSG effective 15 Jun 85, Eduardo Morales promoted to SP5 effective 16 Jun 85 and Bradley Rittenhouse promoted to SP5 effective 15 Jun 85.

Unit Assembly Date 13-14 July 1985. The unit had another good drill. All sections drew their protective masks and participated in NBC Proficiency Test and Common Task Test (CTT). The sections also had individual Soldiers Manual training in support of ARTEP Tasks. The unit finished the drill Sunday with material care and maintenance

**Promotions:** Richard Nelson promoted to SSG/E-6 effective 29 Jul 85.

Unit Assembly Date 3-4 August 1985. The August drill has been a very good drill. All sections participated in Riot Control training Saturday. The civil disturbance training covered Legal Considerations, Collective Behavior, Civil Disturbance Mgt, Operational Task, riot control agents and practical exercise. Sunday, 4 August 1985, all sections moved to Fort Sill Training Area for Leadership Reaction and Confidence Course conducted by NCO's and Officers. The drill finished up with material care and maintenance.

**Individual and Unit awards:** HHB, 1 Bn, 158 FA Commo Team Sections received awards for the best wire section in AT-85.

Unit Assembly Date 7-8 September 1985. The unit had a good drill in September. All batteries participated in a road rally at Fort Sill that covered 54 miles, with various training and administrative set up. Sunday the Armory hosted a public open house with individual and organizational equipment on display. The drill finished up with care and maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

Unit Assembly Date 5-6 October 1985. October drill was a very good one for the unit. The unit participated in a live fire at Fort Sill. The firing batteries fired 120 rounds. The unit returned to home station Saturday. Sunday the unit spent on care and maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

**Promotions:** PFC Robert Sipple promoted to SP4, PFC David Powers promoted to SP4 and PFC Kevin Krout promoted to SP4.

Unit Assembly Date 2-3 November 1985. The unit had a very busy drill. The Battalion went to the field at Fort Sill, OK and conducted ARTEP training and then remained overnight. The firing batteries fired a total of 150 rounds utilizing the support of the unit. The battery then moved back to home station on Sunday morning and then began materiel care and maintenance.

**Individual and Unit awards:** Unit Certificate of Commendation for attaining 119.3% strength as of 30 Sep 85. SFC Dean Vargas – Chief's 50 Award for best recruiter in State.

Unit Assembly Date 14-15 December 1985. The unit had another good drill. Saturday started off with an in-ranks Class "A" uniform inspection, with weapons, conducted by the Battalion Commander, LTC Bray. Following the uniform inspection all sections participated in a Command Staff Inspection conducted by battalion staff officers and various officers from 45th Brigade. Sunday the battery participated in various maintenance classes conducted by CW3 Crabtree of OMS. The Christmas Holiday meal, served at noon on Sunday was excellent and enjoyed by all.

**Individual and Unit awards:** SGT Otho Smith received the Oklahoma Meritorious Service Medal, SGT Ralph Parker received the Oklahoma Meritorious Service Medal and SP4 Robert R. Sipple Jr. received the Military Achievement Medal.

**Promotions:** SGT Johnny Graves promoted to Staff Sergeant effective 18 Nov 85, SGT Keith May promoted to Staff Sergeant effective 19 Nov 85 and SP4 Gene Brown promoted to Sergeant effective 19 Nov 85.

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Rodman/Tapeman	PFC Aaron P. Robinson	SMP Forward Observer	SGT Bobby D. Stallworth
Rodman/Tapeman	PV1 Quinton L. Denny	Drill Instructor	SSG Ronnie H. Graves
Rodman/Tapeman	PFC David L. Powers	Public Affairs Rep	SSG Hershel W. Tuck Jr.
Survey Recorder	SGT Leopoldo Montoya Jr.	Asst Supply Sergeant	SP5 Johnny M. Graves
Survey Recorder	SP4 Eduardo A. Morales	FTRF	SP4 Broderick L. Stewart
Liaison Sergeant	SSG Timothy W. Reed	FTRF	SFC Dean A. Vargas
Liaison Specialist	SP4 Gary H. Grzeskiewicz	AFTM Administration	SSG Tommy E. Wooten
Platoon Leader	2LT John R. Robinson	Excess	SP6 Carlton E. Arnold
TACT COMM Chief	SFC Michael S. Pirtle	Excess	2LT Jason E. Duckworth
TACT COMM System	SSG Bennie J. Garey	Excess	SGT Randall R. Dedert
TACT COMM Mechanic	SGT Vernon J. Myers	Excess	SP5 Barbara R. Catlett
TACT COMM Mechanic	SP4 Dale H. Cole	Excess	SP4 Addie M. Smith
TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Henry Toro-Torres	Excess	SP5 Sharline Straughter
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Ruben Aleman	Excess	SP4 John M. Ducre Jr.
TACT COMM Chief	SSG Vernon H. Ward	Excess	PFC Douglas H. Lund
Combat Signal Chief	SSG Joseph V. Rogers	Excess	SP4 David M. Buettner
Combat Signal Chief	SGT Calvin Williams	Excess	SFC Emmitt D. Unsell
Combat Signal Chief	SGT Timothy W. Zumwalt	ING	CPT Timothy W. Laster

### **EXTRACTS FROM HHB OKARNG FORM 191 (1 OCT 83) FOR 1986**

**Annual Report of Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery:** Unit Assembly Date 11-12 January 1986. Drill for the month of January was very busy for all units. Drill was oriented toward section level Soldiers Manual training in support of ARTEP tasks. All sections were also busy in preparation for the upcoming CRI and COMET inspections. Drill concluded with training on material care and also maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

Unit Assembly Date 1-2 February 1986. The unit had another good drill. Drill consisted of a dry fire exercise on Saturday and ARTEP mission training on Sunday. All sections were also involved in preparing for the COMET

Inspection scheduled for next month.

**Individual and Unit awards:** PFC Raymond E. Harris presented the Army Achievement Medal, SP4 Kevin S. Krout presented the Army Achievement Medal and SP4 Timothy S. Driver presented the Army Achievement Medal.  
**Promotions:** Donald M. Sullivan promoted to SSG effective 19 Feb 86, Donald W. Brittain promoted to SSG effective 18 Feb 86, Jimmie D. Avance promoted to SFC effective 6 Feb 86, Roosevelt Danna Jr., promoted to SSG effective 6 Feb 86, Edward C. Lynde promoted to SGT effective 6 Feb 86 and Jeffery H. Frazier promoted to SGT effective 6 Feb 86.

Unit Assembly Date 1-2 March 1986. March 1986 was a very successful month for the unit. The battery participated in Live Fire RSOP/ARTEP Training on 1 March 1986. 2 March 1986 consisted of PMCS of TA-50 and all other equipment. The drill concluded with material care and maintenance. On 12 March 1986 the battery underwent a COMET Inspection, receiving an overall "GO" rating with 3 commendable areas. On 27 March 1986 the battery underwent a 5th Army Command Readiness Inspection, receiving an overall "GO" with 17 out of 18 Key Readiness Indicators receiving a Satisfactory Rating.

**Promotions:** Stephen D. Langford promoted to SP4/E-4 effective 10 Mar 86 and Quinton L. Denney promoted to PFC/E-3 effective 10 Mar 86.

Unit Assembly Date 3- 4 May 1986. The unit had another good drill. Priority this month was loading of equipment in preparation for the move to Fort Chaffee, AR for Annual Training. Another priority was vehicle maintenance in preparation for the move. All equipment was loaded and all vehicles were made ready for the trip.

**Promotions:** SGT Otho Smith promoted to SSG/E - 6 and SP4 Gary D. Wilks promoted to SGT/E - 5.

Unit Assembly Date 21-22 June 1986. The battery had a very rewarding drill this month. Saturday consisted of Section Training in support of ARTEP tasks. Everyone benefited. Sunday consisted of material care on all equipment.

Unit Assembly Date 19-20 June 1986. The unit had a very good drill this month. On Saturday, 19 June 1986 the entire battery traveled to Lake Burchi, OK for Common Task Training. A course was laid out by the lake. On Sunday the unit performed material care and maintenance.

Unit Assembly Date 25-26 October 1986. The unit participated in consolidated Civil Disturbance Training at the Chickasha Armory, acting as rioters trying to "overtake" the armory. The training was very productive. MG Trobough, Deputy Commander, 5th Army, visited the battalion on Saturday and briefed by the staff officers and battery officers. Sunday consisted of more Civil Disturbance Training, concentrating on the strong and weak points of Saturday's scenario. Also Sunday, consisted of Section training in support of ARTEP tasks and material care and maintenance.

**Individual and Unit awards:** SFC James W. LeCompte received the Army Good Conduct Medal and SSG Michael C. Hinson received the Army Good Conduct Medal.

**Promotions:** SGT Eduardo A. Morales was promoted to SSG/E-6.

Unit Assembly Date 15-16 November 1986. This was a very interesting drill for all of the units. Saturday consisted of NBC Common Task Test to include going through the gas chamber at Fort Sill and Junior Leadership Training with everyone going through the obstacle course. Sunday HHB and Svc Battery went to the Rapelling tower at Fort Sill where everyone enjoyed going off the tower. We were once again visited by MG Trobough, the 5th Army Deputy Commander and BG Duckworth, Assistant Chief of Staff for Oklahoma. They observed the ongoing training and were briefed by the Battalion Staff. Sunday consisted of material care and maintenance also.

**Promotions:** PV2 Roger B. Shields was promoted to PFC/E-3.

Unit Assembly Date 13-14 December 1986. December drill was a very productive and interesting drill. Saturday consisted of a Class "A" in-ranks inspection Saturday morning and a Command and Staff Inspection Saturday afternoon. Headquarters Battery received overall "GO's" in all areas of the inspection. Sunday consisted of material care and maintenance to include protective masks and weapons.

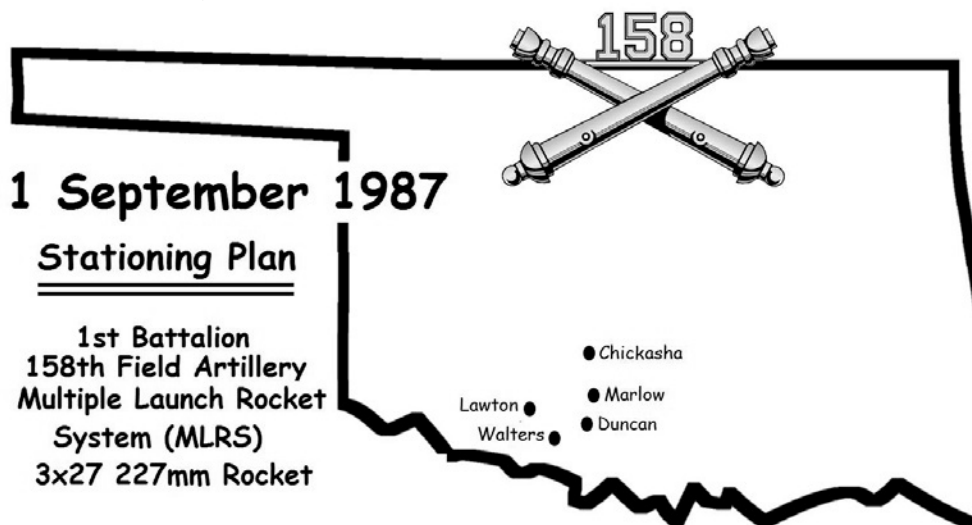
#### HHB, 1st Battalion (8") (SP) 158th Artillery, Lawton, Oklahoma

Battalion Commander	LTC Kenneth W. Bray	Motor Sergeant	SSG Jackie E. Hilliary
XO	MAJ John D. McReynolds	Supply Sergeant	SSG Michael C. Hinson
S-3	MAJ Larry D. Haub	First Cook	SSG Charles E. Anderson
Motor Officer	CPT Michael Leatherman	Unit Clerk	SGT Houston E. Lesley
Surgeon	CW2 Leo O. Ocker Jr.	Armorer	SGT Johnny L. McGlothlin
Chaplain	CPT Sanford W. Wylie Jr.	Cook	SSG Richard Limon
C-E Staff Officer	CPT Alexander Duckworth	Cook	SSG Jimmie L. McAfee
S-1	CPT James R. Frazier Jr.	Maintenance Clerk	SP4 Mark L. Wilson
S-2	CPT James L. Doyle	Vehicle Mechanic	SP4 Timothy S. Driver
CSM	CSM James D. Spruill	Track Mechanic	SP4 Bobby L. Whittington
Battery Commander	CPT Austin L. Atkinson	Vehicle Driver	PV2 Terry L. Hannah
Food Service Sergeant	SGT Roosevelt Danna Jr.	Vehicle Mechanic	PV1 Billy D. Rackley

Generator Mechanic	SP4 Daniel X. Wilkins	TACT Wire Specialist	PV2 David W. Robinson
PAC Supervisor	SSG William E. Foote	TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Terry L. Roberson
ReUp NCO	SSG Amos J. Owens Jr.	TACT Wire Specialist	PV1 Phillip P. Keathley
Personnel NCO	SFC Joseph L. Stevens Jr.	TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Robert Atkins Jr.
PAC Clerk	SGT James D. McReynolds	TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 William E. Molock
Chapel Specialist	SGT Oliver J. Gordon	TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Rickie Cardwell
Clerk Typist	SP4 Paul A. Metcalfe	TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Juan Roderiquez-Garcia
PAC Clerk	SP4 Joseph H. Haas	TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Loren D. Kirtley
PAC Clerk	PV2 Roger B. Shields	Radio TT Chief	SSG Richard W. Nelson
FDO Officer	CPT Gary D. Bray	Radio TT Chief	SGT Willie L. Fitzgerald
INTELL Sergeant	MSG Ora A. Correll	Radio TT Chief	SGT Gene L. Brown
PAC Clerk	PFC Mark D. Cooley	Radio TT Supervisor	SSG Earl E. Sappington
Operations Sergeant	MSG Gerald S. Plaster	Radio TT Operator	SP4 Kevin S. Krout
NBC Sergeant	SGT Tommy E. Wooten	Radio TT Operator	PV2 Andrew G. Donnell
Clerk Typist	SP4 Frederick A. Ploof III	Section Sergeant	SSG Ermel L. Kittle
Operations Specialist	SP4 Victor Richardson	Medical Specialist	PFC Charles R. Thomas
Vehicle Driver	SP4 James Sosa	Medical Aidman	SGT Otho Smith Jr.
Chief FDO Computer	SSG Jimmie D. Avance	Ambulance Driver	PV1 Jon Scott
Asst FDO Computer	SSG Keith A. May	Battery Aidman	SP4 Andrew H. Negron
FDO Computer	SSG Walter E. King	Battery Aidman	SGP Jerre J. Burton
FDO Computer	SGT Lawrence F. Andrews	Battery Aidman	SGT Ralph G. Parker
FDO Computer	SP4 Jeffery H. Frazier	Battery Aidman	SGT Larry D. Richardson
Chart Operator	PV1 Anthony S. Bread	Medical Specialist	SP4 Billy J. Chapman
Chart Operator	SSG Donald C. Wallace	Ambulance Driver	PV1 Mark Anderson
Chart Operator	PFC Stephen D. Langford	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Fernando L. Matias-Rosario
CP Carrier Driver	PV2 Quinton L. Denney	MANPADS Crewman	SSG Carlos Pagan-Figueroa
CP Carrier Driver	PFC Mitchell L. McWhirter	MANPADS Crewman	SGT Ronald Richard
TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Kyle E. Riggs	MANPADS Crewman	SSG John C. Spurlock
Vehicle Driver	PV1 Michael A. Green	MANPADS Crewman	PV2 Bert T. Bearman Jr.
RECON/Survey Officer	1LT Duane N. Rosborough	MANPADS Crewman	PV2 John E. Shoefstall
Chief Survey	SFC James W. LeCompte	Personnel Technician	CW4 Dennis R. Roper
Chief of Party	SGT Bradley D. Rittenhouse	Personnel Sergeant	SFC David O. Nixon
Chief of Party	SSG Orville A. Clothier	Personnel Management	SSG Bob J. Bailey
Chief of Party	SSG David A. Quillen	Personnel Specialist	SP4 Marvin W. Fish
Survey Computer	SGT Donald M. Sullivan	Forward Observer	2LT Allen Beckett
Survey Computer	SP4 David M. Williams	Forward Observer	1LT Michael Clarke
Survey Computer	SGT Leander J. Cooper	Excess	1LT Jason E. Duckworth
Instrument Operator	PFC Robert R. Sipple Jr.	SMP RECON/Survey	SGT Robert Whitaker
Instrument Operator	SP4 Teddy M. Christian	SMP Platoon Leader	SGT Jack N. Gresham
Instrument Operator	SGT Joseph J. Muldowney	SMP Section Leader	SGT Marshall Jones
Vehicle Driver	SP4 Daniel O. Crawford	SMP Forward Observer	SGT Albert Talavera
Rodman/Tapeman	SSG Aaron P. Robinson	SMP Forward Observer	SGT William Richardson
Rodman/Tapeman	PV1 Aubrey A. Williams	R&R NCO	SFC Ronnie H. Graves
Survey Recorder	SGT Mark S. Stouffer	Drill Instructor	SP4 Edward C. Lynde
Survey Recorder	SGT Caldean L. Pitcher	Public Affairs Rep	SSG Johnny M. Graves
Survey Recorder	SGT Eduardo A. Morales	Asst Supply Sergeant	SGT Clarence L. Russell
Liaison Sergeant	SP4 James P. Holley II	FTRF	SFC Dean A. Vargas
Platoon Leader	1LT Ronald Whatley	RTRF	SFC Joe Dyer
TACT COMM Chief	SFC Michael S. Pirtle	RTRF	SGT Donald Brittain
TACT COMM System	SSG Bennie J. Garey	Excess	SGT Charles Daugherty
TACT COMM Mechanic	SGT Vernon J. Myers	Excess	PFC Rodney R. Cossaboon
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Vehicle Driver	SP4 Jackie J. Lewis	Excess	SP4 Addie M. Smith
TACT Wire Specialist	SSG Ruben Aleman	Excess	SGT Sharline Straughter
TACT COMM Chief	SSG Vernon H. Ward	Excess	SGT Stephen Cobb
Combat Signal Chief	SGT Monte Meeke	Excess	SP4 Gregory J. Huber
Combat Signal Chief	SGT Calvin L. Williams	Excess	PV2 William B. Smith
Combat Signal Chief	SGT Timothy W. Zumwalt	Excess	SSG David W. Riede
Combat Signal Chief	SGT Johnnie E. Zumwalt	Excess	PV1 Ramon Talavera Jr.
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Richard J. Pennington	Excess	SGT David M. Beeler
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Donald F. Bourque	Excess	SSG Timothy W. Reed
TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Frank Love	Excess	PFC Gerald L. Buckles
TACT Wire Specialist	PFC Raymond E. Harris	Excess	SP4 Pablo Hernandez'
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 George G. Red Elk	Excess	PV1 Todd J. Scott
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Robert Hall	Excess	SP4 Larney J. Rackard
TACT Wire Specialist	SP4 Ronnie A. Carter	Excess	PV1 Aaron M. Foster
TACT Wire Specialist	PFC William A. Dahl	Excess	SP4 Ralph E. Miller
TACT Wire Specialist	SGT Tommy Tipton	Excess	SP4 Cecil W. Wright
TACT Wire Specialist	PV2 James D. Hopkins		

## TUBE ARTILLEY TO ROCKET ARTILLERY

On 29 June 1987 at Fort Carson, Colorado the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery had all twelve of its 8-inch self-propelled howitzers “on line”. On the command of “Fire” there was a volley fire of eleven guns and a moment later the twelfth lanyard was pulled by Command Sergeant Major Dale Spruill and the last howitzer projectile fired by the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery exited the muzzle and flew downrange to its target. On 10 July 1987 the battalion receives its first M-270 Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Self-Propelled Loader Launcher (SPLL) from the LTV factory located in Camden, Arkansas.



1 September 1987 the reorganization of the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery begins with equipment and restationing changes. Most of the 8-inch tubes along with the firing battery at Anadarko, Oklahoma would be laterally transferred to the 1st Battalion 171st Field Artillery based in Altus, Oklahoma doubling its 8-inch tubes to a total of 18, enabling it to transform to a 3x6 configuration. The new stationing plan for the 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery (MLRS) would mean Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery and Battery “A” based in Lawton, Oklahoma. Battery “B” with a detachment would be located at Duncan and Walters, Oklahoma and Battery “C” with a detachment in Chickasha and Marlow, Oklahoma respectively. Under the new system, each firing battery is armed with nine launchers, each carrying 12 Rockets. Each launcher can deliver the firepower of a full battalion of conventional artillery to a distance of 30 miles and the 12 rockets can be fired in less than one minute, with the “shoot and scoot” philosophy. The Battalion Commander was Lieutenant Colonel Jim R. Swafford, who remained in command during the transformation and on 19 October 1987 Lieutenant Colonel Charles J. Frazier assumed command. The U.S. Army organized the first MLRS battery in 1983. The 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, was the first National Guard unit selected for the new system. Major General Ansel M. Stroud, Jr., then President of the National Guard Association of the United States, said, “It is only fitting that the 158th Field Artillery be selected for this honor. 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.”

## THE FINAL YEARS OF THE COLD WAR

By 1985 the Soviet economy was stagnant and its economic structure was falling into a downward slide due to the global price of oil. This prompted General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev to implement measures that would revive the ailing state and this economic reform called “perestroika”, or restructuring. Perestroika allowed private ownership of businesses and paved the way to reversing the Soviet Union's deteriorating economic condition instead of continuing the arms race. Gorbachev would introduce “glasnost”, or openness, which increased freedom of the press and the transparency of state institutions. Glasnost was intended to reduce the corruption at the top of the Communist Party but what it really enabled was an increased dialect between the Soviet citizens and the western world. This dialect abbeledated détente between the two nations, leading up to the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) being signed in 1987, the Soviet forces withdrawing from Afghanistan in 1989 and the German reunification in 1990. On 3 December 1989at at the Malta Summit General Secretary Gorbachev and President George H.W. Bush declared the Cold War. The USSR was declared officially dissolved on 26 December 1991 and President George H.W. Bush stated: "The biggest thing that has happened in the world in my life, in our lives, is this: By the grace of God, America won the Cold War."

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