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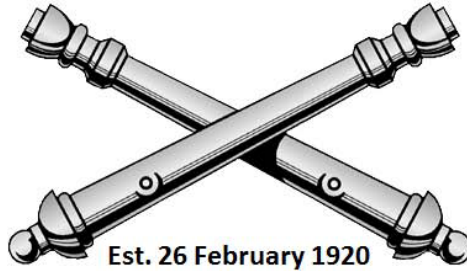
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Registry of the 158th Field Artillery

Feb 12, 1920: Published in the "The Ada Weekly News" entitled: New Plans of War Machine; Plan to Distribute Soldiers So That Each State Will Take an Interest in its Own Men. By the Associated Press, Washington, Feb 6.: To stimulate regular recruiting and arouse local interest, the war department has issued to all recruiting officers over the country a schedule for allocation of recruits by states to specific regiments. Through this method of distribution, officials believe each state will take a personal interest in the regiment to which its men are assigned. The framework of a divisional organization on geographic lines is also set up. New England will make up one division, New York compose another, and similarly the whole country is covered. Infantry and field artillery regiments are to be so allocated as to best identify each regiment with a separate state, according to the plan. Where the number of regiments is greater or less than the number of states comprising the divisional area, a regiment may be made up of recruits from one or more states. The regiments to which recruits from each state will go are as follows: Infantry recruits from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island will go to the 13th Infantry, Hoboken, N. J.; from Massachusetts to the 36th at Camp Devens; from Connecticut to the 43rd at Camp Lee, VA., Field artillery recruits from the six states will go to the 1st Field artillery at Fort Sill, Okla.; coast artillery to the 42nd Coast artillery, Camp Eustis, Va.; Cavalry to the 3rd at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt. From Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri the infantry engineers and field artillery will join regiments of the 3rd division at Camp Pike; coast artillery, the 43rd regiment at Camp Eustis, Va.; cavalry, the 1st regiment at Douglas, Ariz. New York state infantrymen, outside of New York, will go to the 22nd, Governor's Island, and the 63rd, Madison Barracks; field artillery to the 12th, Camp Travis, Tex.; all New York state coast artillery to the 52nd, Camp Eustis, Va.; and all the cavalry to the 13th, Fort Clarke, TX. New York City infantry will go to the 41st and 42nd, Camp Upton, and field artillery to the 76th, Camp Pike, Ark., and 9th, Fort Sill, Okla. South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama infantry will go to the 5th division regiments, Camp Gordon; field artillery to the 20th and 21, Camp Bragg; Engineers to the 56th, Camp Jackson, S. C.; and cavalry to the 6th, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Oklahoma infantry will be sent to the 9th and 23rd, Camp Travis, Texas; Texas infantry to the 37th and 3rd, Eagle Pass; field artillery from those states to the 15th and 17th, Camp Travis; engineers to 2nd; and cavalry to 14th, Fort Sam Houston. Infantry from Pennsylvania will join the 46th and 48th regiments, Camp Jackson, S. C.; 12th, Camp Meade, Md.; and 29th; Camp Benning, Ga.; from New Jersey to 45th and 57th, Camp Dix, N. J.; coast artillery from both states to 44th, Camp Jackson; cavalry to 8th, Ft. Bliss, Texas; Pennsylvania field artillery to 83rd and 81st, Camp Knox, Ky.; New Jersey, 2nd, Camp Taylor, Ky. Virginia infantry recruits will be sent to the 62nd regiment, Camp Lee, Va.; Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia to the 17th, Camp Meade, Md.; field artillery from these three states and the district to 19th, Camp Bragg, N. C.; coast artillery, 33rd, Camp Eustis, VA.; and cavalry, 12th, Columbus, New Mexico. Infantry, field artillery and engineer recruits from North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia and Kentucky will join regiments of the 1st division, Camp Taylor, Ky.; coast artillery to 51st, Camp Jackson, S. C.; and cavalry to 5th, Marfa, Texas. Ohio infantry will go to the 40th and 2nd regiments at Camp Sherman; field artillery to 14th, Fort Sill, Okla., and 7th, Camp Taylor, Ky.; and cavalry to 7th, Ft. Bliss. From Iowa and Wisconsin the infantry, field artillery and engineers will join regiments of the 4th division, Camp Dodge, Iowa. Iowa coast artillery will go to the 59th, Camp Lewis, Wash. Infantry and field artillery from Kansas, Minnesota, and Nebraska will go to the 7th division at Camp Funston, Kans.; cavalry to 2nd, Ft. Riley, Kansas. Michigan infantry will join the 14th and 10th regiments, Camp Custer, Mich.; field artillery, 77th, at Camp Dodge, Iowa; coast artillery, 59th, Camp Lewis, Wash.; and cavalry, Fort Ringgold, Tex. Indiana infantry will be sent to 20th and 49th, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Fort Snelling, Minn.; and Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; field artillery, 8th, Camp Funston, Kans.; coast artillery, 59th, Camp Lewis, Wash.; and cavalry, 4th, Fort Ringgold, Texas. Illinois infantry, field artillery and engineers will be distributed among 6th division regiments at Camp Grant, Ill.; coast artillery, 59th, Camp Lewis, Wash.; and cavalry, 16th, Brownsville, Tex. Infantry and coast artillery recruits from Oregon, Idaho and Montana go to the 35th and 57th regiments, Camp Lewis, Wash.; engineers to 8th, El Paso, or Fort Bliss, and cavalry to 16th, Brownsville, Tex. Oregon and Montana field artillery, 78th, Camp Grant, Ill.; and Idaho to 4th, Camp Stanley, Tex.

Infantry and coast artillery recruits from Washington will go to the 1st and 57th, Camp Lewis, Wash.; field artillery to 78th, Camp Grant, Ill.; engineers, 8th, El Paso, or Fort Bliss; cavalry, 15th, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo. North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming infantry go to the 21st, Fort Wright, Wash.; engineers to 8th, El Paso or Fort Bliss; and cavalry, 15th, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo. Field artillery from North and South Dakota will go to the 78th, Camp Grant, Ill.; coast artillery, 57th, Camp Lewis, Wash. Wyoming field artillery to 4th, Camp Stanley, Tex.; coast artillery, 55th, Camp Lewis, Wash. Infantry from Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona to 19th regiment, Douglas, Ariz.; coast artillery to 55th, Camp Lewis, Wash.; engineers to 9th, Fort Bliss, Tex.; cavalry, 11th, Monterey, Calif.; field artillery from New Mexico and Arizona, 82nd, Fort Bliss, Texas; from Colorado, 4th, Camp Stanley. Nevada, Utah and California infantry go to the 32nd, Camp Kearney, Calif.; coast artillery to 55th, Camp Lewis, Wash.; engineers to 9th, Fort Bliss, Texas; and cavalry, Monterey, Calif. Field artillery from California and Nevada will go to the 82nd, Fort Bliss, Texas. Some of the California infantry recruits also will be stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco.

Feb 26, 1920: Militia Bureau Circular 325.4-Okla. constitutes the organization of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment.

Feb 28, 1920: Published in the "The Muskogee Times Democrat" entitled: Oklahoma To Get Four Regiments of Regular Army. Fourteenth Cavalry, Fifteenth Artillery, Twenty-third Infantry and Second Engineers from State. Oklahoma City, Feb. 28: Four regiments of the regular army have been allotted by the war department to Oklahoma and will be known in the future throughout the Army as Oklahoma regiments. Governor Robertson today was notified that the regiments will be the 14th cavalry, 15th Artillery, 23rd Infantry and second engineers. A recruiting program which will reach every part of the state will be inaugurated through recruiting stations at once and hereafter all Oklahoma men will be given an opportunity to enlist in army units from their home state. Virtually all branches of the mobile divisions are represented in the organizations.

Mar 11, 1920: Published in the "The Haskell News" entitled: Statehouse News. Full Regiment of Artillery: Because of the presence in Oklahoma of Fort Sill, the chief field artillery drill ground and instruction school of the army, emphasis is to be placed on the field artillery in future organizations of the Oklahoma national guard, the war department announced in a letter to Adjutant General Barrett. A complete regiment of heavy field artillery and a regiment of light field artillery with a battalion of engineers is the state's quota of new troops, the announcement said. A full battalion of heavy and a battalion of light artillery and the engineers are desired to be organized by July 1, it was said. Work of organization will be taken up with vigor within ten days, Adjutant General Barrett said. It was expected earlier that only a single battalion of light field artillery could be organized in the state, and Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Okmulgee were selected by the state authorities tentatively as the home stations for the three batteries.

Oct 15, 1920: Published in the "The Coconino Sun" entitled: Ingalls says our Battery to be best in the United States. "They're talking about the Flagstaff battery all over the United States," said State Adjutant General Walter S. Ingalls last week. He and Capt. Edward S. Linton were here from Phoenix to see the battery boys go through their drill on Thursday night and went to Williams on Saturday, accompanied by Major George W. Harben, to inspect the new Williams cavalry troop. "Roswell, N.M., used to have the crack artillery organization of the United States," said Colonel Ingalls. "Now the general expectation in military circles is that Flagstaff will occupy the place Roswell held. "Everything is in your favor. The wonderful personnel of your organization, the rapidity with which your new armory is going up and the splendid work being done by the contractors, Gum & Solberg; the high character and ability of your drill sergeant, Macklin, whom I happen to know from personal letters I have seen, stands very high in the estimation of headquarters. "Why, don't you know," said the colonel, "you've already got more equipment for your battery here than the entire old 158th regiment had. That isn't all; I saw a letter from headquarters to Sergeant Macklin, telling him to order anything needed and it would be sent. You see, Washington appreciates the spirit with which this battery has been organized, also expects it to become the crack artillery organization of the country and is ready to do anything possible to help it along." Colonel Ingalls said that the boys at Williams are going after that new cavalry troop with might and main and that it, also, is destined to become a top-notch organization. In the latter, nearly 70 have been enlisted, only 50 being required. Of the members, 32 are ex-service men. A. M. Root, of the Arizona Central bank, formerly a lieutenant in service, is the captain; Jerrie W. Lee, first lieutenant, and Dr. C.D. Jeffries, medical officer with rank of first lieutenant in the reserves. The city has given the 40-acre race-ground tract to the new organization and the citizens are solidly behind it, Major Harben reported.

Oct 18, 1920: 45th Division, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado National Guard. The 45th Division was constituted in the National Guard on 18 October 1920; allotted to the states of Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado; and assigned to the VIII Corps in 1921. The division HQ was organized and federally recognized on 3 August 1923 at Oklahoma City, OK. The division HQ was relocated on 15 September 1933 to Phoenix, AZ, and back to Oklahoma City on 25 November 1935. The designated mobilization training center for the 45th Division was Fort

Sill, OK. From 1922 to 1936, the division's subordinate units generally held separate summer camps at locations within their respective states: Fort Sill for Oklahoma units; Fort Tuthill, near Flagstaff for Arizona units; Camp Maximilliano Luna for New Mexico units; and Golden State Military Reservation for Colorado units. For at least 3 years, in 1927, 1932, and 1933, the division's subordinate units trained over 250 company grade officers of the 95th and 103d Divisions at the various state encampment locations. In 1936, the division and brigade staffs participated in the Third Army CPX at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, TX, which was designed to prepare them for the large scale army maneuvers to be held the summer of 1938. For participation in the Eighth Corps Area concentration of the Third Army Maneuvers in August 1938, the division was split between Camp Bullis (Oklahoma elements), Fort Bliss, TX (New Mexico and Colorado elements), and Fort Huachuca, AZ (Arizona elements). During the maneuver at Camp Bliss, the 45th Division (-) operated as part of the provisional Brown Corps with the 2d Division against the 36th Division and the 56th Cavalry Brigade of the Blue Corps. The following year (1939), the division adopted a new shoulder patch. The original patch was a red square, one point up, centered with the ancient Indian symbol of a yellow swastika. Due to its similarity to the symbol of Germany's National Socialist Party (Nazis), the division adopted a golden thunderbird symbol that was also sacred in Indian mythology. In August 1940, the 45th Division again participated in the Third Army Maneuvers, this time near the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana as part of the provisional VIII Corps. This was the first opportunity for all division elements to assemble and operate together since its organization. The 45th Division was inducted into active Federal Service at home stations on 16 September 1940, assigned to the VIII Corps, and ordered to move to Fort Sill, where it arrived on 23 September 1940. The division was transferred to Camp Berkeley, TX, on 28 February 1941. After the division's initial train-up period, the 45th Division participated in the VIII Corps Maneuver 1-18 June 1941 near Brownwood, TX, and in the GHQ Maneuvers in August to September 1941 near Mount Carmel, LA. Location of the division HQ on 7 December 1941 was Camp Berkeley, TX.

Dec 03, 1920: Published in the "The Coconino Sun" entitled: Battery "A" Armory Nearing Completion. Flagstaff's new armory which is to house Battery "A", will be ready for occupancy January 1st. The roof has been put on during the week, and all that remains to be done is to remove the wall moulds, finish the offices and baths in the front of the building, and level the floor in the main drill hall. Lieutenant Pulliam says that as soon as the floor of the drill hall has been leveled, he will begin the moving of the caissons and limbers from their present location in Babbitt's concrete warehouse. At present the Battery's greatest difficult is to find room to drill, as their equipment occupies all the available space, and they are crowded when the full quota of members attend the meetings. This difficulty will be overcome in the new building, as the drill hall measures 200 x 75 feet, and the equipment can easily be stored in half of this space, leaving plenty of drill room. Ammunition for the field pieces is on the way so in the near future the members of the battery can expect to do some real drilling. No arrangements have been made as yet for the construction of a stable, and the horses will not be shipped until a suitable building has been provided.

Feb 12, 1921: Published in the "The Montrose Daily Press" entitled: Location troops in state fixed. Denver, Feb. 12. Locations of Colorado National Guard units, provided for under the United States war department reorganization act, which placed Colorado in the eighth corps area, were determined upon by the board of officers, of which Col. Sterling P. Adams was president in conferences held in the office of the adjutant general of the guard, and at the state house Wednesday. Under the reorganization act, the Colorado National Guard will have a strength of 4,800 men by 1924. The members of the board which decided upon the cities and towns in which the various units of the guard are to be located were, in addition to Col. Adams, Col. Patrick J. Hamrock, who is to be appointed by Governor Shoup as the next adjutant general of the guard; Col. Joseph C. Taylor, and Maj. Paul P. Newlon, superintendent of the Colorado Rangers, and who is to be the acting head of the rangers when Col. Hamrock becomes the adjutant general. The locations of the guard units were fixed by the board as follows: Colorado Division Troops: Headquarters, 177th Infantry, Colorado National Guard. Headquarters company, Service company. Howitzer Company and Sanitary detachment, Denver. First Battalion, Northeastern Colorado: Headquarters: Fort Morgan. Company "A": Fort Morgan. Company "B": Sterling. Company "C": Longmont. Company "D": Brighton, Brush or Fort Lupton. Second Battalion, Arkansas Valley, Headquarters: Lamar. Company "E": Lamar. Company "F": Rocky Ford. Company "G": Ordway. Company "H": La Junta, Holly or Fowler. Third Battalion, Western Slope: Headquarters: Grand Junction. Company "I": Delta, Olathe, Glenwood Springs or Fruita. Company "K": Alamosa. Company "L": Montrose. Company "M": Grand Junction. First Battalion, 158th F. A. (75 men), Colorado National Guard: Battalion Headquarters: Denver. Battery "A": Denver. Battery "B": Pueblo. Battalion Combat Train: Denver. Forty-fifth Tank Company, Colorado National Guard: Denver. One Hundred and Twentieth Veterinary Evacuation Hospital company: Fort Collins. Forty-fifth Division Air Service: Denver.

Feb 27, 1921: Published in the "The Pueblo Chieftan" entitled: 4 Pueblo men named as officers by Gov. Shoup. Denver, Feb. 26. Twenty two commissioned officers were nominated by Gov. Oliver H. Shoup Saturday in the first step for the reorganization of the Colorado National guard. The appointments were made on recommendation of Col.

Hamrock, adjutant general and with one or two exceptions they are World War veterans, many having seen active service overseas. For the present, Colonel Hamrock said, the duties of the officers will be in connection with recruiting for the guard. Later they will be assigned to the 177th Infantry, 158th Field Artillery and the second squad of cavalry. Following is the list: Infantry: Colonel; William C. Danks, Littleton. Lieutenant Colonel; Paul P. Newlon Olney Springs. Majors; Corra D. Hutchinson, Sterling; Harry C. Byrnes, Denver; Rufus A. Johnston, Fort Morgan; William E. Gunther, Denver. Captains; Edward C. Austin, Denver; Cecil R. Mentzer, Denver; Harry A. Sullivan, Denver; Hunter H. Cover, Rocky Ford; Harry M. Gambrell, Denver. First Lieutenants; William H. James, Denver; Willard B. Gordon, Lamar; Fred Schoder, Denver; Richard T. Wilson, Denver. Cavalry: Major; Christopher F. Cusack, Denver. First Lieutenant; Edward T. Gibert, Denver. Artillery: Captains; Harold O. Nichols, Denver; Richard A. Talbot, Pueblo. First Lieutenants; Jacob G. Davis, Pueblo; Albert G. Ainsworth, Pueblo. Second Lieutenant; Morris A. Penter, Pueblo.

Mar 12, 1921: Published in the "The Army and Navy Journal" entitled: Colorado Col. Patrick J. Hamrock, of Denver, organizer and commander of the 157th Infantry in 1917-18, has been appointed Adjutant General of Colorado. He succeeds William A. Spangler, who has been in office since 1919. General Hamrock has started a house cleaning and reorganization of the Colorado Guard and expects by summer to have the authorized quota enrolled. Former National Guardsmen feel that General Hamrock is the one man in the state to rally the ex-servicemen to the support of the Guard. He retains the superintendency of the Colorado Rangers, the constabulary which he organized at the Governor's request last September. Governor Shoup has appointed the field and staff officers, of one infantry regiment, one squadron of cavalry and a battalion of artillery. These units are the first step in rebuilding Colorado's Guard, and when Federalized will be the 177th Infantry, the 2d Squadron (unassigned), and the 158th Field Artillery. William C. Danks, of Littleton, will be colonel of the 177th, Christopher F. Cusack, of Denver, major of the squadron, and Harold A. Nichols, of Denver, major of the artillery battalion now being formed. All the officers appointed have had former state and Federal service, and all but four saw service in France.

Mar 31, 1921: Published in the "The Arizona Republican" entitled: State Artillery to Camp in July. The annual encampment of Arizona artillery will be held at Fort Bliss after July 1, according to the announcement of Adjutant General Walter S. Ingalls. Two batteries will be represented at the encampment, Battery "A", established at Flagstaff, and Battery "B" 158th Field Artillery of Mesa. The announcement of the artillery encampment followed closely on the announcement of the infantry encampment at Camp Harry J. Jones Douglas, May 30 to June 12. Five companies of the 158th Infantry will be present, including Companies "A" and "D", located in Phoenix; Company "B" in Williams; Company E, in Tucson, and Company H, a Machine gun company of Casa Grande.

Jul 07, 1921: Published in the "The Ada Weekly News" entitled: Major Will Form Guard Unit Here. Whittley opens recruiting for Battery "F" in City. Major Earl Whittley, ordnance officer attached to General Barrett's staff, was here from Oklahoma City yesterday in the interest of the organization of Battery "F" of the Oklahoma National Guard. Lieut. Robert Kerr of this city has charge of organizing the battery and those who are interested are asked to call at his office in the Shaw building. For many months, efforts have been made to organize the battery here but for various reasons it has been delayed. Steps are being taken to get the organization completed within the next ten days after which the first summer camping trip to Ft. Sill will be taken. The equipment, guns, horses and other material that goes with a battery of artillery has been named and explained before. This would be a great help to the city, interested persons believe, not only giving several men employment part of the time, but would also draw more interest from state National guard headquarters. No public meeting has been held and the plans being made will give each man interested an opportunity to see the lieutenant personally, sign up, be examined, and enlist as a member. It is believed that the organization will be completed without delay and if so the equipment will be sent immediately to Ada. Many apply for National Guard; Major Assigned to Complete Field Artillery Battery at Ada. Oklahoma City, July 5; Applications of cities seeking locations of new organizations of the Oklahoma national guard are besieging the adjutant general's office, according to notices sent out today, and due to the fact that the allotment is already filled pending new re-organization, many of the requests have been temporarily denied. Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett attributed the unusual applications for guard units to the recent race trouble at Tulsa and the successful guard encampment at Fort Sill, which closed recently. The allotment under the 1931-1922 military laws has not as yet been prescribed, waiting passage of the army appropriation bill. Adjutant General Barrett hopes to fill all applications for guard units under the new allotment. Col. B. H. Markham of the Second Regiment, Major Earl Patterson and Captain Roger G. Maus, Q. M. C., have been appointed to the board authorized by military regulations for the purpose of passing on location and organization of units in the Oklahoma National Guard and the Reserve Corps. Brigadier General Roy Hoffman, Major V. M. Locke, Jr., and Major C. H. Johnson have been appointed reserve officers to the board. Orders have been issued by the adjutant general transferring battalion headquarters company of the First Regiment, Second Infantry, into a battery of heavy artillery. The unit is located at Chickasha. First Lieutenant A. Noble Ladd will be made captain and command the unit. Company "L" formerly of the Second Regiment, Anadarko, pursuant to previous orders, has been transferred to the First Field Artillery. It will be known as Battery "B." Federal

recognition and inspection of the battery will be held July 7. Capt. J. D. Brown will command the battery. Major Earl Whittley, ordinance officer attached to the administrative staff, has been detailed to complete organization of Battery "F" 1st field artillery at Ada. Major Whittley expects to have the battery ready for inspection by July 8.

Aug 26, 1921: Published in the "The Muldrow Sun" entitled: Oklahoma City Army Reserve Division; Opens Headquarters for National Guards of Four States; Official Staff Has Meeting. Major General is to Be Named; Nearly Every City in States of Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado to have a unit. Oklahoma City, Okla. Oklahoma City will be the headquarters for the Forty-fifth division of the army reserve and divisional headquarters for national guard units of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, according to information obtained. This will give Oklahoma a military standing the par of any city in the country outside of the old established post cities, army men say. A major general will be appointed to command each division and will have a staff of four brigadier generals. Assignments Made: A meeting of a board of officers appointed by Major Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, commander of the Eight Corps area with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, was held in the state capital to designate the national guard units and their location in the state. A similar meeting will be held later by a similarly appointed board to designate and locate units of the organized reserves. The board of officers which met is composed of Col. Patsy O'Neil, Col. B. H. Markham, Maj. Earl Patterson and First Lieut. Roger Grant Maus. The board to meet Thursday is composed of Brig. Gen. Roy Hoffman, Col. O'Neil, Maj. Victor M. Locke Jr., and Maj. Charles Hooker Johnson. Texas Gets War Division Names: With the disarmament program being carried out the work of building up the national guard and reserve army is being rushed to give the country the needed protection, officials say. Efforts were made to obtain the name of the "Ninetieth Division," or "Thirty-Sixth Division" for the guard division, but both those names were given to Texas. However efforts of the organizers virtually have resulted in obtaining the name "Nineteenth Brigade," and "179th Regiment" and "180th Regiment." It was these organizations of the Ninetieth division which won particular notice as Oklahoma units. Location of the following national guard units are to be decided later. Howitzer Company included Tank company and Military Police company. Infantry division headquarters: Headquarters company, Signal company, Motorcycle company, Ordnance company, Maintenance company; Infantry brigade, infantry regiments, 179th Infantry headquarters; Headquarters company, First battalion, Second battalion, Third battalion, supply company, sanitary detachment and companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, I, K, L, and M and Howitzer company; 180th Infantry regiment, Headquarters company, First battalion, Second battalion and Third battalion, Supply company and companies, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, and M and Howitzer company. Field artillery brigade: Field artillery regiment headquarters, Headquarters battery, first battalion, second battalion, Service battery and Sanitary detachment, with batteries A, B, C, D, E, F. Regiment of Combat Engineers: Headquarters regiment combat engineers, First battalion, Second battalion and companies A, B, C, D, E, and F. Headquarters Medical regiment: sanitary company, ambulance companies hospital company, medical supply section, medical laboratory section and division trains quartermaster corps. Headquarters artillery regiment (155mm): First battalion, headquarters battery, and Supply company; Second battalion, Third battalion and batteries A, B, C, D, E, and F, Auxiliary battalion, Headquarters company and companies A, B, and C, Air service observation squadron, motor transport company and military police battalion.

Sep 15, 1921: Published in the "The Morning Tulsa Daily World" entitled: National Guard G.H.Q. in State. Federal Militia Board to Locate 45th Divisional Staff; Discusses new roads; Governor Robertson Confers With United States Roads Bureau at Capital; Washington, Sept. 14-Oklahoma is to be the headquarters for the 45th division of the national guard, it was stated today at the Federal Militia bureau to Governor J. B. Robertson of Oklahoma. General in Command: A major general will be in command and a complete divisional staff of officers, will be maintained in the state, along with Oklahoma's quota of national guardsmen. The governor arrived here last evening, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson, and by General Barrett, for the purpose of taking up this matter and some others with the Militia bureau and having a conference with the bureau of public roads. City Undetermined: It has not been determined by the officials at the militia bureau at what city in Oklahoma the headquarters of the division will be maintained. Several minor matters in connection with the organization and maintenance of the national guard were discussed by the governor and while they were not all concluded, General Barrett will remain over tomorrow to complete the business. The Governor and Mrs. Robertson will go on to New York before returning to Oklahoma City. Discuss Highways: During the governors stay here today he had up with the bureau of public roads a number of matters of detail in connection with joint federal and state highway projects already under way. No discussion was had with regard to new projects, but it is expected the state of Oklahoma will be able to get some more of the surplus army material for use in road construction. The governor expressed complete satisfaction with the outcome of his visits both to the militia bureau and the bureau of public roads.

Oct 28, 1921: Published in the "The Coconino Sun" entitled: Our Battery Changed From "A" to "D". The designation of Flagstaff's Battery, 1st Arizona field artillery, has been changed, to become effective the first of next month, to Battery "D," 158th field artillery, 45th division, national guard. Mesa's battery has been changed from "B" to "E". The change will involve no detail here except rebranding the hoofs of the horses, which were branded "A." War

Department is pleased with Flagstaff Battery: What the war department thinks of the showing recently made by our battery at encampment at El Paso a few weeks ago, is shown in the following letter: War Department. Military Bureau, Washington, D. C. To the Adjutant General of Arizona: This bureau is much gratified with the excellent field inspection report received in connection with the field training of Batteries "A" and "B", 1st Field Artillery, Arizona National Guard. Other reports in different forms but all tending to show the excellent work done by your organizations at Fort Bliss have been received and it is noted with greatest pleasure that all your officers and men are so enthusiastic and did such excellent work. Considering the fact that we have not been able to furnish you any instructor reflects even more credit upon the officers of the two batteries. By direction of the Secretary of War, Geo. C. Rickards, Major General.

Jan 01, 1922: Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment and Stations of Organization: Medical Department; Home Stationed at Williams, AZ; First Lieutenant Clymer D. Jeffries. Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Pueblo, CO; Captain Richard A. Talbert, First Lieutenant Marion K. Weaver, and Second Lieutenant James H. Naden. Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Roswell, NM; Captain William H. McCullough, First Lieutenant George A. Arnold, Second Lieutenants John W. Skipwith and Harry Schram. Battery "D", 2nd Battalion 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Flagstaff, AZ; Captain Clarence T. Pulliam, First Lieutenant Francis A. Chisholm, and Second Lieutenant Lacy A. Eastburn. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Mesa, AZ; Captain, Donald H. Biery, First Lieutenants Joseph F. Pomeroy and Franklin I. Pomeroy, and Second Lieutenant Nathaniel L. Houston.

Jan 17, 1922: Published in the "Arizona Republican" entitled: Mesa artillerymen spend Saturday in rifle range work. Mesa. Jan. 16. More than half of the personnel of Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery of Mesa, spent last Saturday on the rifle range northeast of town where a busy schedule of instruction and firing practice was gone through with. Four officers and Sergeant J. C. MacGlin, staff sergeant of the regular army attached to the local battery, supervised the day's instructions. Instruction work was given in pistol and machine gun firing and the gun drill was held with the artillery pieces. The 75's were also fired on the range. The occasional practice on the range and the weekly drills held each Tuesday night in the armory are proving a decided attraction to the enlisted personnel. The instruction has been worthwhile and the men are acquiring considerable information of value to them. With the moving away of some of the enlisted men, there is now a vacancy for about 10 recruits in the battery, an officer of the organization said Tuesday. The time spent in the battery work is remunerative in a financial way, pay being given for both regular drill nights and the days spent on the target range. Anyone interested in joining the battery may secure information from any of the officers. To most Mesa people the local organization is generally known as Battery "B". That designation was changed, however, on Nov. 1 of last year when the battery was assigned to the 158th field artillery and designated as Battery "E", which is now its correct title. Colorado and Arizona units comprise the 158th, Batteries "A", "B", and "C" being located in Colorado and "D", "E", and "F" in this state.

Jan 19, 1922: Published in the "The Pueblo Chieftan" entitled: Recruits joining battery troop here. Captain C. K. Fletcher, newly elected captain of Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, was introduced to the members of the organization at the time of the regular drill held at the court house Tuesday night. Another meeting will be held tonight in the court house. On Sunday members of the battery will hold their first mounted drill with gun caissons at State Fair grounds. Instruction in mounted work will be given in detail at this time and Captain Fletcher and Sergeant Tracy request that all members be present. A number of recruits were reported at the meeting and members of the recruiting teams hope to have the required number of men enlisted by February 15. Bids for the national guard armory to be erected at State Fair grounds have been advertised according to a statement made by Morris A. Penter, Captain of Troop "A", 111th Colorado cavalry. Construction work will start at once following federal inspection in February. Thus far 15 recruits have joined the troop since last Thursday.

Jan 20, 1922: Published in the "The Williams News" entitled: Annual Inspection of Guard Ordered. Col. H. A. Hanigan, senior instructor of the Arizona national guard has received orders from the headquarters of the Eight corps area to conduct the annual armory inspection of the organizations, units, arsenals, depots, storehouses and target ranges of the state guard. The orders includes the following inspections: Williams, Company "I", 158th Infantry. Flagstaff, Battery "D", 158th Field Artillery. Phoenix, First battalion and battalion headquarters company, 158th Infantry; Company A, 158th Infantry, Company D, 158th infantry; state staff corps and departments. Casa Grande, Company H, 158th Infantry. Tucson, Company E, 158th Infantry. Mesa, Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery.

Jan 29, 1922: Published in the "The Pueblo Chieftan" entitled: Mounted drill at fair grounds. Members of the 158th Field Artillery, Pueblo unit of the national guard, will give a mounted drill to which the public is invited, at the fair grounds this morning at 10 o'clock, which will replace their week night's drill. Polo will be tried out with the recently arrived equipment.

Feb 10, 1922: Battery "A" located at Roswell, New Mexico, reorganized from 1st Field Artillery, New Mexico National Guard.

Mar 02, 1922: Published in the "Arizona Republican" entitled: Fryer made lieutenant. Ezra Fryer was elected second lieutenant of Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, at the weekly assembly of the battery held Tuesday night in the armory. Fryer's election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ivan Pomeroy.

Mar 20, 1922: Published in the "Arizona Republican" entitled: Mesa guard unit is called one of best in Arizona. Mesa, March 19. That Mesa has one of the best national guard units in the state was indicated at the annual inspection of Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, Saturday, when Col. H. A. Hannigan, inspector-instructor for Arizona, gave first rating to the battery in his report to the war department. Although the last of the half-score units in the state to be inspected, Battery "E" is said to be the first organization to be accorded the first rating by the inspecting officer. Colonel Hannigan, Adjutant General Walter S. Ingalls and Major Woodall and Major McKinley of the general staff, spent most of Saturday in Mesa inspecting Battery "E". Individual inspection of the enlisted personnel was held at the armory at 1 o'clock. At 2:16 the men, horses and artillery pieces were assembled on North MacDonald street and on the pavement there a large gathering of citizens watched the soldiers maneuver. Four tactical problems assigned to the battery were worked out by the men in gun drill. The inspector paid high compliments to Battery "E" officers and men for the efficiency of the organization and complimented them on the good attendance and splendid interest that is being maintained in the battery. Sixty-one of the total 69 enlisted men in the unit were out for Saturday's inspection and their personal appearance and organization maneuvers showed that a great deal of time and effort has been expended by the soldiers since the organization of the battery about a year ago. Preceding the inspection the visiting officers and officers of the battery were guests at a luncheon served at the Coffee Cup cafe. Places were laid for Colonel Hannigan, Colonel Ingalls, Major Woodall, Major McKinley, Captain Blerry, Lieutenant Houston, Lieutenant Pomeroy, Lieutenant Fryer, Sergeant Major Macklin and Corporal Pomeroy. Interesting in connection with the presence of the battery in Mesa was a fact made known Saturday that \$17,754 has been expended in cash in Mesa in the last 10 months. This amount does not include expenditures for forage for the thirty-odd head of live stock.

Mar 26, 1922: Published in the "The Tombstone Epitaph" entitled: Mesa Guard Unit is Called One of the Best in Arizona. Mesa, March 22. That Mesa has one of the best national guard units in the state was indicated at the annual inspection of Battery E, 158th field artillery, Saturday, when Col. H. A. Hannigan, inspector instructor for Arizona, gave first rating to the battery in his report to the war department. Although the last of the half-score units in the state to be inspected, Battery E. Is said to be the first organization to be accorded the first rating by the inspecting officer.

Apr 21, 1922: Published in the "The Coconino Sun" entitled: Arizona Guard Stands at Head. In the recent annual inspection of the units of the national guard in the Eight army corps area, Battery "E" of Mesa and Battery "D" of Flagstaff, both of the 158th field artillery, Arizona national guard, were accredited by the adjutant of the area as being the two best national guard units in the area, according to word received yesterday by Col. Walter S. Ingalls, adjutant general, from the headquarters of the corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The Eight army corps area consists of several of the states of the southwest, including Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. The ranking of the units was made from the report of the inspector of each unit in the state held during the month of March. In speaking of Battery "E" of Mesa, the report stated as follows: "The corps area commander is very much gratified to note in the annual armory inspection report of this unit that it stands in the first rank of national guard organizations of this corps area in the care of federal property and satisfactory completion of records as well as above the average in many other reports. It is desired to point out that the record referred to discloses to Battery "E" is to be especially commended for its high average in attendance at drills and instruction." The report for Battery "D" of Flagstaff was identical with that for Battery "E". These are the only field artillery units in the state and the remainder of the units in the 158th artillery are located in Colorado.

Sep 01, 1922: Published in the "The Miami News Record" entitled: Battery "D" with 54 Men Left Sunday for Encampment. Battery "D," "Flagstaff's Own," is now hard at work at summer training at the annual encampment at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Texas. The boys got away a little after 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in two special Pullman tourist coaches attached to train 22, which was about four hours late. They were supposed to reach camp about noon on Monday. Of a little more than 70 men belonging to this light field artillery unit, 54 men entrained. Some of those members were out of town, and some were unable to go because of business. Several hundred people were at the train to see the boys off. They will be back with us again on September 15, glad to get into "cits" again, some of them more bronzed than they are now, and, we hope, all of them with perfect records and in perfect health. Flagstaff is proud of Battery "D," comprised of a fine set of young men and noted in army circles as being one of the best national guard organizations in the United States. Through the courtesy of First Sergeant P. H. Harley, who has been elected second lieutenant and will be one as soon as his commission arrives, The Sun received the following list of the boys

who went to Fort Bliss: Capt. Clarence T. Pulliam. First Lt. Francis A. Chisholm. First Lt. Lacey A. Eastburn. Second Lt. Austin J. Mackey. First Sergeant P. H. Harley. Sgts. Gustave A. Boenitsch, Jerry H. McGaugh, George J. Rozen, Alexander T. Lawson. Corporals Winfield S. Beard, Robert I. Daugherty, George A. Cameron, Homer T. Byrom, John F. Conrard, Ernest J. Hogan, Frank F. Compton. Privates, first class, Walter J. Fleck, Milford L. Nichols, Joe Sanchez, Frank Short, Wilbur L. Wolfington. Privates Ramon Anaya, Wilbur S. Carlos, Robert Castro, Frank Conrard, Clarence F. Johnson, John Marine, Albert T. Michelbach, Harold Osborn, Nester Padia, Salvador Peris, Paul A. Rodriguez, Buster Thornton, Baxter Womack, Jack Heckethorn, John Lowry, Clyde Etter, Arthur J. Mitchell, Ernest J. Yost, Frank La Scala, Harry J. Long, E. Hechethorn, Eugene Womack, Paul Moritz, Frank O. Price, Charles H. Kelly, Samuel C. Black, Donald La Rue, M. McCormick, George Anderson, Lee Wheeler, N. E. Watts, Roy L. Simmons.

Sep 03, 1922: At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in two special Pullman tourist coaches attached to a 22 car train, Battery "D" of Flagstaff, Arizona departs for Fort Bliss, Texas to return on Sep 15, 1922. Of a little more than 70 men assigned to this light field artillery unit, 54 men were entrained. Roster of those entrained are Captain Clarence T. Pulliam, Lieutenants Francis A. Chisholm, Lacey A. Eastburn, and Austin J. Mackey. First Sergeant Percy H. Harley. Sergeants Gustave A. Boenitsch, Jerry H. McGaugh, George J. Rozen, and Alexander T. Lawson. Corporals Winfield S. Beard, Robert I. Daugherty, George A. Cameron, Homer T. Byrom, John F. Conrard, Ernest J. Hogan, and Frank F. Compton. Privates First Class Walter J. Fleck, Milford L. Nichols, Joe Sanchez, Frank Short, and Wilbur L. Wolfington. Privates Ramon Anaya, Wilbur S. Carlos, Robert Castro, Frank X. Conrad, Clarence F. Johnson, John H. Marine, Albert T. Michelbach, Harold Osborn, Nester Padia, Salvador Peris, Paul A. Rodriguez, Buster Thornton, Baxter Womack, Jackson A. Heckethorn, John B. Lowry, Clyde R. Etter, Arthur J. Mitchell, Ernest J. Yost, Frank La Scala, Harry J. Long, Earl W. Hechethorn, Eugene Womack, Paul M. Moritz, Frank O. Price, Charles H. Kelly, Samuel C. Black, Donald La Rue, Myrl A. McCormick, George Anderson, Lee C. Wheeler, N. E. Watts, Roy L. Simmons.

Sep 15, 1922: Published in the "The Coconino Sun" entitled: Flagstaff Battery "D" Made Splendid Record at Fort Bliss. The boys of Flagstaff Battery "D" of the 158th Field Artillery returned on Wednesday morning after an absence of two weeks at Fort Bliss, Texas, where they got valuable experience in artillery practice, as well as having a good time. All of them say the encampment was made pleasant by the officers and men regularly stationed there. Active work began on the 29th, and for eight days the Flagstaff boys had detailed work in cannoner instruction, as well as thorough training in each branch of artillery work. On September 6 Battery "D" went out north of the fort and fired shrapnel. The next day was also spent in firing. On the 8th they fired high explosive shells, which is extremely dangerous work, regulations requiring the men to be back of sand bag emplacement before firing the guns. This year's schedule was much more satisfactory to the men, as they were allowed more rest periods and time for recreation. Passes were allowed for trips to Juarez, Mex., on Saturday and Sunday nights, the battery members being required to wear civilian clothes while in that place. They were also allowed to wear "cits" after retreat. Captain Clarence T. Pulliam says the boys did well in the firing of shrapnel, no doubt as well as other organizations, while in the firing of high explosive shells they were superior, according to the statements of regular army officers. Most of the trip was made without great inconvenience, with the exception of the delay in Albuquerque coming home. They arrived there at 7:30 on Tuesday morning, and it was understood that they were to make connections with No. 7, which left there at about 12:10 in the afternoon. Instructions from the superintendent in Winslow, however, did not permit the battery to go on that train, so they had to wait for No. 1, which left Albuquerque at 8:30 that night, delaying arrival here until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

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

Dec 17, 1922: Published in the "The Bisbee Daily Review" entitled: Reserve Corps News Notes. With Particular Reference to Activities of Arizona Men in the Nation's Army Affairs; Col. E. F. Grinstead has assigned the following officers to organizations in the 409th Infantry: 2nd Lieut. J. C. McGrath, vet. ORC of Phoenix is announced as Regimental Veterinary Officer. 2nd Lieut. Warren A. Ford, of Tucson, has been transferred from Co. H and assigned to Co. E, the Tucson company of the Arizona regiment. Lieut. Thomas Wilcox is transferred from Co. H and assigned to Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., at Phoenix. Lieut. Leo Lesuer, of Mesa, is transferred from Co. F and assigned to Co. G at Tempe. The object of the above assignments and transfers is to place officers in organizations as nearly as possible to the places they reside. Officers who have just joined the Arizona regiment are assigned as follows: Lieut. Paul B. Jones, of Phoenix, to Co. A, Phoenix. Lieut. Alton P. Stoner, of Phoenix, to Co. A. Lieut. Wm. J. Haltigan, of

Clarksdale, to Co. C at Winslow. Lieut. Nelson McKang, of Tucson, to Co. E, Tucson. Lieut. John S. Bogan, of Swansea, to Co. F at Yuma. Lieut. Josh J. McIntire, of Nogales, to Co. H at Nogales. Lieut. F. K. M. Hunter, of Inspiration, to Co. K at Globe. Major Wm. E. Selbie, Infantry, U. S. A., has reported for duty with the 205th Infantry Brigade. He has rented a house at 509 Powell St., Warren. Major Selbie goes on leave to Los Angeles until Jan. 3rd, when he will return with his family. There will be a meeting of the officers on General Greenway's staff at the office of Col. Dougherty, Room 5, McGregor building, Warren, at 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. next Tuesday. This is the second of a series of monthly staff studies instituted by Gen. Greenway for the training of his brigade staff. The War Department has just authorized the issue of a limited number of rifles with necessary ammunition and other appurtenances, to each regiment of the infantry of the Organized Reserves. These arms will be issued under the supervision of Col. Dougherty, to any unit where a number of the officers of the brigade live and desire to engage in target practice. Any officer of the Arizona regiment interested should communicate with Col. Dougherty on his return from Cuba about February 5. 1st Lieut. H. B. Embach, 409th Infantry, of Flagstaff, has been appointed Captain in the 158th Field Artillery and assigned to command the National Guard battery at Flagstaff.

Jan 01, 1923: Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment and Stations of Organization: Battery "A", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Roswell, NM; Captain John W. Skipwith, First Lieutenants William T. Albert and Harry F. Schram, and Second Lieutenant Dossie L. Loyd. Battery "B", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; First Lieutenants Harry J. Fisk and Frederick W. Ruble, and Second Lieutenant Merle C. Goff. Battery "C", 1st Battalion 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Pueblo, CO; Captain Jacob D. G. Davis and First Lieutenant Charles A. Tracy. Battery "D", 2nd Battalion 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Flagstaff, AZ; Captain Harry B. Embach, First Lieutenants Percy H. Harley and Austin J. Mackey, and Second Lieutenant Gustave A. Boenitsch. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Mesa, AZ; Captain Donald H. Biery, First Lieutenants Lacey A. Eastburn, Nathaniel L. Houston and Joseph F. Pomeroy, and Second Lieutenant Era R. Fryer.

Mar 23, 1923: Published in the "The Winslow Mail" entitled: Brief Arizona items. Appointed by the governor, Jos. F. Pomeroy, formerly first lieutenant of Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, Arizona National Guard, has succeeded Donald H. Biery, former captain of the organization. Mr. Biery's resignation took effect during this month and was due to strenuous business matters claiming his attention at the present time.

Apr 09, 1923: Published in the "The Prescott Evening Courier" entitled: Child Killed. Phoenix, April 9. Joseph F. Pomeroy Jr., 4 year old son of Mr. And Mrs. J. F. Pomeroy, proprietors of the Mesa Cleaning and Dye Works, was run over and instantly killed Saturday night in front of his father's establishment in Mesa by a car driven by Mrs. W. S. Goldsworthy of Phoenix. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock and was witnessed by several passerbys, it is said. Mr. Pomeroy, father of the child, is well known in Mesa and is captain of Battery "E" 158th Field Artillery.

Apr 29, 1923: Published in the "The Ardmore Daily Ardmoreite" entitled: State's Guard Ranks Largest in its History; More Companies Being Added Regularly, Survey Shows; General Inspection on May 10. Oklahoma now has the largest national guard force it has ever had, ranks well up among the states of the union in numbers and efficiency of units, and recruiting is proceeding at a faster rate than ever before, according to Adj. Gen. Baird H. Markham. Before the world war Oklahoma had only one regiment, that, an Infantry unit which made an outstanding record overseas, General Markham said. When all units now authorized by the war department are completely organized, the state will have approximately six regiments in numbers of men enlisted. A divisional headquarters, for the 45th division has been allotted to the state and will be organized soon after units now being formed have been inspected by federal officers. The 158th artillery regiment, transferred to this state from Arizona, is the most nearly complete of new organizations, according to the adjutant general. Headquarters company is now being formed at Sulphur, OK. Other units of the regiment are being organized at Bristow. The Kingfisher battery enlisted by Capt. John J. McCartney has been announced ready for inspection. Prior to the present activity in recruiting, the state had four regiments in the national guard, two infantry and two artillery regiments. With the additional artillery regiment, a medical regiment an engineer regiment and other units, the state will have parts of seven regiments and certain corps troops, the adjutant general said. The engineer regiment's organization has begun at Wetumka where one company was inspected Wednesday night. Tulsa and Okmulgee will also have engineer units. An ordnance maintenance company has been organized and inspected at Claremore. A veterinary company is being organized at Pawhuska, a signal company at Alva, and with the exception of a battalion headquarters and combat train for the 158th Artillery, and the medical regiment, which will be organized under Col. Floyd J. Bolen, these units will complete the list of organizations now authorized. All units now being formed are to be completed and inspected by May 10, to be ready to attend the summer training camp at Fort Sill July 5 to 19, according to the adjutant general. Inspections are being made by Maj. C. W. Daley of the guard and Capt. O. E. Paxton of the regular army. Published in the "The Ada Evening News" entitled: State proud of national guard. Oklahoma boasts of ranking guard force in union, Markham claims.

Oklahoma City, April 20. Oklahoma now has the largest national guard force it has ever had, ranks well up among the states of the union in numbers and efficiency of units, and recruiting is proceeding at a faster rate than ever before, according to Adj. Gen. Baird H. Markham. Before the world war Oklahoma had only one regiment, that an infantry unit which made an outstanding record overseas, General Markham said. When all units now authorized by the war department are completely organized, the state will have approximately six regiments in numbers of men enlisted. A divisional headquarters, for the 45th Division, has been allotted to the state and will be organized soon after units now being formed have been inspected by federal officers. The 158th Artillery Regiment, transferred to this state from Arizona. Is the most nearly complete of new organizations, according to the adjutant general. Headquarters Company is now being formed at Sulphur. Other units of the regiment are being organized at Kingfisher and Bristow. The Kingfisher battery, enlisted by Capt. John B. McCartney, has been announced ready for inspection. Prior to the present activity in recruiting, the state had four regiments in the national guard, two infantry and two artillery regiments. With the additional artillery regiment, a medical regiment, an engineer regiment and other units, the state will have parts of seven regiments and certain corps troops, the adjutant general said. The engineer regiment's organization has begun at Wetumka where one company was inspected Wednesday night. Tulsa and Okmulgee will also have engineer units. An ordnance maintenance company has been organized and inspected at Claremore. A veterinary company is being organized at Pawhuska, a signal company at Alva, and with the exception of a battalion headquarters and combat train for the 158th Artillery, and the medical regiment, which will be organized under Col. Floyd J. Bolen, these units will complete the list of organizations now authorized. All units now being formed are to be completed and inspected by May 10, to be ready to attend the summer training camp at Fort Sill, July 5 to 19, according to the adjutant general. Inspections are being made by Maj. C. W. Daley of the guard and Capt. O. E. Paxton of the regular army.

May 08, 1923: Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment was activated at Sulphur, Oklahoma and assembled for its first formation. The occasion was inspection for federal recognition and the unit passed the required tests and was formally recognized, by the Federal government, as an integral part of our National Defense. An extract from the Inspecting Officer's report of this inspection reads: "Commanded by an officer (Capt. Charles N. Hardin) who is intensely interested in military communications and radio development and composed of an exceptionally high type of enlisted personnel, this organization should develop into an excellent headquarters unit." Roster of Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment, Oklahoma National Guard. Captain Charles N. Hardin, First Lieutenant Dewey H. Neal, Staff Sergeants George E. McBride and Carlton D. Spangler. Sergeants Alfred H. Cole, Joe F. Miller, Jewell A. Plunkett, Floyd E. Potes, Henry E. Ricks, and Earl H. Williams. Corporals William H. Buttram, Victor O. Leonard, Joseph H. Outler, William F. Patterson, Hillman R. Ury, Jesse W. Wade, Jack C. Wright, and Louis O. Young. Privates Thomas J. Arms, Robert D. Biby, Otto F. Beam, Leon J. Clark, Ray G. Connelly, Herbert F. Cooper, Charles F. Dye, James B. Freeman, Odis E. Goodin, John S. Gilmore, Lee H. Greenwood, Nelson G. Griffis, John P. Hanley, Homer V. Jefferson, Marion A. Jenkins, Martin S. Leonard, Sam D. McClellan, Earl E. Miller, Jesse Moore, Luther H. Newby, Isaac H. Patterson, Ray L. Potts, Hobart H. Powell, Alton E. Ricks, Oray D. Roberts, Fitzgerald Walden, Harry Ward, John A. Ward and William E. Whalen.

May 09, 1923: Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment is activated at Hugo, Oklahoma with Captain Xerma R. Campbell commanding and Lieutenants Aurelius D. Harry, George W. Dodd Jr., Otto A. Brewer, and was accorded Federal recognition.

May 12, 1923: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Kingfisher adds to guard. New Field Artillery Unit is Allotted by Adjutant General. Kingfisher. May 11. (Special) Kingfisher will be allotted a firing battery of the 158th Field Artillery and also will retain its present organization of the headquarters detachment and combat train of the 160th Field Artillery, according to information from the adjutant general's office. This will give Kingfisher a quota of forty-eight horses and two fully equipped organizations with a personnel of 115 men and nine officers.

May 15, 1923: Colonel Charles A. Holden assumes duties as Regimental Commander. 2nd Battalion Headquarters Battery and Combat Trains are activated at Kingfisher, Oklahoma by transfer of personnel from the 160th Field Artillery with Captain Clarence R. Steele commanding. Battery "F" is activated at Kingfisher, Oklahoma with Captain George I. Lacey commanding.

May 24, 1923: Published in the "The Chattanooga News" entitled: Sulphur Guard Unit Mustered In. Sulphur, Okla. Following an inspection by state and federal officers, the new national guard unit of Sulphur, making up headquarters battery 158th field artillery, has been mustered in.

May 25, 1923: Published in the "The Boynton Index" entitled: Oklahoma Notes. Following an inspection by state and federal officers, the new national guard unit of Sulphur, making up headquarters battery, 158th field artillery, has been mustered in, Charles N. Hardin will be captain.

Sep 13, 1923: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Hugo guard to get livestock barn. Hugo, Sept. 12; (Special); Construction of a barn to house thirty two horses to be sent to Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard here, will be started soon, Mayor R. L. Jones has announced.

Sep 21, 1923: Published in the "The El Reno Daily Democrat" entitled: Military court still grinds on. (By United Press) Oklahoma City, Sept. 21: The sixth day of martial law in the state of Oklahoma was marked by an increase in the number of guardsmen on duty here, and by the tightening of "leaks" about the military court of inquiry. The national guard forces now on duty in the city were increased Thursday afternoon by the arrival of Battery "F", 158th Field Artillery from Kingfisher, with Lieut. Grimes in command. A "deadline" has been established about the conference room where the military tribunal is in session. Witnesses are appearing before the court with great regularity. A woman whose identity is unknown appeared before the court today for the second time. County Attorney J. K. Wright, who according to testimony given to the court of inquiry has admitted membership in the Klan appeared before the court again today. N. C. Jewett, grand dragon of the Klan for Oklahoma, was scheduled to appear before the court late this afternoon. Additional members of the legislature were lining up for the meeting which has been scheduled for Wednesday at noon. According to Representative McBee of Stevens County, seventy members had already signed the petition for the meeting. A. A. Maupin who was on the stand before the court Thursday, was recalled later in the afternoon. In his later testimony he confessed that he was wrong in his previous testimony that the Merriman whipping had occurred in 1921, and stated that the correct date was 1922. Additional testimony given by Maupin was to be released at one o'clock this afternoon.

Nov 01, 1923: Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: National Guard Drill Attendance. There is an interesting study in comparisons furnished by the Armory Inspection Reports of the various National Guard units. These reports cannot with justice be relied upon to furnish a final order of merit of the organizations, of course; the reports are made out by different inspectors with unavoidably different personal standards of excellence and the units themselves work under different conditions of local favor. However, the "Yearly Average Attendance at Drill" has been selected as the one characteristic which is free from a lack of uniformity in inspection, and the results are tabulated in the Office of the Militia Bureau. The Field Artillerymen may well be proud of their showing. The following table gives the relative standing in drill attendance during 1922 (based on a comparison with the maintenance strength) of the highest company-battalion-regiment (or similar tactical unit) in each State: Order No. 41; Btry. E, 158th F.A., Ariz., 85%.

Nov 06, 1923: Published in the "The Oredigger" entitled: Kappa Sigs join guard; money for new house. Gamma Gamma of the Kappa Sigma fraternity men at the Colorado School of Mines, faced with the problem of raising money for their new \$40,000 home, have enlisted as a unit in the Colorado National Guard, permitting their wages of \$3,000 per year to be applied for payment on the house. This method of raising money is one of the most unique on record. According to the plan, the entire chapter of forty-one men is on the rolls of the second platoon of Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery, Colorado National guard. Drills are held eight times a month, the maximum allowed by the war department. The money which the men would ordinarily draw for their services will be paid to the Kappa fraternity, and that organization will apply it to the new home which is costing \$10,000 more than originally planned. Organization of the unit at Golden was accomplished by Frank Storms, first lieutenant in the Guard and a member of the Golden fraternity. He is a student and lives at the fraternity house. After dinner each drill night the men are marched directly to the armory, where they are drilled for an hour and a half. Once a week the men report to the rifle range near Golden. One of the rulings of the chapter is that any man who absents himself from drill must pay to the chapter the amount that he would have drawn from the government had he been there. In this way, the fund is intact. This, coupled with the fact that the men are marched into the drill room immediately after dinner, accounts for the large number at drill. Because the alumni of the chapter were so scattered, the Kappa Sigs had to resort to this novel means of raising the money for their home. Each drill night means \$51 to the chapter, and this, in a school year, will amount to about \$3,000. The members are most enthusiastic over the plan, and are pleased that they have two officers, First Lieut. Frank Storms and Second Lieut. Dan Fobes. Actual command of the platoon is held by First Lieut. Julius Weinberg of Denver. Fraternities all over the country will watch the plan with interest because it is always a difficult problem to raise money for a chapter house.

Nov 16, 1923: Published in the "Coconino Sun" entitled: Flagstaff agrees with Mesa. The movement on foot "to convert Battery "E", 158th Field. Artillery, Arizona National Guard, of Mesa, to a company of infantry, may be a costly tactical error, to use a foreign phrase in a political meaning. At best, the movement, if it is carried out, cannot make

stronger in this district the cause and support of Governor Hunt. Colonel Harris, the adjutant general of the state, an appointee of Hunt, has issued a statement in which he declares that his office, while not opposed to the change and rather receptive to it, is not responsible for the proposal. He lays blame at the doors of the militia in Washington. However, Col. Harris is an infantry man and always has been. In addition, the representative of the militia department in Arizona, with offices in Col. Harris' offices, is an infantry man. Both have on occasions expressed a desire to rid the state of the artillery organizations and to limit Arizona guard units to infantry. In view of these facts it is not difficult to see how Washington may have been interested in the matter to such an extent that the proposal to abandon the local battery for a company of infantry came from that official seat of the militia. The movement of business interests in the Mesa district to retain the battery should point to local sentiment with sufficient force that both the governor and his adjutant general will listen. Every organization of the district is openly opposed to the proposed change. And, in spite of the protestations from the state house that "we didn't do it," someone will have a hard time convincing local enthusiasts that "we" didn't have a hand in it. As we said before, someone is about to commit a "tactical error." Mesa Tribune. The people of Flagstaff agree with Mesa and believe they have been "short-changed" some where along the line. The people have given the battery strong backing and are pretty much disgusted to find after all is going well, a move on foot to disband the organization so far as Flagstaff is concerned.

Jan 01, 1924: Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: Strength of National Guard Regiments. The following shows the strength of the respective National Guard Field Artillery regiments as of October thirty-first: 75-MM REGIMENTS; 158th F.A., Colorado, New Mexico, and Oklahoma..660.

Jan 02, 1924: Published in the "The Arizona Republican" entitled: Arizona National Guard Component Part of First Line of Nation's Defense. The Arizona National Guard during the past year has shown a steady, consistent growth and opens the new year with prospects of becoming one of the best organizations in the Southwest. With its growth in membership the guard has also grown in efficiency and it opens the new year with an excellent foundation for an organization of much greater proportions than ever reached in peace times. The National Guard is a component part of the first line of defense, of the nation and is a part of the Army of the United States, the other two departments of the army being the regular army and the organized reserves. The guard is insurance against internal disturbances or invasion from the outside. It is so organized that it is prepared to answer a call at any moment and is prepared for any defense emergency that might arise. But the state troops are not assets in time of trouble alone. In time of peace they are a great help to the community and in Arizona the guard plays a large part in civic as well as in state affairs. The guard furnishes a band for concerts, troops for parades and many other equally important features of peace time. During the past year federal funds have been disbursed through the Arizona national guard, exclusive of federal pay to officers and enlisted men, to the amount of \$26,959.86. This money was paid out in cash in the state. In addition to this, thousands of dollars were expended from federal funds in payment of wages to the enlisted men and officers of the guard. This money was also spent in the state. Million Dollar Equipment. Arizona's national guard, in bringing thousands of dollars worth of federal funds into the state, maintains two batteries of artillery with horses and mules, in the state the year round at the expense of the government. The total valuation of government equipment under the charge of the Arizona guard is over \$1,000,000. In the past nine years five armories have been erected in Arizona at a total cost of \$153,000, the huge Phoenix armory being the largest and most costly of the five. These armories are used to store government equipment as well as for drill purposes. The Phoenix armory was completed during the early part of 1923 at a cost of \$50,000. It is one of the most spacious buildings of its kind in the Southwest and is a beautiful edifice, an armory for any state to be proud of. The Phoenix armory is used by many civic organizations and veterans' societies for meetings and dances, the floor being one of the largest and best in the state for dances. The Tucson armory, the oldest of the group, was built in 1914 at a cost of \$28,000. The Casa Grande, Flagstaff and Mesa armories have all been built since 1917, the appropriation for their erection being made in 1917. The Casa Grande armory cost \$15,000, while the Mesa and Flagstaff buildings each cost \$30,000. The Arizona National Guard started the year of 1923 with seven organizations with 28 officers and 451 enlisted men. They begin the year 1924 with 26 officers and 556 men. The decrease in officer personnel was intentional in order to do away with unnecessary posts and increase the efficiency of the organization. During the year two new units were organized, the Service company in Phoenix and Machine Gun company in Tucson. These two organizations give the state nine units of guardsmen with which to start the year of 1924. Plans for 1924 include the complete organization of the 158 regiment of infantry which will entail the organizing of 11 units in the state. There are now seven units in the Infantry regiment besides the two artillery units of the artillery regiment. With the organization of the 11 unit over the state the guard will be increased from a membership of 551 men to over 1,100 men during the year, an increase of over 100 per cent. Federal funds will be paid out in the state in proportion to the strength of the guard and the organization of the new regiment will therefore mean that a much larger amount of federal funds will accrue to Arizona and Arizona business during the year since the funds are all spent in the state. Phoenix, Tucson and Casa Grande already have units of the 158th infantry, but the new units will be distributed to several other towns of Arizona. When completely organized the 158th Infantry will consist of regimental headquarters company, which must be located in Phoenix,

three battalion headquarters companies, nine infantry companies, three machine gun companies, a service company and a howitzer company. The present organization leaves to be formed in the state six infantry companies, two battalion and one regimental headquarters, a Howitzer company and one machine gun company. These will be organized in Prescott, Tempe, Glendale, Mesa and other towns of the state according to the interest shown by the towns in raising units of the guard. Arizona's national guardsmen .have something that many state troops do not have in that the state itself pays the enlisted men salaries during their annual encampment equal to the federal pay they draw. A private in the annual 15-day encampment draws a total of \$2 per day, a private first class, \$2.25, a corporal \$2.50, a sergeant \$2.75, a staff sergeant \$3 and a first sergeant \$3.25. The enlisted men of the guard are allowed to draw federal pay during the year for 60 drills which gives each man an opportunity to make some side money by drilling once a week for a period of an hour and a half. A private could earn, by these drills, a total of \$60 per year, exclusive of his 15-day camp pay, a private first class, would make \$69, a corporal \$84, a sergeant \$108, a staff sergeant \$124 and a first sergeant \$160. Besides the pay the men draw their equipment and clothing, together with rations at camp. Arizona Guard Units. The present national guard consists of seven infantry units and two artillery units all under the command of Adjutant General Charles W. Harris. The 158th Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Harris, is divided into the following commands: Unit, Commanding Officer, Location. Medical Corps, Captain George W. Stevens, Phoenix. Service Company, Captain Leland H. Barnes, Phoenix. Company A, Captain Edward W. Samuells, Phoenix. Company B, Captain Edward J. McNamee, Phoenix. Company C, Captain J. Prugh Herndon, Tucson. Company D, Captain Merrill C. Windsor, Casa Grande. Company H, Captain Elbert C. Monroe, Tucson. The 158th Field Artillery under the command of the adjutant general is composed of the following units: Unit, Commanding Officer, Location. Battery D, Captain Harry Embach, Flagstaff. Battery E, Captain Pomeroy, Mesa.

Feb 01, 1924: Published in the "Coconino Sun" entitled: C. H. Altman is discharged and sentence declared void. Declaring that the sentence of imprisonment of Private Clark H. Altman, Mesa national guardsman, in the county jail by an executive order of the military in the name of the state is an "executive assumption of the power reposed solely in the judiciary," Superior Judge Fred C. Struckmeyer stated that both the sentence and commitment were void and ordered the petitioner discharged from custody. Altman, a member of Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, Arizona National Guard, was sentenced by summary court martial to serve 10 days in the county jail on a charge that he had missed drill practice. The sentence was approved by the reviewing authority, Adjutant General Charles W. Harris. Altman was granted a writ of habeas corpus and released on his own recognizance pending a hearing on the matter.

May 01, 1924: Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment and Stations of Organization: Headquarters 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Tulsa, OK; Colonel Charles A. Holden, Lieutenant Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Captains Philip E. Sisney and Austin L. Jeffrey, First Lieutenant Roy A. Reynolds, and Quartermaster Sergeant Sidney H. Babcock. Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Sulphur, OK; Captain Charles N. Hardin. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Hugo, OK; Captain Xerma R. Campbell, First Lieutenant Aurelius D. Hanry, Second Lieutenants Otto A. Brewer and William H. Darrough, and Private Charles E. Bailey. 1st Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; Captain Richard H. Jancke, First Lieutenant William T. King, Sergeant Winfield B. Sale Jr., and Private William Kenney. 1st Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; Captain Richard T. Wilson, First Lieutenant Thurston T. Houghton, and Second Lieutenant Lynn C. Goff. Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Roswell, NM; Captain Harry F. Schram, First Lieutenants William T. Albert and William B. Crow. Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; Captain William Q. Howell, First Lieutenants Frank H. Storms and Paul W. DeFoe, and Second Lieutenant Daniel C. Frobos. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Pueblo, CO; Captain Leon M. Knebel, First Lieutenants Aubrey J. Kief and Hugh E. Graham, and Second Lieutenant Vincent J. Kerwin. 2nd Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Major John J. McCartney, Captain Marion D. Woodworth, and First Lieutenants Albert S. Clinkscales and Louis A. Reilly. 2nd Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Clarence R. Steele, and Second Lieutenants Samuel L. Slack and Jerry L. Yergler. Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Flagstaff, AZ; Captain Harry B. Embach, and First Lieutenants Hilliard H. Lewis and Gustave A. Boenitsch. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Mesa, AZ; Captain Joseph F. Pomeroy, First Lieutenants Nathaniel L. Houston and Franklin I. Pomeroy, and Second Lieutenant Samuel B. Nelson. Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain George I. Lacey, First Lieutenants Lee M. Grimes and Edward C. Newer, and Second Lieutenant Mark H. Wagner. Medical Department Detachment, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Pueblo, CO; Captains Robert B. Dibble and John D. Paxton. Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: Current Field Artillery Notes. National Guard Camps: Plans to include dates and locations of camp for most of the field artillery national guard units are complete. The units of the Second Corps Area have been

interested in securing a desirable camp and range at Montauk Point, heretofore leased from year to year. The matter was thought to be settled by the procurement of a five-year lease on this range. However, at the last moment, all plans were destroyed by inability to...The 70th Field Artillery Brigade (Oklahoma) will be in camp at Fort Sill from August 4th to 18th. Batteries "D" and "E" of the 158th Field Artillery (75's) in Arizona will go to Fort Bliss, July 7th to 21st; the units of this regiment located in Colorado will go to Fort D. A. Russell, June 3rd to 17th. The 189th Field Artillery (Oklahoma 155 howitzers) will be ordered to Fort Sill from August 4th to 18th. The proposed disposition of the New Mexico battery of the 158th Field Artillery is not reported.

Jun 01, 1924: Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment, is activated in Weatherford, Oklahoma with Captain Cortis A. Clark commanding with Lieutenants Carl M. "Dutch" Voyles, William H. Doughty and Eugene R. Stewart.

Aug 09, 1924: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Thousands to be guests of camp, Monday. Insignia representing four states has been chosen for 45th Division. Fort Sill, Aug. 8, AP. "Camp Leo Le Bron." The encampment of the Oklahoma national guardsmen, is thoroughly "policed up" for thye visit of Governor Trapp and his staff Saturday and Monday. The governor and his party, arrived on a special car, will inspect the guard camp after which they will visit the United States army post, Post Field, an aviation camp, Lawton and Medicine Park. Monday will be "governor's day" and in the afternoon 5,000 guardsmen in divisional order will pass in review before the executive, his staff and several army officers. Adjutant Gen. B. H. Markham will lead the guardsmen. Among the spectators in the governors stand will be Brig. Gen. Leroy Irwin, commander of Fort Sill; Col. Paul A. Wolfe, in charge of national guard officers of the Eight Corps area and Col. E. A. Williams, executive officer of the militia bureau, Washington. The encampment has been named "Camp Leo Le Bron" in memory of an Oklahoma national guard officer who died on an army transport on his way to France, during the war. The new insignia of the Forty fifth division, of which Oklahoma national guardsmen are a part, has been chosen, General Markham announced today. It is a gold diamond on a red background with a swastika in the center. The diamond's four sides represent the states of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona, making up the Forty-fifth division. The swastika is the Indian good luck sign and was added to the insignia as a tribute to the early settlers of the southwest. Several thousand persons may visit "Camp Le Bron" Monday. The 45th will be known as the "Coronado" division, named after the first white man in the territory now a part of Oklahoma, General Markham stated.

Jun 30, 1925: Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment and Stations of Organization: Headquarters 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Tulsa, OK; Colonel Charles A. Holden, Lieutenant Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Captains Sidney H. Babcock, Roscoe E. Harper and Philip E. Sisney, First Lieutenant Albert S. Clinksdale. Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Sulphur, OK; Captain Charles N. Hardin and First Lieutenant John C. Powell. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Hugo, OK; Captain Xerma R. Campbell, First Lieutenant Aurelius D. Henry, Second Lieutenants Otto A. Brewer and William H. Darrough, and Warrant Officer Charles E. Bailey. 1st Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; Major Richard H. Jancke, Captain Richard T. Wilson, and First Lieutenants William T. King and Julius I. Weinberger. 1st Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; Captain Thurston T. Houghton, First Lieutenant Charles M. Armstrong, and Second Lieutenant William C. Camp. Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Roswell, NM; Captain Russell C. Charlton, First Lieutenant Herbert C. Gray, and Second Lieutenant Edward Purdy. Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; Captain William Q. Howell, First Lieutenant Paul W. DeFoe, and Second Lieutenants Daniel W. Field and Floyd R. Pool. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Pueblo, CO; Captain Aubrey J. Keif, First Lieutenants Carl L. Fischer and Vincent J. Kerwin, and Second Lieutenant Latham C. Squire. 2nd Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Major John J. McCartney and Captain Louis A. Reilly. 2nd Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Clarence R. Steele. Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Weatherford, OK; Captain Cortis A. Clarke, First Lieutenants William H. Doughty and Carl M. Voyles, and Second Lieutenant Eugene R. Stewart. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Mesa, AZ; Captain Franklin I. Pomeroy, First Lieutenant Samuel B. Nelson, and Second Lieutenant Ellis F. Johnson. Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Marion D. Woodworth and Second Lieutenant Bill McCartney. Medical Department Detachment, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Pueblo, CO; Major Robert B. Dibble, Captain John D. Paxton, and First Lieutenant George S. Walling. Annual Report of the Department of the Adjutant General of the State of Oklahoma, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1925. To His Excellency, The Honorable M. E. Trapp, Governor of the State of Oklahoma. Sir: Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1, Chapter 65, Session Laws of 1913, I am transmitting herein, an itemized statement of the expenditures of the Adjutant General's Department, during the fiscal year ending the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925

out of the appropriations available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925. This statement does not purport to include claims that may have accrued within the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925 that have not been presented to the Auditor for payment. Respectfully submitted, Chas. F. Barrett, The Adjutant General. Filed this 22 day of July 1925. Account No. 20. Statement of expenditures to June 30, 1925 from an appropriation for Annual Encampment. 5,000.00. Date of Claim 7-23-24, Claim No. 295: Major E. A. Wallis, Fort Sill, Oklahoma to 1 Mess Hall 22x48 complete for 158th Field artillery, Oklahoma Nat'l Guard Annual Encampment, 1924. 600.00. Account No. 40. Statement of expenditures to June 30, 1925 from an appropriation for Armory Rent, storage, drayage and other expense organizations of Military Units allocated to State by Federal Government. 98,000.00. Date of Claim 8-1-24, Claim No. 414: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Hdq. Bat. 158th F. A.-July 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 8-1-24, Claim No. 415: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-July 1924. 83.33. Date of Claim 8-1-24, Claim No. 416: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-July 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 8-1-24, Claim No. 417: Capt. Geo. I. Lacey, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "F" 158th F. A.-July 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 8-1-24, Claim No. 418: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D" 158th F. A.-July 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 9-1-24, Claim No. 572: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-Aug 1924. 83.33. Date of Claim 9-1-24, Claim No. 573: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-Aug 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 9-1-24, Claim No. 575: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D" 158th F. A.-Aug 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 8-1-24, Claim No. 413: Col. Chas A. Holden, Tulsa, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Hdq. 158th F. A.-July 1924. 10.00. Date of Claim 9-1-24, Claim No. 570: Col. Chas A. Holden, Tulsa, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Hdq. 158th F. A.-Aug 1924. 10.00. Date of Claim 10-1-24, Claim No. 842: Col. Chas A. Holden, Tulsa, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Hdq. 158th F. A.-Sept. 1924. 10.00. Date of Claim 10-1-24, Claim No. 843: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Hdq. Bat. 158th F. A.-Sept. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 10-1-24, Claim No. 844: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-Sept. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 10-1-24, Claim No. 845: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-Sept. 1924. 83.33. Date of Claim 10-1-24, Claim No. 846: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D" 158th F. A.-Sept. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 10-1-24, Claim No. 847: Capt. Geo. I. Lacey, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "F" 158th F. A.-Sept. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 11-1-24, Claim No. 995: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-Oct. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 11-1-24, Claim No. 996: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-Oct. 1924. 83.33. Date of Claim 11-1-24, Claim No. 997: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D" 158th F. A.-Oct. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 11-1-24, Claim No. 998: Capt. Geo. I. Lacey, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "F" 158th F. A.-Oct. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 12-1-24, Claim No. 1190: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-Nov. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 12-1-24, Claim No. 1191: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-Nov. 1924. 83.33. Date of Claim 12-1-24, Claim No. 1192: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D" 158th F. A.-Nov. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 12-1-24, Claim No. 1193: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "F" 158th F. A.-Nov. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 1-1-25, Claim No. 1382: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-Dec. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 1-1-25, Claim No. 1383: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-Dec. 1924. 83.33. Date of Claim 1-1-25, Claim No. 1384: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D" 158th F. A.-Dec. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 11-1-25, Claim No. 1385: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "F" 158th F. A.-Dec. 1924. 125.00. Date of Claim 2-1-25, Claim No. 1558: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-Jan. 1925. 125.00. Date of Claim 2-1-25, Claim No. 1559: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D" 158th F. A.-Jan. 1925. 125.00. Date of Claim 2-1-25, Claim No. 1560: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "F" 158th F. A.-Jan. 1925. 125.00. Date of Claim 2-1-25, Claim No. 1561: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-Jan. 1925. 83.33. Date of Claim 3-1-25, Claim No. 1656: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-Feb. 1925. 83.33. Date of Claim 3-1-25, Claim No. 1657: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D"

158th F. A.-Feb. 1925. 125.00. Date of Claim 3-1-25, Claim No. 1658: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "F" 158th F. A.-Feb. 1925. 125.00. Date of Claim 4-1-25, Claim No. 1836: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Hdq. Bat. 158th F. A.-March 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 4-1-25, Claim No. 1837: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-March 1925. 83.33. Date of Claim 4-1-25, Claim No. 1838: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-March 1925. 125.00. Date of Claim 4-1-25, Claim No. 1839: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "F" 158th F. A.-March 1925. 110.00. Date of Claim 5-1-25, Claim No. 2058: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-April 1925. 125.00. Date of Claim 5-1-25, Claim No. 2059: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-April 1925. 83.33. Date of Claim 5-1-25, Claim No. 2060: 1st Lt. Carl M. Voyles, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D" 158th F. A.-April 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 5-1-25, Claim No. 2061: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "F" 158th F. A.-April 1925. 110.00. Date of Claim 6-1-25, Claim No. 2206: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Det. & C. T. 158th F. A.-May 1925. 83.33. Date of Claim 6-1-25, Claim No. 2207: 1st Lt. Carl M. Voyles, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Bat. "D" 158th F. A.-May 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 6-1-25, Claim No. 2205: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Bat. 158th F. A.-May 1925. 115.00.

Aug 12, 1925: Published in the "The Daily Times" entitled: Capt. Hartshorn goes to the U. S. Rifle match. Duane Hartshorn, of football fame and son of C. Q. Hartshorn of Longmont, is among the marksmen who will represent Colorado in the national tournament at Camp Perry, Ohio. Captain Edward C. Austin, adjutant, 157th infantry, Colorado National guard, has been detailed as range officer from Colorado to attend the national matches and will leave Denver August 20 for Camp Perry, where the matches are to be held. Captain Austin will be followed a week later by a rifle team from the Colorado National guard and the team's captain, Major R. J. Seyfried of the 157th Infantry. Members of the team include Maj. R. F. Grimstead, Denver, coach, and Capt I. K. Browning, Burlington, both of the 157th Infantry; Capt. Duane F. Hartshorn. 117 cavalry, Denver; First Lieut. H. H. Richardson. 157th Infantry, Denver; Second Lieut. G. H. Strong, 157th Infantry, Lamar; Second Lieut. Z. P. Combs, 158th Field Artillery, Denver; Sergt. W. J. Day, 120th Squadron, Forty-fifth division air service, Denver; Sergt. W. F. Anderson, Forty-fifth division tank company, Denver; Sergt. R. L. Hansen, Company L, 157th Infantry, Brush, Colo.; Sergt. F. N. Haner, Company E, 157th Infantry, Lamar; Sergt. H. E. Morgan, Company I, 157th Infantry, Burlington; Sergt. J. Bruton, Company C, 157th Infantry, Delta; and Sergt. W. H. Wittlich, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry, Denver.

Sep 10, 1925: Published in the "The Colorado Transcript" entitled: Thousands see thrilling events of Golden rodeo. Mammoth crowd is delighted with fine program; Was Real Show. "A real show." That's what everybody says about Golden's big rodeo, held here Labor day and witnessed by a mammoth crowd of people. And it was a real show, one that Golden can well be proud of, one that the officers and committee of the Rodeo association deserve much credit for, and one that will make Cheyenne and Pendleton look to their laurels. Real broncos and expert riders provided thrills galore for the thousands who packed the grandstands at Brooks field, and from start to finish there were no idle or uninteresting moments. The afternoon program began promptly on schedule at two o'clock, and it was 6:30 before the entertainment was over and the crowd left the field. Everybody got more than his money's worth in entertainment of real merit. Ideal weather prevailed for the big event and Golden was jammed with visitors all day. It is estimated that at least six thousand people saw the show from the grandstands, and thousands more witnessed the events from free seats on the sides of the hills south of the grounds. It seems certain that at least ten thousand people came to Golden on Rodeo day. This rodeo has meant a great deal to Golden from a commercial and advertising standpoint, and if it is made an annual event, it will tend to still further fix Golden on the map. Too much credit cannot be given the officers of the Rodeo association, who are O. L. Dennis, president; Wm. Farrington, vice-president; Dr. L. C. Cook, secretary-treasurer. These men have worked early and late for more than four months to make a success of Golden's first rodeo. People began to crowd to the rodeo grounds in the forenoon, and by the time the first event started at ten o'clock the stands were fairly well occupied. The big show started with a base ball game between Idaho Springs and Golden for the Intermountain championship. Golden was victorious, with a score of 4 to 3. Next followed a rock drilling contest, in which three teams of miners from Idaho Springs contested. The winners drilled through twenty-two inches of Silver Plume granite in ten minutes. This was a highly interesting event and brought forth much applause. The rodeo proper was started off with a monster parade, the largest ever seen in Golden. Miss Marguerite Little, carrying an American flag, led. Then came an old-time stage coach, occupied by Governor and Mrs. Morley, Miss Deloras Conrad, (Princess Colorado), Mayor and Mrs. A. E. Jones and others. Music in the parade was furnished by the Longmont Boys' band, the Cowboy bugle and drum corps, and the Industrial School band. Taking

parts were cowboys, cowgirls, Indians, detachments of the 158th Artillery and the 117th Cavalry, prairie schooners, pack trains, and many floats prepared by civic organizations and business Arms. One of the finest floats in the parade was the one sent by the town of Evergreen. The parade alone was well worth going miles to see. The parade disbanded at Brooks field and the rodeo started off right on the scheduled moment. The entry of Governor Morley and his party into the arena was heralded by the governor's salute, fired by the 158th Artillery. The governor, from his seat on the stage coach, gave a short but very excellent talk, officially opening the big show, and from then on the day was filled with thrills. The bronco riding contest was the principal event of the day. With broncos that did their stuff, and real punchers subduing them, there was plenty of excitement. In the finals of this event, Don Brownell was declared the champion of the first Golden rodeo, capturing a purse of \$100. Al Garrett took second money and Dutch Foster was third. In the bareback contest, in which the meanest of the mean horses of the corrals were loosed, Cecil Kennedy, after mastering, his mount from one end of the arena to the other, was adjudged the winner and thereby was enriched to the extent of \$75. "Dutch" Foster also placed in the money in this event drawing \$50 as the second place winner. Howard Burgess on Starlight, drew third money of \$25. In this event Clyde Hocking, of Morrison was thrown from Leaping Lena as the horse plunged from the chute. He was trampled by the horse and rendered unconscious, but his injuries were not serious. In the bulldogging contest Bill Baker, with a mark of 26 1-5 seconds, took down the first prize money of \$100. Lew Peterson was a little slower with his steer, requiring 43 seconds even in which to throw it, but despite this time he won second place money of \$60. Fargo Bussey, who took 47 seconds to down his steer, got third honors and \$40 for his efforts. The steers used in the contest were the largest ever seen in similar contests in this section of the country, and that fact contributed somewhat to the slowness of the time. Peterson made a beautiful lunge at his flying steer, but when he had grabbed the horns was so light that he was unable immediately to turn the animal over onto the ground. Al Cooper was acclaimed the champion goat roper of the rodeo. He negotiated the lassoing of his goat and the successful tying of the animal in an elapsed time of 10 seconds. The only bad feature of this contest was the fact that the goats, rather than risk their necks in view of the grandstands, constantly sought shelter by sneaking under the fences surrounding the chutes, and thus preventing a good display of roping. One of the features of the program was a steer-riding contest for which no championship honors were at stake. Thirteen cowboys participated in this event, which produced more unseated riders than all of the wild horses used during the day's entertainment. Jim Daily took first place in the wild horse race, in which five riders competed. Two of the horses were so obstreperous, however, that they were not catered, because of their breaking away from the hostlers before being saddled. Daily gave one of the most delightful exhibitions of man's mastery over these animals in this event. Pitching and sideswiping, stiff legging and snorting he rode the saddle without "pulling leather" once, taking his mount entirely across the arena. Dave Campbell, of Denver, the cowboy clown, who is known wherever a rodeo is staged, furnished plenty of entertainment for the crowds with his trick riding and roping tricks. He likewise displayed that he could ride the wild ones with the best of them, and participated in the bronco riding, the steer riding and the wild horse race. Boy Haythorne, also of Denver, assisted him, doing his stunts as a blackface. Shorty Bridgewater and Miss Marguerite Little, aided by Campbell and Haythorne, gave an exhibition of trick and fancy riding before the grandstands between events. Especially delightful was the exhibition of fancy riding by Miss Marguerite Little, a popular young Golden girl. Another of the especially pleasing and thrilling features of the day was the exhibition of fancy flying by Lieutenant Harold Cronin, Golden man, of the C. N. G. Air Squadron. Hal, give loop-the-loops, nose dives, falling leaves and other flying stunts that brought the spectators to their feet many times. The musical drill by troop B, 117th Cavalry, was excellent, and was one of the best features of the big show. All in all, it was some show, and so successful was it that the rodeo officials declare that hereafter the Golden rodeo will be an annual event.

Sep 13, 1925: Published in the "The Dallas Morning News" entitled: Work at Fort Sill praised. Records during maneuvering gratifying to officials. Special to the news. Lawton, Ok., Sept. 12. Fifteen trains, carrying the 5,050 officers and men and the equipment of the Forty fifth Division, National Guard, left Fort Sill after the division had put in a very successful fifteen day encampment. The records made during their maneuvering upon the Fort Sill military reservation were most gratifying to the officers in charge. Gen. Ernest Hinds, commandant, Eight Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, after the Governor's review, addressing the officers, said the review would have done credit in any regular army unit. He mentioned that he had been in close touch with the Oklahoma National Guard for the last twenty years, but he had never before seen it in such splendid shape. Deplores Army cuts. In discussing reports from Washington that a big saving is to be made in the army appropriations next year; Gen. Hinds said: "The army already has been cut to the bone, and any other cut will be serious to the organization." He insisted that if the people could understand that it costs much less to maintain a trained army and be prepared for war than it does to gather in green men and train them on short notice in such numbers, that there would be no cut in the army budget. In discussing this feature of the Forty fifth Division, Maj. Gen. H. Markham, commanding General of the division, said: "The development of what is known as the "One Army Spirit," or the coordination of the three components of the army into the army of the United States, has likewise developed a new incentive in the National Guard, and as I believe the regular army and the reserve corps as well will excel all past records of efficiency. "The Forty Fifth Division in hearty accord and unity with the spirit of the army of the United States. "The plan contemplated, a cycle of training, ending in

1928, is one of progress and advancement from year to year. "At present the change in the officer personnel of the division is a very small percentage of the whole, and the turnover of enlisted men was very small during the last year. "The spirit de corps of the Forty Fifth Division is not excelled by any division and the logical continuation of the progress and efficiency will naturally result in the best National Guard Division in the United States. "I am looking forward to the day when the Oklahoma National Guard officers will have complete control of their own instruction and will not be under the supervision of the regular army," said Col. Miller Williams, chief instructor of the guards, during the 1925 encampment, in telling the Forty Fifth Division good-bye. "I do not wish to put any dampers on the matter or to disillusion you officers." He added, "but in many ways you are ready for such instruction, in others you are not. However, these difficulties will be overcome in time." Representation larger. There were 5,049 officers and men in the 1925 encampment of the Oklahoma National Guard. This representation is much better than in former years. In all the Forty Fifth Division comprises 150 units, all functioning except fourteen. The 136 active units are distributed as follows: New Mexico 5, Arizona 12, Colorado 28, and Oklahoma 91. Only the Oklahoma units were in attendance at Fort Sill, but the size of the camp was a revelation to the citizens who visited the tented city, which stretched out a mile in length. Thousands of rounds of rifle, pistol, machine gun and artillery shells were available for the field service. The hills on the Fort Sill military reservation echoed for many days as if war was actually occurring in the region surrounding Lawton. The history of the achievements of the Oklahoma National Guard encampment for 1925 will go down in history as many new records were made. Visiting officers from the regular army were high in praise of the work accomplished by the Forty Fifth Division. This was the first year the Forty Fifth Division has been encamped when its schedule has been made out and the entire work of the organization conducted under the command and leadership of National Guard officers. Heretofore regular army instructors have conducted the training of the division. This year they were in attendance in camp, as usual but only in the capacity of advisors. They were generous in their praise of the work done by the Forty Fifth Division. There is a serious situation confronting the Oklahoma National Guard, even though it has reached its present state of efficiency, it has a handicap in that it lacks the equipment necessary in modern warfare. The Oklahoma Guards are fairly well fitted out in guns and equipment, but are lacking in enemy observation and communication, two of the most necessary requisites in the modern day warfare. The Oklahoma units are shy airplanes and have only a limited amount of signal corps equipment, merely enough to supply the camp with necessary communication. 158th "Baby unit. The 158th Field Artillery is the "baby" among the units making up the Forty Fifth Division. It was organized and federally recognized in May, 1923. Col. A. Holden of Tulsa, OK., is in command. Although this organization has had the fewest years of training, it has rapidly taken its position as one of the most effective units in the division. During field maneuvers on the fourth day of the encampment, two field problems were mastered, a march of four miles around a bivouac and an attack by the Nineteenth Infantry Brigade by the 158th Field Artillery. All communication with the outside world, both by long distance telephone and telegraph wire, during the encampment was kept up by the signal company of Alva. This company ran the lines into camp and kept them in operation for the entire division without a hitch. Lieut. H. E. Waterbury of the United States Army was instructor, while Lieut. Fred P. Drake was commander. This was considered one of the big problems connected with the successful operation of the camp. Reserve officers attend. The camp post office was operated by experienced men from various offices over the State and was declared to be the best post office any camp ever had. Lieut. Raymond D. Meade of Oklahoma City was division postal officer, while Capt. Grover C. Ralston, superintendent of mails, Lawton, was assistant postal officer. Sergeant Grady Elliott, mail carrier, Oklahoma City, and Corporal Victor Gluchowsky, mail carrier, Oklahoma City, were mail dispatchers. Private Willie Hunter, Roy Curtis and Ralph Dry, all of whom are mail clerks in Oklahoma City post office, are camp mail carriers. Another feature of the encampment this year was the presence of twenty eight reserve officers. These men were taken into the division and assigned regular work during the camp, just the same as the regular officers of the guard. They found the work profitable, as the training of the division was very much ahead of the schedule mapped out by the War Department. It is estimated the division is one year ahead of the schedule. Maj. Harry Gilstrap and his three sons have been at Fort Sill on duty with the Oklahoma National Guard. Maj. Gilstrap saw duty with the Thirty Sixth Division in the World War. Lee Gilstrap is a Lieutenant on the staff. Sam and Harry B. Gilstrap Jr. were too young to have gone into the recent difficulty across the water, but joined the guard when they became old enough. The Lawton Chamber of Commerce gave a dinner in honor of Gov. M. E. Trapp and staff. The guests were Gov. Trapp and staff, Commander LeRoy Irwin and staff, Fort Sill; Gen. Barrett and staff, Oklahoma National Guard; Gen. Markham and staff, Oklahoma National Guard; Col. M. French of the Citizens military training camp, Congressman Elmer Thomas and a number of State Officials present at Fort Sill at this time.

Sep 23, 1925: Colonel Grover C. Wamsley is appointed as Regimental Commander.

Sep 30, 1925: Published in the "The Daily Times" entitled: Guard to hold tournament at rifle range. Mounted organizations of the Colorado National Guard will stage a military tournament at the state rifle range, near Golden, on October 11, beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon, it was announced at national guard headquarters yesterday. The tournament will be conducted for the purposes of raising funds with which to purchase additional horses for the

mounted organizations of the guard. The tournament will be marked by contests that promise thrills to the spectators, particularly in the jumping events, where there exists great rivalry between the various organizations of the guard. The guard officers have participated in virtually all the horse shows given in or near Denver for the past three years, and are reported to have the best jumping horses in the state. At the tournament an admission of 60 cents an automobile will be charged. Following in the tourney program: Musical drill, Troop B 117th Cavalry, Colorado National Guard. Stake driving contest: Battery "B" 158th Field Artillery, Colorado National Guard. Mounted rescue run: Troop B and Battery "B". Mounted pyramid: Troop B and Battery "B". Roman race: Troop B and Battery "B". Mounted tug-of-war: Troop B and Battery "B". Mounted wrestling, open jumping, triple bar jump, and Graften broad Jump.

Oct 01, 1925: Published in the "The Ada Weekly News" entitled: Harrell promoted guard rank of Lieut. Colonel. According to a general order from National Guard headquarters at Oklahoma City announced for September 23, the promotion of Major Lowrey H. Harrell to lieutenant colonel becomes effective on the date announced. Lieutenant Colonel Harrell is assigned duty to the 158th Field Artillery, 45th Division, Oklahoma National Guard as executive officer and will report by letter to Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, commanding the unit, for further orders.

Feb 13, 1926: Battery "F", 158th Field Artilleries' Banquet and Ball held at the Kingfisher Hotel, Kingfisher, Oklahoma. In attendance were Captain Marion D. Woodworth, 1st Lieutenants Gordon C. Rupe and John W. Beck (D. O. L. Instructor), and 2nd Lieutenant LT Marion R. Smith. Staff Sergeant Charles E. Tompkins (D. E. M. L. Asst. Instructor) and First Sergeant George W. Evans. Sergeants Worth W. Collins, Orley G. Hodges, Gerfinn R. Starr, Van L. Ogden and Roy A. Collins. Corporals Charles E. Marley, Ernest Culbertson, LeRoy Dunkleburger, Harold Coshaw, Clarence Leighton, and Percy O. Shaw. Privates 1st Class Joyce B. Andrews, Arlie D. Bobbit, Frank Bushey, Jr., Raymond C. Beck, Patrick Filbin, Raymond C. Halliday, William F. Kimer, Lloyd F. Pierson, Rollo A. Rogers, Joe F. Rehemann, John W. Skaler, Charles E. Smith, Lester C. Starr and Calvin L. Waggener. Privates Joe S. Armstrong, Wilfred Ball, Richard I. Ball, Russeil H. Brumley, Putze O. Brandes, Dalmer Bates, George Cornett, Robert S. Duggan, George Emmons, Lawrence Elder, John F. Fields, Carl O. Flint, Lee W. Hollaway, Emory B. Hancock, Walter Hampton, Alfred Johnson, Alfa Johnson, Leon J. Kimer, Merle E. Leighton, Leland N. Musick, Bill McCartney, Calvin L. McCulley, Harvey O'Brien, Clyde O. Privott, Harry T. Riley, Elmer C. Redifer, Emil Stanley, John M. Sneath, John W. Spradlin, Frederick H. Thomas and Irvin J. Wedertz. Dinner Menu: Fruit Cocktail, Creamed Chicken on Toast, Snowflake Potatoes, Green Peas a La Tombles, Pimento Cream Slaw, Paradise Pudding, Hot Rolls and Butter. Dessert: Cocoanut Cream Pie and Coffee. Caisson Song: Over hill, overdale, when we hit that dusty trail; Keep those caissons arolling along, In and out, hear them shout, counter-march and right about, Keep those caissons arolling along. Chorus: It's Hip! Hi! Heel! for the Field Artillery. Shout out your numbers loud and strong, 1-2-. So where e'er you go, you will always know; That those caissons go rolling along. Action front, action rear, take your post, cannoneer, Keep those cassions arolling along. That was high, that was low, where the hell did that one go, Keep those caissons arolling along. Chorus: Move it over 20 right, that one hit clear out of site, Level your bubble good and true. There's an infantry ahead, underneath a rain of lead, So, Gunner, it's all up to you.

Jun 03, 1926: Published in the "The Colorado Transcript" entitled: Guardsmen coming to Golden for summer training. Five units to train together at rifle range for the first time. In camp until June 19th. Artillery, Infantry, Tank, Cavalry and Staff units will be here. The annual summer training camp for the 100 officers and 1,250 enlisted men of the infantry, artillery, cavalry, tank and staff units of the Colorado National Guard, will open at the Golden rifle range next Saturday morning. This camp, which will last from June 5 to 19, will mark the first time these units have held their annual encampment together since 1923. Only the air units of the guard will not be represented at the range, their camp being scheduled for later in the summer at Lowry field. The camp will be under command of Col. A. L. Hart, commanding officer of the 157th Infantry. The units in camp will be the eighteen companies of the 157th Infantry, the regimental band, the first squadron of the 117th cavalry, the First Battalion, less Battery "A", of the 158th Field Artillery, the Forty-fifth Division tank company, and the state staff and headquarters departments. The regular camp will be preceded by a special school of instruction for a limited number of officers and enlisted men, starting Tuesday and ending Friday. During the camp periods each branch represented will undergo an intensive schedule of training as prescribed by the war department. In addition to the regular army instructors always on duty with the guard, about twenty regular officers and enlisted men will be sent to the camp to assist in instruction. The infantry units will fire a course on the rifle range at the camp and engage in maneuvers and practice marches with the range as a base. The cavalry troops will go on a three or four-day practice march. The artillery will conduct a similar march with target practice on Ralston creek. The tank company will confine its training work to the vicinity of the camp.

Jun 12, 1926: Published in the "The El Paso Herald" entitled: Roswell headquarters for first battery of 158th Field Artillery. Roswell, N.M., June 12 (SP). Roswell has been designated as battalion headquarters for the 1st battery, 158th field artillery, which will be organized here during the next few months. This will be a great assistance for the officers and enlisted men of Battery A, Roswell's crack field artillery unit, officials say. Battery A was organized in the

spring of 1900 by William S. Murray, a retired army officer. The battery, which in later years won fame on the border and in France, was under the command of Capt. Murray for two years and then passed to the command of Col. Charles M. deBremond, a former officer of the Swiss army. Battery A attributes its record on the Mexican border and overseas to the military genius, patriotism and personality of Col deBremond. Col. deBremond died in Roswell, Dec. 7, 1919, his death being directly traced to the effects of gas received while with the battery on the front lines in France. Won Name at Bliss. The battery received its first campaign experience on the Mexican border, being called into service in May, 1916, going directly to Columbus, N.M., and later being sent to Fort Bliss, Texas. It was during its stay at Fort Bliss that the battery gained the reputation for efficiency which has gone with the organization since that time. At Fort Bliss, Battery A was assigned to a regular army regiment and, when Gen. Funston's body came through El Paso, Battery A was given the honor of firing the salute. Battery A was also chosen for this honor when Gen. Pershing returned from Mexico. On April 2, 1917, the day on which Battery A was to return to this city from Fort Bliss, the people of El Paso proclaimed a New Mexico day in honor of the organization. Battery A had only been out of service 17 days when the call came to mobilize for the great war. The organization was immediately sent to Albuquerque for training with other New Mexico troops. There the artillerymen remained until Sept. 15, when they were sent to Camp Green, N.C., and made Battery A of the 146th field artillery and as such went through the entire war. Ordered to England. On Oct. 12, the regiment was ordered to Camp Mills, N.Y., and in the early part of December the organization was moved to Camp Merritt, N.J., and two weeks thereafter embarked for England on the liner Lapland, landing at Liverpool, from which point it went to Southampton and then to France. The battery spent six months' training period in the Bourdeaux area, and on July 4, 1918, the battery embarked for the front lines near Chateau Thierry, going into the lines on July 10 to help stem the tide of one of the most determined advances made by the Germans during the war. This drive started on the morning of July 14 and continued for four days. From that date until the armistice was signed, Battery A was continually on the front without relief, making the longest record of any American organization to serve continuously at the front. The battery took part in five major battles and never lost a man. After the signing of the armistice, Battery A was selected as one of the organizations to hold the bridgehead over the Rhine River at Coblenz. After a six months' stay in Germany, the battery was sent back to the United States and discharged at Fort Bliss on July 3, 1919. Battery A was reorganized under the provisions of the national defense act by Capt. William H. McCullough and has been commanded since by Lt. George Arnold, Capt. John W. Skipwith, Capt. Harry F. Schram and Capt. Russell C. Charlton, the present commander, all of these men being members of the unit overseas.

Jun 30, 1926: Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment and Stations of Organization: Headquarters 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Lieutenant Colonel John D. Brown, Captains Jesse H. Long and Edgar B. Ross, First Lieutenant Sidney P. Kretlow, and Chaplain Sidney H. Babcock. Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Sulphur, OK; First Lieutenant John C. Powell. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Hugo, OK; Captain Xerma R. Campbell, First Lieutenant Aurelius D. Hanry, Second Lieutenants William H. Darrough and William A. Fly, and Warrant Officer Charles E. Bailey. 1st Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; Major William Q. Howell, Captain Richard T. Wilson, and First Lieutenants Paul W. DeFore and Harry L. Dotson. 1st Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; Captain Thurston T. Houghton, First Lieutenant Julius I. Weinberger, and Second Lieutenant Zenas P. Combs. Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Roswell, NM; Captain Russell C. Charlton, First Lieutenant Herbert C. Gray, and Second Lieutenants Frederick W. Blocksom and Edward Purdy. Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Denver, CO; Captain Charles M. Armstrong, First Lieutenant Floyd R. Pool, and Second Lieutenants Howard W. Saisslin and Oriel D. L. Sibbald. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Pueblo, CO; Captain Aubrey J. Keif, First Lieutenant Vincent J. Kerwin, and Second Lieutenant Daniel G. Oakley. 2nd Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Major John J. McCartney and Captain Louis A. Reilly. 2nd Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Clarence R. Steele, First Lieutenant William C. Cooley, and Second Lieutenant Dwight U. Cochrane. Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Weatherford, OK; Captain Cortis A. Clarke, First Lieutenant William H. Doughty, and Second Lieutenants Francis M. Burks and Albert R. Harris. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Mesa, AZ; Captain Franklin I. Pomeroy, First Lieutenant Samuel B. Nelson, and Second Lieutenant Elijah C. Allen. Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Marion D. Woodworth, First Lieutenant Gordon C. Rupe, and Second Lieutenants George W. Evans and Marion R. Smith. Medical Department Detachment, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Pueblo, CO; Major Robert B. Dibble, Captain John D. Paxton, and First Lieutenant George S. Walling. Annual Report of the Department of the Adjutant General of the State of Oklahoma, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1925. To His Excellency, The Honorable M. E. Trapp, Governor of the State of Oklahoma. Sir: Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1, Chapter 65, Session Laws of 1913, I am transmitting herein, an itemized statement of the expenditures of the Adjutant General's Department, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926 out

of the appropriations available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926. This statement does not purport to include claims that may have accrued within the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926 that have not been presented to the Auditor for payment. Respectfully submitted, Chas. F. Barrett, The Adjutant General. Filed this 1 day of July 1926. Account No. 18. Statement of expenditures to June 30, 1926 from an appropriation for National Guard Officers on duty. 9,000.00. Date of Claim 5-22-26, Claim No. 2511: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 days service under Special Orders No. 72, base pay. 11.11. Account No. 20. Statement of expenditures to June 30, 1926 from an appropriation for Salary and expense for Division and Brigade Headquarters. 4,500.00. Date of Claim 6-4-26, Claim No. 2553: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 days service under Special Orders No. 77, base pay. 11.11. Account No. 23. Statement of expenditures to June 30, 1926 from an appropriation for Extra Help etc. account New Units. 7,500.00. Date of Claim 5-1-26, Claim No. 2304: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To salary personnel Adjutant 158th Field Artillery. 50.00. Date of Claim 6-1-26, Claim No. 2492: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 month service personnel Adjutant month of May 1926, 158th Field Artillery. 50.00. Date of Claim 7-1-26, Claim No. 2698: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 month service personnel Adjutant month of June 1926, 158th Field Artillery. 50.00. Account No. 31. Statement of expenditures to June 30, 1926 from an appropriation for Armory Rent, storage, drayage and other expense organizations of Military Units allocated to State by Federal Government. 99,140.00. Date of Claim 8-1-25, Claim No. 439: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of July 1925. 90.00. Date of Claim 8-1-25, Claim No. 440: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of July 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 8-1-25, Claim No. 489: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of July 1925. 73.33. Date of Claim 9-1-25, Claim No. 596: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of August 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 9-1-25, Claim No. 597: To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of August 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 9-1-25, Claim No. 620: Edgar Tompkins, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Personnel service 158th F. A.-Month of August, 1925. 50.00. Date of Claim 10-1-25, Claim No. 910: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of September 1925. 73.33. Date of Claim 10-1-25, Claim No. 911: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of September 1925. 115.00. Date of Claim 10-1-25, Claim No. 912: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of September 1925. 90.00. Date of Claim 10-1-25, Claim No. 913: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of September 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 10-1-25, Claim No. 914: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of September 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 11-1-25, Claim No. 1043: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of October 1925. 73.33. Date of Claim 11-1-25, Claim No. 1044: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of October 1925. 115.00. Date of Claim 11-1-25, Claim No. 1045: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of October 1925. 90.00. Date of Claim 11-1-25, Claim No. 1046: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of October 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 11-1-25, Claim No. 1047: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of October 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 9-1-25, Claim No. 1074: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of August 1925. 115.00. Date of Claim 19-1-25, Claim No. 1097: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A.-Month of October 1925. 25.00. Date of Claim 11-19-25, Claim No. 1324: Col. Chas. A. Holden, Tulsa, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A. 60.00. Date of Claim 1-1-26, Claim No. 1478: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A.-Month of December 1925. 25.00. Date of Claim 1-1-26, Claim No. 1479: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of December 1925. 73.33. Date of Claim 1-1-26, Claim No. 1480: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of December 1925. 115.00. Date of Claim 1-1-26, Claim No. 1081: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of December 1925. 90.00. Date of Claim 1-1-26, Claim No. 1482: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of December 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 1-1-26, Claim No. 1483: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of December 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 1-1-26, Claim No. 1504: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 months service Personnel Adjutant 158th Field Artillery. 50.00. Date of Claim 2-1-26, Claim No. 1649: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A.-Month of January 1926. 25.00. Date of Claim

2-1-26, Claim No. 1650: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of January 1926. 73.33. Date of Claim 2-1-26, Claim No. 1651: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of January 1926. 115.00. Date of Claim 2-1-26, Claim No. 1652: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of January 1926. 90.00. Date of Claim 2-1-26, Claim No. 1653: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of January 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 2-1-26, Claim No. 1654: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of January 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 2-1-26, Claim No. 1686: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 months service Personnel Adjutant 158th Field Artillery.-Month of January 1926. 50.00. Date of Claim 3-1-26, Claim No. 1854: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A.-Month of February 1926. 25.00. Date of Claim 3-1-26, Claim No. 1855: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of February 1926. 73.33. Date of Claim 3-1-26, Claim No. 1856: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of February 1926. 115.00. Date of Claim 3-1-26, Claim No. 1857: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of February 1926. 90.00. Date of Claim 3-1-26, Claim No. 1858: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of February 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 3-1-26, Claim No. 1859: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of February 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 3-1-26, Claim No. 1891: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 months service Personnel Adjutant 158th Field Artillery.-Month of February 1926. 50.00. Date of Claim 7-1-25, Claim No. 2400: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of July 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 7-1-25, Claim No. 2397: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of July 1925. 63.33. Date of Claim 7-1-25, Claim No. 2398: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of July 1925. 115.00. Date of Claim 8-26-25, Claim No. 0000: Col. Chas. A. Holden, Tulsa, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Hq. 158th F. A.-Month of July 1925. 10.00, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Hq. 158th F. A.-Month of August 1925. 10.00. Total 20.00. Date of Claim 12-1-25, Claim No. 1273 1/2: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of November 1925. 90.00. Date of Claim 12-1-25, Claim No. 1274 1/2: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of November 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 12-1-25, Claim No. 1275: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A.-Month of November 1925. 25.00. Date of Claim 12-1-25, Claim No. 1275 1/2: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of November 1925. 100.00. Date of Claim 12-1-25, Claim No. 1276: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month November 1925. 73.33. Date of Claim 12-1-25, Claim No. 1277: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of November 1925. 115.00. Date of Claim 12-1-25, Claim No. 1295: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 months service Personnel Adjutant 158th Field Artillery.-Month of November 1925. 50.00. Date of Claim 4-1-26, Claim No. 2063: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A.-Month of March 1926. 25.00. Date of Claim 4-1-26, Claim No. 2064: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of March 1926. 73.33. Date of Claim 4-1-26, Claim No. 2065: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of March 1926. 115.00. Date of Claim 4-1-26, Claim No. 2066: Capt. Chas. N. Hardin, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of March 1926. 90.00. Date of Claim 4-1-26, Claim No. 2067: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of March 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 4-1-26, Claim No. 2068: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of March 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 4-1-26, Claim No. 1891: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 months service Personnel Adjutant 158th Field Artillery.-Month of March 1926. 50.00. Date of Claim 5-1-26, Claim No. 2268: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A.-Month of April 1926. 25.00. Date of Claim 5-1-26, Claim No. 2269: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of April 1926. 73.33. Date of Claim 5-1-26, Claim No. 2270: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of April 1926. 115.00. Date of Claim 5-1-26, Claim No. 2271: Lt. John C. Powell, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of April 1926. 90.00. Date of Claim 5-1-26,

Claim No. 2272: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of April 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 5-1-26, Claim No. 2273: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of April 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 5-1-26, Claim No. 2304: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 months service Personnel Adjutant 158th Field Artillery.-Month of April 1926. 50.00. Date of Claim 6-1-26, Claim No. 2454: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A.-Month of May 1926. 25.00. Date of Claim 6-1-26, Claim No. 2455: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of May 1926. 63.33. Date of Claim 6-1-26, Claim No. 2456: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of May 1926. 115.00. Date of Claim 6-1-26, Claim No. 2457: Lt. John C. Powell, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of May 1926. 90.00. Date of Claim 6-1-26, Claim No. 2458: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of May 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 6-1-26, Claim No. 2459: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of May 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 7-1-26, Claim No. 2658: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 158th F. A.-Month of June 1926. 25.00. Date of Claim 7-1-26, Claim No. 2659: Capt. Clarence R. Steele, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense 2d Bn. Hdq. Btry & C. T. 158th F. A.-Month of June 1926. 73.33. Date of Claim 7-1-26, Claim No. 2660: Capt. X. R. Campbell, Hugo, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Service Battery 158th F. A.-Month of June 1926. 105.00. Date of Claim 7-1-26, Claim No. 2661: Capt. John C. Powell, Sulphur, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Headquarters Battery 158th F. A.-Month of June 1926. 90.00. Date of Claim 7-1-26, Claim No. 2662: Capt. Cortis A. Clark, Weatherford, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "D" 158th F. A.-Month of June 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 7-1-26, Claim No. 2663: Capt. Marion D. Woodworth, Kingfisher, Oklahoma to Armory rent, postage, drayage etc. expense Battery "F" 158th F. A.-Month of June 1926. 100.00. Date of Claim 7-1-26, Claim No. 2698: Capt. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Oklahoma, To 1 months service Personnel Adjutant 158th Field Artillery.-Month of June 1926. 50.00.

Jul 05, 1926: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Weatherford holds celebration early. Salute of 21 guns opens holiday merry-making. Weatherford. July 4. (Special) Beginning with a salute of twenty-one guns at 5 o'clock citizens of Weatherford and for seventy five miles around, celebrated Saturday. Downtown streets were roped off for the merry-makers and horse races, anvil shooting and a picnic featured the day. During the afternoon Battery "D", 158th Field Artillery, under Capt. G. A. Clark, fired 100 rounds of 75-milimeter shells. The celebration terminated Saturday night with a pyrotechnic display and cannonading by the artillery unit. Chamber of commerce officials sponsored the celebration, with R. T. Hoberecht, president, and L. L. Shaw, secretary, handling the details. Weatherford was the only city on the west side of the state celebrating Saturday, other cities delaying the July 4 festivities for Sunday and Monday.

Dec 15, 1926: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Receives order to recruit unit. Perry company will be known as Company "C" of 158th Light Field Artillery. Officers announced, lost of officers sent to general, includes Cress, Blake, Brengle and Noah. Actual mobilization for the Perry unit of the Oklahoma national guard, Battery "C" of the 158th light field artillery, was started here Wednesday with the first few men enlisted in the unit. Mobilization orders, have been received by Captain Howard Cress by Adjutant General Charles Barrett and every effort will be made to have the company fully organized so that federal recognition may be received at this time. Urged to join, those interested in the unit are urged to see Captain Cress as soon as possible. Every man between the age of 18 and 45 in good physical condition is qualified to join the unit. It affords a splendid opportunity, it was pointed out, for those youths who desire military training to receive it at their home and at the same time receive pay for their drilling. The unit will spend one hour and a half each week drilling and will be paid for a full day drill, it was announced. The 32 horses, which will be assigned to this unit, will be sent to Perry from the re-mount depot at El Reno but these will not be shipped until the unit has been fully organized. The equipment for the light artillery unit including the French 75's are to be shipped from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. List of officers: It is expected that the entire unit of 60 men will be recruited here before the first of the year and that the company will start drilling as soon as the organization can be completed. A field artillery man is to be sent to Perry on Monday to assist in the organizing work. The list of officers which was forwarded to General Barrett two weeks ago after they had been approved by Governor Elect Henry S. Johnston, is announced as Howard Cress, Captain; W. Z. Blake, First Lieutenant; Quine Brengle, Second Lieutenant; and Ralph Noah, Second Lieutenant.

Dec 16, 1926: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Officers are not expecting trouble. In securing full quota of 60 men. Twenty-five recruits for Company C of the 158 light field artillery unit of Perry have been secured and it is expected that this number will be increased by 30 by Friday night, as was announced Friday by Captain

Howard Cress. There are a large number of Perry youths who have declared their intention to join the unit here and it is believed that a large number of these will join within the next few days. It is also expected that a number of Noble county youths will affiliate with the local organization. Youths who desire a small amount of military training and at the same time desire to receive pay while they are taking their training, should take advantage of this opportunity to become a member of the local organization it was said. Drilling is to be held for only one hour and a half every week while all the equipment is supplied by the state for the organization. During the month of August the guards go to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for their annual encampment for a two week's period and here not only drill but hold various contests and have a general good time.

Dec 23, 1926: Published in the "The Prescott Evening Courier" entitled: Arizona guardsmen to train in Texas. San Antonio, Texas. Dec. 23 (AP) Arizona and Oklahoma national guard units will train in August and the New Mexican national guard will train in July under a schedule announced at Eight Corps Headquarters here today. Colorado guardsmen will train at Golden, June 2 to 16, with the air corps units at Lowrey field. Two New Mexico national guard organizations, the 111th cavalry and Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, will train at Fort Bliss, July 3 to 17 and the 120th engineers will hold their camp at Las Vegas at the same. Arizona guardsmen of the 158th Infantry will train at Fort Bliss and Battery "E", of the 158th Field Artillery at Fort Huachuca, August 14 to 28.

Jan 01, 1927: Battery "B" was activated at Anadarko, Oklahoma, by transfers of personnel from Company "L", 2nd Oklahoma Infantry and Battery "E", 160th Field Artillery under command of Captain Paul E. Anderson, with Lieutenants Bernhard W. Hammert, Edward S. Correia and George C. Moran.

Jan 13, 1927: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Regular will coach guards. Sargeant Tompkins of Anadarko And Member of Regular Army To Coach Unit; Due on Wednesday; Non Commissioned Officer Will Remain For Two Weeks Instructing Perry Unit; Sargeant Frank Tomkins, member of the regular army and now on detached service and stationed at Anadarko, Oklahoma, is expected to arrive in Perry Wednesday for his two weeks stay with the local company. Sargeant Tompkins is an instructor in artillery and is expected to handle the local company and drill them during his stay in Perry. Are Commissioned; The officers of company C who received their commissions Wednesday from Governor Henry S. Johnston, are completing plans for their preliminary meeting on Thursday night in the temporary armory on the south side of the square. This will be the first meeting of the organization since it was formed and it is very essential that every member be present, it was pointed out. The meeting is being held to complete plans for the federal and state inspection which is to be held in the armory on Friday night by Commander Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Capt. P. H. Anderson, both of Anadarko, Col. Elmo Flynt and Lieut. John Beck of Oklahoma City. The company now has a total of 50 members, the required quota for the recognition ceremony but it is highly desirable that 10 additional men be secured for the unit, it was said. It is especially desirable to secure a few youth from the county or small towns surrounding Perry, it was stated. Uniforms for the company have not been received but will be distributed on Thursday night if they arrive on time. Plans for the selection of the non-commissioned officers are to be worked out now and it is expected that these officers of the company will be named on Friday night.

Jan 14, 1927: Battery "C" was transferred from Pueblo, Colorado and activated at Perry, Oklahoma with Captain Howard R. Cress commanding and Lieutenants William C. Blake, Ralph H. Noah and Edward Q. Brengle.

Jan 20, 1927: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Guards to meet Thursday night. Old Davis building on south side of square has been leased as armory. No uniforms yet. Uniforms for local battery are expected to arrive within a few days. The first drill of the Perry battery of the national guards is to be held in the new armory building, the old Davis Furniture building on the south side of the square on Thursday night. The building has recently been leased for Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery and it will give them more room than the building formerly occupied by the Union Billiard Parlor. Captain Howard Cress returned from Oklahoma City Tuesday night where he had been to discuss matters with General Charles F. Barrett concerning the local battery. The requisitions for the hiring of the new caretakers for the battery have been received and it is expected that they will be named in the near future. The uniforms have not arrived but it is expected that they will in the immediate future, Captain Cress stated. Although the battery went through a drill on last Thursday and Friday night it is expected that their first real drill will be held on Thursday night. All non-commissioned officers as well as members are expected to be present for the drill period.

Jun 16, 1927: 1st Battalion Headquarters Detachment and Combat Trains are activated at Clinton, Oklahoma, with Captain George D. Hann Commanding.

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Aug 05, 1927: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Guards ready for their camp. Equipment is issued members of local battery at drill period Thursday. Plans are complete. No drill to be held here until next Friday night when supplies will be loaded. Are our soldiers leaving? This was the thought that run through the minds of some of the Perry people Thursday evening at 9 o'clock when they saw the members of the Perry National guard walking up the streets with the barrack bags on their backs. But alas the mystery was soon solved when a member of the battery walked up to a group of men and told them that all of the soldiers had gotten their equipment for their trip to Fort Sill. Given Equipment: All of the members of the Perry battery of National guards received all of their equipment Thursday night at drill period and are now ready to go to camp August 13. The battery will not drill Thursday night of next week but will drill Friday night. This is being done so that the members can help to load up all the equipment and be ready to leave Perry for Fort Sill early Saturday morning on the Santa Fe. The train will leave Perry at 7:25 and get to Fort Sill at 2:35. The battery will then unload and get everything ready for the first night. All members of the Perry battery of guards are going to camp according to Captain Howard Cress. As this is the youngest battery in the 45th division it will be necessary for all of the members to go. Good time assured: All of those who go are assured a good time while they are at camp and none of the parents need to worry about their sons according to Captain Cress as the program for this year's camp is arranged so that all of the soldiers will have most of their afternoon off to do what they want to do. Most of the boys are planning to play tennis and other games in the afternoon. All of those who have good records can go to Medicine park in the evening if they choose. The first instructions for writing letters to the boys while they are away at camp were given on Friday. Letters to the boys should carry their classification and rank, that is, private, corporal, sergeant, Lieutenant etc., and should be sent to battery "C", 158th field artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Aug 11, 1927: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Guards will march to marches on Thursday night instead of "1,2,3,4". Farewell Dance Will Be Given At Lake Laird For Local Battery Tonight; Instead of lining up

for their usual drill practice the members of Battery "C" of the 158th field artillery will line up for their partners at the Lake Laird pavilion on Thursday night where they will attend their own farewell dance. It is not to be a uniform affair but the boys will be there nevertheless and join in their last local frolic before they spend two weeks in intensive drilling at Fort Sill starting Saturday afternoon. Not only are the boys expecting to be present but many from neighboring towns and the many Perry citizens will join in the frolic and take part in the marching which are usually done by the boys alone. It will be a case of eat, drink and be merry, with a restriction on the drinking part, for tomorrow we load up and ship out of town. Drill on Thursday night has been suspended in order that the boys may be in the best physical condition for their work on Friday night. The cars for loading the army equipment have arrived and were inspected by local officers on Thursday. Friday night the guns, horses, field apparatus, field kitchen and other equipment will be loaded and Saturday morning, accompanied by the Blackwell and Tonkawa units, the slow march to Camp Root at Fort Sill will be started. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the New Moonlight Serenaders.; Battery Dance To Be Given Thursday Night At Lake Laird; A farewell dance for the local battery of the national guards, Battery "C", 158th field artillery, is to be given at Lake Laird on Thursday night August 11. Music for the dance is to be furnished by the Moonlight Serenaders. The local battery will not hold a meeting on Thursday night but will meet on Friday night at which time they expect to load their equipment for their trip to Fort Sill where they will spend two weeks in training. It is expected that a large number of the members of the battery will attend the dance.

Aug 13, 1927: Published in the "The El Reno Daily Democrat" entitled: State guard mobilizes for annual encampment. Fort Sill, Okla. Aug. 13-(UP) Oklahoma's soldiery today unlimbered on the flats of the Wichita Mountains, more than 5,000 strong. Advance parties of the encampment were already on the camp site, ready for the day long unloading and trucking of supplies and material from the military depot and troop trains. The reservation assumed activity reminiscent of war times, as trains from the various mobilization points pulled in, emptied their khaki and denim clad human cargo, and pulled to a siding while sweating youths lifted tents, poles, arms, ammunition and G.I. cans from baggage car doors. The camp was to be at its most arduous task, the making or breaking of camp, late today and into the night arranging itself into a young city of company streets. The troops face fourteen days of intensive soldiering. The camp is the command of Major General Baird Markham, commanding general of the 45th Division. Included in the personal are troops of the 179th Infantry, 180th Infantry, 158th and 160th Field Artillery, 189th Medium Heavy Artillery, 120th Medical Corps, 45th Division train, 1st Battalion of the 126th Engineers, 45th Division special troops, attached reserve officers and staffs. The roster lists 4,900 men and 500 officers. But not only soldiering faces the ranks. It won't all be this business of war training. For the 90 units and for the third successive year, a regular athletic program has been mapped by the divisional officers. Lieut. Col. Charles W. Daley is divisional athletic officer, directing a program which includes boxing, baseball, track events and special military athletic contests.

Aug 15, 1927: Published in the "The Daily Times" entitled: Governor to make an investigation. (United Press.) Denver. Aug. 15. Gov. W. H. Adams today promised an investigation against high officials of the Colorado National guard by Charles M. Armstrong, secretary of state, and commander of Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery. Armstrong and Nelson Miles, former top sergeant of Battery "B", held a lengthy conference with the governor today. Armstrong reiterated his charges against Col. Paul Newlon, head of the National Guard. Armstrong resigned as captain several weeks ago, asserting that prejudice governed the discharge of Miles. Armstrong asked that his resignation be accepted by the governor, but Adams withheld judgment until he could make further investigation.

Apr 19, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Inspect Perry guards tonight. Annual Federal Inspection to be held in armory tonight. Inspection slated for 8 o'clock; members report at 7. The sixty some members of the battery C of the 158th field artillery will parade before Captain Mays, instructor in the artillery of the Texas National Guards in their annual federal inspection at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the armory at the fair grounds here. Although the inspection is not to be held until 8 o'clock the members of the battery have been ordered to report to the armory at 7 o'clock and it is expected that every member will be present on time. Battery Ready: The battery has been pronounced in readiness by the officers of the unit and it is believed here that the company will rate much better this year than it did a year ago. With the public invited, it was believed that a good crowd would be in attendance but the bad weather will cut the crowd to some extent although it is still believed that many will take advantage of the invitation of Captain Howard Cress and the other officers to see the boys pass in review. The boys are expecting to be put through about everything they are supposed to have mastered during the past year and many of the high school students, who are members of the battery, were taking time out on Thursday using their study halls to memorize some of the things that they were supposed to have learned long before this time. Much Work: Considerable extra work has been done at the armory placing the guns and equipment in condition for inspection and everything promises to be bright and shiny on Thursday night. Besides going through their regular drills the boys will be placed at their regular positions with their guns, it is believed, considerable sighting and ranging will be done while the telephone lines will be laid just as though the boys were in action.

Jun 28, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Perry is awarded regimental band. Telegram From Lieutenant Beck Informs Group Here Band is Approved. Members secured; More Than Enough Men Have Already Been Recruited for Music Order; Perry will get the 158th field artillery Oklahoma National guard regiment band. This was the information received here Thursday morning by W. Z. Blake, secretary of the chamber of commerce and Lieutenant in the local guard unit, from the First Lieutenant John W. Beck, instructor. In the telegram received Beck stated that Col. Grover C. Wamsley, was in favor of the band being moved to Perry and that the work would be started immediately and the Perry band would be mustered in within a week or ten days. "The Message": The complete message as follows: "W. Z. Blake, Chamber of Commerce, Perry, Oklahoma, Colonel Wamsley approves. We will start action immediately. Perry band be ready to meet in week or ten days. John W. Beck." More than 28 men have already volunteered for the guard band here with a few on the waiting list with Dr. W. C. Marshall, who has directed bands in Perry for many, many years, in charge of the work and to be director of the band. Many of the members of the regimental band will come out of the present city band which has been working together for a number of years and which is considered one of the best municipal bands in the state. Experienced Leader; Doctor Marshall is an experienced leader having not only lead the band here for a number of years but he was band master with a number of the larger circuses before settling in Perry. Not only is Doctor Marshall a good musician but all of his boys are good musicians and many of those who are playing in his band have learned their music from him. The band will complete the organization immediately and the belief was expressed by the officers of the local battery that the uniforms and equipment will be moved to Perry from Chickasha, where the band was located before it was given to Perry, within a week or ten days. The band will be in readiness for the annual encampment at Fort Sill to be held in August. Members of the band will draw drill pay for weekly practice the same as the present battery, which has been located in Perry for more than a year. The rent of the hall, payment for lights and heat will also be furnished the unit and all members will be provided with uniforms, musical instruments and music. Perry should be particularly proud of the second guard organization to be established here for it is not only a tribute to Perry but to the battery unit here now and to the officers who head this organization and to the members, it was pointed out. A Year Old: The artillery unit here was organized little over a year ago and although last summer was their first encampment they ranked high and are expected to make even a better showing during the coming year. The securing of the battery for Perry is due to the co-operation of the officers of the Perry Battery, Capt. Howard Cress, Lieutenants, Capt. Howard Cress, Quine Brengle, Sam Samuelson and W. Z. Blake, to Arch Marshall and to Lieutenant John Beck and as well as General Barrett, who approved the move to Perry. Small talk of organizing a battery here a year ago was started but at that time it was feared it would hurt the local battery but with the guard unit firmly established and with the well known fact that those who join the band would not join the artillery, it was clear that the regiment was the very thing for Perry to go after and secure if possible and this was done. The band is being moved from Chickasha due to the fact that considerable difficulty has been encountered there in finding musicians and in keeping the company recruited up. Little difficulty is expected along this line and Perry expects to have one of the best national guard bands in the United States.

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Jul 09, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Moving of regimental band to Perry approved by Washington officials. The war department has approved the moving of the 158 field artillery regimental band from Chickasha and everything has practically been settled in so far as the organization is concerned with the exception of the mustering in of the enlisted men here. The moving of the band to Perry was first approved more than a week ago by Col. Grover Wamsley of Anadarko and since that time the war department has been awaited but this was little more than a formality since the department there usually observes the requests and recommendation of the local and state guard officers in this matter. The complete list of those who have enlisted in the order is expected to be approved as soon as possible and the band mustered in.

Jul 10, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Second concert to be given Thursday. Regimental Band To Give Concert Every Thursday Evening During Month Of July. The second band concert of the summer months here by the 158th field artillery regimental band will be given in the city park at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, it has been announced by Dr. W. C. Marshall, director. The band has made its first appearance last Thursday evening when a good program was presented and a large crowd was out for the evening. The program for this week will be announced following the practice on Tuesday night and will be printed in Wednesday's paper. Possibly by the next concert, which will be given on Thursday evening of next week the boys will be issued their uniforms. The band has been approved by Washington and arrangements are being made at Oklahoma City to muster out the equipment at Chickasha and transfer it to Perry as soon as possible. The concerts are to be continued during the month of July here but during August for two weeks the band will be in camp at Fort Sill.

Jul 17, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: National guards are making plans for summer camp to be held at Fort Sill August 11. The preparations for the departure of Battery "C" of the 158th field artillery, Perry's unit, for the summer training camp at Fort Sill are being started here and everything promises to be in readiness for August 11, when the camp opens at Sill. Considerable time was spent in foot drill at practice here on Monday night, but some thought was given to the preparation of the material and equipment for the trip to the summer camp. Five new recruits have been added to the guards during the past few days and these will be rookies at the camp but the entire group were rookies last year. Those who have joined are Jessie Elliott, Charles Armstrong, Kenneth Armstrong, Leo Johnson and Jesse Eisenhauer. Although the band has not been mustered in as yet it is expected this will be completed before time to depart. The group at Chickasha is being held up for the last pay for them and as soon as this has been completed the date for mustering in the Perry group will be completed. There is no doubt but what the band will make camp this summer. The band was started on pay here July 1 and is continuing its practices every week although no uniforms and equipment have been received by the group here. Most of the band members have taken their physical examinations and are in the army now. With the departure of the two units from Perry between 75 and 100 Perry men and boys will be out of the city for the entire two weeks. The members are eagerly looking forward to the camp and recall the many good times which they had last year. This will be the only vacation a number of them will enjoy.

Jul 18, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Weekly concert to be given Thursday. Director Marshall Announces Program for National Guard Band Concert Thursday; The program for the regular weekly band concert by the 158th field artillery band to be given at 8 o'clock Thursday evening on the courthouse lawn was announced on Tuesday by Dr. W. C. Marshall, director. The program this week will include seven selections, three marches and four overtures. The first selection will be a march, "For Your Bold" by Penella, the second is an overture "Panorama" by Barnhouse. The third number is an overture "Pretzioso" by Skaggs. The fourth is to be a march "Distance Greeting" by Doring. The other selections are ovehuse "Sonrise", St. Clair; Overture "Exuberance" Hays; and a march "Conquoror" by Teike.; Wednesday is pay day for guardsman; Pay Roll Arrives Wednesday and Will Be Distributed At 6:15 Wednesday Night; Wednesday evening will be pay day for the members of the National guards but not a minute before 6:15 on Wednesday evening will a dime of the money be given to the members according to Capt. Howard Cress, commander of the battery. The payroll, which has been due for some time, was received on Wednesday morning and will be distributed this week and not be held up until the regular drill night on Monday, it was stated. However, Captain Cress stated, the pay is not to be given out until 6:15 on Wednesday evening and none of it will be given out before this time. The members of the guards desiring to receive the money at this time are requested to come to the office of Reynolds and Cress.

Jul 19, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Band equipment is being moved. Perry Group Goes To Chickasha After Equipment on Thursday; Although the date for mustering in the local band as the official band of the 158th field artillery unit of the National guards, has not been received here orders have been received to go to Chickasha after the equipment of the organization. Dr. W. C. Marshall, warrant officer of the band unit and director of the band, left here early Thursday morning accompanied by W. Z. Blake, Henry Grant and Arch Marshall for Chickasha. Are In Chickasha: The material there, according to orders received by Doctor Marshall, included a call for the Perry group to be in Chickasha at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at which time it is planned to muster out the Chickasha band and check over the equipment. The band has been at Chickasha for some time but has never proven satisfactory there and has been moved to Perry. The local city band is becoming the national guard band and most of those who have played in the city band have joined the guard band. May Get Uniforms: It is probable that the band will appear in uniforms at the next concert to be held next week. Although Doctor Marshall may not be back in time for the concert on Thursday night it will be given as announced, under the direction of Lou Endres, assistant director, it was stated.

Jul 23, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Band mustered in on Saturday night. Perry Civic Band Becomes Regimental Band of Oklahoma Guards At Ceremony; The Perry municipal band is now the regimental band of the 158th field artillery of the Oklahoma national guards. The mustering in ceremonies were held here on Saturday night, at the band hall with Capt. Howard Cress, commander of the local battery, in charge of the ceremonies and representing the state. Lieut. John W. Beck, was present for the service and aided in every way possible. He also spent Sunday here with the officers of the local battery and Dr. W. C. Marshall, director and warrant officer of the band. Full requisition for the equipment needed to fill out the equipment for local band was made out at this time and members of the band went to Oklahoma City on Monday to bring the material back to the battery here. It is expected the band unit will be outfitted and makes its first appearance in uniforms here this week for the band concert. The band has been practicing regularly for the past month and expects to be fully ready for the trip to Fort Sill on August 11 when the guard battery makes the trip.

Aug 06, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Guard units to meet on Monday. Drill Practices Will Be Held By Two Organizations Monday Night; Final preparations for the trip to Fort Sill next Saturday are expected to be worked out at the joint meeting of battery "C" of the 158th field artillery and of the regimental band at the armory at 8 o'clock Monday evening. Both outfits are to appear in uniforms at this time and will go through the maneuvers which they will take at camp at this time, it was stated. The public has been extended a cordial invitation to come out and enjoy the drill practices. Besides the practices the groups will take at camp at this time, it has farewell dance which is to be held at Lake Laird here on Thursday evening. The regular weekly band concert and the last one which will be given before the two weeks encampment at Sill will be held at the city park here on Thursday evening. Leo and Edgar Marshal and Andy Abbey, who have been with the 101 Ranch shows arrived from New York to join the battery for the encampment to Sill. Abbey has been named as the next care taker of the band instruments and equipment. The battery and band is expected to load its equipment here next Friday evening as they will pull out of Perry at 8:30 Saturday morning for the annual camp.

Aug 09, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Farewell band concert here. Guards Will Hold Farewell Musical Program And Dance Tonight; The farewell concert of the 158th field artillery band will be given in the court house yard park at 7:30 tonight, it was announced on Thursday. A special program appropriate for the occasion will be offered by the band according to Dr. W. C. Marshall director of the organization. The concert is being given at 7:30 in order that the members of the band and the public may be able to go to the farewell dance, which is being given at Lake Laird on Thursday evening. Some special features will be offered at the dance and indications are that a good crowd will be present. The battery has made a practice of giving a dance each year before they leave for camp since they were organized here and the money from the dance is to be used in their mess fund in order that they may be able to have a few extras while they are spending their two weeks at Fort Sill. It is expected that the band will make a practice of giving a farewell concert the week before they leave for camp following the concert this year. Both outfits are completing arrangements at the present time for their trip to Fort Sill. The equipment is to be loaded on Friday evening and the train bearing the members of the battery and the band will leave at 8:30 Saturday morning for two weeks camp at Fort Sill.

Aug 10, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Journal" entitled: Guards report at 11:00 tonight. All Members Of Both Units To Report For Camp At 11 O-Clock; Loading started; Work Of Loading Equipment Was Started At 10'Clock On Friday; The bugle will sound its first real call of the 1928 summer camp of the battery "C" of the 158th field artillery and of the 158th field artillery band at 11 o'clock tonight at the Santa Fe station here. Every guardsman is expected to be on hand at this time and they will spend the night at the station here and be ready for the start for camp at 8:30 on

Saturday morning. The work of loading the equipment of both organizations was started at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon and it was to be finished during the afternoon and evening. A number of the guardsmen are to assist in this work but all are to report at the station at 11 o'clock tonight. Breakfast in Perry; the guards plan to take their breakfast in Perry and will then leave for Fort Sill. They will be joined here by the Tonkawa, Blackwell and Chilocco units of the guards and they will all go to Fort Sill together. The Perry guards bid farewell for two weeks to their friends here on Thursday night when a band concert was given by the musical organization while this was followed by the dance at Lake Laird. The band concert was well attended and was well received by the large audience. A good crowd was reported to have been in attendance at the dance and it was said to have been one of the best dances ever held by the guards here. Funds earned from the dance are to be used to help make the boys food at Fort Sill during the two weeks a little better than the average and it is understood that sufficient money was raised to help out along this line. The members of the band and of the artillery unit will eat together at Fort Sill, it was stated, during the two weeks encampment there. Approximately 100 Perry men and youths will be called to Fort Sill for the two weeks encampment and it will leave the old home town rather deserted during the two weeks.

Aug 11, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: National guards first night out under the open sky is spent in Perry. Members Report At 11 O'clock Friday Night For Their Trip To Sill; Although they slept in the open on Friday night placing their cots in the most convenient place which could be found in and around the station here the members of the band and battery C of the 158th field artillery were in good spirits on Saturday morning and ready for the adventures, which were expected to be found at Fort Sill during the day and the next two weeks. All members of the band and battery reported at 11 o'clock on Friday night and remained with their outfit then until the train pulled out at 8:30 on Saturday morning. That is all of the members but three who were not located before the group started south. Work of Loading; The work of loading the equipment had started with the arrival of the cars on Friday afternoon and the guns, kitchen outfit, tents, cots, telephone equipment and other stuff was on the cars ready to be shipped out on Friday night. The horses were not loaded until Saturday morning in order that they would not be cramped up in their close quarters all night. Besides the two Perry outfits the Indians of Chilocco were on the train which left here Saturday morning as well as the members of the Tonkawa and Blackwell outfit and as the train pulled out for camp on Saturday morning it recalled the war days when the boys left for the long train trip, which carried many of them across the ocean. Address of Boys; The boys will be in Camp King at Fort Sill this summer and all letters to the band should be sent to 158th field artillery band, Camp King; Fort Sill, and of course should be addressed to the individual for whom it is intended. In addressing letters to the boys in the battery it should include first the name of the person then Battery C, 158th field artillery, Camp King; Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It is expected that much mail will not only be sent from Perry to Fort Sill but that much will be received from there during the next two weeks. Guards leave for Camp King; Both Groups Will Spend Two Weeks at Fort Sill in Annual Camp; Leave at 8:30; Long Train Pulls Out From Station At 8:30 Saturday Morning. At straight up 8:30 Saturday morning, the long train bearing the members of battery C of the 158th field artillery and the regimental band pulled out of Perry for Camp King at Fort Sill where they will spend two weeks in summer training. As the train started its long pull south the hundreds of friends and relatives of the boys who had gathered at the station to wish them well called out their last cheery good byes and waved their farewells while the boys answered back as though they were going off on a great picnic instead of two weeks of hard work. The camp will serve as a vacation for many, all of the vacation they will receive, but for others it will only be a change from their routine work for there will be plenty of work during their two weeks stay in Sill. Real Drill. Here the boys received their real drill and real practices with their guns and they are under strict military regulations and rules and they must observe them to a letter. Some of their time will be spent on the drill field mastering more completely and more thoroughly the steps which they have practiced often during the past year at the armory here. They will also have plenty of practice along the lines of cleaning up camp, erecting their tents, long hikes and then will spend some time on the range with their big guns, where the guns will be fired at imaginary points. The evening will find many of them with leaves and they will spend short times in Lawton and at Medicine Park seeing the sights. On other evenings when the athletic events which include boxing, wrestling, baseball and track events, they will remain at camp to witness these events regardless of what will be taking place else where. Band Practice; They will also be plenty of band practice for the members of the musical organization and they will not only practice considerable but will doubtless give concerts at the camp as well as at Lawton during their stay here. For the boys in the kitchen, real experience will be in store and they will learn to prepare meals in large quantities and learn to have them on time when the hungry groups come in from their days' work. Things promise to be much better this year than last for fair weather is promised for pitching camp. Last year camp was pitched in the rain and the first supper in camp was not prepared and served until about 12 o'clock on their first night in camp. Arrive about 4; Advanced guards also will prepare the tents and they are expected to be in place when the train pulls in to Sill and the work of unloading Starts. The kitchen will be practically ready and the boys will be ready for the hard work of unloading and after that their first night in camp. The train is slated to pull into camp about 4 o'clock and they should have everything set for their first evening before dark. Besides all this last year's experience will mean much to the boys while everything is expected to move along much smoother. Not only remove the boys their last year's experience but the officers as well and it will

not be the green outfit which was imposed on often and frequently last year but it will be a group which knows their rights and which will see that they are observed.

Aug 14, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Mail is plea of guardsmen. Everyone At Camp King Is Eager To Receive A Letter From Home; Boys Did Not Reach Fort Sill Until 8:30 On Saturday Evening; Camp King, Fort Sill, Aug., 14 (Special) Monday was instruction day at the national guard camp here and the members of the different sections in Battery "C" of the 158th field artillery had their first instruction of the two weeks camp. Although the morning saw considerable hard work the afternoon was given over to the boys and most of them took time off for a good sleep since they were looking for an opportunity to catch up on the sleep they lost the first night they landed in camp. Train Is Late: The train bearing the Perry band and the battery was slated to reach Fort Sill at 4:30 on Saturday afternoon but due to unavoidable detentions along the line the train did not pull into Fort Sill until 8:30 Saturday night. The work of unloading was started as soon as the train stopped but was not completed until 11:30 and then the boys were ready for something to eat for it had been a long time since dinner. But by the time they had their suppers and had prepared for bed the clock had rolled around to 2 and then the boys slept in the open for the second time. Something slipped along the line some where and the boys were not able to get their tents pitched for their first night so there was little time spent attempting to pitch a tent at this hour in the morning. Boys Thankful: The boys were thankful however, that the rain was not falling as it was a year ago and the sleeping on the outside was not so bad, in fact, it was might fine after their long day. Sunday found an industrious group at camp but evidently rather tired, not seeing very well or just not versed in the pitching of tents for the tents were set and re-set three times before they were passed upon. Sunday afternoon found many of the boys writing letters home or journeying to some of the nearby points of interest. Sunday night was a real treat for many for on this evening the first free picture show was offered and boxing matches were another feature. There will be a free picture show every night the boys are in camp. Plea for letters: A plea for letters and mail was sounded by the Perry boys and every one back home is urged to send along a letter or card or a paper or something to help make mail delivery a little more pleasant occasion. You folks back home, who have a friend or friends at camp write him a few lines telling what you have to say and have him tell you some of the many interesting things there and help make his two weeks in Camp King a little more pleasant. Remember all letters should be addressed to the battery members as: Battery "C", 158th field artillery, Camp King, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. To the band members it should be addressed: 158th field artillery regimental band, Camp King, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Aug 17, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Band orchestra is scoring hit. Perry Musical Organization Is Proving Popular At Guard Camp; Promotions made; Three Members Of Battery "C" Are Given Promotions This Week; Camp King, Fort Sill, Aug., 17 (Special): The 158th field artillery band's jazz orchestra has won a place in the hearts of the boys at Camp King and is proving very popular with their concerts every evening in front of the canteen of the regiment. The orchestra is composed of Eddie McCoy, saxophone; Bob Baldwin, clarinet; Brick Bartow, trombone; Harry Marshall, bass; and Pete Eby, vocalist. Many of the members of Eddie McCoy's Red Ravens, local jazz orchestra. The band is also being well received and offers a concert every evening. On Saturday evening, August 18, they are to play a concert at regimental headquarters. Made Mascot: Bob Foster, son of Mr. And Mrs. Joe Foster of Perry and only seven years of age, has won the approval of the outfit and has been named the mascot of the 158th field artillery. In going from Lawton to Fort Sill or from the new post to the camp, the camp is located just south of the new post. The Perry outfit is just across the road from their canteen and it has kitchen No. 27 so anyone could be able to locate it easily. The boys have as their neighbors Battery B on one side and battery "D" of the 158th artillery on the other. The field artillery has organized a baseball team and a number of the members of the band are members of the outfit and they are expecting to clean up on the camp during the next week and win the championship of the camp. Promotions: Promotions have already started at the camp among the Perry group and Raymond Pfrimmer, Eulee Rutherford and Alfred Trussell have been promoted from the ranks to Corporals and have added the stripes to their arms. The mail hours at the camp are about 11 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon and a near riot occurs every time the mail man is seen as he comes down the company street. The boys are still eager for mail from home and there is considerable disappointment if that mail man fails to deliver to each individual. However, this happens most every day but if one misses today he usually draws tomorrow and that rather compensates things to a small extent. The arrival of the copies of The Perry Journal also brings forth the smiles and the boys read the home town paper from cover to cover and are keeping in touch with things at home in this way. Boy's Homesick: The three young members of the camp, Bill Dearborn, Weldon Davis and Bruce Smith have found the camp very interesting and have enjoyed things but their minds have turned to home now and although they still enjoy camp that feeling of home sickness can be seen on their faces. They have little to say about the matter, continue their work but they are looking forward to only one thing and that is the trip home a week from this Saturday. Many visitors are coming to the camp now and included in the number during past week were Mr. And Mrs. Gus Wollard and daughters. The boys were all glad to see the home folks. The boys are still eating good and an idea of just what they are having can be gleaned from the menu for August 15. For breakfast, post toasties, beef steak,

coffee, milk, potatoes and bread and butter. For dinner, roast beef, creamed peas, brown gravy, macaroni, peach cobbler and lemonade were served, while for supper, beef, hominy, St. Frances potatoes, apricots and tea were served. The menu for the day bears the signature of mess sergeant Fred A. Yeager and Mess Officer W. Z. Blake. Here's Guards Daily Schedule; Ever wonder just what a full day at Camp King looked like? Here is the daily schedule which the boys live under during their two weeks there: Weekday Weekend Reveille, first call: 5:15 to 6:15, Reveille March: 5:16, Reveille Assembly: 5:30 to 6:30, Mess Call, (Breakfast): 6:00 to 7:00, Policing Grounds: 6:30 to 7:30, Drill, First Call: 7:00 to 8:15, Drill, Assembly: 7:15, Church: 9:00, Recess From Drill: 11:45, Staff Conference: 11:45, Mess Call (Noon Meal): 12:00 to 12:15, Athletics and Rest Period: 1:00 School 1:30, Ceremony, First Call Except Saturday: 5:20, Ceremony Assembly: 5:30, Retreat: 6:00, Mess Call: 6:20, Guard Mount: 6:45, Concert, Except Saturday: 7:15 Taps: 11:00 to 11:00.

Aug 18, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Jones is making model soldier. George Lindeman Home For 48 Hours Gives Account of Artillery Band; Little sickness; Over Work And Heat Causes Few To Drop Out But Most Feel Fine; Judge Jones is the best soldier in the outfit said George Lindeman, who with the Judge is a member of the 158th Field Artillery band, a Perry organization now at the National Guard encampment at Camp King. Lindeman had forty-eight hours leave over the weekend in order to be at the store Saturday. He will return to Fort Sill Sunday. Judge Jones was a hard man to get along with the first three days that the band was in camp, according to Lindeman and even Andy Abbey, who was sharing a tent with him moved out. But after the first three days the Judge got hardened to drill requirements and is making a model soldier, doing more than his share of the work and having a splendid time generally. The boys both in the band and in Battery C are having a good time and have taken up the routine of camp life in a splendid manner. The first few days saw quite a number of them feeling the effect of rigorous drill, it was stated. There has been some sickness among the guardsmen but it has been held to a minimum, none of them being seriously ill thus far. Extreme heat and hard drill have been responsible for practically all the sickness. Lindeman himself said he had lost eight pounds during the time that he has been in camp, but that he feels fine and is really enjoying himself. One of the few arrests that have been made was by Don Ley, while he was on guard, Lindeman stated. Ley arrested a civilian, who was asleep in his car on the government reserve. Disregarding the statement of the civilian that he was not subject to arrest, Lay took him in and an investigation later revealed that the civilian had a quantity of booze in his car.

Aug 20, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Perry guard band broadcasts tonight. The Perry regimental band will go on the air at 8 o'clock Monday evening from station DAI of the 70th Brigade field artillery headquarters at Fort Sill on a wave length of 380 according to word which has just been received here. Much favorable comment has been heard on the band since it went to camp and it is expected that many Perry citizens will be very eager to hear the concert to be offered over the air tonight. Tune in at 380 wave length. Guard band is to broadcast; Program Will Be Put On Air At Fort Sill On Monday Night. Given promotion: Doctor Marshall, Director Of Regimental Band, Is Made Captain. The Perry band at the national camp, Camp King, Fort Sill, is proving very, very popular according to all reports being received here and will take the air and broadcast its first program over the 70th brigade field artillery headquarters station on Monday night, it was stated. This station which carries the title of DAI operates on 380 meter wave length and it is expected that Perry citizens will be able to pick up this concert in fine shape. Many inquiries were being received on Monday regarding the program and just when the broadcast would be offered. Is Promoted: W. C. Marshall, director of the band and warrant officer, has been promoted to Captain according to reports. This is considered an outstanding honor since that this is Marshall's first trip to the camp although he has had much experience with bands. The band played before Adjutant General Barrett on Thursday night and received a request to play again before the camp is over as well as to broadcast. On Thursday night of last week Battery C played host to the officers of the division and Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Major Ross, Major Smith, Lieut-Col. Brown and Lieut. J. W. Beck were invited to supper. The jazz orchestra furnished the music for the evening. Inspection: Saturday morning Major Ross held inspection for the outfits and a number of Perry citizens were present to witness these ceremonies and to enjoy the parade. Saturday night, however, found the boys back on regimental guard duty and they all were looking forward to yesterday when a great time was reported, especially with a large number of Perry citizens present. Among those who were at Fort Sill over the weekend to visit with the boys were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Cooper and daughter, Vivienne, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Casparis and daughter, Mozelle, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Folger and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Daniels.

Aug 24, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Journal" entitled: Guards return home Saturday. Range Practice Came To Close At Fort Sill On Thursday Morning; Review today; Entire Organization Passes Before Governor In Review On Friday; Perry was eagerly looking forward to Saturday which returns to Perry the members of Battery C and of the band of the 158th field artillery, who complete their training there at Fort Sill on Friday. Friday promised to be a big day for the Perry outfits with the other state organizations will pass in review before Gov. Henry S. Johnston, other state officials and high army officers at the drill field. Following this it is practically all over and the work of

loading their equipment will start and it is expected that their trains bearing the troops homeward will leave there some time Saturday morning. Many reports have been received regarding the homeward trip but it is expected it will be sometime Saturday night before the Perry boys reach home and then it will be the unloading here. The boys returned on Thursday to camp after spending Tuesday, Tuesday night, Wednesday and Wednesday night on the range. The work of the mimic battle was halted at 5 o'clock Thursday morning and the boys returned to camp for a short rest before the practice and preparation for the review. Fort Sill, Au., 24-(AP) While three national guard airplanes droned overhead thorough out the night, sending out flares which lighted the countryside, heavy and light artillery opened fire and more than 4,000 Oklahoma national guardsmen moved into position against a theoretical enemy. Under command of Brig. Gen. Baird H. Markham, Oklahoma's soldiers went through maneuvers which were identical to those they would be required to make in facing a real enemy. Starting the final drive at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the troops were given orders throughout the night as they sought an advantageous position along the course of Cache creek against an invisible enemy. All branches of the guard; artillery, air service, medical and engineering; participated and every man in the huge camp was on his toes as though a dangerous foe were encamped a few miles away. Training at End: The maneuvers lasted until 5 a. m. Thursday when the commanding officers announced that the "jump off" had arrived and that the 1928 training was ended. The "jump off," General Markham explained means that the forces had been placed into position about 500 feet from the enemy and were ready to attack. As no actual foe existed, no attack was made. Regular army umpires who watched the movements and the technical problem officers and the privates have been working out since the camp went into action two weeks ago, judged the maneuvers as "satisfactory." The problem, the brigadier general said, was one in post commanding. It started when the training began two weeks ago and ended with the "jump off" Thursday morning. Review on Friday: Soldiers, weary from the all-night duty and wearied by the training which has been given each morning, spent the day in rest preparing for the grand review which will take place Friday. Governor Johnston and his staff watched the activities Wednesday night and complimented officers and men on the skill displayed. He remained on the "front lines" watching the movements until noon Thursday. With Governor Johnston, General Markham, adj. Gen. Charles Barrett and other commanding officers in the reviewing stand Friday will be a number of army staff officers from Colorado and New Mexico who have been at the camp during the training period. W. J. Holloway, lieutenant governor of Oklahoma, arrived Thursday to review the troops along with the governor. Graves Leeper, secretary of state, was also there.

Aug 25, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Journal" entitled: Guards are to parade today. Band And Battery Will Hold Parade When They Arrive This Evening; few arrive home; Few Members Of Guard Units Arrive On Friday Night From Camp; The Perry National guardsmen who have spent the past two weeks at Camp King, Fort Sill, in training, are slated to arrive home at 4:30 on Saturday afternoon, but they will probably be later reaching here, it was stated. The band and battery were to start loading their equipment at 4:30 on Saturday morning and were expected to pull out of there early and were scheduled to reach Perry at 4:30 Saturday afternoon. With a total of 6,000 guardsmen slated to leave Fort Sill on Saturday morning, however, the Perry outfits will probably not get out of there as soon as they expected and this leads many here to believe that they would be late reaching Perry. Are To Parade: However, on the arrival here both the band and the battery are to stage a parade around the square and it is expected that a large crowd will be present to greet the boys on their return and bid them welcome. The guard camp came to a close on Friday noon and the tents were tore down Friday afternoon and practically everything was in readiness for the loading on Friday evening. A number of boys returned to Perry on Friday evening coming by automobile. The first perhaps to reach Perry were Speck Roads and Wayne Folger. Roads brought Folger to his home here since he is ill, Folger although not considered seriously ill was pretty sick. Others to arrive on Friday evening were E. W. Jones, Harry Marshall, George Lindeman, Brick Bartow, Joe Dolezal and Floyd Laird. Help Win Cup: The others are expected to come in on the train on Saturday afternoon. The Perry groups feels particular proud since they were among the 158th field artillery which was awarded the Miller silver loving cup for making the most advancement in efficiency. This is the most coveted trophy and the Perry band and battery are proud they played a part in the winning of the cup. Those who arrived on Friday evening declare that the camp was much more systematic this year, run much smoother and that they were given much harder problems in the mimic warfare which was staged. The Perry battery did some excellent work while on the field and were commented for it. The entire 158th field artillery went into the battle just as good as many regular army regiments, according to the instructor, who is a member of the regular army. The guard review for the camp was held on Friday morning while Gov. Henry S. Johnston, several other state officials and a number of regular army officers were present. Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: State troops on way home. Miller Cup is awarded to Anadarko Company for efficiency. Fort Sill, Aug. 24. UP. Oklahoma's national guardsmen after a grand reviewing parade before Gov. Henry S. Johnston and Lieut. W. J. Holloway on Friday morning, they broke camp Saturday. The review was led by the commanding officer, Brig. Gen. Baird H. Markham and Adj. Gen. Charles Barrett. More than 4,000 straight, stalwart young Oklahomans ended two weeks of intensive training at the fort when they marched by the reviewing stand. Equipment and personal property was loaded Friday afternoon and the camp soon will take on its regular appearance. The first train, loaded with guardsmen, many of them anxious to return

home, will leave the fort, at 3:45 a. m. Saturday. Other trains will follow as quickly as they can be filled, the last leaving at 11 o'clock. Immediately following the grand review, General Markham awarded loving cups and medals to companies and individuals that have won in various athletic contests which have been held each afternoon of the encampment. The most coveted trophy, the Miller Cup, awarded each year to the regiment making the most advancement in efficiency, went to the 158th Field Artillery of which Col. Grover Wamsley of Anadarko is in command. The Knight P. Douglass Cup, awarded after competitive drilling, went to the maintenance company of Claremore, commanded by Col. E. L. Head of Muskogee, the 180th Infantry obtained the title of the most proficient regiment in the 90th Infantry Brigade.

Aug 27, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Hundreds greet boys in parade. Band Heads Procession As They March Around The Square Saturday Night; Arrive here late; Train Does Not Reach Perry Until About 7:30 Saturday Night; Members of Battery "C" and of the Perry band of 158th field artillery of the Oklahoma National guards arrived in Perry about 7:30 Saturday night after a trip, which had started from Fort Sill about 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Although a large crowd had gathered at the station to greet the boys on their arrival true to their promise they soon were in formation and a parade around the square was started with the band heading the parade playing the Caisson song. This was followed by "There will be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." Traffic Stopped: Traffic was stopped by officers and the members of the band and the battery paraded around the square where a large crowd had gathered to see the boys and to view the band for the first time in Perry since they had donned their uniforms. Not only did the boys appear glad to be home after two weeks at Fort Sill but Perry seemed equally as glad to have them back home. Following the parade the band assembled at the corner of Sixth and Delaware and offered two selections both of which were well received. The members of the battery in the meantime had returned to the train where the remainder of the personal equipment was unloaded. The band after its final number went to the hall where the instruments were left. Boys Are Paid: It was about 9 o'clock when the pay call was sounded and approximately \$2,200 was distributed to the members of the two outfits. Patiently every member was present to receive his pay. Although a number of the boys arrived home on Friday night and others, who had reached here ahead of the train a number of these joined the boys at the station and paraded with them. Everyone of the boys appears glad to be home, however, many of them declare that another week or another two weeks would have suited them mighty fine. They are mighty proud that they belonged to the 158th field artillery and proud of the showing the regiment made at the camp this year. Good Weather: The boys enjoyed good weather, that is not allowing for the heat and the dust until Friday when they started loading and then the rain started. But they did not care for they were bound for home the next day and what did a little rain amount to. Everyone of them is positive that the camp this year is the best camp that has ever been held and they all came home eagerly looking forward to next year.

Sep 15, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Journal" entitled: Perry band is just the same as ever Captain Marshall. Dr. W. C. Marshall, director of the 158th field artillery band, states there seems to be a misunderstanding regarding the band and as to whether it can play for the public or not. In order to clear up this he made the following statement: "Some people are under the impression that the Perry band now the 158th field artillery band is forbidden to play for anything which does not pertain to the government. This band is no different than it has been in the past, it is the same Perry band and plays when and where it wishes only having to devote one evening a week to rehearsal called drill for the government with uniform furnished and with pay drill. Any musician wishing can practice and attend all rehearsals with us regardless of whether they are members. Besides this any surplus instruments will be loaned to them."

Sep 21, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Al Smith directs Perry band as it plays "The sidewalks of New York". Democratic Nominee Then Requests Them To Play "Dixie" for Him; The 158th field artillery band, which was employed by the Ponca city chamber of commerce to make the trip to Oklahoma city, not only was praised by Oklahoma City newspaper and musical organizations there on Thursday but also has the distinction of being directed by Gov. Al Smith, while playing in the city. It was while the band was playing in front of the Huckins hotel in Oklahoma City that Governor Smith placed his brown derby on his cane and directed the musical organizations as Capt. W. C. Marshall turned it over to him. A great roar went up from the large crowd gathered there. "Play "Dixie". Following the playing and the directing of Governor Smith of "The Sidewalks of New York", Governor Smith wrote a request on a slip of paper asking the band to play "Dixie", this slip was delivered to Frank Marshall, drum major of the band, by the chief of police of Oklahoma City. The band complied with the request and Governor Smith again directed the band. Marshall has the slip and has placed it in his coin collection. The band left here on Thursday morning on the special train with the large Kay county delegation. They were cordially received in Oklahoma City, named the official band and headed the parade in Oklahoma City. All of their members were well received and their selections in the coliseum before the speaking always brought the crowd to their feet. Those, who made the return trip, some 31 in number, were all puffed up when they returned to Perry and declared that they were so well received that they put forth almost superhuman effort in their selections. Arriving in Perry about 1:30 Friday

morning on the special train they paraded around the square and played three selections. "Those on the Trip". Those who made the trip were Captain Marshall, Frank, Harry, Archie, Otto, Jimmie, A. C. And Edgar Marshall, Lou and George Endres, Bud Marshall, Andy Abbey, Martin Robinson, John Worley, Cecil Bartow, William Streub, Edgar McCoy, Walter Kehres, Willie Pricer, Charles Lovcamp, Stewart Beasley, Joe Dolezul, Mickie Johnson, Carlye Kerr, Donald Rice, Perin Gang, Bob Baldwin, Pete Eby, Snuke Kennedy and Harold Victory.

Sep 29, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Journal" entitled: Public invited to view drills. Band And Battery Will Offer Special Drills At Armory Tuesday; An opportunity for Perry citizens to see Battery C of 158th field artillery band in drill and practice will be offered at the armory on Tuesday night at the fair grounds, it was announced Saturday by Capt. Howard Cress. The battery will not hold its regular drill practice until Tuesday night postponing it in order that the members of the unit will be free to attend the circus on Monday night if they care to do so. The band as a rule meets on Tuesday night but instead of meeting at their hall they will meet on the fair grounds to participate in the exercises and drill there, it was stated. The ceremonies are to start at 7:30 Tuesday evening and every citizen in Perry is extended a cordial invitation to be present to view the drills. A number of requests have been received by Capt. W. C. Marshall, director of the band and Captain Cress for the two units to perform for the public and they expect to do this at this time.

Oct 13, 1928: Medical Department Detachment is transferred from Colorado and activated at Yale, Oklahoma with Captain Robert S. Graham Commanding.

Oct 27, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Journal" entitled: Band and Battery to present play. "The Million Dollar Doll in Paris" Will Be Offered November 12 and 13; Battery C and the band of the 158th field artillery will present the musical comedy "The Million Dollar Doll In Paris" on Armistice day, November 12 and 13 here, it has been announced. The production which is said to be an unusual one promises to be a real feature and the work is to be started in the immediate future, it was stated. The director for the production is expected to arrive on Monday and the work of selecting the casts and starting the rehearsals will be started at this time. The talent committee will be composed of Mrs. Paul Laird, Mrs. S. E. Laird, Mrs. Joe Foster and Mrs. Howard Cress, while Rev. Charles Johnston and Frank Marshall are the members of the band and battery committee.

Nov 08, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Guard show adds feature. "Million Dollar Doll In Paris" Expected To Prove Popular; So many new features have been added to the 158th Field Artillery's big musical comedy "The Million Dollar Doll in Paris," that it seems like a series of surprises to drop into each rehearsal as something new seems to be added, and the nucleus of a tuneful and funny show has developed into a beautiful finished product. The chorus girls, some fifty in number, really can sing loud enough to be heard and great care has been spent in seeing that they all keep perfect time and have rhythm and in the resplendent and varied colored costumes will make a stage picture seldom seen in this class of entertainment. The orchestra which will play the beautiful score which includes many numbers by Victor Herbert, include with possibly some additions, the following men, Dr. Marshall, Arthur Johnston, Ed Bowles, Lew Endres, Brick Bartow, Andy Abby. One of the features of the chorus is the "1950 Sixtette" composed of the following mean looking Richard Dix's and the Messers. Walter Kehres, John Worley, Donald Rice, A. C. Marshall, Micky Johnson, Will Pricer, and the following dainty young misses, Georgia Woods, Norma Dodge, Francis Skalenda, Eva Beryl Foster Mabel Warner and one to be added. A partial list of the solo singers includes Miss Clela Mae Mewherter, Ernest Brown, Rev. Charles Johnstone, and Miss Lydia Widiger and others to be announced. A particularly bright spot is seen in the prologue in a real dancing act given by Leo and Gertrude Marshall who do a routine of real Buck and Wing dancing, Waltz Clog and Soft Shoe dancing that would put many a Voderville act to shame. Sanfords drug company announces that the reserved seat tickets will be ready on Friday morning and those wishing seats on the lower floor would do well to reserve them ahead of time.

Nov 09, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Battery "C". The 158th F. A. and Band: Proudly Proffers on Monday and Tuesday Masonic Temple Auditorium; The Million Dollar Doll in Paris; 200 People; Beauty of Chorus 120; Prices: Adults, 50 cents Children, 25 cents; Reserved Seat Section , 75 cents at Sanford's, Now, Hurry, They won't last long!

Nov 14, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Guards call for bids on feed stuff to be submitted next week. Captain Howard Cress announces that he has blanks for the entry of bidders for feed, hay and bedding to supply the horses of Battery C, 158th field artillery at Perry, and that firms desiring to bid on the same may obtain them from him. Bids will be opened at 10 o'clock a.m. November 23 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The amounts of the various kinds of feeds and bedding desired is as follows: 1200 pounds of bran, 14 tons of feeding hay, 17,000 pounds of oats, 5 tons bedding hay or straw.

Nov 27, 1928: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Guards praised by Army officers. Lieutenant John W. Beck Praises Outfits Here Following Inspection Monday. The formal guard mount offered by Battery C and the band of the 158th field artillery was praised high by Lieut. John W. Beck and Sgt. Tommy Tompkins, who held an inspection of the guard units here on Monday night. Lieutenant Beck declared that the two outfits made the best appearance that he has seen this year and he has visited a number of the outfits in the state. He declared there was a good turn out of the members of both units and spoke high of the formal guard mount which they offered at this time. The guards had their choice of standing inspection separately but decided to offer the formal guard mount which was praised. Both organizations have made splendid progress since they were organized here and have always been highly commended by the inspection officers for their showings. Members of the guard are to be paid at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Reynolds and Cress real estate office and indications were that everyone of the guards would be on hand to secure their pay.

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Mar 08, 1930: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Inspection of Battery here will be made. Caretakers Convention To Be Held Monday And Tuesday; Gen. Key to inspect; Program Announced For Annual Meeting To Be Held In Perry; Two inspections of artillery formations will be held in Perry Monday and Tuesday, according to Howard R. Cress, commanding officer of Battery "C", one of which will be a part of the third annual caretakers of the 158th field artillery convention to be held here on these days. Caretakers of the 158th field artillery will attend the two-days convention in Perry, coming here from various parts of the state. Gen W. S. Key, commander of the 70th field artillery brigade, Oklahoma City, will inspect the Perry battery Tuesday evening as a preparatory to the federal inspection in April. This will not be a part of the convention of caretakers. Major Frank B. Jordan, regular army brigade instruction will also be here for the inspection on Tuesday evening. The program for the caretakers convention to be held Monday and Tuesday will include: Monday, March 10, Assembly at American Legion Hall. 9:00 a.m.; Convention called to order by President Remund. 9:15 a.m.; Address of Welcome, Capt. Howard R. Cress, C.O. Battery "C." Response-President Carl Remund, 1st. Sgt. Battery "D." Plans and Purpose of Convention, Staff Sgt. Tompkins, F. A. Distribution of copies, annual armory inspection report. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 M.; Inspection of records and storeroom of Band, 158th F.A. Inspection of Battery "C" storeroom, stables, animals, harness and wheeled material. 1:00 p.m.; Assembly at American Legion hall. Discussion and critique, by visiting delegates, on condition of records and storeroom of Band and condition of storeroom, stables, animals, harness and wheeled material of Battery "C." Statement of ratings given. 2:00 p.m.; Lecture by Master Sgt. A. O. Acers, F.A. "National Guard Paper Work." Lecture by Staff Sgt. Charles E. Tompkins, F.A. "General Preparation for Inspection." Lecture by Sgt. Ted

Haywood, QMC (State Arsenal). "Requisition and Supply. Ten minute talk on the following subjects: "Analysis of National Guard regulation No. 79, dated July 1st, 1920"; 1st Sgt. Albert R. Burns, 2nd Bn. Hq. Battery. "Methods of Relief from Property Accountability."; Master Sgt. Travis M. Hawkins, Service Battery. "Duties and Responsibility of the 1st Sgt."; 1st Sgt. Gerfinn Starr, Battery "F." "Care of Radio and Signal Equipment"; Staff Sgt. Joseph Reery, Headquarters Battery. "Duties of a Chief of Section,"; Sgt. Roy Collins, Battery "F." "Painting and Regulation Marking of Wheeled Material,"; Sgt. Oscar W. Grounds, Battery "D." "Training and Working of Remounts,"; Sgt. John L. Crotzer, 2nd Bn. Hq. Battery. "Instruction of Recruits,"; Sgt. Jodie D. Malone, 1st Bn. Hq. Battery. Lecture and Demonstration on Manual of the Pistol; Sgt. Henry L. Grant, Battery "C." 4:00 p.m.; General discussion; each caretaker to have prepared list of questions on which information is desired. 6:30 p.m.; Banquet, at American Legion Hall. 8:00 p.m.; Inspection (formation) of Battery "C." Tuesday, March 11: 9:00 a.m.; Assembly at American Legion Hall. Called to order by President Remund. Discussion and critique of formation of Battery "C." Statement of ratings given. 9:45 a.m.; Election of Officers for 1930; selection of place for convention, 1931. 10:15 a.m.; Adjourn to Armory, Battery "C." Inspection of orderly room records and files of Battery "C." 11:15 a.m.; Discussion and critique by visiting delegates, on condition of orderly room, records and files. 12:00 a.m.; Adjourn.

Apr 07, 1930: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Slightly injured by machine gun bullet. Walton Barnes, member of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, was slightly injured Sunday, when struck by a machine gun bullet, in an accidental discharge of the gun. Several members of the battery were practicing on the range when the accident happened. Although the accident is regrettable, it will result in extreme care on the part of battery members, in the future. Officers have been continually urging precaution in the use of firearms but the accident Sunday will probably do more than all the preaching that has been done.

Apr 10, 1930: Published in the "Makers of Government in Oklahoma" entitled: Caddo county, page 58. Tompkins, Charles E., Anadarko., Dem. Occ, staff sergeant In U. S. Army. Instructor of Field Artillery for Natl. Guard. B., Nyack, New York. May 24, 1894 ; came to Okla. 1920 ; lived at Wewoka, Wellston, Kingfisher, Okla. City, short time each ; at Anadarko since 1926. Edu.. Com. And h. sch. Wash., D. C. ; Wash. Wife. Eva Mae Hodges, Okla. City. Bus. Con. U. S. Army : familiar with Newspaper Bus. : had 14 yrs. Service in U. S. Army : 2 yrs. In France and Germany, bk Con.. First Natl. Assoc.. Charles F. Barrett. Adj. Gen. of Okla. ; Lt. Col. Fred Turner, Okla. City; Major Frank Jordan : (pol.) Grover Wamsley, Anadarko; H. C. Jones. Carnegie; Jed Johnson, Chickasha. Anadarko; W. C. McAllister. M. E. Trapp; Lew Wentz; W. J. Holloway. Church. Episcopal. Clubs & Lodges, Anadarko Golf Club: Sponsor for Boy Scouts; Anadarko Polo Club: Mason; Blue Lodge, Okla. City (Amity 473) ; Guthrie Constatory. Imp. Rai., Hon. Arthur S. Tompkins. Justice Supreme Court, N. York; Raymond S. Tompkins, writer for Amer. Mercury, Baltimore. Md.. (brother) : Ruth M. Lane. Baltimore, (sister). Pol. Act., partisan; active 10 yrs. In st. and co.; makes speeches works through personal activity. Offices, sec'y. Anadarko elections : Instr. Okla. Natl. Guard. Party Honors, del. To st. convs. : Prct. Committeeman. Remarks, during World War was in 15th F. A 2nd Div. ; Assigned as Instructor 158th Field Art. Nov. 11th 1920. Has been Instructor In Okla. Natl. Guard 9 yrs. Influential with the young people of st. Wamsley, Grover Cleveland. Anadarko. Dem. Occ. Attorney. B., Huttonsville. W. Va.. Oct. 8. 1884. Edu.. Com. Sch.n And 2 vrs. H. .sch.. Yukon grad. Cen. St. O. C. Edmond. 1907 ; received LL.B. degree l'nlv. Of Mich. HMO. Wife. D. of W. H. Daniels, Anadarko. Bus. Con., mbr. Prulett & Wamsley. Attys., Anadarko. Assoc.. Theodore Prulett. (not all prominent party leaders In co. Church, Metb. Clubs & Lodges, past pres. C. of C. : Mason, Blue Lodge. Anadarko; Guthrie Consistory. Pol. Act., partisan ; active In ro. Since 1913 ; works through others, party leader. Offices, co. Atty.. 1915-19. Party Honors, Chmn. Of Dem. Cen. Com. 1920. Remarks, Interested in the Okla. Natl. Guard ; Col. 158th F. A. ; mbr. Amer. Legion Havens-Cannon Poet, Anadarko ; Taught 3 yrs. In Canadian and Caddo Cos.

Apr 22, 1930: Published in the "The Pioneer Woman Dedication" entitled: Program. Unveiling of the "Pioneer Woman" Statue. Ponca City, Oklahoma. April 22nd, 1930. Thomas E. Braniff, General Chairman of Committees, Presiding. 1:00 P.M. Music, Military Band, 189th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard. 1:30 P.M. Artillery Salute for Secretary of War by Battery "C" 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard. National Anthem- Military Band. Invocation- Bishop Thomas Casady. Address- E. W. Marlane. Unveiling Statue- Mrs. John A. Hull. Address- Honorable W. J. Holloway, Governor of Oklahoma. Address - Honorable Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War. Music - Military Band - Oklahoma Military Academy, Claremore Band. Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater. Military Units- Oklahoma National Guard: Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, Perry, Oklahoma. Battery "C", 189th Field Artillery, Blackwell, Oklahoma. Band Section, 189th Field Artillery, Enid, Oklahoma. Company C, 180th Infantry, Chilocco, Oklahoma.

Apr 24, 1930: Published in the "The Roswell Daily Record" entitled: 894 men and officers in state guard. The latest official strength returns of the New Mexico National Guard; published by the Adjutant General's office at Santa Fe, show that the Guard now numbers 59 officers, 1 warrant officer and 834 enlisted men, distributed as follows: State

Staff Corps and Departments: 6 officers and 15 enlisted men, 111th Cavalry: 33 officers, 1 warrant officer and 459 enlisted men, 120th Engineers: 21 officers and 278 enlisted men. Batter "A", 158th Field Artillery: 4 officers and 76 enlisted men. Detachment, 45th Division Staff: 1 officer. The 111th Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Norman L. King, is stationed throughout the state as follows: Santa Fe: Regimental Headquarters; Troop "B". Albuquerque: Headquarters Troop; Troop "A", Band, and Medical Detachment. Roswell: Headquarters First Squadron. Deming: Headquarters Second Squadron; Troop "E". Silver City: Troop "F". Carlsbad: Headquarters Third Squadron; Troop "I". Taos: Troop "K". Clovis: Machine Gun Troop. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, commanded by Captain Herbert C. Gray, is located at Roswell. The 120th Engineers, commanded by Colonel Joseph W. Lowe, has the Regimental headquarters at Las Cruces, at which place are located also the Headquarters Second Battalion, The Headquarters and Service Company and the Medical Detachment of the regiment. Other units of the regiment comprising the Second Battalion, are located as follows: Albuquerque: Company "D". Socorro: Company "E". The First Battalion of the 120th Engineers is allocated to Oklahoma. Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Perry unit is commended by army officers. Military appearance and general conduct of Battery "C" is praised. Numerous Comments. Observers note appearance of Perry men at Ponca City Tuesday. Words of praise for the military appearance of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, Perry's national guard unit, which fired the salute at the unveiling ceremonies in Ponca City, Tuesday, have been numerous, and have come from many officials who assisted with the big event there. Not only were the Perry men military in their appearance in the line of march during the parade, and at the ceremonies, but they were also commended for their gentlemanly conduct before and after the big event, according to Captain Howard Cress. Letters Received. Two letters received at the local Battery office expressed regard in which the Perry unit was held. One is from General Wm. S. Key and the other from Sergeant Oscar W. Hall, national army instructor. General Key's letter is appended herewith: Dear Captain Cress: Please accept for yourself and brother officers and the members of your organization, my deep appreciation for the excellent demonstration by your Battery at the unveiling exercises at Ponca City. The military appearance of your Battery, the splendid cooperation shown by each individual, and the fine spirit which men and officers alike exhibited in the program, is very commendable and I commend you upon such a splendid military unit. Yours very truly, W. S. Key. Sergeant's Hall's letter had the following words of appreciation for the Perry Battery: Dear Captain Cress: I wish to express to the officers and men of your Battery, my appreciation for all the courtesies and attention during the trip to Ponca City. Everyone was always courteous and ready to assist in every way possible, and the attitude was reflected in the very fine appearance of the Battery, both as an organization and as individuals. At no time was there any semblance of disorder or unmilitary appearance among the members of your Battery, and only words of praise of their appearance was heard from the people along the line of march. March discipline and fire discipline, as well were very creditable indeed. Very sincerely, Oscar W. Hall.

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Jul 15, 1930: Published in the "The Las Vegas Daily Optic" entitled: 111th Cavalry to visit camp here on August 10-25. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Also to Be Here for Encampment; Santa Fe, July 15. (AP); A two day march is again on the program for the 111th cavalry's camp at Las Vegas, Col. Norman L. King, regimental commander, has announced. The troops will camp overnight at a point yet to be selected. The encampment for the 111th and Battery "A", 158th field artillery, will open Aug. 10 and end Aug. 25. The two-day march is scheduled for Aug. 20 and 21. A night march, started at 8 p.m. Will be held on Aug 18 for the cavalry, less the machine gun troop and band, together with the medical detachment, ambulance and battery. On Aug. 23 there will be a competitive drill in the morning and a review for the commander in chief, Governor Dillon, in the afternoon; presentation of insignia to winning troop at armory inspection and the best troop in field inspection and also to the best troop in field sports.

Jul 29, 1930: Published in the "The Perry Journal" entitled: Exhibition of boxing to be given by unit. National Guardsmen to appear in matches here Thursday night. Benefit of camp. Band concert to be presented in connection with event. A boxing exhibition of six matches totaling twenty-one rounds will be staged in Perry next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Battery "C" and band of the local national guard unit. The exhibition is being arranged to provide revenue for the mess fund to be used at annual summer encampment to be held at Fort Sill, beginning August 16. Battery Members: Members of the battery are donning the boxing gloves to appear in the exhibition of boxing with plenty of entertainment promised those who attend the event. In addition to the boxing, the 158th field artillery band will provide music for the occasion. The boxing exhibition will be held north of the Kumbback lunch on the north side of the square. Practice bouts were held Monday evening at the regular drill period of the battery and good form was displayed by some of the athletes in the ring. Six different weights will appear in the matches and a free-for-all may open the event. In case this is not the curtain-raiser, some sort of match will precede the preliminaries. Main Bout: The main bout of the evening will be staged by Bob Rogers and Ed Mildfelt, catchweights, six rounds. Other matches include: Jess Davis vs Chas. Hetherington, 180 pounds; Claire Meisinger vs Jack Marcey, 140 pounds; John Hanna vs Romaine Powers, 135 pounds; Frank Petteet vs M. Dunafee, 145 pounds, Wayne Folger vs Dick Folger, 120 pounds.

Aug 13, 1930: Published in the "The Las Vegas Daily Optic" entitled: Range for heavy artillery firing has been chosen. Guns of Battery "A" Will Have Practice Across Waters of the Storrie Dam; Through the guidance of L. W. Ilfeld, former major in artillery service in the National Guard, a splendid target range has been secured for Battery "A", of the 158th Field artillery, in training here with the 111th Cavalry of the New Mexico National Guard. A range site at Storrie lake has been found to be ideally suited for artillery range firing and the battery will probably make an over-night march and camp on the east shores of the lake next week for two days practice. Fire will be directed across the lake to targets and objectives along the foothills at varying ranges. The area of fire will be under close patrol but there is so little hazard possible through the intrusion of people on the range that no danger is anticipated. The distance area from the point of fire is uninhabited and well closed by the range of the foothills. Clear vision is possible across the lake at all times. Officers of the battery are most enthusiastic over the possibilities of the range. Co-operation of the Las Vegas Land Grant board, which controls practically all of the range has already been offered.

Aug 29, 1930: Published in the "The Miami News Record" entitled: Three guardsmen hurt as "dud" shell explodes. Fort Sill, Okla., Aug. 29, (AP), Officers of the Oklahoma national guard encampment here searched the effects of citizen-soldiers today for "dud" shells while three guardsmen nursed slight injuries as the result of the explosion last night of a "souvenir." Private Cleo Grant and Oscar Hinson, both 18, and Corp. Carl Hewitt, 20, all of Kingfisher, were hurt when, it was reported, Hinson took a "dud" one-pounder from his barrack bag and exhibiting it to his companions, tapped it with a hammer. In the ensuing explosion Hinson's thumb was wrenched, Grant suffered an injured knee cap and Corporal Hewitt, blown from the tent, was shocked. The blast took place half a mile from where Governor Holloway and his staff were receiving encampment officers. A rigid inspection to determine if any more un-exploded shells had been picked up on the range was under way today. The injured guardsmen were members of Headquarters battery, Second battalion, 158th field artillery.

Sep 01, 1930: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: State guard camp closes after review. Perry Guardsmen Return to Homes Saturday Evening From Training. Unit Wins Honor. "Best Camp Ever" Is Way Local Members Describe Annual Gathering. Perry national guardsmen, tanned by two weeks of outdoor training at the annual summer encampment at Fort Sill, arrived home at 7 o'clock Saturday evening and Camp Aultman had passed into history. Equipment and stock of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery, was shipped from Fort Sill Friday, while the guardsmen entrained for their homes Saturday morning. A car off the track delayed the starting of the Perry troops. The annual review of the guardsmen and officers by the governor; the commander in chief; marked the final day of the

encampment. With flags flying and six brigade bands playing more than 5,000 uniformed men passed before the reviewing stand. It required one hour and ten minutes for the parade to pass. Holloway Talks. Gov. W. J. Holloway, in an address to the officers, praised them highly for the efficient work they had accomplished, asserting the Oklahoma guard ranked highest in the United States. That the 1930 encampment of the Forty-fifth division was the best ever held in the state was the opinion of the majority of the local guardsmen. Mess of Battery "C" was equal to that of any other battery in the division. Members of the local unit encountered no difficulty in arriving at the camp, setting up tents and the two weeks of training. They were the first to break camp. Officers declared Perry's battery made a splendid showing, better than ever before, with special mention given the unit for its field maneuvers, Gun crews said drivers were complimented by division officers. Perry Wins Honors. Perry guardsmen showed up well in competition for pistol honors. Of the local battery five qualified as experts, five as sharpshooters and eighteen as marksmen. Sergeant H. L. Grant won first place in Forty-fifth division in pistol competition by shooting a 94.3. Battery "C" annexed other honors, when it was selected to fire the salute for Governor Holloway. The salute was fired at 11:30 o'clock Thursday, with the French seventy-fives roaring out the salute to the commander-in-chief of the state troops. Concerts were given by the Perry band, with the musical organization playing for the regimental parade, and also at a military funeral at the camp. It was under the direction of Captain W. C. Marshall. Perry guardsmen will be given a vacation for 2 weeks with no drill periods to be held until September 15, according to Captain Howard Cress.

Oct 02, 1930: Published in the "The Perry Daily Journal" entitled: Perry guards given awards. Pistol Honors Are Won By Twenty-two Men In Local Battery. Medals have been presented to twenty-two members of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard, located here, as a result of qualifying in pistol competition at the summer encampment held at Fort Sill. Four Experts, four Sharpshooters, and fourteen Marksman qualified at the range during the summer according to officers of the local battery. Henry L. Grant, scoring a 94, not only ranked as an expert, but annexed the state pistol honors for the Perry battery. Other experts in pistol shooting included Earl S. Luthey, 89; Edward Q. Brengle, 88; William Jones, 85. Four Sharpshooters: Sharpshooters medals went to four Perry men. They are: Lonzo Grant, 81, Ed Mildfelt, 81; Edgar Rinehart, 83; Rollyn Smith, 80. With scores ranging from 60 to 74, fourteen qualified as marksmen. They are: H. R. Cress, 74; Wayne Folger, 69; Dan Brengle, 68; Junior Wade, 69; Paul Dolezal, 63; Clair Meisinger, 60; Ernest Goss, 62; Chas. Hetherington, 60; Bruce Reavis, 63; Harold Rhodes, 60; Has. Dunafee, 61; H. DeVilbiss, 60; Chas. Pettett, 68; Major Wright, 62.

Jan 01, 1931: Published in the "The Directory of the State of Oklahoma" entitled: Adjutant Generals office. Adjutant General Chas. F. Barrett, Democrat, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. The National Guard of the State is as follows: Officers: Warrant Officers: Officers: Enlisted Men. Headquarters 45th Division: 18.35; 90th Infantry Brigade Hdqrs., Hdqrs. CO: 8.33; 179th Infantry: 1.67.1,108; 180th Infantry: 1.67.1,115; 70th Field Artillery Brig. Hdqrs., Hqs. Bat: 11.26; 160th Field Artillery: 1.56.611; 158th Field Artillery: 1.48.472; 189th Field Artillery: 1.62.665; 120th Medical Regiment: 1.24.333; 1st. Bn. 120th Engineers: 12.207. Division Troops. 20.291; State Administrative Staff: 12.30; Total: 6.395.4,926. Because of the interest and the development of the National Guard and the exceptional progress made by it, the Federal Government has assigned for its use equipment and military stores whose approximate value is \$5,000,000.00, including: Complete organization and individual equipment for entire National Guard. Horses: 360; Motor Vehicles: 258; (Motor trucks, passenger vehicles, tractors, motorcycles with side cars and ambulances.) Received from Federal Government during the year 1931: Armory drill pay: \$383,000.00; Transportation, passenger and freight: \$110,000.00. Camp pay and expenses: \$207,305.51. Caretaker's pay: \$105,000.00. Miscellaneous expenditures: \$100,000.00. Feed, bedding and veterinary supplies: \$1,600.00. Freight, shipments to State: \$51,430.00. Expense Sgt. (instructors on duty): \$14,000.00. Improvement Oklahoma: National Guard site: \$41,500.00. Total: \$1,013,835.51. Investment: Equipment: \$6,930.64. Appropriation, next two fiscal years: 1931-1932: \$196,050.04. 1932-1933: \$196,050.04. Oklahoma National Guard; 45th Division; Major General Roy Hoffman, Commanding: Oklahoma City. Brig. Gen. Charles F. Barrett, Adjutant General: Oklahoma City. Special Troops: Major Harry B. Gilstrap, Commandant & P. M: Oklahoma City Composed of: Med. Det., Ada; Hdqrs. Co., Stillwater; M.P. Co., Marlow; Signal Co., Alva; Ord. Co., Claremore. 90th Infantry Brigade Hdqrs. Brig. Gen. Charles E. McPherrin, Commanding: Oklahoma City Hdqrs. Co., Durant. 179th Infantry: Col. Charles H. Johnson, Commanding: Pawnee, Okla. Composed of: Med. Det., Durant; Hdqrs. Co., Edmond; Service Co., Okla. City; Band, Okla. City; Howitzer Co., Altus; 1st Bat. Hdqrs. Co., Okla. City; Co. A., Okla. City" Co. B., Pawnee; Co. C., Okla. City; Co. D., Norman; 2nd Bat. Hdqrs. Co., Ardmore; Co. E., Beggs; Co. F., Konawa; Co. G., Ardmore; Co. H., Hobart; 3rd Bat. Hdqrs. Co., Okmulgee; Co. I., Wetumka; Co. K., Okmulgee; Co. L., Holdenville; Co. M., Ardmore. 180th Infantry Col. Ewell L. Head, Commanding: Muskogee, Okla. Composed of: Med. Det., Muskogee; Hdqrs. Co., Muskogee; Service Co., Tulsa; Band, Durant; Howitzer Co., Durant; 1st Bat. Hdqrs. Co., Tishomingo; Co. A., Wagoner; Co. B., Atoka; Co. C., Chilocco; Co. D., Okemah; 2nd Bat. Hdqrs. Co., Allen; Co. E., Durant; Co. F., Hugo; Co. G., Idabel; Co. H., Eufaula; 3rd Bat. Hdqrs. Co., Boynton; Co. I., Muskogee; Co. K., McAlester; Co. L., Tulsa; Co. M., Tahlequah. 70th Field Artillery Brigade Hdqrs. Brig. Gen. William S. Key, Commanding: Oklahoma City Composed of: Hdqrs. Bat., Okla. City. 158th Field Artillery Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Commanding: Anadarko, Okla. Composed of: Med.

Det., Yale; Hdqrs. Co., Sulphur; Service Co., Hugo; Band, Perry; 1st Bat. Hdqrs. Co., Clinton; Bat. B., Anadarko; Bat. C., Perry; 2nd Bat. Hdqrs. Co., Kingfisher; Bat. D., Weatherford; Bat. F., Kingfisher. 160th Field Artillery Col. Charles A. Holden, Commanding: Tulsa, Okla. Composed of: Med. Det., Wewoka; Hdqrs. Co., Tulsa; Service Co., Holdenville; Band, Ada; 1st. Bat. Hdqrs. Bat., Roff; Bat. A., Wewoka; Bat. B., McAlester; Bat. C., Chandler; 2nd. Bat. Hdqrs. Co., Claremore; Bat. D., Hominy; Bat. E., Haskell; Bat. F., Ada. 120th Engineers 1st Battalion: Major Wm. P. Danford, Commanding: Walters, Okla. Composed of: Med. Det., Norman; Co. A., Wetumka; Co. B., Idabel; Co. C., Norman. 120th Medical Regiment: Col. Rex Bolend, M. C., Commanding: Oklahoma City Composed of: 158th Col. Co., Cushing; Service Co., Oklahoma City; Band, Okla. City; 159th Amb. Co., Okla. City; 160th Amb. Co., Atoka; 159th Hosp. Co., Okla. City; 120th Vet. Co., Pawhuska. 45th Division Trains QMC: Major Fenton M. Wood, Commanding: Oklahoma City Composed of: Hdqrs. Det., Anadarko; 179th. M. T. C., Claremore; 180th M. T. C., Haldton; 139th. M. R. S. Okla. City; Med. Det., Guthrie. 189th Field Artillery: Col. William A. Graves, Commanding: Enid, Okla. Composed of: Med. Det., Enid; Hdqrs. Bat., Watonga; Service Bat., Minco; Band, Enid; 1st. Hdqrs. Bat. & C. T., Enid; Bat. A., Enid; Bat. B., Chickasha; 2nd Bat. Hdqrs. Bat. & C. T., Tonkawa; Bat. C, Blackwell; Bat. D, Muskogee; 3rd. Bat. Hdqrs. Bat. & C. T., Roff; Bat. E, Cherokee; Bat. F., Okla. City.

Jan 17, 1931: First Lieutenant Edward Purdy, Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, was ordered to Fort Sill School of Fire for the period of January 23 thru April 25, 1931.

Feb 21, 1931: Published in the "The Roswell Daily Record" entitled: Battery "A" to be inspected. Santa Fe, Feb. 21, (AP) Major Fredrick R. Lafferty, senior instructor in the New Mexico National guard, announced today that Captain Frederick F. Dugan, cavalry, Denver Colorado, had been detailed to inspect the state staff corp and departments, the 45th division staff, the 11th Cavalry and Battery "A" of the 158th field artillery. Captain Theron D. Weaver, corps of engineers, Fort Worth, Texas, will inspect the 120th engineers in New Mexico. The inspections will be made sometime during the latter part of April or the early part of May. Major Lafferty has been detailed to inspect the cavalry units of the Texas National Guard, and First Lieutenant Ralph E. Cruse of Las Cruces, will inspect the 11th Engineers and the second battalion of the 141st Infantry of the Texas National Guard. Lieutenant Cruse has been detailed to make a visit of instruction to the units of the 120th Engineers at Socorro, Albuquerque and Las Vegas.

Mar 12, 1931: Published in the "The Roswell Daily Record" entitled: Phinizy elevated in local battery. First Sergeant John A. Phinizy has been promoted to a second lieutenant in Battery "A" 158th Field Artillery, it was announced here today. Other promotions announced in Battery "A" today are. Sergeant Homer D. Eaton, promoted to a first sergeant; Corporal Shelton W. Taylor, promoted to first sergeant; Private first class Tom F. Smead, promoted to stable sergeant; Private first class, Murray L. Wykes, promoted to corporal; Private first class, David G. Johnson, promoted to corporal; Private first class Claude F. Cole, promoted to corporal. Second-lieutenant Frederick W. Blocksom has resigned from Battery "A", effective as of March 2, 1931, it was announced today.

Sep 30, 1931: Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment and Stations of Organization: Headquarters 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Lieutenant Colonel John D. Brown, Captains Gordon C. Rupe and Marion D. Woodworth, First Lieutenant Owen Black, and Chaplain Clarence C. Hightower. Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Sulphur, OK; Captain John C. Powell and First Lieutenant William L. Shamel. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Hugo, OK; Captain Aurelius D. Hanry, First Lieutenant William H. Darrough, and Second Lieutenants Willard C. Blair and William A. Fly. 1st Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Major Edgar B. Ross, Captain William C. Cooley, and First Lieutenant Tom Dale. 1st Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Clinton, OK; Captain George D. Hann, First Lieutenant Louis G. Nelson, and Second Lieutenant Ernest J. Stocks. Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Roswell, NM; Captain Herbert C. Gray, First Lieutenant Edward Purdy, and Second Lieutenants Clifford F. Arnold and John A. Phinizy. Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Captain Paul E. Anderson, First Lieutenant Merl R. Warren, and Second Lieutenants Bruce Y. Dutcher and George C. Moran. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Perry, OK; Captain Howard R. Cress, First Lieutenant Edward Q. Brengle, and Second Lieutenants Floyd R. Laird and Otho R. Powers. 2nd Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Oklahoma City, OK; Major Otis M. Smith, Captain Sidney P. Kretlow, and First Lieutenants Aubrey J. Rawlings and Wilbur S. Smith. 2nd Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Dwight U. Cochrane, First Lieutenant Glenn Gilmour, and Second Lieutenant Geen Gilmour. Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Weatherford, OK; Captain Albert R. Harris, First Lieutenant Martin W. Steward, and Second Lieutenant George W. Nikkel and Gordon F. Wonder. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Mesa, AZ; Captain Franklin I. Pomeroy, First Lieutenant George L. Brown, and Second Lieutenants Albert E. Huber and

Kenneth P. Smith. Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Clarence R. Steele, First Lieutenant Van L. Ogden, and Second Lieutenant Thomas M. Andrews. Medical Department Detachment; Home Stationed at Yale, OK; Major Daniel F. Coldiron, Captains Parky H. Anderson, Robert N. Graham, Roy C. Smith and John T. Wilson, and First Lieutenant Frank L. Miller. Regimental Band Section; Home Stationed at Chickasha, OK; Warrant Officer William C. Marshall.

Nov 26, 1931: Published in the "The Dallas Morning News" entitled: Armory at Hugo, OK., damaged by blaze. Special to the News. Hugo, Ok., Nov. 25. Heavy damage to building and contents resulted from fire of undetermined origin which broke out here Wednesday afternoon in the armory of Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard. Capt. A. D. Hanry, commanding the battery, estimated value of its equipment at \$40,000. Horses, wagons and harnesses belonging to the unit are not kept in the armory. Title to the building is held by S.L. Bedford and others of Paris, Texas. Two motor pumps were used and several lines of hose laid for firemen in fighting the stubborn blaze. Equipment of Hugo's other guard unit, Company F, 180th Infantry, is quartered in another armory.

Mar 15, 1932: Published in the "The Roswell Daily Record" entitled: Inspection of Battery. The regular inspection of Battery "A" 158th Field Artillery, New Mexico National Guard, was being conducted here today by Colonel Norman L. King, commanding officer of the 111th Cavalry, New Mexico national guard. Colonel King was being assisted in the inspection by Major F. R. Lafferty. Following the inspection of the battery here today these officers will leave tomorrow for Carlsbad.

Aug 03, 1932: Published in the "The El Reno Daily Tribune" entitled: National guards to Fort Sill soon. Locals among 2,100 due here Saturday; approximately 2,100 national guards are scheduled to pass through El Reno early Saturday morning on six trains of the Rock Island railway company en route to the annual two weeks encampment in Fort Sill. The camp will be attended by 19 local youths, belonging to the Claremore and Kingfisher troops. They will depart Friday. Members of Battery "F", 158th Field Artillery at Kingfisher from here include: Jack Walsh, Fort Reno; Vernie Niles, Byron Roberts, Ralph Ryan, Vernon Glass, Vernon Leach, Wilbur Reed, R. L. Williams, Donald Mathews, Harvey Cox, Bert Bernell, Kenneth Ryle, Ivan Lyons, Virgil Atwood, Roy McGrew and David Perdue. Those who will leave with the Claremore troop are Tom Walsh; Fort Reno, Jack Dempsey and Bob Patterson.

Aug 25, 1932: Published in the "The Roswell Daily Record" entitled: Battery "A" wins awards at camp. Santa Fe, Aug 25. (AP). Headquarters troop of Albuquerque of the 111th Cavalry New Mexico National Guard, was the best troop at Camp Maxmiliano Luna during the recent national guard encampment, Col. Norman L. King, commander of the 111th, said today. Other awards were as follows: Best mess hall and kitchen: Battery "A" 158th Field Artillery, Roswell. Best troop mess: Battery "A." Best disciplined organization: Machine gun troop Clovis. Best turned out troop: Troop "F", Silver City. Best platoon in horsemanship: Troop "F", Silver City. Best picket line: Troop "A", Albuquerque. Best ordinance equipment: Troop "F", Silver City. Best combat fire competition was won by Troop "E" of Deming and the mounted drill was won by troop "K" of Taos. Lieutenant J. E. Sadler of Albuquerque won the award for the best turned out officers mount.

Oct 27, 1932: Published in the "The Miami Daily News Record" entitled: Pastor falls dead at work in church. Tonkawa, Okla., Oct. 27(AP)The Rev. J. A. Davies, 52, pastor of the First Methodist church here, fell dead today while superintending repair work in the basement of the church. Dr. D. L. Matthews said heart disease caused the pastor's death. The widow, a daughter, Ruth, 23, and son, Robert, 14, survive. Miss Davies is an instructor at Wesleyan university, Delaware, Ohio. Dr. Davies, a graduate of Morningside college, Sioux City, Iowa, was a chaplain in the 160th field artillery during the world war and retired as a captain. He has served in several training camps of the Oklahoma national guard as chaplain of the 158th field artillery. Previous pastorates in Oklahoma were at Pawnee and Alva.

Mar 01, 1933: Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: National Guard officers at Fort Bragg. Brigadier General William S. Key Commander Oklahoma 70th FA Brigade, Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Regimental Commander; 158th FA Regiment. At 7:00 P. M. on February 24, 1933, there assembled at the Officers' Club at Fort Bragg, as guests at dinner of General Manus McCloskey, what was probably, collectively, the highest ranking and most diversified assemblage of National Guard officers which has ever been held. They were assembled, under orders, for the purpose of examining and witnessing the operation of the Light Truck-drawn Battery, recently returned from its mid-winter trip and test at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. During dinner the Honorable Mr. Ross Collins, Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, addressed the officers and then the party moved to the assembly room where Major General Leach, Chief of the Militia Bureau, sought to orient the situation and outline the aims and purposes of the gathering. Briefly he explained that the purpose of the meeting was to acquaint these assembled National Guard leaders with a proposal of the Militia Bureau to motorize the light artillery regiments of the

National Guard by organizing them as light truck-drawn units and that they were to witness the operation of such a battery the following day. Following the address by General Leach, Colonel Augustine McIntyre, President of the Field Artillery Board, delivered a message to the officers from Major General Bishop, Chief of Field Artillery, spoke on the general subject of motorization, and outlined the program for the next day. He was followed by Lieut. Col. Maxwell Murray, the Field Artillery Board member who has been in direct charge of the test of the Light Truck-drawn Battery who covered the organization of the test battery, the characteristics of the vehicles, the advantages and disadvantages of motorization as developed by the test and the lessons to be learned from the test. The meeting adjourned following forty minutes of motion pictures showing the test battery operating under all phases of its test to date. The following day started off strenuously with an early reveille for the guests, who received a salute and a Guard of Honor shortly after the sun was well up, and were then taken in the assembled post transportation to a vantage point from which they viewed the battery moving along a concrete road at its customary open road speed of about thirty miles per hour. By this time the visiting officers had been divided into groups, each group having with it one member of the Field Artillery Board, so that there was someone to whom visitors could go for answers and explanation, for there were many perplexing questions and problems which came to mind during the day. Following the short glimpse of the battery on the road the guests were taken to a point where they found the battery drawn up for a closer inspection, and the party spent a very busy half-hour looking over this strange organization with which they were probably going to be better acquainted before long. Questions rained upon Board members and battery personnel for thirty minutes and then a halt was called by the issuance of a tactical situation to the Battery Commander. The close-up view of the battery was thus curtailed for the time being, but opportunity for further examination of vehicles and guns was offered at odd moments during the day. For those visitors who remained the second night further opportunity was afforded the next morning while the battery was in park. The tactical situation took the Battery Commander away at once upon reconnaissance, with his detail, while the remainder of the battery, supposedly two hours behind him on the road but actually present, was taken away from the tactical problem and was required to demonstrate its cross country mobility. Its demonstration covered movements through deeply-rutted greasy clay road, back and forth through a water filled clay mud-hole, across country through sparsely wooded and stumpy ground, movement through rough and sandy ground covered with thick scrub, movement through deep sand, and finally, a climb up a steep slope covered with small stumps and, in places, loose shale rocks. At the conclusion of the demonstration of cross country movement the battery was put back into the tactical problem, took position and fired at two targets. During this fire opportunity was given the visitors to observe the action of the 75mm gun, M1897 M1E3 with which the battery is equipped. This gun is the "French 75" modified by the addition of high speed wheel bearing and equipped with pneumatic tires. The conclusion of the firing marked the end of the morning's work and it was followed at once by a welcome lunch, served under canvas in a near by pine grove, by Battery A, 1st Observation Battalion; a most efficiently handled lunch, for the kitchen fed many unexpected, unofficial, but hungry looking observers, and no one was turned away. The work of the Light Truck-drawn Battery during the afternoon was devoted to the reconnaissance of, movement to, and occupation of, a position some three thousand yards to the front. The visitors were transported to the most advantageous points from which to observe these phases of the problem and during the firing were stationed, as they desired, at the gun position or at the observation post. Following the firing, which terminated the work with the battery, the visitors were taken to examine such experimental and new standard material as is now in the hands of the Field Artillery Board. This display was of great interest; there are few officers who have been fortunate enough to see the modern standards of our Field Artillery weapons or who have knowledge of the present trends in development, and many of the visitors who came to see the display with one eye on their watches, remained to take the last car back to their quarters.

Nov 18, 1933: Published in the "The Gallup Independent" entitled: 158th Artillery Granted Insignia. Santa Fe, (U.P.); Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, served thru four major campaigns in the great war, including the Marne defense, the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensive, without loss of a single man killed in combat, according to a history of the battery, which accompanied a request to Washington for an insignia for the 158th Field Artillery. The insignia was granted.

Jan 01, 1934: Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: Field Artillery National Guard. Motorizes all 75mm field artillery units of the National Guard to the extent at present authorized, and in addition furnishes one truck, reconnaissance, 8 passenger, and two trucks, light (LC) (1 ½ ton), 4 x 2, for each firing battery. Tentative assignment of vehicles: 158th Field Artillery = 18.

Aug 05, 1934: Published in the "The Daily Ardmoreite" entitled: Sulphur men go into camp. Sulphur, Aug 4. (Special) The local Headquarters Battery of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, left Saturday morning, Aug. 4 for their annual field training period. This battery is composed of two officers and 20 men, the first division under command of Capt. John C. Powell left Sulphur via the Santa Fe railway Saturday 1:30 a.m. The second division under the command of First

Lieut. W. L. Shamel left at 2 p.m. by motor in the army trucks. As a tribute to the great pioneer and friend of the Indian, the camp at Fort Sill will be known as Camp General Hugh L. Scott. The division review will be held on Aug. 12, this year, this will give the friends of the guardsmen more time to visit, heretofore the men have been very busy to see friends on the last day, which is the reason the time has been set earlier than usual. The three days maneuvers or sham battle, only once before since the battle in France has the Oklahoma national guard undertaken a maneuver on such a large scale. The roster of the local Headquarters Battery is as follows: Captain John C. Powell; First Lieutenant William L. Shamel; Master Sergeant Gordon F. Slover; First Sergeant Vaughn G. Hetzler; Staff Sergeant Charles F. Haney, James E. Hodges, John E. McKinney; Sergeants Tom J. Arms, Robert W. Lebo, Marshall A. Montgomery, Ernest P. Whitsett, Houston P. Willis; Corporals Homer A. Arms, J. B. Carmichael, C. W. Crow, Frank Leonard, J. Davis Lewis, David C. M. Matthews, Gene Shaffer, Ross B. Womack; Privates First Class George J. Ballinger, James S. Cooper, Jim McClellan, Edward J. Thomas, Ted Anderson, Harrison Moreland, Malcolm M. Baucum, Arlin A. Beavers, Leon Mann, Robert Woodruff; Privates Hobart I. Arms, Elmer Lee Brown, Jack D. Brown, Jesse E. Cantrell, Andrew J. Clubb, Aaron O. Cottle, Lonzo Cottle, Ernest Crumb, C. W. Davenport, John E. Davenport, Clarence Heimer, Henry L. Joyce, William H. Lewis, M. Dale Plumlee, William R. Lewis, William E. Peel, Harold L. Shephard, Elmo E. Smith, Curtis E. Turner, Nelson E. Wiggins, Richard Wiggins.

Aug 01, 1935: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Guard camp named for Fred W. Hunter. National Guard units will train August 10-24. This year's Oklahoma National Guard camp will be named Camp Fred W. Hunter, in honor of a captain who died last winter after serving more than 30 years in the state militia, Charles F. Barrett, adjutant general, announced Wednesday. The camp, which will be held from August 10 to 24, will mark the first time all units have been moved to Fort Sill by motor trucks, and also the first time three complete regiments of artillery will train together, Barrett said. Batteries "A" and "E" of the 158th Artillery are stationed in New Mexico and Arizona, respectively, and have held individual camping periods.

Aug 08, 1935: Published in the "The Arizona Independent Republic" entitled: Photo caption. The guns will move out for Fort Sill, Okla., Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, Arizona National Guard, will leave this morning on a 19-day training trip which will mark the first time the battery has joined its regiment in maneuvers and the first time in three years it has left the state for training. Top -The battery is pictured in action. The training period at Fort Sill will last 11 days. Center-Here is the motorized battery ready to leave. It will be on the road four days going and four returning, and it will be a practice "march" both ways. That is, it will be a self-contained unit, preparing its own meals along the way and operating so far as possible as it would under war-time conditions. Bottom -The officers discuss the route of march. Left to right -Second Lt. Chester A. Smith; Capt. George L. Brown, commanding; First Lt. Albert E. Huber and Second Lt. Kenneth P. Smith. The battery previously has trained at Flagstaff or Fort Bliss, Tex.-Republic Staff Photos.

Aug 27, 1935: Published in the "The Arizona Independent Republic" entitled: Battery returns from Fort Sill. Mesa-Seventy men and officers of Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery; arrived home yesterday afternoon from Fort Sill, Okla., following an 11-day encampment there. The trip was made with the battery motor equipment, which consists of six trucks and two station wagons. While encamped, time was devoted to intensive training in military tactics, firing problems and a sham battle during the last three days. The battery left here August 7, headed by Capt. George L. Brown, Albert Huber, first lieutenant, C. A. Smith and Kenneth P. Smith, second lieutenants.

Dec 21, 1935: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Death claims Otis M. Smith. Otis M. Smith, probably the state's most widely known relief official, died at 3:15 p.m. Friday in Wesley hospital after an illness of two days. He was 52 years old. He was stricken Wednesday night at his home, 1905 Northwest Twentieth street, and rushed to the hospital where he was found to be suffering from a heart ailment and high blood pressure. Smith had worked until 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at his post as assistant state works progress administrator. Smith had been with federal relief activities in the state since inauguration of government aid here in 1931. He had survived three different changes of federal aid administration, serving under Carl Giles, John Eddleman and W. S. Key, works progress administrator. His last appointment, as assistant WPA administrator was made June 28, 1935. Services will be arranged by the Street and Draper funeral home. Survivors include his wife; a son, Wilbur Smith, who lives at the home address, and a grandson, Otis Lee Smith. Temporary Relief Chief, Smith busy four years, executive, who died Friday, drafted in 1931. Otis M. Smith, who died here Friday, was drafted for a "temporary relief job" in October, 1931 He was selected by a committee of business men, to administer the first city-county fund raised for aiding distressed families. Almost continuously since October, 1931, Smith has been an important cog in the relief machines in Oklahoma City. First, he handled the city-county relief offices as director. Then he was drafted to head the county's civil works setup. From that, he became a leader in the federal emergency relief administration organization and finally stepped in as assistant state director of the works progress administration. Formerly a motor car dealer, Smithy accepted his first welfare post when the city relief committee was split wide in a controversy between Dr. John Q. Newell, director of employment, and Wilbur J. Adams, Community Fund director. He not only healed the breach but

went on to set up the Community camp, the first model "regulated squatter camp" in this part of the country. Military affairs were Smith's chief avocation. As a boy, Smith lived on a farm near Yukon. He ran away and joined the army. He immediately was dispatched to Hawaii in 1899. He became a colonel in the regular army reserves. In 1934, he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the 158th Field Artillery of the Oklahoma National Guard. He was a thirty-third degree mason and had lived in Oklahoma 43 of his 52 years. From 1922 to 1930, Smith was general manager of the Tom Cooper Motor Co. automobile agency. In 1930, Smith entered the automobile business himself, having a showroom and repair shop at 26 Northwest Fifth street. Smith lived in Ardmore before coming to Oklahoma City, being manager of the Tom Cooper branch there. In 1925, he was elected president of the Oklahoma City Motor Car Dealers association. A shadow of grief fell over the Bass building Friday as word of Smith's death spread quickly from floor to floor. Work was virtually at a standstill and veteran relief workers gathered in little groups to discuss his death. Tears were seen in eyes of many who had worked with him throughout the four stormy years of relief. Gruff and plain spoken in manner, Smith was known as a square shooter and one with no favorites. He was highly popular even among minor employees. W. S. Key, works progress administrator, in New Orleans Friday, expressed deep regret over the death. "I have lost a warm personal friend," he said. "Oklahoma has lost a public spirited citizen. His death is an irreparable loss to the program. It is needless to say how grieved I am." John Eddleman, Oklahoma emergency relief administrator director, called Smith's death "the greatest loss that could happen to government work programs in the state." E. M. Fry, WPA official, who worked with Smith for four years, said, "His death is a distinct loss as a friend and as an associate. He was a splendid man to work with."

Dec 23, 1935: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Perry placed under guards. 19 persons are exposed to meningitis there. National guardsmen at Perry were ordered out Sunday night by Governor Marland to enforce a quarantine after 19 persons had been exposed to spinal meningitis in a WPA sewing room there last Wednesday. The quarantine was put into effect by Dr. John Francis, Perry city health officer, after he learned a Sara Jackson, 53 year old Negro woman, a member of the sewing room group, had contracted the disease. Doctor Francis also received a report of the death of a child in the same neighborhood, apparently as a result of the same disease. The guardsmen who, with deputies sheriff, will enforce the quarantine, all are members of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery. In the meantime, a strict quarantine was still being enforced at Yukon, in Canadian county Sunday, following the third death from the disease, and the report of a new case Saturday, Dr. A. J. Johnson, county health officer, reported. Services for Neil Wheatley, 6 years old, the third victim, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at the Yukon cemetery. Wheatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wheatley, died Saturday. Surviving also is a brother, David. The disease apparently was on the wane in Cleveland and Kiowa counties, which also were stricken by the epidemic. Troops of the 179th Infantry of the national guard were withdrawn from Snyder Sunday, where they had been enforcing a quarantine nearly a week. Dr. Charles M. Pierce, state health commissioner, who made a survey of Kiowa county Sunday, preliminary to relaxing the restrictions, reported that no new cases had been reported for several days and 16 sufferers from the disease had been released.

May 12, 1936: Published in the "The Clovis Evening News" entitled: Transfer property of local guard company. Major William Poe, U. S. property and disbursing officer from Camp Luna, Las Vegas, left here this morning after spending all of yesterday transferring government property of the machine gun troop of the 111th cavalry to First Lieutenant Sam W. Morgan, who is in line to succeed John C. Luikart as captain of the local troop. Luikart was promoted May 1 to the rank of major. Maj. Poe left here today for Roswell to check property of Battery "A", 158th field artillery, to First Lieutenant Edward Purdy, who has succeeded Capt. Herbert Gray, resigned, in command.

Jul 01, 1936: Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment and Stations of Organization: Headquarters 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Lieutenant Colonel Edgar B. Ross, Captain William C. Cooley, First Lieutenant Owen Black, and Chaplain Clarence C. Hightower. Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Sulphur, OK; Captain John C. Powell and First Lieutenant William L. Shamel. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Duncan, OK; Captain Hugh A. Neal, First Lieutenant John E. Weiler, and Second Lieutenants Paul E. Scheefers and Herbert A. Von Tungeln. 1st Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Major Marion D. Woodworth, Captain Sidney P. Kretlow, and First Lieutenants Tom Dale and Merl R. Warren. 1st Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Clinton, OK; Captain George D. Hann, First Lieutenant Louis G. Nelson, and Second Lieutenant Ernest J. Stocks. Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Roswell, NM; Captain Herbert C. Gray, First Lieutenant Edward Purdy, and Second Lieutenants John A. Phinzy and David M. Ackerman. Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Captain Paul E. Anderson, First Lieutenant Bruce Y. Dutcher, and Second Lieutenants Carl E. Hall and Philip A. Monahan. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Perry, OK; Captain Howard R. Cress, First Lieutenant Edward Q. Brengle, and Second Lieutenants Harold D. Roads and Myrl A. McCormick. 2nd Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment;

Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Major Clarence R. Steele, Captain Gordon C. Rupe, and First Lieutenants Aubrey J. Rawlings and Wilbur S. Smith. 2nd Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Dwight U. Cochrane, First Lieutenant Glenn Gilmour, and Second Lieutenant Geen Gilmour. Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Weatherford, OK; Captain Albert R. Harris, First Lieutenant Martin W. Steward, and Second Lieutenants Lester G. Avritt and George W. Nikkel. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Mesa, AZ; Captain George L. Brown, First Lieutenant Albert E. Huber, and Second Lieutenants Chester A. Smith and Kenneth P. Smith. Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Van L. Ogden, First Lieutenant Thomas M. Andrews, and Second Lieutenant Christopher G. White. Medical Department Detachment; Home Stationed at Yale, OK; Major Daniel F. Coldiron, and Captains Parky H. Anderson, Frank L. Miller and Jesse R. Waltrip. Regimental Band Section; Home Stationed at Perry, OK; Warrant Officer Ivan L. Kennedy.

Jul 12, 1936: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: For there's something about a soldier! "Johnny get your gun" will be the cry of 400 officers to nearly 5,000 young men when the Oklahoma National Guard assembles from towns and farms throughout the state for the annual two-weeks encampment at Fort Sill, August 8 to 22. Of first interest this year is the fact that Gen. Charles E. McPherrren will command the encampment for the first time since he was made head of the 45th Division. Last year Gen. Alexander M. Tuthill, retired, was in command. Features of this year's encampment will be the inevitable "rookies" in the ranks, the new paved streets and the concrete floors for the tents of infantrymen. Artillerymen won't get concrete floors until next year. Sixty new trucks added to the guard encampment will make it unnecessary for most trucks to make two or three trips to towns where units are quartered to move equipment to the encampment, said Adj. Gen. Charles F. Barrett. Two largest branches at the camp will be the 179th and 180th Infantry. The big guns will be handled by the 158th, 160th and 189th Field Artillery. Others of the organization to be at the camp are the state staff corps and departments, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 90th Brigade; Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 70th Field Artillery Brigade; First Battalion 120th Engineers, 120th Medical Regiment and 120th Quartermaster Regiment. Guard units will come from 59 cities and towns in Oklahoma. Two batteries from New Mexico and Arizona will hike the camp roll by 130 men, and an observation squadron from Colorado will add 50 more.

Jul 23, 1936: Published in the "The El Reno Daily Tribune" entitled: National guard planning Camp. Fort Sill program will open July 31. Fort Sill, Okla., (AP); Oklahoma's standing army of national guardsmen will begin moving in here July 31 for the annual summer encampment. It will be only a small vanguard which moves in on the last day of the month, two officers and men from camp supply detachment bringing up the supplies. Guard trucks will rumble out over Oklahoma highways Aug. 5 to 60 cities to pick up baggage and supplies for delivery to the camp Aug. 5, 6 and 7. The great concentration of manpower; 5,000 troops and 400 officers will begin one minute after midnight Aug. 7. Precaution urged; greater precautions will be taken than ever for the safe transportation of the troops Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett said recently. A year ago one young soldier died in a truck accident as the hundreds of youths moved to camp. "The government has authorized us to put on additional men so that we'll have one extra driver for each two trucks." General Barrett said. "By regulation shifts, no driver will have to go long without sleep." There will be 50 more trucks to aid in transportation this year than a year ago. Other units coming; two out-of-state batteries, Battery "F" of the 158th Field Artillery, Mesa, Ariz., and Battery "A", Roswell, N.M., will train with the Oklahomans this year. Each unit has 4 officers and 60 men. For the first time in years the full strength of the 120th observation corps of Denver will be stationed at Fort Sill with 12 officers and 100 men. Fifty cents daily has been set aside for rations for each guardsman at the camp, compared to 45 cents a year ago. General Barrett and his staff from Oklahoma City will reach here on Aug. 5. A total of \$37,000 worth of groceries will be shipped here. The camp will end on Aug. 22.

Jul 29, 1936: Published in the "The Clovis Evening News Journal" entitled: Roswell Battery Honored for World War Service: Roswell. July 29. (AP) Capt. Ed Purdy, commander of Battery "A" 158th Motorized Field Artillery, was the recipient today of five Silver Guidon Staff silver bands for the organization's flag, sent by the war department for service in actual campaign battles during the World War. The battery, then of the 45th division, was under the command of the late Col. Charles M. DeBremenond. It participated in the engagements of Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Champagne. Officers said it is the only organization in the state to ever receive such emblems.

Mar 01, 1937: Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment is transferred from Kingfisher; Oklahoma to Duncan, Oklahoma, Command is assumed by Captain Hugh A. Neal.

May 18, 1937: Published in the "The Hominy Journal" entitled: State's guard armories listed. All branches of service included in giant housing program. Ada: Band Section, Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery; Battery "C",

160th Field Artillery; stone. Alva: 45th Signal Company; brick. Anadarko: Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery; Headquarters Company, 120th Quartermasters Regiment; brick. Ardmore: Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion 179th Infantry; Company G, 179th Infantry; Company M, 179th Infantry; stone. Atoka: Company B, 180th Infantry; Company F, 120th Medical Regiment; stone. Beggs: Company E, 179th Infantry; stone. Blackwell: Battery "C", 189th Artillery; brick. Boynton: Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 180th Infantry; brick. Claremore: Company A, 120th Quartermaster Regiment; stone. Cushing: Company A, 120th Medical Regiment; stone. Chandler: Battery "F", 160th Field Artillery; stone. Cherokee: Battery "E", 189th Field Artillery; brick. Chickasha: Battery "B", 189th Field Artillery; stone. Clinton: Headquarters Battery and Combat Train 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery; brick. Durant: Headquarters Company 90th Brigade Band Section, Service Company 180th Infantry; Company E, 180th Infantry; Howitzer Company, 180th Infantry; Medical Detachment 179th Infantry; stone. Duncan: Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery; stone. Eufaula: Company H, 180th Infantry; stone. Edmond: Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry; stone. Enid: Medical Detachment, 189th Field Artillery Band Section, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery; Headquarters Battery and Combat Train 1st Battalion, 189th Field Artillery, Battery "A", 189th Field Artillery; brick. Guthrie: Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 45th Division; stone. Hominy: Battery "D", 160th Field Artillery; stone. Hugo: Company F, 180th Infantry; stone. Haskell: Battery "E", 160th Field Artillery; stone. Holdenville: Company L, 179th Infantry; Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery; brick. Haldon: Company B, 120th Quartermaster Regiment; brick. Idabel: Company G, 180th Infantry, Company B, 120th Engineers; stone. Konawa: Company F, 179th Infantry; brick. Mangum: Company H, 179th Infantry; stone. Marlow: 45th Military Police Company; brick. McAlester: Company K, 180th Infantry; Battery "B", 160th Field Artillery; stone. Minco: Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery; brick. Muskogee: Headquarters Company, 180th Infantry; Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry; Staff Section, Service Company, 180th Infantry; Company L, 180th Infantry; Battery "D", 189th Field Artillery; stone. Norman: Company D, 179th Infantry; Company C, 120th Engineers; brick. Okmulgee: Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 179th Infantry; Company K, 179th Infantry; stone. Okemah: Company D, 180th Infantry; stone. Pawnee: Enlisted Detachment, State Staff Corps and Department, Company B, 179th Infantry; stone. Perry: Band Section Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery; Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery; stone. Roff: Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 1st Battalion, 160th Field Artillery; Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 3rd Battalion, 189th Field Artillery; stone. Stillwater: Company L, 179th Infantry; stone. Sulphur: Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery; stone. Tahlequah: Company M, 180th Infantry; stone. Tishomingo: Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 180th Infantry; stone. Tonkawa: Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, 2nd Battalion, 189th Field Artillery; stone. Wagoner: Company A, 180th Infantry; stone.

Jun 04, 1937: Published in the "The O'Collegian" entitled: Ceremonies dedicating new armory held today. Parade In Afternoon Starts Impressive Dedication Show; From 3 o'clock in the afternoon today until midnight, Stillwater citizens will participate in the dedication of the newly constructed National Guard armory. Stillwater Saddle Club, Battery "C", 158th field artillery, Lions club members of the kid league baseball club and the Stillwater fire department will hold the third position. Numerous other state officials of WPA and National Guards will be present as well as military officers of A. and M.'s military department.

Apr 09, 1938: Published in the "The Albuquerque Journal" entitled: National Guard Seeks Recruits for Units. Santa Fe, April 8 New Mexico's National Guard, needing a few more men to bring various units up to authorized strength, will enlist recruits at once in preparation for the war games along the Mexican border late this summer. Adjutant General R. C. Charlton said most units are close to full strength and only a few recruits will be taken. The 111th Cavalry and 120th Engineers will go to Fort Bliss, Tex., Aug. 13, and Battery "A" of the 158th Artillery to Camp Bullis, Texas.

May 02, 1938: Published in the "The Miami Daily News" entitled: Associated Press picture news. "Too Nazi" is new complaint about swastika used since 1925 by Denver 45th national guard, however, Germans tilt their swastika; guardsmen wear it squarely on base.

May 11, 1938: Published in the "The Miami News Record" entitled: Guardsmen debate swastika emblem. Oklahoma City; April 11 (AP) Officers of the Forty-Fifth national guard division debated today whether to get a new emblem to replace the swastika, borrowed from the Indians, but resembling the insignia of Nazi Germany. One officer of the guard division, which also contains troops from Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico, complained that the swastika used as the division's emblem from Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico complained that the swastika used as the division's emblem resembled that used by Hitler's Nazis. Adjutant General Alphonse P. Ardourel of the Forty-fifth said at Denver he would request that the insignia be changed. In Washington, Arthur E. DuBois, military expert on such matters, said the swastika dates from before early Christian times. He said he had seen more than 700 types of them, and pointed to differences. The Nazi emblem is tilted up on one corner, the Forty-fifth's rests squarely on its base. The guard borrowed the emblem in 1925 from the Indians and from the coat of arms of Francisco Casquez Coronado, Spanish conquistador.

Jul 12, 1938: Published in the "The Greeley Daily Tribune" entitled: Swords into plowshares. (Associated Press) Weatherford, Okla. Aug 6.; Charles Kendall, blacksmith, is beating the sword into the plowshare. He purchased the old horse drawn gun caissons of Battery "D", 158th field artillery, Weatherford National Guard unit and is transforming them into trailers for use on the farm.

Aug 04, 1938: Published in the "The Arizona Republic" entitled: Browns leaving. Capt. George L. Brown of Battery "E" 158th Field Artillery, Mrs. Brown and two children will leave here tomorrow for Texas and points in the Midwest and East. Mrs. Brown and children will visit in San Antonio and Corpus Christi, while Mr. Brown is in training with the Camp Bullis encampment. From there they will drive to Chicago, accompanied by Mr. Brown's parents, who live in Orange, Tex.

Aug 08, 1938: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Father faces son in "war". Kin lead opposing forces in Texas maneuvers. San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 7. (Special). Father faced son in the mimic invasion of the Texas coast Sunday as Texas and Oklahoma national guardsmen, 17,500 strong, assembled near Camp Bullis for their maneuvers. On one side of the imaginary front was Col. H. J. Weiler of Corpus Christi, commander of the 131st Field Artillery, while his son, Capt. John Weiler, Duncan, Okla., was commanding Battery "F" of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma national guard, in theoretical bombardments of the Texans' lines. Colonel Weiler and his Texas national guard regiment are aligned with the loyal "blue" corps entrusted with the defense of the southwest. His son and other Oklahomans are assigned to the "brown" corps representing a coalition of invading powers. Maneuvers which bring the forces into simulated combat will begin August 14. This mimic warfare has been designed and planned by military experts to test the Third Army in defense problems along the southern and coastal boundaries of the country.

Aug 10, 1938: Published in the "The Prescott Evening Courier" entitled: Invading army is militia's problem. Phoenix, Aug. 10; (AP). The Arizona National Guard, joining regular army troops at Fort Huachuca for two weeks' training, beginning Saturday, will combat a mythical army attempting to invade the United States from Mexico. Approximately 1,200 guardsmen will be transported to the camp Saturday. There they will consolidate with 1,200 regular army troops. Adj. Gen. Tuthill said today that in maneuvers Arizona forces would act as the left flank of a defense unit charged with preventing invasion by a mythical foe which had landed at Tampico and pushed aside a small army of Mexicans. The invaders, he said, would be attempting to cross the border at Agua Prieta. The first week of the annual encampment will be devoted to conditioning the guardsmen and the second to simulated warfare. The guard encampment this year will be known as Camp Earl. B. Turnage, honoring a captain of the medical detachment; who died at Tucson in 1928. An advance detachment already has gone from here to Fort Huachuca to prepare for arrival of the guard. Another will leave tomorrow. Battery "E" of the 158th Field Artillery, stationed at Mesa, has gone to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to participate in maneuvers near San Antonio.

Aug 12, 1938: Published in the "The Daily Capital News" entitled: Corporal is killed in Texas army maneuvers. Camp Bullis, Texas, August 11(AP) Corporal Josiah Andrews, 28, Salt River, Arizona, was killed today, first real casualty in the southwestern maneuvers of the third army. Andrews, a Maricopa Indian, fell from the rear of a truck and was crushed beneath the wheels of a 75-millimeter gun trailing the truck.

Oct 28, 1938: Published in the "The 1938 National Guard of Arizona Yearbook" entitled: Factual History of Battery "B". Battery "B," forerunner of the present Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, was organized at Mesa, Arizona, on March 24, 1921, with Captain Donald H. Biery as commanding officer. Drills were held in the basement of the old Vance building (now the Mezona Recreational hall), where the guns and equipment were housed. The horses were kept in stables rented from the Kleinman Livery Stables. The Battery's present armory was built by the State of Arizona in 1921 on South MacDonald Street. When the First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, was organized in Oklahoma, the Mesa unit was designated Battery "E," its' only designation. Referred to as the "Wandering Battery," this unit has attended field training in five different camps. From 1921 through 1926, camp was held at Fort Bliss, Texas; in 1927 and 1928, Fort Huachuca, Arizona; from 1929 to 1932, due to shortage of horses at the Arizona camp, training was at Fort Bliss; motorized in 1933, the unit motored to Flagstaff, Arizona, in four Chevrolet trucks and one station wagon; from 1935 to 1937, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and in 1938, the unit joined the Third Army maneuvers at Camp Bullis, San Antonio, Texas. In the last four years, Battery "E" has traveled approximately 9,000 miles to and from camp. To make these trips more interesting and educational, Captain George L. Brown routed the Battery by Dallas to visit the Texas Centennial in 1936, and in 1937, the unit spent one day at Carlsbad Cavern, New Mexico. Official Roster of Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Mesa, AZ; Captain George L. Brown, First Lieutenant Albert E. Huber, and Second Lieutenants Chester A. Smith and Kenneth P. Smith. First Sergeant Earl F. Anderson, Sergeants Fred J. Clubb, William P. Dockery, Marshall N. Harmon, Vernon

Hathcock, Walter C. Heart, Robert M. Henderson and Roland E. Pomeroy, Corporals Albert D. Austin, Palmer E. Amundsen, Collin E. Clubb, Elton F. Crandall, Stanley E. Felix, George B. Morgan, Glenn L. LeBaron and Doyle Fullerton, Privates First Class George E. Allen, James M. Allen, Michael Andrews, Angel M. Barcelo, Wesley W. Clark, Carl Enos, Thomas B. Patterson, Pliny E. George, Philip M. Keeler, Carl F. Lewis, Francis Makil, Jesus F. Munoz, Menson Senich, Roy Makil, Dayton F. Suman and Joseph M. Thomas, and Privates Burton J. Albrecht, Luciano M. Alonzo, Alfonzo D. Austin, Joe O. Barnhill, Ellsworth G. Bailey, Elbert M. Butler, Victor N. Careaga, Leonard L. Contreras, Robert O. Cummins, Harvey H. Dana, Arthur V. Delgado, Robert H. Flake, Edward S. Fordan, Bill D. Fullerton, Roy E. Harris, Wayne J. Holdren, Roger B. Honeyman, Gail B. Horne, Cobern M. Jennings, Jennings A. Johnson, William H. Johnson, William A. Jones, John D. Lewis, Ted E. Lines, Jack J. McCrite, Leslie D. Meeker, Robert N. Meeker, James L. McBrayer, Roscoe H. Montgomery, W. A. Montgomery, Gilbert C. Nichols, William T. Nye, Lalo P. Ortiz, Richard H. Petrie, Arnold J. Pew, Cecil D. Rogers, Mike T. Rosas, Sanders C. Watson and Delmer D. Watkins.

Nov 20, 1938: Published in the "The Arizona Magazine Sunday Republic" entitled: Guard serves State and Nation. More than 1,200 men, in addition to 85 officers, are members of the Arizona National Guard, a unit of the United States military forces which has a long tradition of service to its state and nation. The regiment had its beginning in Civil War days, when the First Arizona Infantry, a volunteer unit, was organized. Headed by Tuthill. The Arizona guard is part of the 45th Division, embracing Arizona, Colorado and Oklahoma. The guard is under supervision of Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Tuthill, the adjutant general, a veteran member. The site for the annual encampment, located near Flagstaff, is named after the adjutant general. Units are Listed. Guard units are distributed as follows: Phoenix: Company D, 120th Quartermaster Regiment; Regimental Headquarters Company, 158th Infantry; Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 158th Infantry; and Company F, Company K, Service Company, state staff and state detachment, all of the 158th Infantry. Tempe: Headquarters Company, First battalion, 158th Infantry. Nogales: Company A, 158th Infantry. Buckeye: Company B, 158th Infantry. Douglas: Company C, 158th Infantry. Casa Grande: Company D, 158th Infantry. Safford: Company G, 158th Infantry. Flagstaff: Company I, 158th Infantry. Yuma: Company L, 158th Infantry. Prescott: Company M, 158th Infantry. Mesa: Company, 158th Infantry, and Battery E, 158th Field Artillery. Chandler: Headquarters Company, 89th Brigade. Tucson: Company, Second battalion, 158th Infantry, Company E and Company H, 158th Infantry, and Medical Department Detachment. Trains at Fort Sill. The summer training camp of Battery E, 158th Field Artillery, is Fort Sill, Okla. They participated in the Third Army maneuvers along the nation's southern border this summer. With the exception of the field artillery battery, the guardsmen were quartered at Fort Huachuca, near the United States-Mexican Border. It was the first time in a half-decade the guardsmen had not been sent to the Flagstaff permanent camp.

Dec 12, 1938: Published in the "The Military Review" entitled: History of the 158th Field Artillery. By Tech. Sgt. Chas. E. Tompkins. By the Spring of 1923 a series of judicious trades had been negotiated and four units of the 158th Field Artillery, then located in Arizona, were ordered moved to Oklahoma. First to complete organization was Battery "F" at Kingfisher, under command of Capt. George I. Lacey, with 1st Lieutenants Lee M. Grimes and Elva B. Shively and 2nd Lieutenant Mark Wagner. They were inspected for federal recognition April 23rd, 1923. On the night of May 8th, 1923, Headquarters Battery B, at Sulphur, assembled for its first formation. The occasion was inspection for federal recognition and the unit, commanded by Capt. Charles N. Hardin, with Dewey H. Neal as 1st Lieutenant passed the required tests and was formally recognized, by the Federal government, as an integral part of our National Defense. An extract from the Inspecting Officer's report of this inspection reads: "Commanded by an officer (Capt. Charles N. Hardin) who is intensely interested in military communications and radio development and composed of an exceptionally high type of enlisted personnel, this organization should develop into an excellent headquarters unit." The Sulphur boys were not long in mastering the intricacies of Field Artillery communications and at the annual encampment of 1924, barely 14 months after Federal recognition, the prophesy of the Inspecting Officer was fulfilled. In open competition, conducted by an impartial Board of Officers, the battery was adjudged the best communication unit in the Field Artillery brigade. On the night following the inspection at Sulphur, May 9th, 1923, the Service Battery, 158th F. A. under command of Capt. Xerma R. Campbell, with Lieuts. Aurelius D. Hanry, George W. Dodd, Jr. and Otto A. Brewer, was accorded Federal recognition at Hugo, Oklahoma. Hq. Battery and Combat Train of the 1st Bn. 160th F. A. had been organized November 16, 1921, at Kingfisher, was redesignated August 4, 1923, just a week before opening of the 1923 Field Training period, as Hq. Battery & C. T., 2nd Bn, 158th F. A. This, the last of the four units of the 158th to be organized in 1923, was commanded by Capt. Clarence R. Steele with Lieuts. Edward C. Newer, and Jerry L. Yergler. Col. Charles A. Holden, then of Pawhuska, had been appointed Colonel of the newly organized regiment, with Lieutenant Colonel Grover C. Wamsley of Anadarko, second in command. On August 10th, 1923, the four new batteries of Oklahoma field artillery descended upon Camp Doniphan, at Ft. Sill, with horses, guns, spare parts and accessories, for their first annual encampment. They were referred to as the "Mexican Army, because of their numerous high ranking officers and their widely scattered units. The remainder of the regiment had been organized, during the Spring of 1923, in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. The "Mexican Army" however, by

their accurate firing and efficient systems soon won the respect of the remainder of the Division, and their sister Regiment, the 160th. by this time seasoned artillerymen, recognized worthy competition. In June, 1924, Battery "D", at Flagstaff, Arizona, was ordered moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma. This unit was organized under command of Capt. Curtis A. Clark, with Lieuts. "Dutch" Voyles, William H. Doughty and Eugene Stewart, was the last of five batteries which were to represent Oklahoma's contingent for the 158th Field Artillery for the succeeding three years. More "judicious trading" was to take place however. The ancient story of the Arab and the camel was to be repeated and the unfortunate Arab, in this instances represented compositely by the States of Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado was to awaken in possession of only a small portion of his original equity. For three encampments, 1924, 1925 and 1926, the five units of the "Mexican Army" fought their battles on the firing line at Ft. Sill alone. In the fall of 1926, however, General Barrett again went to market and returned with Batteries "B" and "C" from Colorado. Col. Wamsley, of Anadarko, had assumed command of the Regiment in September, 1925, and it was considered advisable to transfer Battery "E" of the 160th FA., also at Anadarko, over to the 158th. This was done on January 1st, 1927, the battery at Anadarko, under command of Capt. Paul E. Anderson, with Lieuts. Bernhard W. Hammert, Ed Correia and George Moran, being redesignated as Battery "B" 158th Field Artillery. Battery "C", transferred from Pueblo, Colorado, was organized at Perry, January 14th of the same year, by Captain Howard R. Cress and Lieuts. Blake, Noah and Brengle. The Medical Department Detachment, also obtained from Colorado, was formed at Yale, under the command of Capt. Robert S. Graham, October 13th, 1928. This completed the Regimental organization, as the Regimental Band, after hibernating in Hugo and migrating, for a short spell, to Chickasha, had finally settled at its present location, in Perry, under direction of Capt. Ivan L. Kennedy, July 21st, 1928. All units of the Regiment, with the exception of Battery "A" at Roswell, New Mexico and Battery "E", at Mesa, Arizona, are now located in Oklahoma. The time may come when the camel will occupy the entire tent alone, but in the meantime Batteries "A" and "E", both excellent organizations, are driving overland each year, from Roswell and Mesa to Ft. Sill, for summer training with the Regiment. The "Mexican Army", from a lowly beginning, and after many years of adversity, has developed into a complete, modernly equipped and well trained Regiment of the United States Field Artillery.

Apr 01, 1939: Published in the "Nogales International" entitled: National Guard to Camp in North. Flagstaff, Mar. 31. Arizona's 158th regiment National guard will be here for two-weeks' summer encampment in August, and, it is authoritatively announced, will bring more men than usual. Some of the additional personnel includes Mesa Battery "E" 158th Field Artillery, which usually goes to Fort Sill, Okla., for summer training. The battery, commanded by Captain Brown, has 75 men and formerly was Battery "A" Flagstaff. Inability to keep to minimum required enlistment in Battery "A" organized here in the early 1920's resulted in transfer of the French 75s and other ordnance and equipment and mules to Mesa. Battery "A" was succeeded here by Infantry Company "I". The first state National guard summer encampment here was in 1930, shortly after construction of the fine new National guard camp, Fort Alexander M. Tuthill, named for the regimental commander. The only summer since then that the guard did not come here for summer encampment was last year, when it encamped at Fort Huachuca to take part in the Third Army maneuvers. The First, Second, Third and Fourth armies alternate in annual maneuvers. The Arizona National guard may be called somewhere else three years from this summer. Usually there are 1200 men here for summer encampment. Apparently there will be at least 1275 this summer, and if the guard companies are being recruited to nearer maximum strength, there may be many more. Extensive improvements made at Fort Tuthill last year and still being made have added much to convenience. Further improvements are planned.

May 30, 1939: Published in the "The Arizona Independent Republic" entitled: Training pay ruled illegal. Payment of a per diem to Arizona National Guardsmen while engaged in field training at Camp Bullis, Tex., last summer was not authorized by law, the Arizona Supreme Court ruled yesterday in upholding an Arizona Industrial Commission judgement which denied death benefits to members of the family of Corp. Josiah Andrews, member of Battery E, 158th Field Artillery. Corporal Andrews was killed when run over by a gun carriage while engaged in the military maneuvers. The court's ruling that payment of the per diem was illegal came as a surprise. It was not known the exact amount paid, but Maj. Gen. A. M. Tuthill, adjutant general, estimated that between 60 and 70 members of Battery E made the two-week trip. "the per diem was to compensate them in a small measure for their loss in private occupations," General Tuthill said, "and was appropriated for that purpose by the state legislature." The court took up the question because it was necessary to establish whether or not Corporal Andrews was an employee of the state at the time of his death. Lt. Col. Frank J. Duffy, judge advocate general of the national guard, and attorney for members of Corporal Andrews' family said a motion for rehearing would be filed before the decision becomes' a mandate. "The state legislature could have authorized by proper legislation the payment to enlisted men of a per diem for time spent in field training outside the state," Chief Justice Henry D. Ross wrote in the court's decision. "had it wanted to do so. When Battery E attended the encampment at Camp Bullis there was no state law providing that the members thereof should be paid during such attendance. The mere appropriation in the general appropriation bill of a sum of money for "pay of enlisted men, field training", is not an authorization that they be paid a per diem while out of the state for field training. "Thus, the claim for pay while attending field training at Camp Bullis was not only not legal but was contrary

to the law, and such wage could not form a lawful basis for computing death benefits under the statute." The court held that all expenses of the field training was paid by the federal government and because Corporal Andrews was drawing no pay from the state "and there exists no basis for fixing death benefits," that a claim for such benefits is erroneous.

Nov 01, 1939: Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment and Stations of Organization: Headquarters 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Lieutenant Colonel Edgar B. Ross, Captain Aubrey J. Rawlings, First Lieutenant Philip A. Monahan, and Chaplain Clarence C. Hightower. Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Sulphur, OK; First Lieutenant William L. Shamel and Second Lieutenant Lynn W. Norman. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Dwight U. Cochrane, First Lieutenant Irving J. Strickland, and Second Lieutenants William O. Breedlove Jr. and William R. Meredith. 1st Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Major Marion D. Woodworth, Captain Sidney P. Kretlow, and First Lieutenants Henry T. Ford and Merl R. Warren. 1st Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Clinton, OK; Captain Ernest J. Stocks and Second Lieutenant Claude L. Hostetter. Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Roswell, NM; Captain Edward Purdy, First Lieutenant John A. Phinizy, and Second Lieutenants Coryton M. Woodbury and George D. Zimmerman. Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Anadarko, OK; Captain Paul E. Anderson, First Lieutenant Bruce Y. Dutcher, and Second Lieutenants Carl E. Hall and William B. McFadyen. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Perry, OK; Captain Howard R. Cress, First Lieutenant Edward Q. Brengle, and Second Lieutenants Harold D. Roads and Myrl A. McCormick. 2nd Battalion Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Major Clarence R. Steele, Captain William C. Cooley, and First Lieutenants Hugh A. Neal and Wilbur S. Smith. 2nd Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Trains, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Kingfisher, OK; Captain Glenn Gilmour and Second Lieutenants Geen Gilmour and Van L. Ogden. Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Weatherford, OK; Captain Albert R. Harris, First Lieutenant Martin W. Steward, and Second Lieutenants Lester G. Avritt and George W. Nikkel. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Mesa, AZ; Captain George L. Brown, First Lieutenant Albert E. Huber, and Second Lieutenants Chester A. Smith and Clarence W. Thomas. Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Home Stationed at Duncan, OK; Captain John E. Weiler, First Lieutenant Paul E. Scheefers, and Second Lieutenants Ben C. Parrott and James T. Wilcoxson. Medical Department Detachment; Home Stationed at Yale, OK; Major Parky H. Anderson and Captains Frank L. Miller and Jesse R. Waltrip. Regimental Band Section; Home Stationed at Lawton, OK; Warrant Officer Howard A. Way. Published in the "The Santa Fe New Mexican" entitled: Passes Point Exams. Private H. L. Norton, Roswell, Battery "A", 158th field artillery, was the successful candidate in preliminary examinations for entrance to West Point military academy, held recently at Las Cruces, Adj. Gen. Russell C. Charlton's office announced today. He was one of three candidates. Norton now has been designated by Governor Miles to take the exam to be held March 5 against similar candidates from other slates. Published in the "The Anadarko News" entitled: Change made in local guards. Lieut. Bruce Dutcher to replace Anderson over "B" Battery; Captain Paul E. Anderson, a veteran in national guard service here, retired as commanding officer of Battery "B", 158th field artillery effective last night, and First Lieutenant Bruce Dutcher, next in command who automatically took over, is slated to be elevated to the rank of captain to succeed Anderson. Captain Anderson is being transferred to the inactive national guard ranks, Sgt. Chas. E. Tompkins, staff sergeant here explained. The veteran guardsman's retirement was the first major change to take place here in the general reshuffling of national guard officers throughout the state. Lieut. Dutcher will appear before an examining board late this afternoon where he will be examined for the higher rank of captain. Major Henry P. Grant, of the regular army instruction staff here, Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, commander of the 158th field artillery, and Major Parkey H. Anderson, member of the medical staff, make up the examining board here. McFadyen To Advance: Second Lieutenant Brewster McFadyen, who is due to be promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant to replace Dutcher, will also appear before the board this afternoon, Sergeant Tompkins said. A third national guard officer to be examined here this afternoon is Captain George D. Hann, Ardmore, who is to be transferred as adjutant, on the regimental staff. No announcement of a replacement in the rank of second lieutenant for "B" battery was made. Members of the "B" battery under the retiring captain's command, honored him here last night at the last drill to be conducted at the armory, when they presented him with a chair. He had been with Battery "B" for about 15 years.

Nov 26, 1939: Published in the "The Ardmore Daily Ardmoreite" entitled: National guard companies to go to winter camp. Guard units to train at Stringtown; Officers Ask Employers To Continue Pay of Men As Patriotic Duty. Two hundred members of the three companies of the national guard here will leave next Sunday for the new Camp Matthews near Stringtown for a week's special mid-winter training, it was announced Saturday. Companies to attend the camp, third of as many special camps being conducted for Oklahoma national guard members under the president's limited emergency proclamation, will include company G, of which Captain Clarence R. Woodward and

Lieutenants Brown and Coe, are officers; company H, with Capt. Raymond R. McCay and Lieutenants Hurley and Gibson in charge and Headquarters detachment of company 179th infantry, commanded by First Lieut. Ab Jolly and Second Lieut. Chester A. Bently. Attending the camp also will be Lieut. Col. Dana A. Allen and Sgt. J. H. White. They will leave today for both this week's and next week's encampments. First of the camps was held at Fort Sill last week, the second to begin at Camp Matthews this Sunday and the final one next Sunday. The encampments are for seven days' duration, and altogether will be attended by 6,500 members of the national guard, between the ages of 18 and 45 years, Colonel Allen explained. 450,000 in National Guard: The national guard, it was explained, constitutes the initial protective force, and numbers around 450,000 persons in the United States. Winter camps are unusual but under the president's special limited emergency proclamation, are being held to provide additional training for the members. This is in addition to the regular local station training which is held at the home national guard headquarters, it was explained. Under the limited emergency plan, two training periods a week instead of the usual one-a-week drill periods are now being held. All the special winter encampments for Oklahoma must be completed by Jan. 31. The first camp was held at Lawton when approximately 1,000 members were in attendance. The second group opens today at Camp Matthews, and will include members of the 180th infantry and the 160th field artillery, engineers and others. The last group to go into camp will include members of the 179th infantry and the 158th field artillery group. Among officers attending, in addition to Colonel Allen and Sergeant White of the regular army staff here, will be Capt. George D. Hann, adjutant of the 158th field artillery. Hann is superintendent of city schools. National guard officers Saturday issued an appeal to employers of members of the guard to release their men for the week's training period without cutting them off the payrolls for the period. "They receive a small pay," Allen explained, "at the camp, but in many instances it is a personal sacrifice for these men to attend; therefore we would like for their employers to keep them on the payroll while they are away, learning how better to equip themselves for serving their country in times of an emergency." The call for the camps was issued by Louis A. Ledbetter, adjutant general for Oklahoma national guard, and has the backing of Gov. Leon C. Phillips. Members of school staffs in Oklahoma, Attorney General Mae Q. Williamson has ruled, are entitled to their regular teacher salaries while attending camps, and the same has been ruled for members of the city forces. Employees of the federal government also receive pay for their regular duties while in camps. Along that line, the state superintendent of public instruction, in a letter to the adjutant general said.

Mar 14, 1940: Published in the "The Evening Republican" entitled: Town prepares Easter pageant. Record Crowds Expected to See Drama at Lawton, Oklahoma. Lawton, Okla., March 14 (UP) The vast crowds that have attended Lawton's annual Easter pageant are expected to be even larger this year because of the "sobering influence" of the war in Europe. The spectacle of Christ's life, death and resurrection will be performed for the 13th time on March 24 in a replica of the Holy City set in a natural amphitheater of the Wichita Mountains. Rehearsals for the cast of 3,000 persons is well under way. The Rev. A. W. Wallock, who founded the pageant in 1927 and has directed it ever since, said the script this year calls for 56 speaking parts. Until the "Holy City" was wired for sound last year, the acting was in pantomime with a monologue through a loud-speaking system. Viewed by 100,000. As the reputation of the pageant has grown, attendance has soared past the 100,000 mark, creating a major traffic and housing problem. The crowd has become as much a spectacle as the tableaux. Thousands of early arrivals, unable to obtain rooms in Lawton, spend the night on the granite slope that rises from the "stage" in the valley. Their campfires are visible for miles. But the standout object in the early morning darkness will be this year, as last, the huge illuminated cross on the hilltop. A rocky path leads to the summit, with lighted shrines where the faithful may kneel in prayer. The Rev. Wallock said the 1940 pageant will consist of 60 scenes, or tableaux, and will begin about 3 a.m. Floodlights, strategically placed on the hillside, will illuminate the setting with almost daytime intensity. The climax will be the portrayal of the Resurrection at dawn. National Guard to Aid. Gov. Leon Phillips has directed 88 officers and enlisted men of three units of the Oklahoma National Guard to assist in the control of traffic. Col. Grover C. Wamsley of Anadarko, commander of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment, will be in charge. Officials said they hesitated to predict the 1940 attendance figures because these depend on so many factors, the most important of which is the weather. "But the prospects are for the largest crowd ever," the Rev. Wallock said. "For one thing, the war is turning the minds of the people to spiritual things. Many are prayerful thankful that we have not become involved."

Jul 13, 1940: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Lookouts. Lookouts: Watching firing practice of the 158th field artillery regiment last Sunday at Fort Sill from the control tower are Capt. Hal Muldrow, plans and training officer on the Seventieth brigade staff, left, and Col. Grover C. Wamsley, in command of the 158th regiment, of which but one battery is in Oklahoma. Future gazers: When these officers of the 70th field artillery brigade of the Forty-fifth division, National Guard, stood watching firing practice of the 158th regiment last Sunday at Fort Sill, they might easily have been looking into the future. Friday, President Roosevelt intimated four guard divisions, including Oklahoma's guard, would be called for active training. Shown here, left to right, are Col. Grover C. Wamsley, commanding the 158th; Major Henry P. Ganti, regular army instructor on detached training service and Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, commanding the brigade. Hidden by the B.C. scope is Major Marion D. Woodworth,

commanding the First battalion of the 158th regiment. Expense saver: These men of Battery "D", Weatherford, one of the firing batteries of the 158th field artillery regiment, Oklahoma National Guard, are shown preparing for a firing problem in which an auxiliary 35 millimeter tube has been fastened to the tube of a French 75mm gun to save ammunition expense. The same data in problems is used for both type.

Aug 04, 1940: Published in the "The Sunday Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Bandsmen in National Guard do more than toot horn. Unit at Cameron College drilled 60 times during year period. Lawton. Aug. 4. (Special). This business of being in a band section of the Oklahoma National Guard is more than just tooting a horn or beating a drum. The 28 members from 14 towns participated in 60 drills during their first year at Cameron State School of Agriculture which ended June 30. They received training in first aid, military courtesy, and of course, functioned as a band. This unit, Band Section, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery, was transferred to Cameron at Lawton June 2, 1939, from Perry. It is the only guard unit, stationed at Lawton, although this has been the site of the Oklahoma National Guard's annual encampment since before the world war. The band members, home towns and instruments played, follow: From Lawton; Sergt. Paul Christy Waddle, snare drum; Sergt. Merle J. Brandon, cornet; Sergt. William H. Strickland Jr. baritone; Corporal Aaron C. Burleson, alto; Privates Joe Troop, clarinet; John Pulaski, alto; Vernon Smith, trombone; Jerry V. LeFors, snare drum; Leon Rounds, baritone, and John Henry Cope, tenor saxophone. Fort Sill: Tech. Sergt. Julian Martin Niemczyk, clarinet. Snyder: Staff Sergt. Homer C. Knowlton, trombone; Corporal Jack M. Reed, clarinet. Lindsay: Sergt. John C. Lindsey, bass drum. Weleetka: Private James Barker, bass horn. Elgin: Private R. C. Choens, trombone, and Private Arthur J. Hamilton, clarinet. Rush Springs: Private Tom J. Estes, cornet. Healdton: Private Bennie Erickson, bass horn. Walters: Private Mortimer G. Guinn, drum major and piccolo, and Private Lenton D. Roller, cornet. Anadarko: Private Van Gray, trombone. Randlett: Private Ramey Metz, clarinet, and Private Gene Metz, trombone. Marlow: Private Samuel Killian, cornet. Ryan: Private Harold Robnett. Wichita Falls, Texas: Private Jack Stewart, clarinet (Moved there after having been with band for several months.) Apache: Private Charles Geist, cornet. Photo: At upper left are members of the bass section of the 158th Field Artillery Band, Lawton. Left to right: Front row, Pvt. Leon Rounds, Lawton; Sgt. William Strickland, Lawton; back row, Cpl. Aaron Burleson, Lawton; Sgt. Homer Knowlton, Snyder; Pvt. Vernon Smith, Lawton; Pvt. Gene Metz, Randlett; Pvt. R. C. Choens, Elgin; and Pvt. John Pulaski, Fort Sill. At top center are 1st Lieut. Merle Warren, Lawton, Commanding Officer, left, and Warrant Officer Howard Way, Cameroc College band director, right. And immediately above are members of the drum section, left to right: Pvt. Jerry Lefors, Lawton; Pvt. Mortimer G. Guinn, Walters; St. Sgt. Paul Waddle, Lawton, and Sgt. John C. Lindsey, Lindsay. Immediately above are the non-commissioned officers, Left to right: front row: Sgt. Merle Brandon, Lawton; Sgt. John C. Lindey, Lindsay; Sgt. William Strickland, Lawton; back row, Tech. Sgt. Julian Niemczyk, Lawton; Sgt. Homer Knowlton, Snyder; St. Sgt. Paul Waddle, Lawton; Cpl. Aaron Burleson, Lawton, is hidden from view behind Sgt. Strickland; and Cpl. Jack Reed, Snyder. And at upper left are the reeds, trumpets and basses, left to right: Front row, Pvt. Tom Estes, Rush Springs; Sgt. Julian Niemezyk, Lawton; Cpl. Jack Reed, Snyder; Pvt. Harold Robnett, Ryan; and Sgt. Merle Brandon, Lawton; back row: Pvt. James Barker, Weleetka; Pvt. Lenton Roller, Waters; Pvt. Dave Killian, Marlow; Pvt. Charles Geist, Apache; and Pvt. Bennie Erickson, Healdton.

Aug 05, 1940: Published in the "The Ada Evening News" entitled: Wire-tap cases at Tulsa dropped. Federal Indictments Dismissed Against Six Tulsans. TULSA, Aug. 5. UP). Federal wire-tapping indictments growing out of a refinery strike here were dismissed today against six Tulsans, including the county attorney and two national guard officers. The cases were dismissed by Federal District Judge A. P. Murrah upon the motion of District Attorney Whit Mauzy. Those freed of the indictment were County Attorney Dixie Gilmer, Col. Charles A. Holden and Lieut. Col. Charles R. Taylor of the Oklahoma National Guard; D. G. Morgan, superintendent of the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., West Tulsa refinery; A. C. Booth, engineer at a Tulsa hotel, and Police Detective William Kelly. Floyd Rheam, former Tulsa police commissioner, had won earlier dismissal of a charge in the same case. Mauzy told Judge Murrah that requests for the dismissal of the indictment came from John Rogge assistant U. S. attorney general. A letter from Rogge, presented to the court, said that the federal government felt it could not in good conscience prosecute the cases which it did not believe were criminal prior to a recent U. S. supreme court ruling which held such acts illegal. The indictments had charged the defendants with conspiring to intercept telephone messages of officers of the Oil Workers International union in 1939 during a strike at the Mid-Continent refinery. The strike later was settled. Judge Murrah commented that he wondered at the time the indictment was returned how the government could prosecute such an action in the face of its own past policies regarding interception of telephone messages by its own agents. He said that the indictments were inconsistent and dismissed the cases without further comment. None of the defendants was in the courtroom.

Aug 11, 1940: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Sunshine speeds guard recoveries. Natural vitamins cut hospital load. Pitkin, La. Aug 10. (Special) Vitamins from sunshine have been almost as valuable as doctors' prescriptions in the national guard camp here. Saturday the hospital roster showed but 36 cases, compared to nearly double that number receiving some type of treatment Friday. Three Oklahoma men have had

appendectomies at the evacuation hospital at Camp Beauregard, Alexandria and Saturday were reported doing nicely by Major Ritzhaupt, state department medical detachment. The men are Private Billy Joe Harris, Company "B", 180th Infantry, Atoka; Private David Connelly, Company "G", 179th Infantry, Ardmore and Private Wilford McFarland, Company "A", 120th Quartermaster, Claremore. Those sent to base hospital for treatment on observation Saturday were Private Leslie Taylor, Company "B", 120th Engineers, Idabel, who lost the last joint of an index finger when assault boat fell; Private James H. Childress, Company "D", 120th Engineers, New Mexico, infected arm; Corporal Allen C. Luttrell, Company "M", 179th Infantry, Mangum, pink eye; Private Jack Wheeler, Medical Detachment, 120th Engineers, Oklahoma City, poison oak (first case). Corporal Nolan J. Eason, Company "A", 120th Engineers, Wetumka, possible knee fracture; Private Calvin Johnston, Company "B", 179th Infantry, Pawnee, appendicitis observation; Private R. H. Crawford, Company "D", 120th Medical, Atoka, infected toe; Private Robert Faudleman, Service Company, 120th Medical, Oklahoma City, infected kidney; Private Mathis Harral, Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, Roswell, New Mexico, blurred vision.

Aug 20, 1940: Published in the "The Emporia Gazette" entitled: Redskin loses scalp, almost. Photo Caption: It's all in fun, this scene at Camp Beauregard, LA., as a couple of Indians of the 158th Artillery from Oklahoma put on a scalping act. There are more than 600 full blood Indians on the side of the Red army at the maneuvers.

Aug 31, 1940: Executive Order 8530 as Documented in War Department Publication entitled: Induction of the National Guard of the United States 1940 to 1941 and Present Allotment to States. National Guard Bureau. Washington, 30 September 1945. Foreword: The data on the National Guard contained herein has been compiled with the purpose of providing pertinent information which will be of assistance in reactivating the National Guard in the respective States and Territories. The units and their strength as inducted are shown first, by increments, with dates of induction, and also by States and Service Commands. An Executive Order form is included to show the induction authority and certain specific instructions contained herein. A list of the units now allotted each State and Territory, with the date of the allotment letter of this Bureau, is included. Signed John F. Williams, Major General, Acting Chief, National Guard Bureau. Section I: Executive Order Form Showing the Induction Authority and Certain Specific Instructions. Executive Order, Ordering certain units and members of the National Guard of the United States into the Active Military Service of the United States. By virtue of the authority conferred upon me by Public Resolution No. 96, 76th Congress, approved August 27, 1940, and the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended (39 Stat. 166), and as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, I hereby order into the active military service of the United States, effective on the dates to be hereafter announced by the Secretary of War, the following units and members of the National Guard of the United States to serve in the active military service of the United States for a period of twelve consecutive months, unless sooner relieved: Units/Members. All members, both active and inactive, of the units listed above. All persons so ordered into the active military service of the United States are, from the effective date for each unit as respectively announced in War Department orders, relieved from duty in the National Guard of their respective States so long as they shall remain in the active military service of the United States, and during such time shall be subject to such laws and regulations for the government of the Army of the United States as may be applicable to members of the Army whose permanent retention in the active military service is not contemplated by law. Commissioned officers and warrant officers appointed in the National Guard of the United States and commissioned or holding warrants in the Army of the United States, and affected by this Order, are hereby ordered to active duty on the dates to be respectively prescribed in War Department orders under such appointments and commissions or warrants. All officers and warrant officers of the National Guard, appointed in the National Guard, who shall have been Federally recognized or examined and found qualified for Federal recognition, and shall have been assigned to units ordered to active duty under this order prior to the effective dates respectively to be indicated for such units in War Department orders, who do not hold appointments in the National Guard of the United States in the same grade and arm or service in which they respectively have been most recently Federally recognized or have been most recently examined and found qualified for Federal recognition, are hereby tendered appointments in the National Guard of the United States in the same grade and arm or service in which they shall have been most recently Federally recognized or examined and found qualified for Federal recognition. Each warrant officer and enlisted man of the National Guard, assigned to a unit ordered to active duty under this Order, who shall have been examined and found qualified for appointment as an officer in the National Guard of the United States, under the provisions of Section 111, National Defense Act, as amended, and who shall not have been appointed in the National Guard of the United States in the grade for which examined and found qualified prior to the effective date to be prescribed in War Department orders for the induction of his unit, is hereby tendered appointment in the National Guard of the United States and commission in the Army of the United States, in the same grade and arm or service for which he shall have been so examined and found qualified, effective on the date of induction of his unit. Each warrant officer and enlisted man of the National Guard who holds appointment as an officer in the National Guard of the United States and a commission in the Army of the United States, or who is tendered such appointment and commission by the terms of this Order, and who is assigned to a unit ordered to active duty under this Order prior to the effective date to be

prescribed in War Department orders for the induction of such unit, is hereby ordered to active military service as a commissioned officer of the Army of the United States under that appointment, and commission, effective on the date of induction of his unit. Signed: Franklin D. Roosevelt, The White House, 31 August 1940, No. 8530. Section II: Induction of the National Guard, by increments. First Increment 16 September 1940. Executive Order No. 8530, 31 August 1940. Unit: 45th Division, less 45th Tank Company. State: Colorado, Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico. Officers: 726. Warrant Officers: 9. Enlisted Members: 8,764. List of Units Allotted to each State and Territory, with the Date of Allotment Letter. State: Oklahoma. Date of Allotment Letter: 28 February 1942. State Staff and Detachment; 45th Division (Triangular): Headquarters (part); Headquarters & Military Police Company; 45th Signal Company; 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop; 179th Infantry; 180th Infantry. 45th Division Artillery: Headquarters & Band; Headquarters Battery; 158th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How, Truck-Drawn); 160th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How, Truck-Drawn); 171st Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How, Truck-Drawn); 189th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How, Truck-Drawn) (less Ant-Tank Battery); 120th Medical Battalion; 120th Quartermaster Battalion.

Sep 12, 1940: Published in the "The Alamogordo News" entitled: State Guard to Have New Battalion. Santa Fe. New Mexico's rapidly expanding National Guard received another boost with announcement it had been assigned a battalion of anti-tank militia to supplement the present anti-aircraft and combat engineers. The announcement, made by the War Department in Washington, was relayed to Governor Miles by Adj. Gen. R. C. Charlton, who went to the national capital early this week to seek additional units. The anti-tank battalion of four units, Miles said, would include the converted Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery of Roswell, and three other groups, to be assigned to towns as yet unselected. Tucumcari, Hobbs, Raton, Alamogordo, and Portales have been mentioned in the past as likely places for new guard units. The new battalion would allow the enlistment of from 200 to 600 or more guardsmen, depending upon the proportion of war strength to which the units were recruited. In addition the 158th Field Artillery, which will be converted to anti-tank, New Mexico's present guard strength includes a full regiment of anti-aircraft, and a battalion of combat engineers. Governor Miles said also he had been advised the War Department was giving "serious consideration" to a request that a regular army post be established in New Mexico along the state's southern border.

Sep 15, 1940: Published in the "The Dallas Morning News" entitled: Photo captain. Gunmen of the 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guards, are shown swabbing out the barrel of a French 75-mm. gun on the front line during maneuvers at Camp Beauregard, La.

Sep 16, 1940: The 158th Field Artillery Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division is inducted into federal service for World War II with Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Regimental Commander and Major Marion D. Woodworth in command of the 1st Battalion and Major Clarence R. Steele in command of the 2nd Battalion. Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Battery was home stationed at Clinton, Oklahoma, Service Battery at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Regimental Band at Perry, Oklahoma, Medical Detachment at Yale, Oklahoma, First Battalion Headquarters Battery and Combat Train at Clinton, Oklahoma, Battery "A" at Woodward, Oklahoma, Battery "B" at Anadarko, Oklahoma, Battery "C" at Perry, Oklahoma, Second Battalion Headquarters Battery and Combat Train at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, Battery "D" at Weatherford, Oklahoma, Battery "E", Mesa, Arizona, and Battery "F" at Duncan, Oklahoma. The firing batteries of the battalion were armed with 75mm Gun M1916 Towed.

Oct 04, 1940: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Wamsley's Aides Huddle Daily. Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, commanding officer of the 158th Field Artillery, after several days spent in close observation of his command performing dismounted drill and in the school room where intensive instruction is being given, has declared that he is well satisfied with the spirit in which the men are "taking to" the training program. "Men and officers alike," Colonel Wamsley said, "are working hard to maintain the prestige of the regiment and continued efforts will keep us high on inspection records." Officers of the various units of the 158th Field Artillery are reporting that the men are rounding into shape rapidly and within the time allotted should be in condition to stand any hard march or extended maneuvers. "Officers and men are buckling into the new program and I am pleased with the fine efforts of all to make our training program a success," Colonel Wamsley said. The new program of training started Monday. "Camp-making difficulties are fast being ironed out," he continued, "although it should be pointed out that every unit was quartered and properly fed the moment of arrival. Delivery of necessary supplies is being speeded up to keep step with the fast-moving program that has been prepared. "Sanitation measures are stressed and the men themselves are being instructed thoroughly in proper method along this line," Colonel Wamsley said. An officer's conference is held each morning at Colonel Wamsley's quarters. At this conference orders are discussed and suggestions made in order to supplement formal orders. 158th Field; Proving once again that cooperation pays dividends Col. Grover C. Wamsley, commanding the 158th Field Artillery, points with pride to the fine records and achievements of the regiment's to the battalion commanders. Lt. Col. Clarence R. Steele and Lt. Col. Marion D. Woodworth command the second and first battalions, respectively, and although there is a strong rivalry between the two units it is of a most unusual sort. Both

commanders have their homes in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, and have been neighbors, so to speak, for years. Both have been in the regiment since its formation and their military training has been somewhat similar. Competition Spirited: The competition between the battalions has been healthy and spirited but out of the years together has grown a strong feeling of respect and today, in the midst of a rigorous training program, the two men are working in close harmony together and with the regimental command. Colonel Steele was made battalion commander August 3, 1933 after having served as a commander of headquarters battery and also a firing battery. He became a member of the Oklahoma National Guard November 6, 1921. He is a graduate of the Fort Sill School of Fire and was gunnery instructor for the regiment for nearly 12 years. Colonel Woolworth a veteran of the World War (serving in the Thirty-Sixth Division) was named commander of the First Battalion in 1937. He became a member of the National Guard in 1921 and has been an officer in the regiment since its formation in 1923. Colonel Wamsley and Colonel Woodworth are the only remaining officers from the original group around which the regiment was formed. Colonel Woodworth is a graduate of the Fort Sill Field Artillery School of Fire. Before joining the 158th FA he was with the 160th FA for nearly two years. Both Men Cited: Both battalion commanders have been cited in brigade orders and battalions are about equal in honors earned. With the training period in full swing Colonel Steele and Colonel Woodworth are high in their praise of both men and officers of their commands for the fine spirit and morale evidenced to date. "It is extremely gratifying to me personally," Colonel Woodworth said, "and I particularly appreciate the splendid attitude of the new men and officers of the battalion, as well as the older personnel." "The morale of the men is excellent," Colonel Steele declared, adding "and there are no complaints from either officers or men on the stiff training program." Gantt Promoted: Lt. Colonel Henry P. Gantt, regular army, attached to the 158th Field Artillery as instructor, Tuesday morning received his promotion from Major to Lt. Colonel, one of the most popular instructors in the Oklahoma Guard. Colonel Gantt will remain on duty with the regiment. Taking his duties seriously, Lt. Col. Gantt has worked overtime hours during the past month assisting in mobilization of the regiment and in ironing out difficulties attendant to the actual start of the training period. Lt. Col. Gantt, a graduate of Point, has been instructor with the 158th Field Artillery for the past two years. Heavy on Officers: A new high in the number of second lieutenants or, for that matter, in the number of all officers, is the record claimed by Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery, commanded by Captain Wilson M. Riley. In addition to the usual four officers of a firing battery at present strength, Battery A has four commissioned officers attached for training, making eight in the Battery; one captain, one first lieutenant, and six second lieutenants. The first of this week four experienced sergeants were attached to supplement the already full quota of non-commissioned officers. Battery "A" is the "baby" of the regiment, having been federally recognized at its home station, Woodward, Oklahoma, on September 12. 158th Field; A growing respect for the smoothness of regular army operations is taking place in the ranks of the 158th Field Artillery regiment as newly-made non-commissioned officer crews fall in with more-experienced officers in the business of setting up a new army. Beginning the 16th and moving this way, recruiting officers, battery clerks and top sergeants have kept home station lights ablaze through whole nights and are still moving at a slower pace in their new home on the job of getting strict army records in acceptable form. Since the 158th last assembled at Pitkin in August; discharges have drawn deeply on the number of experienced guardsmen, and with added strength orders total of 314 recruits have been brought into the nine batteries since August 24. Changes in non-commissioned officer staff personnel show more than half-a-hundred men wearing from one to three more stripes than before induction. Reading from the regiments' headquarters battery this way non-commissioned advancement as follows: Regimental headquarters have a new first sergeant in Verle W. Byers, moved up from line sergeant. Jim McClellan has been made mess sergeant from first-class private. James E. Shelly is chemical, camouflage and ammunition sergeant, made from corporal. Jesse O. Hartsell is new message center corporal moved up from private. Since August 24, 42 recruits have been taken into this battery which also takes in the band and service units. This battery is from Sulphur. In Battery "B" Merl A. Finley has been shifted from private to corporal; James D. Bell, from private to corporal and Leon C. Carruth from private to corporal. Thirty-three new men have enlisted in this Anadarko, Okla. battery. Jesse W. Beck, private in headquarters battery, 158th field artillery regiment, was operated on in the Fort Sill base hospital last Friday. He is improving. Battery "C", from Perry, Okla. have 38 recruits on their roster but a fairly intact list of "non-coms" from pre-induction. Marion Shipman has been made sergeant from corporal; Everet Price, from first-class to corporal; Bruce Smith from first-class to corporal; Harold Ahrnshrak from first class to corporal, and W. Shoemaker from first-class to corporal. The Weatherford, Okla. unit, Battery "D", has some 42 recruits since summer camp, and a number of new non-commissioned officers. First Sgt. Woodrow Avritt had been moved there from line sergeant, along with Sgt. Eldred Harris made from Corp.; Howard L. Karnes, made Signal Sgt. from Corp. Mess Sgt. Don Purdy moved up from first-class private, and supply Sgt. Melvin L. Allen, shifted from mess Sgt. New corporals are: Charles Webber, made from private; Forest Deming, from private; Robert C. Hardin, first-class private to corporal; Ralph R. Baker made from first-class private and Opel A. Leon from private.. Obituary: John Thomas Wilson. Pawnee doctor and wife are killed near Alva. Alva, October 4, 1940, Dr. and Mrs. John Thomas Wilson of Pawnee, were killed Friday night 29 miles west of here. The couple apparently was en route home from their summer cabin in Colorado when they failed to see a curve and ran into a field, the car rolled over for a distance of 150 feet. Dr Wilson was born August 30, 1888 and will be laid to rest at

Highland Cemetery in Pawnee, OK. Captain, OSN: O-228879 and served with Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

Oct 11, 1940: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: 158th Field Artillery. Four men from the 158th Field Artillery regiment were named this week by special order to attend a two-months cooking school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, leaving Tuesday for there. School is to open Thursday of this week. Selected were: Pvt. Travis Light, Battery "F"; Pvt. George Hensley, 1st Bn. Hdqrs. Btry; Pvt. Ralph I. Blackburn, Btry "B"; Pvt. John B. Wilson, Reg. Hdqrs. Btry. This course is to prepare these men for ratings of first cooks or mess sergeants. They were picked from a nomination from each of the batteries in the regiment. Lt. Phillip A. Manahan, Btry. "B" was called to Missouri early this week by the death of his father-in-law. Pvt. Eddie Fordan, Btry. "A" returned Tuesday from Phoenix, Arizona, where he took examinations for entrance to West Point Military Academy. Fordan has been gone about 10 days. Pvt. Harry E. Shaw, Btry. "C" was taken to the hospital Tuesday with an infected ear. Lt. Merle McCormick of Btry. "C" left Wednesday for Fort Sam Houston, Texas where he will enter motor school for the coming two months. Sgt. Lee L. Nicewander and Sgt. Robert S. Munger of Btry. "C" and Sgts. Wilford Lacer and Alvin E. Stevenson of Btry. "B" were attached this week to Btry "A" as instructors. Btry "A" is the newly formed from Woodward, Okla. Unit. Pvt. Walz Overbeck was made clerk of Btry. "A" this week. Pvt. Thavis B. Watts, Btry. "A" was taken to the base hospital Monday with an appendicitis attack. Sgt. Quanah Shelton of 1st Bn. Hdqrs. Btry., was shifted to Fort Sill to attend a three-months communication school. Voters of the 158th F.A. Were listed this week by regimental officers to secure ballots for voting by mail in the coming November elections. All names of registered voters were sent to their home election boards, who will have ballots here on election day.

Nov 01, 1940: Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: National Guard notes. On October 22, 1940, the Field Artillery Section of The National Guard Association met at a luncheon in Washington, D. C., Col. William A. March, 108th FA, presiding. Major General R. M. Danford, Chief of Field Artillery, delivered an informal and impromptu address, in which he described recent changes in materiel, organization, and methods which have been adopted for the Field Artillery, and discussed the immediate future of the Arm insofar as it can be visualized at present. The fact that many of the matters brought up were not of general knowledge (because their restricted nature has prevented publication in service magazines and in the press) greatly added to the interest of the talk. Other officers present at the meeting were: Samuel T. Lawton, Major General, 33rd Division; Thomas H. Atherton, Colonel, 109th FA; Arthur P. Schock, Colonel, 176th FA; Thomas J. Shyrook, Jr., 54th F.A.B.; Henry C. Evans Lt. Col., 110th FA; W. S. Nye, Major, FA; Norman E. Hart, Lt. Col., 139th FA; William H. Sands, Brig. Gen., 54th FA Brig.; Leo T. McMahon, Major, FA, Instr. Pa. N.G.; Sidney P. Godsman, Captain, 168th FA; Ralph M. Bitler, Major, 168th FA; W. R. Dunlap, Brig. Gen., 53d FA Brig.; Sumter L. Lowry, Jr., Brig. Gen., 56th FA Brig.; Charles C. Haffner, Jr., Brig. Gen., 58th FA Brig.; Louis L. Roberts, Colonel, 139th FA; Samuel B. Wolfe, Colonel, 190th FA; E. L. Compere, Colonel, 142d FA; Ellerbe W. Carter, Brig. Gen., 63d FA Brig.; Elmer F. Straub, Colonel, 150th FA; Walter F. Wright, Lt. Col., 63d FA Brig.; B. L. Goulet, Captain, 172d FA; C. C. Seavey, Major, 172d FA; F. B. Skeates, Colonel, 124th FA; R. E. Myhrman, Colonel, 122d FA; D. B. Hardin, Colonel, 123d FA; Harry Ward, Colonel, 185th FA; Grover C. Wamsley, Colonel, 158th FA; Paul A. Cannedy, 127th FA; Philip L. Brown, Colonel, 180th FA; William F. Howe, Brig. Gen., 51st FA; Henry B. Curtis, Colonel, 141st FA; Brenton G. Wallace, Lt. Col., 166th FA; P. A. Dayries, Lt. Col., 141st FA. Field Artillery organizations and stations: October 23, 1940; National Guard; Assignment: 45th Div. 158th F.A. Light; Date Inducted and Home State: 9-16-1940, Okla., Station: Ft. Sill, Okla.; Rosters have been received from the organizations as shown below. Additional rosters will be printed when received. 158th Field Artillery, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, COL. Grover C. Wamsley, Lieutenant Colonels: Edgar B. Ross, Marion D. Woodworth, Clarence R. Steele, Majors: Parkey H. Anderson, Sidney P. Kretlow, Howard R. Cress, Captains: Paul E. Anderson, William C. Cooley, Dwight U. Cochrane, Albert R. Harris, Frank L. Miller, George L. Brown, Jesse R. Waltrip, John E. Weiler, Ernest J. Stocks, Bruce Y. Dutcher, Van L. Ogden, Henry A. Morton, Merl R. Warren, William L. Shamel, Edward Q. Brengle, Hugh A. Neal, Wilson M. Riley, Arthur Fowler, Jr., 1st Lieutenants: Wilbur S. Smith, Martin W. Steward, Albert E. Huber, Philip A. Monahan, Paul E. Scheefers, Irving J. Strickland, John C. Niehaus, Henry T. Ford, William B. MacFadyen, Claude L. Hostetter, Harold D. Roads, Bryan L. Rakestraw, William O. Breedlove, Geen Gilmour, George W. Nikkel, 2nd Lieutenants: Carl E. Hall, Chester A. Smith, Myrl A. McCormick, William R. Meredith, Ben C. Parrott, Lester G. Avritt, James T. Wilcoxson, Lynn W. Norman, Clarence W. Thomas, Earl E. Mercer, Paul W. Prior, LeRoy Miller, William G. Riddle, Gordon F. Wonder, Willis H. Rawlins, Lewis H. Day, Robert T. Mobley, John W. Marshall, Ira S. Hayes, Roland E. Pomeroy, Boyd L. Johnson, Warrant Officers: Howard A. Way.

Nov 20, 1940: Published in the "The Arizona Independent Republic" entitled: Gun explodes, three Mesa soldiers injured. Fort Sill, Okla., Nov. 19-(AP)-A 75-millimeter artillery piece blew apart today during firing at the 45th division training center injuring three Mesa, Ariz. Soldiers, none seriously. The injured are Corp. Joe Barnhill and Privts. Michael Andrews and Robert Lewis, members of "E" Battery, 158th Field Artillery Regiment. The shell exploded inside the barrel. Andrews was bruised in the chest by a fragment as he stood by his own gun 50 feet away. He also

suffered shock. The other two, both back on duty, were firing the exploded gun. Lewis suffered finger scratches and Barnhill impairment of hearing, which is believed to be only temporary. Maj. Gen. W. S. Key, commander of the 45th National Guard Division, said preliminary investigation pointed to a defective fuse. He appointed a board of inquiry. "It was no fault of the gun, which was in perfect condition," Key said. "it was one of those rare instances of a defective fuse. It was an accident; one of those which are not unknown but seldom occur." During training, men firing the 75-millimeter or larger guns must remain behind a concrete barrier, Key ordered. It was the first major accident since the division went into training in September. Until today guard artillery units had not fired the 75-millimeter shells but had been practicing on the guns with 37-millimeter guns mounted on the barrel.

Nov 22, 1940: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Explosion victims recovering rapidly. Private Michael Andrews, Battery "E", 158th FA, who was slightly injured Tuesday by the explosion of a French 75-millimeter, is rapidly improving. Corporal Joe Barnhil and Pvt. Robert Lewis who suffered from shock, are up and active. MED. DET, 158th FA; The dispensary of the 158th FA was slightly damaged last week when hot coals from the Sibley stove fell on the wooden floor. Only damage was a hole 4 feet wide in the floor. Dan Cupid hit the Med. Det., 158th FA recently when three of the enlisted men were married. Staff Sgt. Lyle H. Hunt was married to Miss Ruth Bogle of Yale, Okla. Cpl. Ferrell F. Hunt and Miss Mary Laverne Ferguson were married and also Private First Class Ira O. Ranbow and Miss Lila Dale Harmon of Yale, Okla., were united in holy matrimony.

Nov 29, 1940: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: 158th Field Artillery. Corp. Duardl Harrell, Hq. Btry., 1st Bn., was third high man in the recent 45th Division examinations for West Point appointees. He will serve as alternate to the two high candidates. First Sgt. Charles Rohman of Btry. "A" has taken steps to save steps in his business of waking the battery for reveille each morning by suggesting the installation of buzzers in each tent in his battery for a system of arousing every man with a single button pushing. Capt. Wilson M. Riley, who organized Btry. "A" in early September and has been its commander since, this week returned home in mufti after being relieved from duty by physical disqualification. Condition of Sgt. Cecil M. Taylor, taken to the hospital recently for ptomaine poisoning, is improving this week. 1st Lt. P. A. Monahan of "B" battery has been assigned as commanding officer in Riley's place. Recent promotions in "B" Battery are as follows: Pfc. Claude Shirley to corporal; Corp; Paul Hurdt to Sgt.; and Sgt. William Spense to St. Sgt. In the hospital from Btry. "B" are: Sgt. Wilfred Lacer, Pvt. Raymond Burns, Pvt. Trancil Tallent and Pvt. Aubrey Sears. Cigars being smoked in late days by members of Btry. "B" are gifts from Lt. Carl E. Hall, recently married to Miss Lucille Ritchie of Anadarko, home unit of the battery. Btry. "C" is operating this week under command of 1st Lt. Paul Sheefers pinch-hitting for Capt. Edward Brengle who is in the station hospital. Mess sergeant Meldom Smith of Btry. "C" has been promoted to St. Sgt. And transferred to Fort Sill for extra training in feeding trainees. Lt. Martin W. Steward, Btry "D" and Lt. Bill Riddle, 2nd Bn. Hq. Btry., were relieved from duty last week on physical disabilities. Lt. William O. Breedlove, 2nd Bn. Hq. Btry., was taken to the station hospital last week. Pfc. Pershing Seamans, Btry. "D" was called home to Wilburton, Okla., last week by the death of his father, G. W. Seamans.

Dec 04, 1940: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Tradition breakers. Battery "A", 158th Artillery, is the newest artillery unit in the 45th division, so it substituted a buzzer system for the time honored First Sergeant's whistle. Now, after installation of bells in each of their 20 tents, First Sgt. C. W. Rohman just pushes the button in the orderly tent for the battery to fall out for formation in the battery street. Tuesday, when everyone was relaxed after noon mess, Cpl. Earl Highley did not particularly like the bell since he knew it meant fall out with field packs and additional bedding for an all-night bivouac. Coming out of a tent ready for the march are Sgt. Richard North, left; Pvt. Earl Bellows and Pvt. George Satterwhite. The payoff is that the men helped pay for the system by voluntary donations. The Army still prefers to issue whistles, not bells.

Dec 06, 1940: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Youngest unit in division has many new tricks. Old traditions of army life, passed down from being growling top kicks to blundering rookies, are rudely being chucked overboard by the division's youngest child, Battery A, 158th FA. Change is the most certain thing in the battery. Formed September 13, in Woodward, Okla., last week the battery was complimented by Major General W.S. Key as the outstanding unit in the 70th FA brigade review. For the first two weeks in camp the men got the habit of saluting every other man they met. Attached to the unit were one captain, one 1st lieutenant, and six 2nd lieutenants. This did not last long. To date every officer has been transferred and the original first sergeant made a 2nd lieutenant. They have a new set of officers. Lt. Jerry Monahan is in command of the battery. With the exception of two days they have had a daily rating of excellent for their kitchen. To top all this First Sergeant Charles Rohman, tired of not being heard when he yells and whistles, has established a bell system. He merely pushes a button and a bell rings in every tent in the battery, thus destroying the time honored alibi of not having heard the call of "fall out." 158th Field Artillery. Four members of the 158th Field Artillery rejoined their batteries this week after being confined to the Post hospital. They are Cecil Taylor, Battery "A", and Sgt. Wilfred Lacer, Cpl. Burnice Menasco and Tranvil Tallent, all of Battery "B". Cpl.

Travis Watts is still in Post hospital. Called home on account of illness in their families were Pvts. Willis Carter, Robert Harman and Fred Helms, members of Battery "A". Cpl. Claude Hutson, Headquarters battery received a furlough last week to visit his father, who is ill in Clinton. Cigar smoke laid a smoke screen around Battery "C" after Pvts. James Wilhelm and Allen Wilson announced their respective marriages. Division soldier gets high grade. "Best by Test" is what they are saying about Pvt. Glen La Baron, Battery "E", 158th FA. He made the highest score in his regiment on the IQ test recently given by the personnel section of the Division. He answered 141 out of 150 questions correctly. The words "ambient" and "tyro" caused his downfall, La Baron complained. 158th F. A. Med. Det. Corp. Ferold Hund will return to his home in Yale, Okla., next week when his enlistment expires. Pvt. Wayne H. Wright was transferred to Reg. HQ. last week to become the assistant to the training and planning officer. Last Friday the Med. Det. Was entertained with a band concert by the 158th F. A. band. The concert was held in the mess hall during the evening meal.

Dec 31, 1940: Official Roster of Regimental Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment; Colonel Grover C. Wamsley, Lieutenant Colonels Edgar B. Ross, Clarence R. Steele, and Marion D. Woodworth, Majors Parkey H. Anderson, Howard R. Cress, and Sidney P. Kretlow, Captains Paul E. Anderson, Edward Q. Brengle, George L. Brown, Dwight U. Cochrane, William C. Cooley, Bruce Y. Dutcher, Arthur Fowler Jr., Albert R. Harris, Frank L. Miller, Henry A. Morton, Hugh A. Neal, Van L. Ogden, Wilson M. Riley, William L. Shamel, Ernest J. Stocks, Jesse R. Waltrip, Merl R. Warren, and John E. Weiler, First Lieutenants William O. Breedlove, Henry T. Ford, Geen Gilmour, Claude L. Hostetter, Albert E. Huber, William B. MacFadyen, Philip A. Monahan, John C. Niehaus, George W. Nikkel, Bryan L. Rakestraw, Harold D. Roads, Paul E. Scheefers, Wilbur S. Smith, Martin W. Steward, and Irving J. Strickland, Second Lieutenants Lester G. Avritt, Lewis H. Day, Carl E. Hall, Ira S. Hayes, Boyd L. Johnson, John W. Marshall, Myrl A. McCormick, Earl E. Mercer, William R. Meredith, LeRoy Miller, Robert T. Mobley, Lynn W. Norman, Ben C. Parrott, Roland E. Pomeroy, Paul W. Prior, Willis H. Rawlins, William G. Riddle, Chester A. Smith, Clarence W. Thomas, James T. Wilcoxson, and Gordon F. Wonder, and Warrant Officer Howard A. Way.

Jan 13, 1941: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: These men lead combat troops. Commanders: Here are six of the eight regimental commanders of combat troops in the 45th Division at Fort Sill, which is now beginning the second 13-week period of scheduled training. Col. J. Prugh Herndon, 158th Infantry. Lieut. Col. Charles M. Ankorn, 157th Infantry. Col. George A. Hutchinson, 189th Field Artillery. Col. Grover C. Wamsley, 158th Field Artillery. Col. Uil C. Lane, 120th Engineers. Col. Charles A. Holden, 160th Field Artillery.

Jan 15, 1941: Published in the "The Las Cruces Sun News" entitled: Dog Wart Upsets Division Dignity as General Comes. Ft. Sill Division Training Center, Jan. 15. Wart is a nice dog, the favorite of his own regiment, the 158th Field Artillery, and of the entire 45th division. But Wart has almost disgraced his regiment and his master, Col. Grover C. Wamsley, commanding officer of the 158th. Maj. Gen. Walter Krueger, commander, of the Eighth Corps at San Antonio, was visiting the division. Now Gen. Krueger likes dogs, and Wart likes soldiers, so things should have been all right. However a serious staff conference was called. The officers assembled, waiting for Gen. Krueger. Wart also was present. Wart got considerable petting. Gen. Krueger entered. The assembled brass hats sprang to their feet with a great deal of shuffling of chairs and scraping of feet. Wart become excited and barked loudly at the intruder. Gen. Krueger reach down, to pet Wart. Wart misunderstood the gesture and snapped viciously at the corps commander's hand. Col. Wamsley blushed; the general said "carry on" and every one sat quietly down including Wart.

Jan 23, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Noted Tulsa barrister who commands 160th Field Artillery ranking newlywed in 45th. Here is an introduction to a fifth of the leading officers of the 45th division, soon to be sent to Camp Barkeley. Behold the bridegroom, Col. Charles A. Holden, commanding officer of the 160th field artillery! There are other raw Benedicts in the 45th division, of course, but Colonel Holden, famous Tulsa barrister, is the ranking newlywed. Strictly a civilian soldier. Holden is more proud of his standing in his profession than in his reputation as a meticulous artillery leader. He has the largest private military library in the Southwest and a speaking acquaintance with all the campaigns of all the wars of history. Colonel Holden was born in South Carolina in 1887. He received his basic military training when he was a student at the University of Missouri. He attended the basic course camp for artillerymen at Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky in 1918 but the curtain had been rung down overseas before he had a chance to order a firing battery into position. Entering the national guard as a captain in 1920, he went up the list until he was a natural to lead the 158th field artillery regiment when it was activated in 1923. Later he transferred to his present command and was in charge of the guard units which did extended strike duty in the Tulsa area. Two sons. Charles A. Jr., and George, are studying law to carry on with their father. During the Christmas holidays Colonel Holden slipped away from camp at Fort Sill and returned with a bride who proceeded to cut a cake with a sabre like an old campaigner.

Jan 30, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Camp progress pleases officers. "I am astonished at the progress being made," Col. James C. Styron, chief of staff of the 45th division, said yesterday after an inspection tour of the Camp Barkeley construction project. Colonel Styron and two lieutenant colonels, Jess Larson and Walter M. Harrison, drove to Abilene from Fort Sill, present headquarters of the 45th, yesterday morning. All inspected the future home of the 45th in the afternoon. The division is scheduled to move here about March 1, although no definite orders have been given. Approve artillery area: Colonel Styron and Lieutenant Colonel Larson, accompanied by Lieut. Col. Charles McKemp, temporary executive officer of Camp Barkeley, and Maj. Henry A. Harding, assigned here this week from Camp Wolters in connection with building of rifle ranges, inspected the 60,000-acre artillery maneuver area during the afternoon. The two 45th division officers were greatly impressed with the area inspected. "The artillery area here will facilitate more tactical and actual combat maneuvers than the artillery range at Fort Sill," said Colonel Larson, who is executive officer of the 70th field artillery brigade. The brigade includes the 158th and 160th light artillery regiments and the 189th medium or 105mm regiment. Lieutenant Colonel Styron said the infantry maneuver area, immediately south of Camp Barkeley, is one of the most ideal he has seen and far superior to the Fort Sill I maneuver area. To visit again today: The three 45th division officers will visit the camp again this morning. Lieutenant Colonel Harrison, who in private life is managing editor of The Daily Oklahoman and The Oklahoma City Times, made arrangements with The Reporter-News to publish the division's weekly newspaper, The 45th Division News. Harrison is one of the best-known newspapermen in America, His newspapers, with which he has been connected 25 years as managing editor, are rated among the finest in the country. In 1939 he took a leave of absence and went with the Associated Press on special assignment as a roving correspondent in Europe in the early stages of the war. The division has received 2,300 of the 6,500 men through the selective draft system and will have received all of that quota by the time it moves to Camp Barkeley. This will bring it to war strength of 18,500.

Feb 01, 1941: Published in the "The Gettysburg Times" entitled: Armys mascot didn't read manual. Fort Sill, Okla. (AP)- Wart, the dog mascot of the 158th field artillery, sat quietly among a dozen or so officers attending a serious staff conference. In walked the commanding general and up jumped all the officers with a shuffling of chairs and scraping of feet. And up leaped Wart, promptly attacking the "intruder" the other officers were about to salute.

Feb 05, 1941: Published in the "The Spokane Daily Chronicle" entitled: Men in uniformed service. Second Lieutenant E. Dennis of Battery "E", 158th Field Artillery, left Tuesday for Fort Sill, Okla., where he will take a three-month course in motor transportation. He has been stationed at Camp Murray.

Feb 06, 1941: Published in the "The Sarasota Herald Tribune" entitled: Army's mascot didn't read manual. Fort Sill, Okla. (AP) Wart, the dog mascot of the 158th Field Artillery, sat quietly among a dozen or so officers attending a serious staff conference. In walked the commanding general and up jumped all the officers with a shuffling of chairs and scraping of feet. And up leaped Wart, promptly attacking the "intruder" the other officers were about to salute.

Mar 07, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Last 45th troops to arrive today. Second and last echelon of the 45th division troops will roll out of Fort Sill at 7 this morning on the more than 200-mile trip to the division's new training center at Camp Barkeley. Approximately 5,000 troops will be transferred in today's movement, which, like all others has will be made in two columns. Lieut. Col. John Church, division plans and operations officer, said last night approximately 600 vehicles will be used in the days echelon. The 70th field artillery brigade will travel in the west column of the movement via Vernon, Seymour, Munday, Haskell, Stamford, and Anson. This column will be divided into three serials of about 75 trucks each. The east column will include units of the 120th Quartermaster regiment, the 120th engineers, 120th Medical regiment and special troops, the latter including Company C of the 179th Infantry. Four serials of 75 trucks will make up the east column which will be commanded by Col Uil C. Lane, commander of the 120th Engineers. Col. Charles Holden will command the west column. Key to Wichita: Maj. Gen. William S. Key, division commander, plans to meet the east column in Wichita Falls this morning. As last week, the general probably will join the west column at Seymour or some other point between here and Vernon. General Key was greatly pleased with the record move from Fort Sill last Friday in which 10,500 of his soldiers were transferred here without mishap. This week he received commendations of Lieut. Gen. H. J. Brees, third army commander, and Maj. Gen. Walter Krueger, commanding VIII corps area, for the successful transfer of his troops to Camp Barkeley. General Brees said: "The movement of the infantry of the 45th division from Fort Sill to Camp Barkeley was done in a very satisfactory manner. I extend my congratulations." General Kruegers statement was "Plans and preparations for movement were excellently made. The personal conduct of the men enroute was excellent. The movement was executed in a very satisfactory and creditable manner." In the west column today will be the 88 field pieces of the artillery brigade. There will be 64 French 75's and 24 of the 155 mm. howitzers, all truck drawn. The 75's are weapons of the 158th and 160th artillery regiments, the 155's being firing equipment of the 189th regiment. Due at 4 P. M.: First trucks of the east column are due to reach Abilene at 4 this afternoon with first vehicles of the west column to arrive at 4:23. Usual routes through the city will be followed. Each column will be preceded by

their kitchen trucks which will arrive in time to prepare food for soldiers of the echelon. Colonel Church said last night that quarters for the incoming troops will be ready, tentage has been put up and utilities service will be available in all zones to be occupied. After today's move one field artillery battery and a few small detachments of the division's personnel of 19,000 will be left at Fort Sill. They will be transferred early next week.

Mar 12, 1941: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Gang's all there now, at Barkeley. Last detachment of division reaches Camp Barkeley, March 11 (Special). Arrival late Tuesday from Fort Sill of the rear detachment reunited the 45th division at its new Texas training center. Tuesday's motor convoy of 21 trucks brought 10 officers and 178 enlisted men. Col. James C. Styron, division chief of staff, and Major Richard A. Freygang, assistant supply officer, came with the convoy. The convoy cleared Fort Sill at 7:40 a.m. and first trucks reached Barkeley at 6 p.m., on schedule and without mishap. Personnel of the convoy included two officers and 27 men of 160th Field Artillery; two officers and 30 men of 158th Field Artillery; four officers and 113 men of Service and Ammunition Battery, 189th Field Artillery; two officers of division headquarters and eight enlisted men of Special Troops.

Mar 16, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Club salutes 45th officers. Social Salute to officers of the 45th division and their wives was a reception hosted by the Abilene country club preceding last week's British War Relief dances. Blue of dress uniforms gleaming with gold braid and brass buttons and flame lining of blue military capes worn by the army dignataries and smart gowning of women guests marked the party as a premier event of 1941. More color was added in pink elephant appointments at the refreshment table and music furnished by the 158th Infantry band. Abilene women, and some who are guests in homes here, are pictured with some of the top flight officers in these Reporter News photographs taken of the gay crowd in country club ballroom and lounges. Photo Caption: COL. Grover C. Wamsley, commander 158th field artillery regiment, and Mrs. Caleb Reed.

Mar 23, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Division awaiting marching orders. Combined training program of the 45th division, entering its fifth week, will hit a new peak during the next six days, division officers have announced. Although no announcements have been made, officers and enlisted men are anticipating an alert order that will send every organization of the square division to the field for a day or more of maneuvering. That order, if given at all, may come tomorrow, or it may not come through until Wednesday. Combat teams of the 179th and 180th infantry regiments are to go to the maneuver areas in the hills west of Camp Barkeley Monday on day and night problems. Tuesday the 89th infantry brigade will be out on regimental combat team problems. First maneuvers placing one regiment against the other are scheduled Thursday with combat teams of the 179th and 180th infantries clashing. Combat teams of the 157th and 158th infantries are scheduled for the same problem Friday. All other units of the division will be busy throughout the week. The 189th field artillery will go to the maneuver area Monday with the 160th and 158th field artillery outfits going Thursday and Friday. Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, 90th field artillery brigade commander, remained in command of the division last night in the absence of Maj. Gen. William S. Key. General Key is expected to return to his command tomorrow. He has been in Oklahoma City several days at the bedside of a son, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia.

Apr 08, 1941: Published in the "The El Reno Daily Tribune" entitled: No title. Marvin Hale and Albert Shortteeth, both of whom are attached to Headquarters Battery, Second Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, at Camp Barkeley, Tex., have been called to El Reno by the serious illness of the former's father and the latter's stepfather, Jasper E. Hale, 507 North Evans Avenue.

Apr 17, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: 29 Officers of 45th promoted. Promotions for 29 officers of the 45th Division have been announced by Maj. William R. Cook, acting adjutant general. The promotions included: To major-Capt. Albert Eli Bonnell Jr., medical detachment, 180th infantry. To captain from first lieutenant; Joseph Randall Boosa, 160th field artillery, John Russell Boosa, headquarters first battalion, 160th field artillery; John Constantine Niehaus, Battery "A", 158th field artillery; Johnathan Powers Cornelius, Battery B, 189th field artillery; Howard Parker Rice, 189th field artillery; Boyd Elvert Shriver, headquarters 157th infantry; Floyd Laver Theobald, Company M, 158th Infantry. To first lieutenant from second lieutenant; Leo Verno Bishop, headquarters company, 157th infantry; Vonual Dean Beavers, Battery C, 189th field artillery; Albert Russell Burns, Headquarters battery, 158th field artillery; Don Leon Beavers, Company G, 120th medical regiment; Arthur William Christine, infantry; John Travers Compton, service company, 180th infantry; Clarence Cecil Cain, 158th field artillery; Wayne Edwin Davis, headquarters first battalion, 160th field artillery; Robert Louis Garmire, 120th medical regiment; James Byron Gregory, company G, 180th infantry; Francis Evans Griffin, company L, 180th infantry; Ira Sidney Hayes, Battery "A", 158th field artillery; Paul Leonard Hayes, company B, 180th infantry; Jesse Malvern Langford, headquarters battery, second battalion, 189th artillery; Charles Wayne Munsey, battery C, 160th field artillery; Leroy Miller, battery "C", 158th field artillery; Charles Anthony McCauley, 158th infantry; John Hickman McCasland, 120th

medical regiment; John Richard Northup, battery F, 189th field artillery; Ralph Lester Robinson, company F, 179th infantry; Glenn A. Smith, 189th field artillery.

Apr 20, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Photo caption. Field Artillery moves during exercises of the 45th division Thursday and Friday. All vehicles were camouflaged for the daylight move. The two and a half ton troop lorrie (above) pulling one of the French 75's of the 158th field artillery regiment was an excellent example of the ingenuity of the artillerymen in providing natural camouflage for their advance to new defense positions. (45th Division News photo section).

Apr 21, 1941: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Army city. Photo Caption: Army City; Here is the sprawling cantonment home of the 45th division at Camp Barkeley, nine miles southwest of Abilene, toward which the photographer was facing. In the foreground is part of the warehouse area, parking areas and motor sheds. Stretching toward the top of the photo are, in succession, tent homes of the 120th quartermaster regiment, special troops, 120th engineers, 158th infantry, 157th infantry and 120th medical regiments. The open space running through the camp in upper part of the photo is the mile-long parade ground lined by officers' tents. On the far side, top of the photo, and reading from the left, are the 179th infantry, 180th infantry, 158th, 160th and 180th artillery regiments. 45th Division Photo Section.

Apr 29, 1941: Published in the "The Greeley Daily Tribune" entitled: Local soldiers in maneuvers will oppose second division. Camp Barkeley, Texas, April 29. (Special to the Greeley Tribune Republican) Greeley soldiers will be among the 3,000 troops to be sent by the 45th Division to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, May 4 to furnish opposition for maneuvers of the Second Division. The troops comprise the 157th Regimental Combat team, made up chiefly of the Colorado Infantry regiment and the first battalion of the 158th Field Artillery. Tentative plans call for the inclusion of units from the 120th Engineers and the 120th Medical Regiment. The 300-mile trip will be made by motor convoy and the troops probably will bivouac near Camp Bullis. They will return in two weeks. This movement is in the nature of reciprocation. For the past three weeks, a Second Division combat team from Fort Sam Houston has been supplying opposition for the 45th Division near Camp Barkeley. These maneuvers end next week.

Apr 30, 1941: Published in the "The Craig Empire Courier" entitled: Company "A" Men To Texas Maneuvers. Camp Barkeley, Texas, April 26. (Special to Craig Empire Courier). Craig soldiers will be among the 3,000 troops to be sent by the 45th Division to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on May 4 to furnish opposition for maneuvers of the Second Division. The troops comprise the 157th regimental combat team, made up chiefly of the Colorado Infantry regiment and the First Battalion of the 158th Field Artillery. Tentative plans calls for the inclusion of units from the 120th Engineers and the 120th Medical regiment. The 300-mile trip will be made by motor convoy and the troops will probably bivouac near Camp Bullis. They will return in two weeks.

May 04, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Field Artillery gets new song. The 158th Field Artillery Regiment has a new theme song, composed by Sgt. Homer Knowlton of the regimental band. Sergeant Knowlton was a student at the University of Oklahoma before beginning his year of service. Known as the 158th Field Artillery March, the song was dedicated by Capt. Merle Warren and formally accepted by Col. Grover C. Wamsley, regimental commander. The march is played daily at the regimental officers mess hall during the dinner hour by the 158th band.

May 06, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Seven captains from 45th sent to officers school at Ft. Benning. Seven Captains of the 45th division have gone to Fort Benning, GA., as students at a battalion commander and staff officer school opening Wednesday. The school will end Aug. 1. Going from the division were: George J. Williams, 157th Infantry; John R. Evans and Rene M. Pincetl, 158th Infantry; Mace Spangler and Everett A. Duell, 179th Infantry; Benjamin Bliss and John P. Carson, 180th Infantry. Eight medical officers of the division have been ordered to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania as students in a National Guard and reserve officers course, opening June 1 and continuing one month. Officers ordered there include: Capt. Joseph S. Roff, 158th Infantry; Capt. John E. Talley, 120th Engineers; 1st Lieut. Charles W. Ohl, 189th Infantry; First Lieutenant Will H. Webster, George W. Tipton, Lee B. Wood, Jesse B. Brown and Richard O. Hunter, all of the 120th Medical regiment. First Lieut. Ernest E. Brown of the 45th division finance section reported yesterday at the Holabird finance school in Maryland. He will be there until Aug. 1. Lieutenant to Sill: Second Lieut. Earl E. Mercer, 158th Field Artillery, ordered to Fort Sill as a student in an officers specialist course opening May 12, and to continue 12 weeks. Seven enlisted men of the 120th Engineers have been ordered to Fort Belvoir, VA. As students in an engineering school opening May 7 and ending Aug. 2. Those ordered there and subjects they will study include Corp. Sammie T. Chavez, surveying, Pvt. Harold T. Cothorn, map reproduction and photography; Tech Sgt. Manuel J. Chabez, water purification, Corporals Leo L. Lucero and Joe E. Tidrow, drafting; Tech. Sgt. Jim M. Flanagan and Staff Sgt. Ernest R. Butler, mechanical

equipment. Pvt. Walter M. Harrison Jr., has been transferred from Headquarters company, 45th division to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.

May 07, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Soldiers find rain at Bullis. By J. Sheppard Pepper, 45th Division Press Section. Camp Bullis, May 7. True to the symbol of the Thunderbird, skies which had been clear all day poured forth a torrent of rain within an hour after the 157th infantry combat team arrived here Monday afternoon. Arriving exactly on schedule, the 4,000 troops, who will wage "mock" warfare against the regular army's Second Division for the next two weeks, lost little time in forming company areas and pitching two man "pup" tents. When the rain broke men were snugly inside their tents, around which ditches had been dug to keep the ground from flooding. Kitchen tents had been immediately set up and while the rain poured down cooks prepared hot meals for their hungry troopers. As suddenly as it began the rain stopped. Supper was served, and various details organized to put the camp in a livable condition. A canteen, close by received little business the first night, for by 10 o'clock tired soldiers were sound asleep. The 265 mile trip to Camp Bullis, which lies 12 miles outside of San Antonio, was accomplished on schedule and without one accident. Under the command of Lt. Col. Charles M. Ankcorn, the combat team consisting of the entire 157th infantry regiment, Company A of the 120th engineers, 1st Battalion of the 158th field artillery, a detachment of medics and a detachment of the 45th division signal company began the first field problem at noon Tuesday.

May 11, 1941: Published in the "The Fort Worth Star Telegram" entitled: 45th Division to hold Mother's Day services. Abilene, May 10. With many mothers sitting beside their soldier sons, several regiments of the 45th Division will hold special Mother's Day church services at Camp Barkeley Sunday morning. The services will be held outdoors in regimental areas if weather permits. At breakfast Sunday each man in the 158th Field Artillery will be given a flower to wear in his button hole, according to Capt. Henry Morton, chaplain. Men of the 189th Field Artillery also will get Mother's Day mementos, simulated cardboard flower baskets. The auxiliary of the American Legion at Abilene is planning a special program for the 120th Medical Regiment, with Mrs. Ima Cotton Jennings, president, in charge. Some men of the division are expected to go into Abilene for special services at churches. Mother's Day will find the Colorado outfits of the 45th Division even farther from home than usual. They are with the 157th Regimental Combat Team, engaged in maneuvers against the 2nd Division at Camp Bullis. Unable to be home with their mothers, many men of the division remembered the day, and Abilene merchants benefited accordingly, one storekeeper reported the heaviest gift business this week since Easter.

May 14, 1941: Published in the "The Craig Empire Courier" entitled: Soldier sign painter gets plenty of work. Camp Barkeley, Texas. Pvt. William A. Dunn, official signpainter for the Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery, 45th Division, has a Job that never ends, but it's his own fault. First he spelled the name of Tech. Sgt. Lee Hayes as follows; "Hays." When he repainted the sign to correct the mistake, he spelled sergeant as follows: "Sargent." When this was called to his attention, he discovered he had spelled sergeant "sargent" all over the place. Dunn, whose home is in Oklahoma City, is a college man, too.

May 31, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Holiday throng sees 45th show. By Bruce Francis. Greatest military extravaganza ever seen in this section was held at Camp Barkeley yesterday with the 45th division, in all its splendor, passing in review before the commanding general of VIII army corps, Maj. Gen. George V. Strong. It was General Strong's first formal review of any division of his command, also the first formal review for the 45th division since it was mobilized into federal service last September. "Magnificent," said the corps commander after last of the 18,000 men and 900 vehicles had passed the reviewing stand. General Strong also predicted great things of the 45th during corps and army maneuvers this summer and fall. A Memorial Day throng of West Texans, estimated variously from 5,000 to 15,000, was thrilled by the regimental mass formation used for the review. Marching 48 abreast, the infantrymen presented an impressive spectacle. Warlike appearance. Rifles, with bayonets fixed and glistening in the bright midday sun, were slung over right shoulders. Khaki uniforms, steel helmets and canvas leggings added much color to the doughboys outfits, and gave them the appearance of a real fighting machine. Also impressive were the motorized troops: artillerymen, heavy weapons and anti-tank companies; engineers, medical and quartermaster regiments; special troops, signal corps units, ordnance section. On review also were the army's new field radios, "walkie-talkies," other communications systems, and other field equipment. General Strong arrived at 10:15 from his Brownwood headquarters. A motorcycle escort met him at the Pershing drive entrance and led the commander's car to in front of the reviewing stand where he was met by Maj. Gen. William S. Key, 45th commander. After official greetings the Corps commander's guard of honor; first battalion of the 179th infantry, under temporary command of Capt. James K. Lonney was presented. Massed band of the 158th, 160th and 189th field Artillery Regiments, the 120th Medical and 120th Engineer regiments, and directed by Milburn E. Carrey, warrant officer of the 189th, played as a battery of French 75's gave a 13-gun salute to the corps commander. Inspection of the guard of honor by General Strong followed. General Key was in command of troops as the review began, riding at the head of

his men. Upon passing the reviewing stand General Key and his staff officers joined General Strong and staff for remainder of the review. First troops behind General Key, his staff officers and headquarters company, was the 89th Infantry brigade, commanded by Brig. Gen. William E. Guthner. The two regiments of his command, the 157th and 158th, followed in succession, with heavy weapons and anti-tank companies of each trailing the foot soldiers. Next came the 90th Infantry brigade under command of Brig. Gen. Louis A. Ledbetter, with the 179th regiment first, the 180th second. One battalion of the 180th was absent at Camp Bowie participating in field exercises with the 36th division. 70th F. A. Leads. Motorized troops of the division followed with the 70th Field Artillery brigade, commanded by Brig. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, in front. First of the artillery regiments was the 158th, commanded by Col. Grover C. Walmsley, and last was the 189th, commanded by Col. George A. Hutchinson. After the artillery troops came the 120th Engineers under command of Col. Uil C. Lane; special troops, commanded by Lieut. Col. Earl A. Taylor; 120th Medical regiment, commanded by Col. Rex G. Bolend, and the 120th Quartermaster regiment under command of Lieut. Col. Nelson J. Moore. General Strong and his chief of staff, Col. H. H. Slaughter, and aide, 1st. Lieut. E. H. Snavely, were guests of General Key at luncheon. Other guests of the 45th's commander were Brig. Gen. Joe A. Atkins, Third army chief of staff, and 1st. Lieut. E. R. Lee. During the afternoon General Strong briefly inspected the 45th's training center, later returning to headquarters in Brownwood.

Jun 01, 1941: Published in the "The Fort Worth Star Telegram" entitled: 45th Division on parade; General Strong pleased. Photos by 45th Div. Photo Section. Photo Caption: Massed might of the 45th Division at Camp Barkeley passed in its first formal review Friday before Maj. Gen. George V. Strong, new commander of the VIII Army Corps. The parade of 18,400 men and 900 vehicles was witnessed by a crowd of 15,000 civilians, who later toured the division camp. In the pictures, top, left, General Strong at the microphone, praising the division over a statewide radio network. Top right, one of the four infantry regiments of the division, passing the reviewing stand in regimental front, 48 men abreast. Bottom, an army must have its drums. These four drummers were part of a massed band furnished by five regiments. From left to right, Pvts. Jack Wilburn and George Allen of the 160th Field Artillery; Pvt. Jim A. Sanchez of the 120th Engineers and Staff Sergeant Paul Waddle of the 158th Field Artillery.

Jul 01, 1941: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: New men. Photo Caption: Men just turned 21 years old from all over the United States will register Thursday for selective service. The drumbeats of army organizations will become familiar to many thousands of them within the next few months. The drummers here are Private Jack Wilburn and George Allen of the 160th Field Artillery. Pvt. Jim A. Sanchez of the 120th Engineers and St. Sgt. Paul Waddle of the 158th Field Artillery. All are veterans of nine months of active service with the 45th Division. (Details on page 17).

Jul 06, 1941: Published in the "The Fort Worth Star Telegram" entitled: Indian dance team unique in army. Photo Caption: Photo by 45th Division Photo Section. Unique among army organizations is the 45th Division Indian dance team, composed of 26 Oklahoma and New Mexico soldiers at Camp Barkeley. The dancers, who have made their own costumes, give programs at Camp Barkeley and in nearby cities. In the picture are Pvt. Ennis (Little Beaver) Hudson, a member of the Otoe tribe from Perry, Okla., and Second Lieut. Robert Mobley of Comanche, Okla., Lieutenant Mobley, an officer in the 158th Field Artillery, organized the troupe.

Jul 10, 1941 Published in the "The Indian Journal" entitled: Transferred to artillery unit. Mason H. Smarr of Eufaula has been transferred to the 158th field artillery regiment in the forty-fifth division, Camp Barkeley, Texas. Smarr, a private was formerly a member of company D, 179th Infantry regiment.

Jul 22, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: 45th uncertain if men with year ending go maneuvering. What to do with enlisted men whose enlistments expire during August and September seems to be more or less of a puzzler for 45th division officers. To take them to Louisiana or not to take them; that's the big question. Latest bulletin from Third army headquarters concerning the move to Louisiana directed that enlisted personnel whose terms expire during August and September be left at their home stations. This bulletin was dated July 12. New instructions are awaited daily. Yesterday a request from VIII army corps headquarters asked for the exact number of enlisted men of the division whose enlistments expire during the next two months. A survey disclosed that there are 3,476 of this classification in various units of the division. Not more than 25 to 50 expire during August, the remainder on or about Sept. 16; date the division was mobilized for one year's federal service. All of these enlisted for one year. Maj. Gen. George V. Strong, VIII army corps commander, said on a recent visit here that those whose enlistments expire during August and September would be left at their home stations. Many officers of the division are of the opinion anticipated action by congress authorizing the president to retain the National Guard and selectees in service more than one year will solve the question of what to do with the men whose enlistments expire before Oct. 1. At any rate, some decision must be reached before 6 a. m. Wednesday, scheduled departure hour of the 120th engineers regiment for the Louisiana maneuver area. Asked whether he would take men whose enlistments expire during the maneuver period, Col. Uil C. Lane, commander of the engineer regiment, said he couldn't answer

definitely. Equally as indefinite answers were obtained from half dozen or more general and special staff officers. Units of the division have the following number of men whose enlistments expire in August and September: from 70th field artillery brigade-8, from 158th field artillery-215, from 160th field artillery-209, from 189th field artillery-319, from 89th infantry brigade headquarters-15, from 157th infantry-413, from 158th infantry-496, from 90th infantry brigade headquarters-13, from 179th infantry-568, from 180th infantry-534, from 120th engineers-170, from 120th quartermaster regiment-174, from division anti-tank battalion-137, from special troops-136, from 120th medical regiment-69. It appears to be a safe bet, however, that only those whose enlistments expire during August will be left at Camp Barkeley after last units of the division head for Louisiana Aug. 4.

Jul 27, 1941: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Two Perry soldiers hurt. Olney, Texas, July 26. (AP) Bill Falon and Glenn Jones, Perry, Okla., of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery of Camp Barkeley, Abilene, were injured Saturday near here when their automobile was sideswiped. Falon had a fractured arm and head injuries and Jones four fractured vertebrae.

Jul 31, 1941: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Field artillery unit new softball entry. One of the most recent softball teams to enter play in the 45th Division is Battery "E" 158th Field Artillery. The Battery "E" team scored wins against two other 158th Field Artillery aggregations in warm-up contests. Corporal Jake West turned in both wins, as Battery "D" was laced 9-6 and Battery "C" trounced 9-4. The newly formed aggregation is anxious to meet any other team in the division. Games can be arranged by contacting Sergeant Jones or Private Sullivan, managers.

Aug 01, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Former Oklahoman staff man added to 45th news lineup. Pvt. Donald H. Robinson, Service & "A" Battery, first battalion, 158th Field Artillery, has been placed on special duty with division headquarters in the office of the assistant chief of staff, G-2. Robinson, formerly with the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, will be on duty with the 45th Division News press section. Transfers of other enlisted men within the division announced today, include Pvt. 1Cl. Marion C. Haggard, Company B, 180th infantry, to Special troops; Pvt. William C. Matthews, Headquarters company 45th division to 120th medical regiment; Pvt. Charles A. P. Guynn, Company C, 158th Infantry, to Special troops; Pvt. Robert B. Tracey, 158th infantry band, to 120th engineer regiment; Pvt. Carl F. Begley, Company B, 180th infantry, Pvt. Tom Pierce and Pvt. Forest M. Lewis, Company E, 180th infantry, and Pvt. Jack B. Allen, Battery C, 189th field artillery, all to division anti-tank battalion.

Aug 05, 1941: Published in the "The Dallas Morning News" entitled: 4,000 soldiers leave Dallas and 4,000 more camp at White Rock. Men Here Sunday hike to Mesquite, others are transported by truck. Khaki-clad soldiers of the 45th Division, some 8,000 of them, were camped Monday night within gun sound distance of Dallas to the northeast and east on their way to the big war games starting shortly in eastern Texas and western Louisiana. While the 4,000 leg-weary, sweating men who marched eleven miles from White Rock Lake to a few miles west of Mesquite rested from their hike, another column of the same size moved into the White Rock campsite by truck from Camp Barkeley at Abilene. The fresh contingent will remain on the slopes of the northeastern shores of White Rock until early Wednesday, when they, too, will march to the camp grounds near Mesquite. The new arrivals, with Col. Philip S. Donnell in command, included the 180th Infantry from Oklahoma and most of the 158th Field Artillery. Two Hurt in Collision: Another unit arriving at White Rock late Monday was the division antitank battalion, equipped with 37-millimeter cannon and 75's and with a company of combat engineers attached. The battalion, organized only a month ago, is commanded by Lieut. Col. Paul Bell. The 111th Observation Squadron of the 36th Division joined the 45th Division Monday for the movement to Louisiana. Planes flew to Mansfield, while the ground crews and other equipment accompanied the troops to the White Rock camp. Brig. Gen. Louis A. Ledbetter, commanding the north and south columns of the division in the movement to maneuvers, spent Monday night at division headquarters at White Rock. He commands the 90th Infantry Brigade. Division Commander Gen. William S. Key was kept busy visiting all of the columns on their way to Louisiana. He spent the night at Dallas. Field kitchens reached White Rock in advance of the troops and hot meals were served the men shortly after their arrival. Many didn't wait for supper at camp but started toward the bright lights of Dallas. Free swimming was available at White Rock Beach and free entertainment was furnished by the division recreation section. The only accident reported during the overland movement from Abilene was a truck collision near Weatherford in which Lieut. Barney Hendrickson of Company D, 180th Infantry, a unit from Okenah, Okla. was injured. An enlisted man was also was hurt. The officer and soldier were taken to a Weatherford hospital. Trucks that brought the men to White Rock from Abilene refilled with 15,000 gallons of gasoline and were ready for further transportation. Quartermaster Corps officers estimated 116,000 gallons of gasoline will be used in moving the division to Louisiana. An ordnance company responsible for the repair and maintenance of equipment was among the units reaching White Rock, as well as Quartermaster and Medical Corps and military police detachments. The troops arriving at White Rock viewed their grounds with the same relief that came to the soldiers who had moved out early Monday. A full day and two nights of recreation awaited them since

leaves will be granted generously while they are in the Dallas area. Leaves Granted. Soldiers in the Mesquite section were granted leaves up to 25 per cent of the personnel, with orders to be back in camp by 10 p.m. These troops march fifteen miles, starting early Tuesday, to a camp near Forney, remaining there until Wednesday, when trucks will transport them to Marshall. The units which reached White Rock late Monday will move into the Mesquite camp Wednesday, to Forney Thursday and to Marshall Friday. Only a small percentage of the soldiers marching from White Rock to Mesquite were forced to fall out, although many of them were not hardened to hiking, belonging to units ordinarily moving by motor. Major Gen. William S. Key, division commander, walked at the head of his column on the morning hike. Most of the men were content to hang about their tents the rest of the day. Watermelons were in brisk demand, trucks halting on the highway soon disposing of their melons. Temporary cold drink stands set up near the camp did a brisk business. Few soldiers went into Mesquite. The camp started on the south side of Highway 183 at Peachtree Road. The big 155s of the 189th Artillery went on to the Forney camp, but the men and other equipment halted in the Mesquite area. A flurry of excitement was caused at the Mesquite camp when a car struck a grocery truck loaded with watermelons and sent it careening into a deep ditch on Highway 183, spilling and smashing melons. The driver had been selling melons to the soldiers. R. L. Peters, Route 1, Mesquite, driver of the car, was questioned by a camp guard and the accident reported to Mesquite authorities. Peters said he slowed down as soon as a guard waved at him but couldn't avoid striking the watermelon truck, driven by T. C. McWhirter, living on Buckner Boulevard. Smashed melons were given to the soldiers. Talk about hospitality. Officers and men still were talking about the hospitality of Dallas and the pleasant surroundings of the White Rock Lake camp as they prepared to move further eastward toward the battle of Louisiana. One Dallas citizen who didn't give his name left a box of cigars at the division reception center at White Rock, explaining he couldn't take any soldiers to dinner but wanted to do something for them. Troops of the 45th Division who camped at Lake Dallas marched Monday to Rowlett Creek, east of McKinney, while late in the day another column moved into the Lake Dallas camp from Abilene by truck. The troops in the Rowlett Creek camp will hike to Princeton Tuesday, to be followed in two days by the new arrivals at Lake Dallas. These troops form the north section of the movement from Camp Berkeley to Louisiana. The 120th Engineers already are at Mansfield, La., preparing campsites for the other units of the division. The engineers were in the Dallas area a week ago making ready the camps at White Rock, Lake Dallas, Mesquite, Forney, Rowlett Creek and Princeton. Two months in the field faces the division. The remainder of August will be spent in maneuvers to be followed in September by simulated war between two armies.

Aug 19, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: 37 soldiers of 45th discharged. Honorable discharges have been given to 37 men of the 45th division the past week, according to Camp Berkeley headquarters. Fourteen of these were discharged to permit reenlistment in the army air corps. They were: Pvt. 1cl. Marion C. Huckaby, Headquarters company, 45th division; Pvt. 1cl Max L. Sinnett, medical detachment 120th quartermaster regiment; Pvt. George H. Townsend, Battery "B", 158th field artillery; Pvt. Gaylord King, headquarters detachment, second battalion, 157th infantry; Pvt Rue E. Rush, Company G. 158th infantry; Pvt. James S. Edwards Company D, 179th infantry; Pvt. 1cl. Ernest M. Woodrich, 179th infantry band; Sgt. Robert M. Willey, headquarters battery, second battalion, 158th field artillery, Corp. Joe J. McLeod, medical detachment, 120th quartermaster regiment; Sgt. Lee S. Kercheval, Company C, 179th infantry, Pvt. 1cl. Clyde A. Johnson, Battery D 189th field artillery; Pvt. 1cl. Willis M. Phelps, Battery D, 189th field artillery; Pvt. Johnnie W. Hankins, Company K, 157th infantry, and Pvt. Harold V. Boyd, Company K, 157th infantry. Receiving discharges but not reenlisting were: Pvt. Charles H. Dickey, Battery "D", 158th field artillery; Pvt. Hubert M. Schmale, Company F, 158th infantry; Sgt. Ceryl R. Dobbs, 45th division signal company; Pvt. Norman E. Long, Battery A, 189th field artillery; Pvt. Patrick J. Charlebois, Company G, 158th infantry; Pvt. Woodrow W. Barton. Company H, 180th infantry; Pvt. Newt Sellers, headquarters special troops; Pvt. Leslie L. Clark; Company I, 180th infantry. Pvt. Durwood B. Miller, Company A. 157th infantry; Pvt. Clyde D. Hanks, Company E, 158th infantry; Pvt. 1cl. Leo A. McNerny, Battery B, 160th field artillery; Pvt. James E. Oakley, Battery E, 189th field artillery; Pvt. James Y. Boehm, headquarters 45th division anti-tank battalion; Pvt. Lawrence M. Surge, Company D, 157th infantry; Corp. James F. Doyle, Service company, 158th infantry; Pvt. William Hines, Company A, 158th infantry; Pvt. Jack Cooper, 158th infantry anti-tank company; Pvt. 1cl. Edward M. Bell, Company G, 158th infantry; Pvt. Elmer A. Russell, Service company, 180th infantry; Pvt. Johnny Martinez, Company F, 120th engineers; Pvt. 1cl. Arthur O. Alvarez, and Sgt. Harold L. Rives Jr., both of H & S Company, 120th engineers.

Sep 03, 1941: Published in the "The Monroe News Star" entitled: Sartor exonerated in soldiers death. DeRidder, La., Sept 3. (AP) Dr. P. R. Sartor, one of DeRidder's leading citizens and a former sheriff of Beauregard parish, yesterday was exonerated by a coroner's jury in the slaying of Private Olin D. Farmer, Fort Cobb, Okla., attached to Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery. The soldier was killed late Monday night when the doctor, aroused by screams of several officer's wives occupying a garage apartment in the rear of his home, discovered the soldier in his back yard. The former sheriff fired one shot at the intruder as, according to testimony given at the inquest, he attempted to break into the apartment. The .38 caliber bullet struck Farmer slightly to the right of the heart, killing him instantly. Deputy Sheriff C.L. Youngblood today said that no charges would be filed.

Sep 18, 1941: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Photo Caption: First Out. Displaying his honorable discharge is Harold Hughes, Fargo, first of the 3,242 one year men of the 45th Division to be discharged at Camp Barkeley. Hughes, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hughes, Fargo, did his year with Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery. He is now only 18 years of age.

Oct 28, 1941 Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Sergeants spans as civilians brief. Verle W. Beyers and Henry B. Wayne, both of Anadarko, Okla., and both former master sergeants with Headquarters battery, First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, have rejoined their old outfit after being civilians a few weeks. Both sought and obtained enlistment in the regular army in the same grade they were discharged; master sergeants; and were placed on the reserve list, subject to call. A vacancy occurred and now they're back with the 158th, but as regular army men.

Nov 09, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Retirement for 24 officers of the 45th ordered because of age. Two lieutenant colonels, one major and 21 captains and lieutenants of the 45th infantry division have been relieved or ordered relieved from active duty because of being over-age in rank and for the next highest grade. Mar. Gen. William S. Key, commander, announce. Lieut. Col. Clarence R. Steele, 158th field artillery, will be relieved Nov. 20 and Lieut. Col. Walter M. Harrison, 45th headquarters, was relieved Oct. 27 and returned to his home in Oklahoma City. Colonel Steele's home is at Kingfisher, Okla. Maj. Howard Reed, 157th Infantry, was relieved Oct. 27. Others ordered relieved, their organizations, and date of departure from Barkeley, include; 1st. Lieut. Burton C. Tompkins, 157th Infantry. Oct. 19; 2d Lieut. George C. Cunningham, 120th Engineers. Oct. 23; 2d Lieut. Clarence R. Greenlee, 179th Infantry. Oct 23; 2d Lieut. Horace C. Goss, 189th field artillery, Oct. 27; 2d Lieut. William L. Latham, Oct. 28; 2d Lieut. Gaillard T. Castleberry, 179th infantry, Oct. 31; 2d Lieut. Irvin L. Davis, 179th Infantry, Oct. 31; 1st Lieut. Willard L. Smith, 179th Infantry. Oct. 31: 2d Lieut. Oliver M. Heavers, 179th Infantry. Oct. 31: Capt. Paul E. Anderson, 158th Field Artillery. Nov. 6: 1st Lieut. Gerardo G. Garcia, 120th Engineers. Nov. 7: Capt. George D. Griffith, 180th Infantry. Nov. 7; Capt. Aaron M. McGreary, 158th Infantry, Nov. 7: Capt. Clark M. Cunningham, 45th headquarters, Nov. 9: Capt. Thomas W. Brown, 189th field artillery, Nov. 12: 1st Lieut., John A. Pennington, 45th signal company. Nov. 13: 1st Lieut. Earl T. Houk, 180th Infantry. Nov. 14: 1st Lieut. Claude I. Hostetler, 158th field artillery. Nov. 11; Capt. Roy W. Johnson, 120th Engineers, Nov. 17: 1st Lieut. Hezzic S. Bates, 180th Infantry, Nov. 18 and 2d Lieut. Thomas J. Phillips, 120th Engineers, Nov. 20. Additional officers will be relieved as orders are received from Eight Corps area headquarters, General Key said.

Nov 11, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Many heros of last war again wear khaki of Uncle Sam, train at Camp Barkeley. Among soldiers of Camp Barkeley are many who 23 years ago today were in France, some in the front line trenches, others recuperating from wounds in army hospitals scattered over France. One man at Barkeley wears the congressional medal of honor, highest award the nation bestows upon its hero soldiers. He is 1st Lieut. Harold L. Johnson, Denver, Colo., who is on duty with 89th Infantry Brigade headquarters. Lieutenant Johnson was the companion of young Joseph Barkeley, the Texas hero who lost his life on a volunteer mission behind enemy lines. Barkeley, for whom the camp nine miles outside of town was named, lost his life as he swam the icy river returning from their mission. Four officers of the 45th Infantry Division wear the distinguished service cross, given them for heroic performances during the World War. They are Lieut. Col. Henry A. Hootz, assistant chief of staff, G-1, 45th headquarters; Lieut. Col. John H. Church, assistant chief of staff, G-3 headquarters; Maj. Lee F. Gilstrap, division morale officer, and Capt. Bertrus Kemmerer, assistant division ordnance officer. Many others wear the Purple Heart ribbon, awarded those who suffered wounds during the last war. Officers and enlisted men of Barkeley who saw service during the World War include: Maj. Gen. William S. Key, division commander: Lieut. Col. Henry A. Hootz, assistant chief of staff, G-1; Lieut. Col. Francis J. Reichman, assistant chief of staff, G-2: Lieut. Col. John H. Church, assistant chief of staff, G-3; Lieut. Col. Roy W. Kenny, assistant chief of staff, G-4; Lieut. Col. Richard F. Grindstead, division ordnance officer: Lieut. Col. Cabell C. Cornish, division anti-tank officer; Lieut. Col. Garland M. White, division chemical officer; Maj. Lee F. Gilstrap, division morale officer; Capt. Bertrus Kemmerer, assistant division ordnance officer; Capt. W. E. King, assistant division chaplain. Headquarters, 70th field artillery Brigade: Col. Charles A. Holden, brigade commander; Master Sgt. Charles Lee, brigade sergeant major. 158th Field Artillery: Col. Grover C. Wamsley, commander, Anadarko, Okla.; Capt. Henry A. Morton, Chaplain, Kingfisher, Okla.; 1st Lieut. Gene Gilmore, Kingfisher, Okla.; Maj. Howard R. Cress, first battalion commander, Perry, Okla; Maj. George L. Brown, first battalion executive officer, Mesa, Ariz.; Capt. Merle R. Warren, Lawton, Okla.; Capt. William C. Cooley, Cashion, Okla.; Capt. William L. Shamel, Sulphur, Okla.; 1st. Lieut. Chester A. Smith, Mesa, Ariz.; Capt. Bruce Y. Dutcher, Anadarko, Okla.; Maj. Jesse R. Waltrip, Yale, Okla.; Maj. Frank L. Miller, Anadarko, Okla.; Lieut. Col. Edgar B. Ross, Anadarko, Okla.; Maj. Sidney P. Kretlow, Oklahoma City.

Nov 19, 1941: Published in the "The Fort Worth Star Telegram" entitled: 45th Division group retired. 24 Camp Barkeley officers retired from duty under War Department orders. Special to The Star Telegram. Abilene, Nov. 18. A total of 24 officers, two lieutenant colonels, a major, six captains and 15 lieutenants, have been relieved from active

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

Dec 03, 1941: Published in the "The Waxahachie Daily Light" entitled: Camp Barkeley, Abilene, Texas. December 3, (U.P.) If quantity is the guide-rule, the 1st Battalion Service Battery of the 158th Field Artillery has outstripped all the other outfits in the 45th Division for mascots. Pancho, its pet rooster, found a mate and the battery now has 12 baby chicks.

Dec 04, 1941: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: 45th Division reduced in streamlining move. New tables cut strength. Plan is 15,456 men, not 22,313. Abilene, Texas Dec. 3. (Special) Streamlining of the 45th division through reduction in strength to make it more mobile, was indicated Wednesday in a war department order received at Camp Barkeley. Under new tables of organization, which also affect 17 other national guard divisions which became component parts of the United States Army at the beginning of defense mobilization, the 45th division's strength will be reduced to 14, 457 enlisted men and 999 officers. The division will retain its designation as a square division, which has greater man power, but through reorganization, its strength will be almost identical with that of the new triangular division, which is so equipped and manned that it is extremely mobile and can be transferred on its transport on short notice. Enlarged in August. While the division was on war game maneuvers in Louisiana in August, the Army increased the 45th's authorized strength from 17,800 enlisted men and officers to 21, 314 enlisted men and officers. However, this authorized strength never was attained. The division's present strength, according to adjutant general's office figures, is 12,012 enlisted men, as a result of discharge of hardship and dependency cases, one-year volunteers and men over 28 years old during the last three months. It was estimated that another 500 men will be discharged during December, and that now 3,000 replacements will be needed to bring Maj. Gen. William S. Key command to its new authorized strength. These replacements are expected near mid-January, according to unofficial reports. All infantry kept. Under the new organization plan, the division will retain its four infantry regiments, the 157th, 158th, 179th, and 180th, but they will have a strength of 2,159 men each instead of those provided for under tables that are for a division of 21, 314 men. The light artillery regiments, the 158th and 160th, will have 954 men each instead of 1,263 and the medium artillery, 189th will have 1,222 men instead of 1,655. Other units were similarly affected, with personnel of the 120th Engineers trimmed from 946 to the 120th Medical from 986 to the 120th Quartermaster from 885 to 601; special troops from 740 to 517; infantry brigade headquarters from 85 to 61 and artillery brigade headquarters from 106 to 74.

Dec 09, 1941: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: School assignments given men from 45th. Col. Uil C. Lane, commanding officer of the 120th engineer regiment, has been ordered to Fort Belvoir, Va., on temporary duty as a student at the engineer school, commencing Jan. 5 and continuing to Feb. 14. First Lieut. Albert R. Brown, 160th field artillery, has been ordered to Fort Sill, Okla., as a student, Battery Officers Course No. 36, commencing Dec. 18 and continuing to March 18. Seven enlisted men have been ordered to Fort Sill to attend enlisted specialists courses, commencing Dec. 15 and continuing 12 weeks. Three will attend a motor mechanics course, Sgt. Leroy K. Norman, 189th field artillery, Pvt. 1cl. Francis W. Miller, 158th Field Artillery, and Pvt. 1cl. Virgil D. Pfeifer, 160th field artillery. Sgt. Edgar D. Anderson, 160th field artillery, St. Sgt. Cecil R. Jack, 189th field artillery, and Pvt. 1cl. John E. Christensen, 158th Field Artillery, will take a communications course. Pvt. 1cl. Francis G. Jennings, 158th Field Artillery, will take a battery mechanics course. Three privates first class have been ordered to St. Louis as students at the David Ranken Jr. school of mechanical trades. They will study a course of instruction in auto mechanics, commencing Dec. 15 and continuing eight weeks. They are Douglas J. Patterson, 158th Field

Artillery, Cleetis W. Wasson, 160th field artillery, and Clell Casey, 189th field artillery. Pvt. 1cl. Carl F. Burns and Pvt. Jewel E. Mize, both of the 45th signal company, have been ordered to Fort Monmouth, N. J. to study a radio repairman's course at the army signal corps school. The course begins Dec. 12.

Dec 13, 1941: Published in the "The Pottstown Mercury" entitled: Captain O'Neill says war will last longer than many think. A flag pole was a writing stand, Virginius Ruffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. W. Ruffin, 650 Chestnut Street, said: "It's our America. Love it or leave it!" Private Ruffin is with the Headquarters Battery, Second Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, at Camp Barkeley, Texas. His outfit just completed maneuvers and he is expected home on furlough Monday. "We have a job to fill and we're all anxious to do it right," he added. "There's not one word of grumbling apparent here. If any one is dissatisfied with his job, you can't see it. When we arise in the morning every one enthusiastically does the best he knows how, because we don't know when we'll be needed for further duty. "There's one thing I can't understand, however, and that is how the Japanese could have had such bad manners as to attack us just when we were ready to observe Christmas.

Jan 01, 1942: Published in the "The Fort Worth Star Telegram" entitled: 41 officers in 45th relieved. General Key praises men for long service; list includes Colonel Wamsley. Special to the Star Telegram. Abilene, Dec. 31. As commander of the 45th Division, I wish these fine officers continued success in new assignments, Maj. Gen. William S. Key commented Wednesday when it was announced an additional 41 officers had been ordered relieved from active duty. High ranking officer to be relieved from an active duty post is Col. Grover C. Wamsley, 158th Field Artillery commander, currently in command of 45th troops on detached service at Fort Sill. Colonel Wamsley, Anadarko, Okla., received his first commission on Dec. 18, 1918, and has been a colonel since Sept. 23, 1925. Lieutenant colonels relieved were Roy H. Cox, Muskogee, Okla., 90th Infantry Brigade headquarters; Richard F. Grinstead, Denver, division ordnance officer; Abe Herskowitz, Oklahoma City, division headquarters; Joe J. Miller, Muskogee, Okla., 90th Infantry Brigade headquarters, and Turner Roark, Pawnee, Okla., 120th Engineers. Majors relieved were Lauson V. Mitchell, 160th Field Artillery; Richard H. Cloyd, Norman, Okla., 120th Engineers; Hugh E. McConville, Pawnee, Okla., 179th Infantry; Henry G. White, Chickasha, Okla., 189th Field Artillery. Twelve captains were ordered relieved, together with 15 first lieutenants and four second lieutenants. All will report to Camp Barkeley headquarters for new assignments. "The 45th Division has lost about 100 officers because of the War Department policy," General Key said. "These men have been of valued service to the division, and it is with deep regret we see them leave the outfits for which they have done so much. "Officers relieved from duty with combat organizations for over age in grade should be praised for the good work they have done over long periods of years. We know most of them would like to remain with us and we wish they could stay and fight with us when and if the 45th is called to face our enemies in the field of action," General Key added. The 12 captains relieved are Orville H. Brack and William C. Cooley, 158th Field Artillery; Clay W. Brion and Clark R. Cordell, 160th Field Artillery; James H. Maloney and George O. Griffith, 180th Infantry; Ab Jolly and Edgar Lowrance, 179th Infantry; Bob W. Johnson, special troops; Joe J. Robnett and William C. Garrison, 189th Field Artillery; Richard F. Lush, 120th Engineers. First lieutenants relieved included: Hezzie S. Bates, Emmett T. McLemore, Earl T. Houk, Thomas R. Parker and Paul B. Terry, 180th Infantry; Harold I. Johnson, 89th Infantry Brigade headquarters. Glen A. Kyrzrock, 157th Infantry; William H. Oliver and John D. Jordan, 120th Quartermasters; Chester A. Smith, Martin W. Steward, Gordon F. Wonder and James T. Wilcoxson, 158th Field Artillery; Harry R. Phillips, 120th Engineers, and Loren F. Reece, special troops. The four second lieutenants: Edgar A. James, 157th Infantry; Thomas J. Phillips, 120th Engineers; Walter J. Brady, 160th Field Artillery, and William W. Hugill, 120th Quartermasters. In November, and earlier in December, 59 officers of the 45th had been previously relieved, including three lieutenant colonels, three majors, 15 captains, 32 first lieutenants and five second lieutenants.

Jan 02, 1942: Published in the "The Las Cruces Sun News" entitled: 22 Officers to remain at Camp. Camp Barkeley, Tex.. Jan. 2 (Special) Twenty-two officers of the 45th infantry division, including a colonel and five lieutenant colonels, have been relieved of duty with their organizations and transferred to the Camp Barkeley station command. The transfers were ordered by Eighth Corps Area headquarters because the officers are overage in grade. This was in line with a war department policy to remove overage officers from combat troops. Highest ranking officer of the group was Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Okla., commander of the 158th field artillery. The list also included Lt. Cols. Ray H. Cox, Muskogee, Okla., 90th infantry brigade; Richard F. Grinstead, Denver, Colo., division ordnance officer; Abe Kerskowitz, Oklahoma City, 179th Infantry; Joe J. Miller, Chickasha, Okla., 90th infantry brigade, and Turner Rnark, Oklahoma City, 179th infantry. Capt. Henry Roach, acting adjutant general, said this practically clears the 45th of overage officers. Replacements are being sent to the division by Eighth Corps area. Artillerymen have a rooster as a patient: Camp Barkeley, Texas. Jan. 2 (Special), It was irregular, but the medical detachment of the 158th field artillery had a rooster for a patient this week. He was Pancho, feather-legged bantam pet of the First battalion service battery, brought in by Pvt. Miles Benda for repairs, after a dog chewed all the feathers off Pancho's tail. "Made him look like an owl," commented Benda.

Jan 09, 1942: Published in the "The Casa Grande Dispatch" entitled: General Key asks men of 45th to rejoin. Over-Age Officers Have Left; Camp Barkely, Tex., Jan. 5 (Special)-Maj. Gen. William S. Key, commander of the 45th Infantry Division, made a new appeal today to former members of the unit to re-enlist while there yet is time. He pointed out that voluntary enlistments may be stopped by the war department altogether and that men who wish to rejoin the 45th should act speedily. "Where at all possible, we will restore those who re-enlist to their former ranks or grades," said General Key. More than 6,000 men were discharged or relieved of active duty before America's entrance into the war. Twenty-two officers of the 45th Infantry Division, including a colonel and five lieutenant colonels, have been relieved of duty with their organizations and transferred to Camp Barkeley station command. The transfers were ordered by Eight Corps Area headquarters because the officers are overage in grade. This was in line with a war department policy to remove officers from combat troops. Highest ranking officer of the group was Col. Grover C. Wamsley, Anadarko, Okla., commander of the 158th Field Artillery. The list also included Lt. Cols. Roy H. Cox, Muskogee, Okla., 90th Infantry Brigade; Richard F. Grinstead, Denver, Colo., division ordnance officer; Abe Herskowitz, Oklahoma City, 179th Infantry; Joe J. Miller, Chickasha, Okla., 90th Infantry Brigade, and Turner Roark, Oklahoma City, 179th Infantry. Capt. Henry Roach, acting adjutant general, said this practically clears the 45th of overage officers. Replacements are being sent to the division by Eight Corps area.

Jan 12, 1942: Published in the "The Fort Worth Star Telegram" entitled: 45th Division chiefs shifted. Col. John H. Church is new head of staff; transfer of Colonel Styron is ordered. Abilene, Jan. 11: Changes in general staff assignments, and appointment of Col. John H. Church as new 45th Division chief of staff were announced here Saturday by Maj. Gen. William Key; division commander. Col. James C. Styron, Hobart, Okla., chief of staff since induction of the division into federal service on Sept. 16, 1940, was transferred to command, of the 160th Field Artillery Regiment. Colonel Church has been division plans and training officer since before the 45th was transferred to Camp Barkeley from Fort Sill last February. He is a former regular army instructor of the Arizona National Guard. Other transfers announced by General Key included: Col. Charles A. Holden, Tulsa, from command of the 180th Field Artillery to command the 158th Field Artillery. Lieut. Col. Roy W. Kenny, Stillwater, Okla., from division supply officer and transportation officer (assistant chief of staff, G-4) to be executive officer of the 160th Field Artillery. New training officer, Lieut. Col. Cabell C. Cornish, Oklahoma City, from division personnel officer, assistant chief of staff G-1 to G-4. Maj. Lee B. Thompson, Oklahoma City, aid de camp to General Key for 16 years, to division personnel officer, assistant chief of staff, G-1. Maj. Clarence B. Cochrane, Okemah, Okla., from assistant plans and training officer to acting plans and training officer. General Key announced that Colonel Styron was transferred to his new command at his own request. "He has been an outstanding officer and Colonel Styron is entitled to a large measure of credit for the efficiency of his general staff, and the general efficiency of the entire command." General Key said. "The division is fortunate to have an officer of Colonel Church's professional qualifications available. As chief of staff, his proven ability will assure continued progress in making this division an outstanding combat unit," General Key said of his new chief of staff. Colonel Styron, 1918 graduate of West Point, has been in the National Guard since resigning his commission in the regular army. He was executive officer of the 70th Field Artillery Brigade before becoming 45th chief of staff. In civilian life, he is a cotton buyer. Colonel Church, a regular army officer with 24 years' service, served overseas in World War I, was twice wounded in action and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in action. Colonel Kenny is also a former artilleryman, and was an officer in the A.E.F during the first World War. He is a former coach at Oklahoma A & M College. Colonel Cornish, former artillery officer, with World War I experience, has hold every rank in the artillery from lieutenant to his present title. Major Thompson is an attorney. He was commissioned in the Oklahoma National Guard in 1925, after graduation from the University of Oklahoma. Major Cochrane has been assistant to Colonel Church since the return of the 45th from the Louisiana war games, in early October. Colonel Styron and Colonel Kenny leave Monday for Fort Sill to assume command of the 160th Field Artillery, now firing for the field artillery school. Col. George A. Hutchinson, temporarily commander of the 160th, will return to Camp Barkeley and resume command of his regiment, the 189th Field Artillery.

Jan 21, 1942: Published in the "The Dallas Morning News" entitled: Capt. B. L. Rakestraw, Miss Morris marry. Capt. Bryan L. Rakestraw, 158th Field Artillery, Camp Barkeley, and Miss Arthur Lory Morris, Oklahoma City, were married in the private chapel at the Cokesbury Building, 1910 Main, at 4 p.m. Monday. The Rev. Ira C. Kiker, executive secretary, Methodist Board of Christian Education, read the ring ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Rakestraw will reside at Abilene after a short trip.

Jan 25, 1942: Published in the "The Fort Worth Star Telegram" entitled: Gunners of 45th blasting at targets. Abilene, Jan. 24; Artillery units of the 45th Division, doing special training at Fort Sill, are "shooting up things in grand style," Maj. Gen. William S. Key, division commander, said Saturday on his return to Camp Barkeley after an inspection trip there. General Key inspected final phases of training of the 160th Field Artillery and the 1st Battalion of the 189th Field Artillery, taking three major GHQ tests in firing at Fort Sill the last month. These units are due to return

to Camp Barkeley soon and will be followed at Fort Sill for similar tests by the 158th Field Artillery and the 2nd Battalion of the 189th.

Jan 28, 1942: Published in the "The Fort Worth Star Telegram" entitled: Barkeley boys jive in new USO club. Three new USO clubs were opened in Abilene during the last weekend, providing recreation facilities for thousands of soldiers at Camp Barkeley. Here at a \$72,000 club, dancers watch a couple of hopcats in mid jive. The hopcats are Tootsy Quarles, Abilene High School senior, and Corp. Paul Cook, 1st Battalion Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

Feb 03, 1942: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Colonel Wamsley sent to corps headquarters. Col. Grover C. Wamsley, former commander of the 158th Field Artillery regiment, has been ordered to Eighth corps area headquarters at Fort Sam Houston on temporary duty, according to announcements from Camp Barkeley headquarters yesterday. Nature of his new assignment was not disclosed in orders that he report to corps headquarters. Colonel Wamsley, a banker and lawyer of Anadarko, Okla., was relieved from command of the 158th several weeks ago in compliance with war department orders fixing maximum ages of all grades of officers for duty with combat troops. He has been on temporary duty with the corps area service command detachment at Barkeley. Colonel Wamsley is one of the pioneers of Oklahoma, having come to Yukon, Okla. in 1893. He is a native of West Virginia and received his law degree from University of Michigan. He was commissioned in 1921 and had been in command of the 158th field artillery since 1935 until relieved recently. Two to Camp Wallace: Two other officers, Capt. Richard F. Lush and 1st Lieut. John D. Jordan, both formerly of the 120th Quartermaster regiment have been ordered to Camp Wallace, Tex., according to Barkeley announcements. Five officers of the 45th Infantry Division have been relieved of duty and assignment with their units and placed on temporary duty with the corps area service command detachment at Barkeley. Their transfers were ordered because of being over age in grade for units with combat troops. Transferred were Captains Bryan Nicks, Clarence B. Woodward and Mace Spangler, and 2nd Lieut. Roland D. Graves, all of the 179th Infantry regiment and 1st Lieut. Maxie G. Hall, 120th Engineer regiment. Three more 45th division officers yesterday were ordered relieved from duty with the division but all had been on detached service elsewhere in recent weeks. Lieut. Col. Leroy Wester formerly of the 157th Infantry, Capt. Frederick A. Daugherty, formerly of 90th Infantry brigade, and 2nd Lieut. Carey N. Wetherell, formerly of 158th Field Artillery were the officers relieved. Colonel Wester is on duty at VIII army corps headquarters, Brownwood. Captain Daugherty is on duty with the plans and training office of Third Army, San Antonio. Wetherell is an instructor at the field artillery school at Fort Sill.

Feb 05, 1942: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Now this. Photo: Haircuts are goin patriotic in the 45th Infantry Division at Camp Barkeley. By regimental order, all men of the 158th Field Artillery had to crop their hair. So the boys in the band trimmed theirs into "V" for Victory. In the picture are, left to right. Pvt. Glen Palmer, Cleveland, Ohio; Sgt. Ross Bour, New York; Sgt. Homer Knowlton, Lawton; and Sgt. Julian Niemczyk, Fort Sill.

Feb 11, 1942: The 45th Division was reorganized and changed from a square division to a triangular division. As a square division its main fighting force was composed of four regimental elements; the 157th, 158th, 179th and 180th Infantry Regiments. Two regiments were bound together to form a brigade, the 157th and 158th Infantry Regiments formed the 89th Infantry Brigade and the 179th and 180th Infantry Regiments formed the 90th Infantry Brigade. If the entire division were formed up in the field, the two brigades of two regiments would typically form a square, hence the name. The square division also had an artillery brigade of three artillery regiments. The 45th Division had the 70th Field Artillery Brigade which consisted of the 158th, 160th, and the 189th Field Artillery Regiments. A triangular division has its main fighting force organized into three regiments and are now based around the 157th, 179th, and 180th Infantry Regiments. There was no longer an artillery brigade but rather a "DivArty" or Division Artillery consisting of four artillery battalions and now assigned to the division were the 158th, 160th, 171st, and 189th Field Artillery Battalions. As a result of this change in organization, the First Battalion, Medical Detachment and the Band of the 158th Field Artillery Regiment, became the 158th Field Artillery Battalion in the Division Artillery of the reorganized 45th Infantry Division. The Headquarters and Headquarters Battery was disbanded. The Second Battalion, 158th Field Artillery Regiment, was separated from the 45th Infantry Division and became the 207th Field Artillery Battalion. This separate battalion served in Panama, Canal Zone and later served in the European Theater of Operations (ETO), where in 1944 it was changed from a 105mm Howitzer Battalion to an 8-inch Howitzer, Tractor-Drawn Battalion. It was inactivated 16 November 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

Feb 20, 1942: Published in the "The Camp Barkeley News" entitled: News. Members of Battery "B", 158th F. A., who were married within the past two weeks are: Pfc. Clarence Pipestem, Pfc. Raymond McCowan, and Pfc. Byron Bird.

Feb 23, 1942: Lieutenant Colonel Edgar B. Ross assumes command of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion effective 0001 hours in accordance with the 45th Infantry Division reorganization from a "square" to a "triangular" division.

Feb 24, 1942: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Division reshaping affects status of many officers. Reorganization of the 45th Infantry division from a square to a triangular division, which became effective at midnight Feb. 22-23, resulted in numerous changes in assignment of officers and enlisted men. Many officers and men who have been with the division since mobilization Sept. 16, 1940 have been ordered transferred to other organizations. Several units of the 45th ceased to exist when the reorganization became effective and several new units were created. Status of the division's two brigadier generals, Frank C. Mahin and Raymond S. McLain, was changed. General Mahin, former commander of the 90th infantry brigade, has been assigned with 45th headquarters as division infantry officer and as assistant to the division commander, Maj. Gen. William S. Key. McLain division officer. General McLain, formerly in command of the 70th Field Artillery brigade, has been transferred to the division artillery headquarters as division artillery officer. Executive officer of the division artillery is Col. James C. Styron, former commander of the 160th field artillery regiment, also former division chief of staff. Commanders of the 45th's four artillery battalions are: Lieut. Col. Edgar B. Ross, 158th battalion; Lieut. Col. Jess Larson, 160th battalion; Lieut. Col. Roy W. Kenny, 171st battalion; and Lieut. Col. Hal Muldrow, 189th battalion. Commanders of the division's three infantry regiments were unchanged with Col. Charles M. Ankcorn in command of the 157th, Lieut. Col. Harry B. Parris as acting commander of the 179th, and Col. Phillip S. Donnell as commander of the 180th. Quartermaster, engineer and medical regiments of the division were reorganized into battalions. Lieut. Col. Hugh Askew will command the 120th Quartermaster battalion, Col. Uil C. Lane will command the 120th Engineer battalion and Lieut. Col. Walter H. Miles is commander of the 120th Medical battalion. Division Provost Marshall. Capt. Cecil A. Pevey is to command the 45th Headquarters and Military Police company and as such will serve as division provost marshal. He succeeds Capt. Maurice E. Bettinger as provost marshal, the latter having been transferred to the 179th infantry regiment. First Lieut. Grant Lord, former commander of the 45th headquarters company, has been transferred to the 180th infantry along with three first lieutenants of the 45th Military Police company: Arlin L. Colbert, Leroy Lambeth and Archie E. Merriott. Lieutenant Merriott, however, has been placed on special duty with the new 45th Headquarters and M.P. company. First Lieut. Paul L. Hayes is to command the 45th cavalry reconnaissance troops. First Lieut. Noel C. Briley also will be with this troop. Both were transferred from the Special troops regiment. First Lieut. Tris L. Bledsoe, division headquarters and assistant division inspector general, was transferred to the 157th infantry. Second Lieut. James N. McNew of the chemical warfare section and 45th headquarters mess officer, has been transferred to the division headquarters and military police company. He will continue as mess officer.

Feb 26, 1942: Published in the "The Hennessey Clipper" entitled: Dover News. Mrs. J. M. Payne Awarded Four Star Emblem of Honor Pin. Mrs. James M. Payne has been informed that she has been awarded a four-star emblem of honor pin by the Emblem of Honor Association, of New York City, in recognition of the services of her four sons in the armed forces of the United States. The sons are Sgt. James Payne, Staff Sgt. Jack Payne, Pvt Francis Payne and Pvt. Harold Payne, with the 1st battalion service battery of the 158th Field Artillery at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Mrs. Payne is one of the few woman who has contributed so much to the defense of her country and deserves award of this kind and recognition by her community.

Mar 04, 1942: Published in the "The Abilene Reporter News" entitled: Colonel Ross battalion head. Commanding officer of the 158th field artillery battalion of the triangularized 45th infantry division is Lieut. Col. Edgar B. Ross, formerly an optometrist at Anadarko, Okla. Colonel Ross had been executive officer of the 158th field artillery regiment for several years and is a veteran of World War No. I, as a member of a machine gun company. Other officers of the 158th battalion, and their assignments, follow: Maj. Howard R. Cress, executive officer; Maj. Hugh A. Neal, plans and training officer; 1st Lieut. Lynn W. Norman, personnel officer; 1st Lieut. Leroy Miller, military intelligence officer; Capt. Henry T. Ford, supply and transportation; Capt. Wilson M. Riley, Battery "B" commander; Capt. George W. Nikkel, Service battery commander; Capt. Phillip A. Monohan, Battery "A" commander; Capt. Van L. Ogden, Headquarters battery commander; Capt. Paul E. Scheefers, Battery "C" commander; 1st Lieut. Carl E. Hall, Battery "B" executive; 1st Lieut. Ira S. Hayes, Service battery munitions officer; 1st Lieut. Roland E. Pomeroy, Battery "A" executive; 1st Lieut. Donald A. Stetler, Service battery motor officer; 1st Lieut. Edward M. Vaughn, Battery "C" executive; 1st Lieut. Willis H. Rawlins, Battery "B" reconnaissance officer; 2nd Lieut. James D. Bell, assistant executive officer of Battery "C"; 2nd Lieut. George O. Hubbert, Headquarters battery, 2nd Lieut. Joseph H. Wright, Battery "A" reconnaissance officer, and 2nd Lieut. Charles F. Owens, assistant executive officer of Battery "B". Official Roster of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion after reorganization at Camp Barkeley, TX; Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Edgar B. Ross, Majors Howard R. Cress and Hugh A. Neal, Captains Henry T. Ford and Van L. Ogden, First Lieutenants Leroy Miller and Lynn W. Norman, and Second Lieutenant George O. Hubbert. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George W. Nikkel, and First

Lieutenants Ira S. Hayes and Donald A. Stetler. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captains Richard A. Talbert and Phillip A. Monahan, First Lieutenant Roland E. Pomeroy, and Second Lieutenant Joseph H. Wright. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Wilson M. Riley, First Lieutenants Carl E. Hall and Willis H. Rawlins, and Second Lieutenant Charles F. Owens. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Paul E. Scheefers, First Lieutenant Edward M. Vaughn, and Second Lieutenant James D. Bell.

Mar 06, 1942: Published in the "The Casa Grande Dispatch" entitled: Camp Berkeley News; When an unusual number of the soldiers of Battery B, 158th Field Artillery, reported to the orderly tent volunteering for guard duty that night, Pvt. John J. Bunker, Marion, Ind., clerk, became suspicious. Knowing full well that guard duty, especially on cold nights, is one of the most dreaded of all duties in a soldier's life, Bunker began looking for an explanation. The problem was solved when he discovered that a night problem in the field was anticipated and the men were offering their services to escape sleeping outdoors all night.

Mar 13, 1942: Published in the "The Camp Berkeley News" entitled: Four will fly. Sgt. Robert B. Fleming, Co. G, 179th Infantry, Pvt. Louis F. Bower, medical detachment, 158th field artillery, Pvt. Charles S. French, medical detachment, 645th tank destroyer battalion, and Pvt. Robert J. Craig, Co. A, 645th tank destroyer battalion, were transferred to the Air Corps replacement training center, Santa Ana, Calif. They will enter the March class in aviation student training at civil flying school. Neal with 160th. Maj. Hugh A. Neal, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, has been placed on special duty with the 160th Field Artillery Battalion. Among swingiest, bandsmen pattern after Shaw, Basie. By Richard Dumit. Next time you hear "Jutin Judy Jutin at the Juke Box", you can be sure of one thing, it's the Division Artillery dance orchestra on the band stand. Headed by Tech. Sgt. Julian Niemezyk and composed entirely of members of the 158th Field Artillery with the exception of the trombone spot, this band has blossomed almost overnight into one of the swingiest combinations in Berkeley. Twelve men strong, they feature a solid rhythm section backed by a sharp brass trio and smooth sax section. Shaw is model. Patterned after Artie Shaw, wizard of the clarinet and the colored swing king, Count Basie, the band averages at least three U.S.O. Dances a week plus a weekly spot on the division broadcasting section's schedule. Always rated highly, the band didn't hit its peak until Sgt. Ross Bour, one of the mainstays of the brass section, concocted the wacky but much requested "Jutin Judy Jutin at the Juke Box." Just as other orchestras have hit the top with one special number such as Orrin Tucker's version of "Oh Johnny" or Glen Miller's "In the Mood," Bour's composition has done as much for this band. Niemezyk, former business manager of the Boomer dance band at Oklahoma University, heads the reed section on tenor while the other three sax men are Corp. Arthur Hamilton, Corp. Harold Rodnett, and Pfc. Lavon Wise. Bour Arranges. Bour leads the trumpet section and handles practically all the band's arrangements. His career before army service including playing with such top flight orchestras as Al Donahou, Happy Felton, Henry Halstead and Bob White. In addition to his "jive" experience, Bour played solo trumpet in the Oklahoma Symphony orchestra. Sgt. Merle Brandon and Pfc. Charles Shelton round out the section. The trombone slot is the only sore point in the band at present as no trombonist have yet been located. Negotiations are under way for at least one slip horn man from another part of the camp but until he's signed members of the 157th Infantry military band have agreed to fill the vacancy. They Plug Bonds. Holding down spots in the rhythm section are S/Sgt. Paul Waddle, Pfc. Glenn Palmer, Pfc. John Lindsay and Pfc. Ted Paskvan. Waddle handles the drums and is best noted for his work on rumbas while Palmer gives out some lively tunes on the piano. Paskvan was formerly with Tiny Specht's band in Minnesota on guitar and Lindsay provides a steady beat with his work on the brass fiddle. In keeping with the patriotic theme of today, the band has named "Any Bonds Today" as it's theme song. Warrant Officer Adrian Primo, although devoting most of his time to the military band, lends much assistance when called upon. Most requested numbers of the day includes "Begin the Beguine," "Night and Day," "Swinging Blue," and "In the Mood." Photo Caption: Dishing out a steaming jive special for the Blue Bonnet dancers and their soldier escorts at the 2nd street U.S.O. in Abilene is the 45th Division Artillery band. Headed by Tech Sgt. Julian Niemezyk, former manager of the Boomer dance band at Oklahoma University, this band is in constant demand.

Mar 16, 1942: Published in the "The Daily Banner" entitled: Serving in our armed forces. James F. Shuck is the son of Mr. And Mrs. Cleo Shuck of Fillmore. He has been transferred from Ft. Sill, Okla., to Camp Berkeley, Tex. He is a signal communication specialist in First Battalion Headquarters Battery, 158th Regiment. Private Fay Dean Farmer, son of Mr. And Mrs. Fred Farmer of Cloverdale has been transferred from Ft. Sill, Okla., to Camp Berkeley, Texas. He is signal communications specialist in Regimental Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery, 45th Division, 189th Field Artillery Detachment. This is known as the Thunderbird Division.

Mar 20, 1942: Published in the "The Camp Berkeley News" entitled: Private patter. Corp. Sam Gill and Sgt. Richard N. Richardson, both of Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery, have both been corresponding with a California lassie. They almost came to swords points the other day when the popular gal sent Sgt. Richardson several

pictures intended for Corp. Gill. To obtain the photos which were rightfully his, Gill threatened to send two letters in his possession to the California Miss which were supposedly addressed to Richardson by another feminine admirer. Bowing to the "blackmail" demands of Gill, Richardson exchanged the prized photos for the "letters". They turned out to be two blank sheets of paper. Third time and nary a charm. Preparing for an impending inspection, Private Donald Fish, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, took his mess gear to a nearby latrine and washed it until it sparkled, only to drop it on the ground just outside the latrine. It took two more washings and subsequent slipping to the ground of the mess gear before Private Fish lost his temper and kicked the thrice washed mess gear over the entire Battery "B" area. Curfew, new paper, appears in 158th. Volume 1, number 1, "Curfew" official mimeographed monthly publication of Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, was distributed to members of the 158th F.A. Battalion this week. Edited by Staff Sergeant Harrison Moreland, the paper consists of two pages and in its first issue requests that former members of the 158th F. A. Headquarters Battery write to members of the present outfit telling what they are doing, and to enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope to facilitate receiving copies of the "Curfew" by mail each month. Now "C" Battery's "The dawn patrol". Several members of Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, have been applying for entrance into the air corps and it has affected the manner in which 1st Sgt. Robert M. Berger calls the men for reveille each morning. Instead of going from tent to tent banging on the side of each tent and bellowing, "Get up yard-bird," the 21 year old top kick now calls, "Let's go, men of the Dawn Patrol." The whole battery shows up "on the double." Sergeant escapes move, gets KP. The fact that 1st Sgt. R. J. Beams, 158th Field Artillery Battalion Headquarters Battery, went to the hospital at the time his battery moved into the new tent area may have been a coincidence. But if Sgt. Beams entered the station hospital with the idea of catching up on some sleep he soon became aware of the fact that even in a hospital, a soldier cannot escape the toils of an army camp. Sgt. Beams is now taking a regular turn at K.P. In Ward A-7, and reports say that the sergeant would gladly settle for his freedom from the hospital and a little labor around the new tent area, after all.

Apr 03, 1942: Published in the "The Camp Berkeley News" entitled: 5 star general. If a four-star general is a pretty "rare bird" in the army so is a five-star sergeant. First Sgt. Joseph A. Shannon, Btry "B", 158th F.A., is shown wearing his five stars, signifying participation in five major battles, and one bar, representing army of occupation service, all of which he earned in the first World War. Shannon will march Monday in Abilene in the Army Day Parade. Cress Commands: Maj. Howard R. Cress, in civil life connected with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, has been named commander of Headquarters and MP company, 45th division. Major Cress has been with the 158th Field Artillery. Ring Lost: Pvt. Travil Tallent, Btry. "B", 158th F. A. Bn., reported last Friday that he lost a girl's class ring at the fieldhouse. Identification included the initials "M. E. H.," and "White Oak School," engraved on the ring. Pvt. Tallent offers a reward if the finder will contact him at Btry. "B".

Apr 21, 1942: Published in the "The Daily Banner" entitled: Serving in our armed forces. Pvt. R. M. Kirkham, shown above wrote the following letter to his brother, Scott Kirkham, stationed at Pine Camp, N. Y. The letter was then forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. William N. Kirkham. Pvt. Kirkham's address is Btry "F". 158th F. A., Camp Paraiso, Panama Canal Zone. Sat. 28, 1942 Hi Brother: I just happened to remember that the 31st is your birthday and if you are like me a letter would be much more welcome than just a card. How are you and the Army getting along? I am O. K. I got to take a trip into the interior last week, so guess I will tell about it because that is about all that is new here. I left Thursday morning and went to a little town not far from here and saw the oldest Church in Panama it was built in 1715 it is made out of clay bricks with a tile roof. From there we went to another town and went through a College it was built by J. D. Arosenema in 1936-38 and I believe it is the most beautiful building I ever saw, the front is all carved out of Marble with figures of women carved above the doors and windows and the inside is as modern as any building you ever saw, from there I went on up into the mountains, it was 4,400 ft. to where I was. I stayed at an old man's place there, he was from Switzerland and could speak 14 different languages and he had two sons one is 13 and the other 14 and they can talk 4 different languages. It was plenty cold up there from what I am use to. I went fishing in a mountain stream and caught 12 nice trout, there is all kinds of wild game there, Black Panther, Deer, Ducks, Wild Turkey, wild Bear and there are rabbits there that they say will weigh 25 lbs. How would you like to live in that kind of country? I went swimming in one of the streams up there and it was just like getting in a tub of ice water. I went over one road to a little town that was 30 miles long and It took 3 hours to drive it one way, but it was worth the time because it was a nice little town, we found a man there that grows sweet lemons and saw three good looking white girls. I went through a saw mill that is run by a water wheel, the man that runs it is from Cal., (U. S.) he has been there 14 years, he said a few years ago he broke his arm and it took him 3 days to get a doctor about 20 miles from there so you can get an idea about what the country there is like. I got back to camp Tuesday night, sure had a swell time but was tired, I took 5 rolls of film and all but one was good and the censors destroyed 5 so I still have 34 good ones I am sending you some so you can see what the place is like. I just got off K. P. so guess I will finish this so it will go out tomorrow. We have K. P. three days in a row. I guess Bill finally got him a good job, sure glad of it. Well, guess I will close because one of the boys here is waiting on me, we are going down to the Ocean to go fishing, while the tide is in. Good Luck and write soon. Love, Bob. "Happy Birthday".

May 21, 1942: Published in the "The Gastonia Daily Gazette" entitled: Boys in the service. PFC. Harry P. Maynard of the 158th Field Artillery battalion at Fort Devens, Mass. Recently transferred from Camp Barkley, Texas, arrived by plane from Boston to spend a five-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Maynard. A graduate of Belmont Abbey College and former employee of the Belmont post office. Maynard entered training June 5, 1941, at Fort Sill Field Artillery School.

Jul 09, 1942: Published in the "The Hennessey Clipper" entitled: Dover news. Dover Christian Church Honors the Members in Armed Forces. The church services last Sunday morning at the Dover Christian church were in honor of the young men who are members of the church, and others who are connected with the church in various ways, who are now in the armed forces of our country risking their lives for all that America means to us. Appropriate vocal music was rendered by Mrs. George Allen and Dr. S. J. England, pastor, honored the young men in his sermon. A Victory Service Roll was presented to the church by Roy Counts and Nathan Coleman, containing the names of the following young men, that it may be properly cared for and honored by this community for the performance of patriotic duty. Other names will be added and no doubt some may have been overlooked: Johnnie Myers, jr. officers candidate school, Fort Sill, Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. R. Myers, Woodrow Chambers, 48th F. A. Bn, San Luis Obispo, California, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Chambers, Maurice A. Beck, jr., service battery, 207th F. A. Bn., Canal Zone, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Beck, Carl F. Wick, 180th Infantry, 45th Division, Ireland Melvin Grape, 158th F. A., 45th Division, Ireland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grape, Olin Truitt, address unknown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Truitt, Major Roy Hammonds, Instructor, Fort Benning, Ga., Charles Robinson, officers candidate school, Fort Sill, Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, Sgt. Jack Paine, Sgt. Jimmie Paine, Corp. Harold Paine and Corp. Francis Paine, 158th F. A. Bn., 45th Division, Ireland, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Paine. Rufus Barney, 314 technical school squadron, Sheppard Field, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Barney, Sgt. Jack Prince, 158th F. A., Camp Devens, Mass, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Prince, Charles Eubanks, US Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Eubanks, Albert Caldwell, US Navy, son of Mr. J. B. Caldwell; Sgt. Embert Purdy, 202nd F. A. Bn., Camp Barkeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Purdy, Corp. Merwyn Purdy, S & A Battery, 49th F. A., San Luis Obispo, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Purdy; Harold Miller, 57th F. A. Bn. , San Luis Obispo, Calif., Lester Miller, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Lee Miller, Brooks Field, Texas, sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, Billy Berkenbile, address unknown, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Berkenbile, James Woods and Melvin Woods, address unknown, sons of Mrs. Ruth Woods.

Aug 01, 1942: Extract of Army Regulation No. 260-10: Organizational Color and Standards of the United States Army, National Guard, and Organized Reserves 1942. 1. Army Regulation No. 260-10, describes the regimental color and standard as follows: 2. Regimental color and standard. a. Regimental colors and standards for regiments and such other independent units as may be authorized to carry them will be of silk of the color of the facings of the branch. See AR 600-35. b. The size of the color will be 4 feet 4 inches on the pike by 5 feet 6 inches fly, and of the standard 3 feet on the lance by 4 feet fly. c. Both regimental colors and standards will be trimmed on three edges with a knotted fringe of silk 2-1/2 inches wide. The color of the silk fringe will be yellow, except when the facings are of two colors, in which case the fringe will be of the piping color. d. Attached below the spearhead of the pike of the regimental color will be a cord 8 feet 6 inches in length, with a tassel at each end. Cord and tassels will be of silk strands of the color of the facings of the branch. When a unit is entitled to the silk streamers, these streamers will replace the cord and tassel. The cord and tassel will not be used on the regimental standard. Cords, tassels, and streamers when prescribed become a component part of the color or standard. e. In the center of both regimental colors and standards will be embroidered the regimental coat of arms or the regimental badge as the case may be, with the American eagle displayed holding in his dexter talon an olive branch and in his sinister a bundle of thirteen arrows all proper, as a supporter. The height of the eagle will be 1 foot 11-1/8 inches on the color and 1 foot 3-7/8 inches on the standard. Below the eagle will be a scroll bearing the official designation of the regiment, e.g., Third-Regiment-Infantry. Cases are as follows: (1) In the Regular Army. (a) A regiment having an approved coat of arms. The shield of the coat of arms will be embroidered on the eagle's breast, the regimental motto on a scroll in the eagle's beak, and the regimental crest above the eagle's head. (b) A regiment having an approved badge but no coat of arms. The eagle's breast will be feathered, the regimental motto will be on a scroll in the eagle's beak, and the regimental badge will replace the regimental crest above the eagle's head. (2) In the National Guard a regiment having an approved coat of arms. The shield of the coat of arms will be embroidered on the eagle's breast, the regimental motto on a scroll in the eagle's beak, and the crest approved for regiments of the State above the eagle's head. Regiments allocated to two or more States, will bear the crests approved for regiments of each of the several States arranged from dexter to sinister in order of admission of the States into the Union. (3) In the Organized Reserves a regiment having an approved coat of arms. The shield of the coat of arms will be embroidered on the eagle's breast, the regimental motto on a scroll in the eagle's beak, and the crest approved for regiments of the Organized Reserves, the Lexington Minute Man, above the eagle's head. Coat of Arms. 3. Each organization entitled to carry a color or a standard (see rules of Basic Allowances, War Department Circular No. 58, 1923) is required to

have a coat of arms or badge. This applies to all units of the Regular Army, federally recognized National Guard, and Organized Reserves, it being intended that there shall be no change in the color or standard of a National Guard or an Organized Reserve unit when it is called or drafted into the federal service. 4. The coat of arms must be approved by the Secretary of War in order to become official. 5. Coats of arms of organizations are based upon the approved histories of such organizations. This is necessary in order that the organization may be able to show its title to each charge upon its escutcheon. The history of a unit consists of two parts: (1) The outline in diagrammatic form; (2) The written outline which explains and amplifies the diagram. These are forwarded to the Adjutant General who forwards them to the Historical Section, Army War College, for check and recommendation relative to approval. This outline should be very carefully prepared. Each statement of fact should be substantiated by a reference to the original source and, wherever practicable, an authenticated copy of the sources will be forwarded with the outline. Also, it should include incidents considered important by the unit with corresponding citations of authority. Such a statement can be checked readily by the Historical Section, Army War College. In the National Guard it would be very difficult, and in some cases, impossible, for the Historical Section to trace unit histories without assistance from the Adjutant General of the States concerned and from the units themselves. After the submission of such history, the Historical Section will correspond through channels with the proper military authorities, if it is found necessary to supplement or correct a statement, clarify or amplify vague points of issue, or secure more evidence. In the check of unit histories, certain rules are always followed. Failure of those formulating histories to observe those rules always results in serious delay and retards the final date of approval of the coat of arms requested. The following are some of the usual difficulties encountered while checking outlines in the past: (a) Citing or quoting as authority, documents, extracts from books or other writings, which are not in themselves original sources of information. (b) In the National Guard, where breaks in continuity have occurred, owing to the fact that no organization existed, attempts have been made to connect old with new organizations by issuing orders, at this time, to amend orders issued many years ago. Such amending orders, when they state that the new organizations perpetuated the old, or that the new was a reorganization of the old, are manifestly wrong, unless borne out by facts which are proven by evidence, submitted with the outline. (c) Failure to establish beyond doubt the identity of a present-day unit with a previously existing unit. (d) In the case of National Guard units, failure to show each period of the state or federal service. (e) When organizations of the National Guard are mustered out after a period of federal service, failure to produce evidence which will show whether or not they reverted to a status of an organization in the state of service, or whether or not they completely went out of existence. (f) Attention is invited to the principles stated in Section 2, Bulletin 13, 1920, relative to tracing History of troop units of the Regular Army. 6. The most important thing to show on the coat of arms is the greatest combat feat in the history of the unit, no matter when it occurred. If there is some one outstanding achievement, it should be made the basis of the arms; everything else will be omitted. If there is no such preeminent deed, the organization's combat history should be considered, and the most important wars in which the unit participated selected. Special prominence should be given to the most ancient incidents in its combat record, particularly to the one in which the regiment received its baptism of fire. 7. For old organizations which at one time had a different insignia from that now used, such insignia could advantageously be used, thereby showing the long record of the regiment. The insignia now worn on the uniform must not be used on a coat of arms. 8. For newly organized units of the National Guard and Organized Reserves having no combat history, changes representative of the territory to which the regiment is allocated may be taken. 9. There are no actually designated or required heraldic device to represent the several wars in which the United States has been engaged. Various devices are, however, used. For the Revolutionary War a British lion, the cross of St. George (a red cross on white field), a pine tree (if a New England regiment), a rattlesnake coiled to strike, "Don't tread on me" (if a middle atlantic state's regiment). For the War of 1812, a lion, a unicorn, the cross of St. George, a maple leaf. For the Mexican War, a cactus, a rattlesnake. For the Civil War a saltire cross (from the Confederate flag), the various corps badges. For the Indian Wars, an arrow, or an arrow for each war. For the Spanish War in Cuba, a castle, a palm tree, or the Corps badge. In Porto Rico, a castle, a Maltese cross. In the Philippines, a castle, a palm tree, or the corps badges. Philippine Insurrection, a palm tree, the Kataipunan sun, a bolo (Luzon and Visayas), a kampilan (Moro), a kris (Moros of the Lake Lanao district). China Relief Expedition, a Chinese dragon. Mexican Border service, a cactus, a rattlesnake. World War, fleur-de-lis, heraldic devices of the French provinces, and British, French, Canadian, Australian devices for service in cooperation with these forces. No device has been used to represent camp duty in the United States during the Spanish War as it is not customary to recount this sort of duty, the idea being to commemorate fighting duty for a fighting unit. 10. A complete coat of arms consists of a shield, a crest, and a motto. 11. The name or number of the organization must not appear on the shield or the crest. Shield. 12. In general, the color of the shield should be that of the colors of the branch, bureau, et cetera (see Army Regulations No. 600-35) in order to at once associate the regiment with the arm, but this may be disregarded when some special reason exists, i.e., when the facings of the branch were of a different color-green and black (vert and sable) for Air Service, white (argent) for Infantry, et cetera. 13. The design must conform to the rules and best practices of heraldry. 14. It must be historically correct. 15. The shield must be of simple design, i.e., a simple coat, no quarterings, and capable of satisfactory reproduction in embroidery and also on a small scale as for stationery, letterheads, et cetera. Overloading to be avoided. 16. Heraldry is simply picture writing; every

symbol should have a definite significance and nothing should be added to which some significance cannot be attached. Scenes, landscapes, or photographs are not suitable, i.e., the charges must be symbols that may be heraldically described or blazoned. 17. No part of the coat of arms of the United States may be used by any unit, nor any complete arms, seal, or flag of any State or country be so used, although devices may be taken from them when applicable. 18. Insignia for collar or lapel, such as described in Army Regulations No. 600-35, for branch, bureau, et cetera, will not be used as a charge on the shield. 19. Embattlements should not be taken by an organization having no combat service. Crest. 20. Each regiment in the regular Army will have its own individual crest, this to be submitted with a proposed coat of arms. 21. The crests for all National Guard units have been approved. The arrangement is described in Army Regulation No. 260-10. See paragraph 1 above. 22. The crest for Organized Reserve units has been approved. See paragraph 1 above. Supporters, Helmets, Mantling, etc. 23. Appropriate supporters may be used unofficially (as letter-heads, etc.), and may be included in the blazon if desired, but there is no place for them officially on the regimental color or standard as the American eagle is used as the supporter. 24. Helmets, mantling, decorations (such as Croix-de-guerre or fourraguere), or campaign badges, or ribbons, or citations will not be used with the coat of arms when used officially. 25. If for unofficial use, a helmet is desired, the gentleman's style helmet will be used. Motto. 26. The regimental motto may be in English, Latin, American Indian, et cetera. If the regiment is an old one, and the grandfathers of the present personnel fought at Chapultepec or at Vicksburg, it would be manifestly proper if the regiment chose something other than a French motto. The motto may have almost any origin—a battlecry, an extract from an order, the expression of an ideal, or a sentiment, but it should be expressive, in good taste, and a graceful phrase. 27. The regiment, at its option, may place the designation or motto on a scroll or on an encircling band when the arms are used for unofficial purposes. 28. As a means of promoting esprit de corps and keeping alive historical tradition, color or standard bearing organizations such as regiments, independent battalions, or their equivalents such as tank battalions, ammunition trains, or Air Corps groups, et cetera, of the Regular Army, federally recognized National Guard, and Organized Reserves may adopt and wear as a part of the uniform a distinctive insignia or trimming (see Army Regulation No. 600-40). 29. The distinctive insignia or trimming must be approved by the War Department before it can be worn by the regiment. 30. The distinctive insignia or trimming should have its origin in the history of the regiment, i.e., one organization wears a band of its regimental colors on the shoulder loops of the service coat and on the brow bands of its horses' bridles; others wear a miniature of the regimental shield; shield and motto; shield, crest, and motto; crest; or crest and motto of the coat of arms, on the service uniforms, white uniform, mess jacket, and campaign hat. The State crests adopted for the National Guard are not distinctive of the regiment as the same crest surmounts the shield of the coat of arms of all color bearing organizations within the State. 31. It is the policy of the War Department to limit the distinctive markings and regimental devices to items supplemental to the uniforms and not substitutions for any portion of it. The devices or marking will not displace the prescribed collar insignia, i.e., the crossed muskets or the "U.S." and will not be worn as a shoulder sleeve insignia. 32. If a metal distinctive insignia is selected it must be of bright metal (gold or silver plate) and enamel, and must not exceed 1-1/4 inches in height. Experience has shown that the one-inch to 1-1/8 inch sizes make the best appearance. 33. Care should be exercised not to violate the heraldic rule that color must not be placed on color, nor metal on metal, without fimbriation, -yellow corresponds to gold (or), white corresponds to silver (argent), this is only the physical law of visibility stated in heraldic terms. 34. Letters and numbers are not to be used. This prohibition does not apply to the regimental motto which is placed on a scroll and is a fundamental part of the coat of arms. 35. The same general instructions for coats of arms apply to distinctive insignia and trimmings. 36. In view of the present necessity for economy, the expense incurred through the adoption of a distinctive insignia or trimmings cannot be met by the Government. If an insignia or trimmings is authorized for a regiment, it becomes part of its uniform and as such must be worn by all its personnel, both commissioned and enlisted. Approvals. 37. There will be one approval granted for a coat of arms in the form of blazon and description under authority of Army Regulations 260-10. 38. There will be one approval of a blazon or of a description granted for a distinctive insignia or trimming under authority of Army Regulations 600-40; this will include the method of wearing. A manufacturer's drawing of the device will be requested to check against the description, and a letter verifying the fact will be given; then, and then only, should the work be started to cut or sink the necessary dies for insignia; two finished, manufacturer's samples should be furnished for check and approval before equipping the organization. Miscellaneous. 39. Streamers and tabards are authorized in Army Regulation No. 260-10. 40. In accordance with the existing policy of the War Department, this office is glad to render every assistance in the development of a regimental coat of arms and distinctive insignia or trimming. However, experience has shown that it is better to have the design or the basic idea thereof originate in the organization. These designs may be just pencil sketches or crayon drawings indicating the color desired. The significance of the charges proposed should be stated, and if any significance is attached to the motto, it should also be stated. If the motto selected is in a foreign tongue, the translation should be given. 41. It is the policy of the War Department to approve no changes in regimental coat of arms or regimental distinctive insignia after final approval unless it subsequently develops that the historical facts on which the heraldic derivations were based are incorrect. The reason for this is obvious. If the coat of arms were not stabilized, there would be nothing to prevent each new commanding officer from attempting to remodel the arms of the regiment.

Nov 21, 1942: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: Joe Douthitt new Top Kick in 158th. Twenty-one year old Joe Douthitt this week succeeded 1st Sgt. Alvin Ewald as topkick of Btry. "C", 158th F.A. Bn. Sergeant Ewald left to attend Officer's Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla. Other promotions within Btry "C", included Alvin Meyers and Walter Schomaker to Staff Sergeant, Charles Gates to Sergeant and Pfc. Richard Long to Corporal. Division sheetless, but not "B" Battery. The 45th Division is sleeping without sheets and there is more than a slight possibility it may not receive any while stationed here. However, Btry. "B", 158th F.A. Bn. boost of sheets, Staff Sgt. Calvin D. Sheets, Btry. "B", 158th F.A. Bn. They're dreaming of an early Christmas. Four members of Btry. "A", 158th F.A. Bn., 1st Sgt. Eldon A. Miller, Staff Sgt. Donald D. McAllister, Corp. Edmund Pitcher and Tech. Gr. 5 Burton Mead jumped the gun on the holiday season and recently spent an evening stringing red and green crepe paper, electric lights, bells and holly wreaths throughout the orderly room. Members of the battery who entered the room the next morning invariably began their conversations with the commanding officer with "Merry Christmas, Sir." So now the clerk delivers mail. "If you want your mail, you'll have to come and get it," tempermental mail clerk Tranvil Tallent told members of his battery. When Corporal Tallent, Btry. "B", 158th F.A. Bn., was appointed mail clerk a short time ago, he decided that all mail would be picked up at the orderly room. "Too much work for me to have to distribute the mail in the barracks," he explained. But when his outfit returned from a recent 10 mile foot march, Tallent was asked to please bring the mail to the barracks for distribution. "I don't give a darn how much work it is, my feet hurt, and I want my mail brought over here," were the words of Pvt. Donald Harvey. Tallent complied.

Dec 25, 1942: Christmas Dinner Menu and Program: Battery "B" 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Pine Camp, New York. Menu: Roast Turkey, Sage Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Giblet Gravy, Buttered Lima Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Fresh Celery, Pumpkin Pie, Fruit Salad, Ice Cream, Chocolate Cake, Hard Candy, Assorted Nuts, Bread, Butter, Coffee, Lemonade, Grape Wine, Cigars and Cigarettes. Commanding Officer: Capt. William S. Hurley; Reconnaissance Officer: 1st Lieut. Spencer Floyd; Executive: 1st Lieut. Harry W. Van Ness; Assistant Executive: 2nd Lieut. Alfred J. Lindsey; First Sergeant: Joseph A. Shannon; Staff Sergeants: Leo A. Dart, Charlie B. Lane, Calvin D. Sheets, and Robert E. Shipmen; Sergeants: Joseph L. Duncan, James A. Ferguson, Emmit V. Robrecht, Robert J. Robrecht, Vincent B. Shaffer, Claude R. Shirley, Ellis H. Shirley, and Leo F. Weaver; Sergeant Technicians: Raymond H. Burns, Clarence H. Pipestem, Albert M. Schoelen, and Vinson F. Thomasson; Corporals: John J. Bunker, Warren O. Carroll, Joseph A. Dupont, Lewis B. Fennig, Donald G. Fish, Olan W. Herr, Hillis Kilpatrick, Shepard P. Morgan, Paul Reynolds, Euphra L. Thomasson, and Hartwell E. Wolgram; Corporal Technicians: J. C. Athey, Vincent G. Barron, Curtis H. Davis, Richard G. Desmond, Jodie Headley, Harry W. Mithlo, Robert I. Tallent, and Otto B. Wells; Privates First Class: Byron L. Bird, Ernest C. Cain, Charles L. Clem, Harry B. Coker, Herbert H. Comdohr, Melvin W. Davidson, Paul N. Davis, Louis E. Ehrlich, Morris L. Eisenstein, Joseph B. Fowler, Richard G. Fuka, Willey L. Garner, John C. Gibson, J. D. Golden, Oscar G. Green, Harry Guy, Alfred L. Holt, Orla B. Hostetler, Darrell Huff, Wade F. Johnson, John W. Keating, Philip Kelley, Isadore L. Kravitz, Melvin D. Longhorn, Willard McNally, Elmer W. Meier, Francis H. Pownall, Steven Rasheff, Arlen A. Raxter, Lawrence C. Sparkman, Bill T. Visnieski, and Omer L. Wauhob; and Privates: Patrick S. Bennett, Howard K. Berry, Forrest D. Blakesley, Johnny W. Bryan, Robert A. Buchanan, Morven A. Carter, Vernon A. Cornelius, Edmund W. Crummey, John J. Curran, Charles W. Daffara, William R. Fisher, Robert L. Gilreath, Edwin F. Gorak, Lester B. Gose, Marcus E. Graves, Donald K. Harvey, Walter J. Harvey, William M. Hoffman, Charles O. Howell, Thomas D. Iannotti, Edward L. Johnson, Daniel O. Jones, Gerad H. Landry, Michael LaRossa, Fredrick T. Matthews, Marshall G. Mays, Alex G. McBryde, Raymond A. McCoy, James V. Meindersma, Wilford B. Painter, Joseph E. Perry, Charlie E. Pinegar, Carl C. Roberts, James E. Roberts, George W. Smith, David P. Turner, Aime Vezina, Marcus L. Wiginton, George A. Wilson, and Jack Zlatin. Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: WAAC's never use this number. When Sgt. Clyde Klingsick recently dropped and cracked a cast iron griddle, he asked Warrant Officer E. L. Hayes, Serv. Btry., 158th F.A. Bn., to make out an order for a new griddle. The warrant officer typed out the order and handed it to Klingsick, who took it over to the Post quartermaster's office. Mrs. Rita Jones, post Q.M. clerk looked at the order and smiled, saying, "I'm sorry, but we've never stocked any of these at any time." Klingsick, a bit puzzled by Mrs. Jones' statement looked at the order which she had handed back to him. The order had been typed as follows: "Request one new 20x30 cast iron girdle, to replace like new item, rendered unserviceable through fair wear and tear." Hatchet whacks indian's scalp. Indian Pvt. Joe Curley, Btry "C", 158th F.A. Bn., was helping to decorate the service club for the holiday season when he accidentally pushed aside a ladder on which a hatchet was placed. The hatchet dropped and glanced off the Indian's scalp, leaving its mark on the Curley head. After the scalped Indian soldier had been treated, he returned to finish the job of trimming the club. New legree for 158th service battery. Wilbur G. Hartsfield has been appointed first sergeant in Service Btry., 158th F.A. Bn., it was announced this week. Other promotions in the outfit include Wayne Haen to staff sergeant and Howard L. Braden to sergeant. John Wise was promoted to sergeant and Andy Erskine received his corporal's stripes in Btry. "A".

Jan 07, 1943: Published in the "The Kingfisher Times" entitled: Payne family of near Dover gives five sons to army. Four Are Officers, Another Training. The Paynes are all-out for victory! The five soldier boys pictured here all are sons of Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Payne, who live three miles north and one-half mile east of Dover. Four are together at Pine Camp, N.Y. Three are staff sergeants, one is a sergeant, and the fifth has just graduated from an army airplane mechanics school and is entering a gunnery school to try for a staff sergeants rating. Things are relatively quiet these days at the Payne home, where before the clouds of war appeared over America six active sons and a daughter kept things humming. Now there remain at home only a son, George, 14 and the daughter, Mary Beth, to help their parents keep the home fires burning. A married daughter, Mrs. Ralph Carter, lives nearby. James, Jack, Harold and Francis are the ones who are serving together in the same division. They were privates in the national guard when it was mobilized in September, 1940, and have been in training almost continuously since that time at Fort Sill, Camp Barkeley, Fort Devens, Mass. And now at Pine Camp. They are in the field artillery. William, last of the boys to enter service, enlisted August 1 in the air corps. He has been stationed at Gulfport Field, Miss., where he was graduated January 2 from a technical training command school for airplane mechanics. If he proves to be as good a gunner as he is a mechanic, he will acquire the sergeant's rating now held by his four brothers. Only one of the boys, Jack, is married. His wife and their five-month-old daughter Jackie reside in Enid, James, 26, is the oldest of the five boys. All attended Dover high school, where they were active in basketball, boxing, 4-H club work, and other activities. When the Paynes all get into action, Hitler will know for sure that something has hit him. In the meantime, those left at home are doing their bit to grow food and fiber for freedom to help keep American soldiers the best fed and best clothed in the world.

Dec 16, 1943: Published in the "The Daily Banner" entitled: Personal and local news briefs. Mr. And Mrs. Cleo Shuck have received a quarter of a German parachute from their son, Sgt. James F. Shuck which was shot down by him at Salerno, Italy. Sgt. James F. Shuck has been overseas since June and took part in the invasion of Sicily being on the front lines twenty-one days. His division, which is the Thunderbird 45th Division, which is an amphibian commando ranger division invaded Italy at Salerno September 9. Sgt. Shuck would be glad to hear from his friends. His address is Sgt. James F. Shuck, A.S.N. 35168996, Battery C, 158th F. A. Bn., A.P.O. 45, c/o Postmaster, New York City, New York.

Jul 10, 1943: 158th Field Artillery Battalion lands on the beaches of Sicily near Scoglitti.

Jul 14, 1943: TEC4 Bernard Griffith, ASN: 35131811, Captured in Sicily, Held 738 days at Stalag Luft 3. SSGT Robert E. Shipman, ASN: 20830758, Captured in Sicily, Held 716 days at Stalag 7A.

Jul 15, 1943: TEC5 John C. Athey, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830709, DOB: Mar 10, 1921, from Anadarko, OK, is Killed in Action.

Jul 17, 1943: 1LT Capers Reames Wactor, Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, OSN: O-1170594, DOB: Apr 27, 1912, from Sumter, SC, is Killed in Action. Obituary: "Rufus" Capers Wactor, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army First Lieutenant "Rufus" Capers Wactor was killed in action, July 17, 1943, in Sicily, during World War II. He was a member of the Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion 45th Infantry Division. He was also the recipient of the Purple Heart. He is buried in Plot E Row 7 Grave 9 at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy. A memorial stone was placed in the family lot in the Sumter Cemetery.

Jul 18, 1943: PFC Lonnie B. Nobles, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830347, DOB: Dec 29, 1921, from Sulphur, OK, is Killed in Action.

Aug 02, 1943: TEC5 Woodrow C. King, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830595, DOB: May 27, 1916, from Chickasha, OK, is Killed in Action. Published in the "The Chronicles of Oklahoma" entitled: Killed in action. King, Woodrow C., Corporal, U. S. Army. Home address: Chickasha, Grady County. Mrs. Corrine V. King, Wife, 411 South 6th St., Chickasha. Born May 27, 1916. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously. Also, awarded posthumously the Soldier's Medal for Heroism not involved in conflict when personnel of a landing boat was thrown into water thirty yards from shore, the boat having crashed on a rocky beach in the initial landing in Sicily. Though unable to discard his own equipment, he swam under water to rescue a soldier who had been drawn under the boat by a heavy fifteen foot surf. Exhausted and half drowned himself, he pulled the unconscious soldier safely ashore. The citation stated: The courage displayed by Corporal King was responsible for saving the life of the soldier. Member Oklahoma National Guard. Served as Technician, Fifth Grade, in 45th Division. Died August 1, 1943, in North African area.

Aug 19, 1943: TEC5 Louis P. Pool Jr., Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830994, DOB: Feb 18, 1921, from Kingfisher, OK, is Killed in Action.

Aug 22, 1943: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Two 45th Division men are casualties. Two Oklahomans who trained with the 45th division Saturday were listed as casualties by the war department. Pvt. J. C. Athey, 22, of Anadarko, died July 15 in Sicily of wounds. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Catherine Alice Athey, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Athey, and seven sisters and two brothers. Pvt. Dan E. Roebuck, son of Mrs. Nancy Roebuck, of Talihina, was seriously wounded July 12 in the north African theater, his brother, Joe Roebuck, was notified Saturday.

Sep 01, 1943: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion was bivouac in the vicinity of Trabia, Sicily, resting, refurbishing arms and equipment and training, preparing for the Battle of Salerno. Old members of the Battalion and recently arrived replacements were given instructions in their specialist duties and physically hardened by foot marches and physical recreation, the latter principally swimming.

Sep 03, 1943: The Division Commander called a conference of Regimental and separate Battalion Commanders to acquaint them with plans for the invasion of Italy, as part of the VI Corps of the Fifth Army. Initial plans called for the attachment of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, among other units, to the 157th Infantry, as a Combat Team. Water transport consisting of four LSTs and twenty or twenty-one LCIs, less necessary LCIs to completely load the 179th RCT. The 157th RCT to load in anticipation of landing on the mainland on D-day. Detailed plans of the 157th RCT called for the transport of the bulk of this Battalion, Battalion Headquarters; Battery "A" and Battery "C" to accompany the Regimental Headquarters, the 1st Battalion and the 3rd Battalion on the first lift. Battery "B" with the 2nd Battalion, 157th Infantry and the remainder of this Battalion to load so as to land with the second lift, D + 5.

Sep 04, 1943: Batteries "A" and "C" submitted detailed loading plans.

Sep 05, 1943: Battery "B" and Service Battery were alerted, to prepare them to load with first lift so as to land on D-day. Surplus baggage and personnel were to arrive on lift No.# 2. Published in the "The Ada Evening News" entitled: Washington; Sept 4. The war department tonight released the names of the following Oklahomans reported killed inaction in the North African area: Tech. 5th Grade J. C. Athey, husband of Mrs. Catherine Alice Athey, Apache; Corp. Miles V. Knizek, son of Mrs. Oma Knizek, (1622 Euclid) Oklahoma City; Pvt. Ronald E. Wasson, husband of Mrs. Naomi A. Wasson, Mounds. Published in the "The Ardmore Daily Ardmoreite" entitled: Three Oklahomans Killed in Action; Washington. Sept. 4. (AP) The war department tonight released the names of the following Oklahomans killed in action in the North African Area: Tech. Fifth Grade J. C. Athey, husband of Mrs. Catherine Alice Athey, Apache; Cpl. Miles V. Knizek, son of Mrs. Oma Knizek, Oklahoma City; Pvt. Ronald E. Wasson, husband of Mrs. Naomi A. Wasson, Mounds.

Sep 06, 1943: Plans for loading and passenger lists , were completed by Battery Commanders and submitted to this Headquarters. These plans contemplated the transport of the Anti-Tank Platoon with Service Battery on the Second lift. Plans for the loading of the Anti-Tank Platoon were changed to include it in the first lift.

Sep 07, 1943: Vehicles included in the first lift of "A" and "C" Batteries were serialized. It was decided that Major Huber, Battalion Executive Officer would accompany Lt Col Russell D. Funk, the Commanding Officer and Captain Cleverdon, S-2 with the Command group of the RCT on the 1st Battalion LST; Major Ford, S-3 would accompany Liaison Officer No. #1, Captain Hayes with the LCI of the 1st Battalion, and the Assistant S-3, Captain Scheefers would accompany Liaison Officer No. 3, Captain Wright, with the LCI of the 3rd Battalion. Lieutenant Welby, special duty to Headquarters as assistant to the S-2 would go with the Command group. The Survey Officer, Lieutenant Robertson and his section was to cross with the remainder of Headquarters Battery, aboard the LCI of the 1st Battalion. Maps were received at the Headquarters Building of Division and there sorted and addressed to officers of the Battalion in care of the ship to which each was assigned, and left in the custody of the S-2 of the 120th Engineers, at the building, for delivery, prior to departure that night, to the proper ship; the S-2 was not permitted to deliver them to members of the Battalion prior to their boarding the ships. At 1430 hours the 158th received information that: 3rd Battalion and Battery "C" would begin loading at 1500 hours , followed by 1st Battalion with Battery "A" and the Command group, and the Regiment would receive one less LST. Plans were hastily revised and the loading plan was changed to omit the A-T Platoon, reduce the number vehicles of Headquarters Battery that were included in the first lift and take Battery "B", reduced with Headquarters Battery. At 2000 hours the vehicles of the Regimental Command group were lined up for serialization. It was discovered at 2100 hours that the plan of Regiment provided for one less 2 1/2 ton truck for Headquarters Battery than was agreed upon at the conference

between the Battalion Commander and Executive and the Commander and Staff members of the 157th Regiment at 1430. Arrangements were made for the redistribution of loads; then the Battalion Commander with the remainder of the Battalion Command group hurriedly drove for the docks at 2200 hours, there to be greeted with the rumor that, win, lose or draw, the fleet would close ramps and weigh anchor at 2400. It was self-evident that the prescribed ammunition loads would not be aboard many of the craft prior to that hour, and this had to be accomplished before the materiel could be stowed away.

Sep 08, 1943: Amid the confusion gender by the blackout, rumors and the paucity of quay area the Battalion Commander and his staff and Battery Officers checked the arrival and disposition of materiel, troops and maps and found all craft of the RCT loaded according to the finally changed plans at 0350 hours. The convoy set sail at 0420 hours from the harbor of Termini, Sicily. The ship's officers took pains to see that the officers and men of the Army were made as comfortable as the heat and cramped quarters of the ship would permit. This solicitous attitude was common throughout the fleet. The remainder of the 8th of September was uneventful until mid-afternoon. At 1517 hours German planes loosed six-100lb bombs at the right flank of the convoy; damage was not apparent. Our convoy joined with another convoy at 1600 hours. A German reconnaissance plane was sighted flying over the convoy at about 25,000 ft, it remained until 1800 hours. At 1845 hours, a message was intercepted on the ship's radio that Italy had accepted Allied terms of unconditional surrender. This intelligence stilled all other topics of conversation until, at 2130 hours, German bombers appeared in force over the northwest portion of our convoy, dropping 21 parachute flares and an unknown number of bombs. This action ceased at 2230 hours, damage was unknown.

Sep 09, 1943: Our part of the convoy arrived in the transport area, 5 miles West of Agropoli, Italy at 0400B hours 9 September, 1943. At 0432B hours, enemy planes returned to the convoy, dropping many flares and bombs. Anti-aircraft fire was heavy. The din lasted until 0500 hours. Most of the soldiers gazed on Italy's shores for the first time at 0435 hours. Enemy planes reappeared at 0750 hours; they were met by heavy flak. At 1530 hours a Major Reynolds arrived on board and directed the Regimental Commander to support a Raider's party who had attempted to subdue the Island of Ventotene. Lieutenant Kinley and Sergeant Joyce, equipped with an SCR 610 radio, left the ship with Major Reynolds at 1540 hours to return to the ship of the 3rd Battalion, join Lieutenant Bernstein and Lieutenant Kilcollins and proceed with assisting party to the island, there to support their action with naval gunfire. The assisting party consisted, besides the above named artillery officers and enlisted details, of one squad each; 81mm mortars, heavy machine gun, riflemen, and chemical mortar, and a detail of aid men. These boarded the Destroyer U.S.S. Knight and were landed on the Island of Ventotene. The raiding party of one company of the 82nd Airborne Division had taken the garrison prisoners by the time the assisting party landed, at 2103 hours. Our party returned the prisoners to the U.S.S. Knight at 2400 hours, leaving the 82nd to garrison the island.

Sep 10, 1943: All of the assisting party returned to the LST of the 3rd Battalion at about 1400 hours. The night was marked by another bombing attack. Word was received by the RCT Commander that a boat would be sent alongside from the Division Commander's ship to carry him to that ship for a conference. The long awaited boat never arrived. They were landed with the rest of the 3rd Battalion about 1400, Sept. 11.

Sep 11, 1943: The following day brought no hint as to our probable employment until about 1430 hours, word was received that we would land. Still no orders as to our disposition and employment had been received. The ship was brought to the beach, pontoons were extended to the open ramp and debarkation commenced about 1530 hours. The Battalion Commander, Executive, and S-2 set off afoot, reported to the Regimental Commander, who told them to place the artillery in an assembly area in the vicinity of the assembly area of the Regiment. The Executive remained at the beach to supervise the unloading while the other two set off for the designated area. They climbed aboard a 2 1/2 ton truck and proceeded to the RJ at N861110, where the Battalion Commander dismounted to direct the battalion to turn, ordering the S-2 to select the assembly area and dispose the batteries as they arrived. The CP was established at 1700B hours at N875113, by the S-2, who met battery representatives there and directed them to their positions, instructing them to emplace pieces for probable firing in a northeasterly direction, in as much as nothing was known of the dispositions of either enemy or friendly forces. All batteries were in position by 1900B hours and by 2000B hours all of the staff except the S-3 had arrived at the Command Post. The Battalion Commander repaired to Division Headquarters and returned at 2320B hours with the information that the front lines (36th Infantry Division) were established 1500 yards short of Altavilla. Lieutenant Edwards and 2nd Lieutenant Davis of Battery "A" were on an LST with a portion of 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry. Their craft beached about 1600 hours so that the vehicles of the Battery, four guns and their prime movers, and two ammunition trucks made their way to the beach by traveling only a few feet of shallow water. Lieutenant Edwards proceeded to the highway and enroute one gun left the road without his knowledge, causing a traffic jam. An MP directed 3 following pieces and "C" Battery's trucks by another route on which these became lost. Lieutenant Mayne was found by Captain Scheefers and placed

on the proper route with his battery and the three pieces of Battery "A". Battery "B" was transported to Italy on an LST upon which was also a portion of "Q" Battalion and the RCT Command Group and 1st Battalion. The ship, as previously stated, beached so that a completely dry landing was made. Captain Hubbert, Battery Commander, and Lieutenant Van Ness, Executive officer, accompanied the Reconnaissance officer, and the Assistant Executive Officer accompanied the Battery to the assembly area. No untoward events were experienced, the way being marked by Division Military Police and the one critical turn marked by the Battalion Commander. Battery "C", on LST 409 was landed at the beach dry. Lieutenant Mayne, Battery Executive Officer, the only officer with his battery, upon learning that they would leave the ship over a pontoon bridge from ramp to shore, had the personnel remove water-proofing from motors. No orders were given him as to his disposition on land; he pulled his battery off the beach and onto highway 18, where he met three pieces of Battery "A". He took them under his wing and received instructions from the assistant S-3 who was on the same ship, to continue up the highway north to where he would meet the Battalion Commander. The ship beached at 1600 hours, the Battery commenced unloading at 1630 hours and by 1635 hours all of its material aboard, four pieces with prime movers and four ammunition trucks, were on land. The assistant S-3, after verifying that all vehicles of Batteries "A" and "C" had got on the right road, came to the Command Post. Captain Miller, Commanding Battery "A", and the liaison officer to the 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry, Captain Hayes, and the S-3, Major Ford, accompanied the infantry Battalion Commander on an LCI. This craft landed at about 1000 hours, Sept. 11, the orders of the Division Commander prohibiting their landing the day before when the Regimental Command Group and firing batteries landed. Captain Hayes accompanied the 1st Battalion to an assembly area which they left to assume positions upon orders of the Regimental Commander. Major Ford and Captain Miller proceeded to the Command Post of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion by hailing a ride. Major Ford returned to the beach to guide the remainder of the Headquarters Battery to the Command Post. Captain Breeding, liaison officer with the 2nd Battalion, crossed on an LCI with "Q" Battalion of the RCT in company with the remainder of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and an ammunition detail from Service Battery. The craft landed the personnel in about five feet of water, 75 yards from shore. A few losses of personal equipment and small arms were experienced, no lives were lost. They were met by a representative of the 157th who guided them to a portion of the beach about 2 1/2 miles north to a point where they should have landed. From this point they followed the 1st Battalion to the Regimental Assembly Area. Captain Breeding then reported, upon orders of our Battalion Commander, to the Command Post of the 157th Infantry. First Lieutenant Kelley, Battalion Motor Officer, with a motor maintenance detail traveled on an LST in company with the 189th Field Artillery Battalion and landed Sept. 10, 1943, reporting to the Command Post at 1100 hours. Warrant Officer Hayes, Assistant Battalion Supply Officer, landed with the Infantry, 11 Sept. 1943, reporting to the Command Post at about 1200 hours. Captain Wright, Liaison Officer, with 3rd Battalion, crossed in company with its Commanding Officer on an LCI. The craft was beached at about 1000 Sept. 11, in accordance with Division orders. He accompanied the Battalion Commander inland to where they took up positions. Captain Harley, commanding Battery "C" was on an LST with part of the 3rd Battalion and Cannon Company. He landed at about 1000 Sept. 11, and proceeded to the artillery Command Post. The 157th Infantry, less 2nd Battalion, and the few troops that accompanied the Command Group, landed during the day, 11 Sept., and took up positions north of the River Sele astride the northeast-southwest road from Highway 18 to Persano; 1st Battalion on the right. The 3rd Battalion was to hold and aid the 2nd Battalion, 36th Combat Engineer in protecting the left flank. The latter unit was in position on a line from the aforementioned cross road and the railroad line west of the highway. Lieutenant Kinley and Second Lieutenant Bernstein were sent as liaison officer and forward observer respectively, to the Engineer Battalion. The 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry began an advance along the road in a northeasterly direction. The disposition of troops left the 158th on the extreme right flank, separated from its supported infantry by a river without a crossing for wheeled vehicles, relying for protection from the right upon the troops of the 36th Infantry Division. This Division was reported to have had troops (a battalion) in the "V" of land above the confluence of the Sele and Calore rivers, but that they had been overrun and were thought to have been cut off. Directly north of the Battalion area the only known bar to an enemy attack was the Sele River, without bridges or fords at this point. At 1545 Lieutenant Dalton, Forward Observer with 1st Battalion reported that their advance elements, across the Calore, had received an attack from enemy tanks and were returning to western side of river. Rounds fired this day by: Battery "A", 20; Battery "B", 22; Battalion Total, 42.

Sep 12, 1943: The day began with reconnaissance to find crossings over the Sele River to the East and North in order to pursue the enemy in either of those directions. Later in the day one gun of each battery was taken to positions north of the Sele for registration. The 1st Battalion held a line along the Calore from the road south and west, and the crossing over the Sele was provided; thus it was deemed advisable to choose positions that would be more directly protected by our infantry. Registration was accomplished, and the S-3, with a skeleton fire direction group moved to this area to install a new Command Post. An attack by enemy tanks repulsed our tanks and infantry and the enemy's direct fire was landing in the positions occupied by our new Command Post and single gun positions. The S-3 ordered these guns, the survey section and the fire direction detail to return to the old positions; this was accomplished just in time to avoid being left in no man's land. Naval gunfire was placed in the area by

Lieutenant Kinley, who, though still with the 36th Engineers, had good observation, three missions being fired; advance of the enemy was halted. Rounds fired this day by: Battery "A", 538; Battery "B", 673, Battery "C", 763; Battalion total, 1974.

Sep 13, 1943: This was to be the Red Letter Day for our forces during the Battle of Salerno. Mid-forenoon saw the advance of our infantry, the enemy soon stopped, and by mid-afternoon enemy initiative noticeably increased. The Assistant S-3, from the observation plane, first discovered the concentration of enemy armor. This was punctuated with the receipt of enemy artillery fire in the vicinity of Battery "A". Enemy actions became definitely oppressive; 189th gun positions near by ours, were attacked by foot troops at 1830 hours. Artillerymen not immediately needed at the gun positions were placed in front of battery positions on the bank of the Sele and at the flanks and rear, to provide, with rifles and machine guns, for close-in defense of these positions. Enemy artillery found our range and from about 2000B hours, through the rest of the night, fired upon our gun positions and the Command Post in an intermittent fashion, forcing Battery "B", 189th Field Artillery Battalion immediately to the rear of our Battery "A" to disperse. Reconnaissance for alternate positions was carried out during this night. The 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry was placed in position on the right and front of this Battalion position along the Sele River to stem the attack. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion was placed in direct support. Two guns of Battery "A" were emplaced; to closely support this Battalion of the 179th and the anti-aircraft mounts of the 106th AAA were distributed to the right and rear to further the all-around protection of the positions. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired continuously all night on areas that had been observed during the day by all observers, both terrestrial and aerial. During the afternoon two planes were employed simultaneously and fire observed by these observers and ground observers was directed by the fire direction center, employing the fire of four battalions of artillery almost continuously. The airplanes were flown from a landing field about 100 yards distant from the Command Post. Five aerial observers were employed this day from the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; the Battalion Commander, the Assistant S-3, Lieutenant Kilcollins, Lieutenant Welby and Second Lieutenant Collins. During the night and early morning, information was received that the enemy's tanks had broken through the infantry and artillery positions of the 36th Division. This seemed to be confirmed when we observed the 155th Field Artillery Battalion and the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion moving west along the road by our Command Post, from positions previously occupied on our right (East). German Army launches a strong counter-attack, breaking through the over extended infantry which enabled them to advance to the banks of the Calore River, where they engaged artillery units with small arms fire. All available men of Headquarters Battery Division Artillery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion and the 189th Field Artillery Battalions were organized into a defensive line along the southern banks of the Calore River where they defended these positions for several hours with continuous artillery fire and .50 caliber machine gun fire until relieved by infantry units.

Sep 14, 1943: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion prepared to displace to alternate locations. The Command Post was moved to a spot with concealment and better cover, not far from the spot occupied for four days. Enemy high bursts found the range to the new Command Post and verified the ranges to the guns; this was followed by a shelling fusillade on all our positions that killed and injured cannoneers in both Batteries "B" and "C" and destroyed one gun of "B". At 0817B hours, a report from our Liaison Officer with 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry on our front and right flank, to the effect that enemy tanks had been reported crossing the Sele River on the right and were headed for our positions, tipped the scales of decision in favor of displacing to the previously reconnoitered positions. The move was hastily made; riflemen and machine gunners out posting the positions were retrieved, and all were in the new positions by 0855B hours. Reports from the 157th Infantry added to our growing belief that perhaps our tenure on the peninsula was not to be permanent after all. By 1500B hours, reports assumed a more sanguinary tenor. The terrain had been closely scrutinized by observers on the ground and in our observation plane and the possible avenues of approach, assembly areas and known installations of the enemy fired upon and/or placed on the firing chart. This laid the foundation for the stiff schedule for interdiction and harassing fires poured on the enemy during the night of 13 thru 14 September. Rounds fired on 13 Sept and 14 Sept are as follows: Battery "A", 820; Battery "B", 2100; Battery "C", 1565; Battalion total, 4485. CPL Lawrence C. Sparkman, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 38017351, DOB: Jul 22, 1919, from Tecumseh, OK, is Killed in Action.

Sep 15, 1943: At 0240B hours, fire was adjusted on one enemy tank by moonlight, shifting from base point registration of previous afternoon, tank was dispersed. Following the break of day numerous missions were fired on call from Forward Observers and Liaison Officers with the infantry. Two enemy bombing attacks were made of targets near our positions; they caused no damage to us. The air Observation Point fired on targets of opportunity that presented themselves only to the air observer because the low, flat and well covered terrain hid them from the view of all terrestrial Observation Points. This in spite of heavy small arms fire at planes. Reports of Infantry patrol activities disclosed that the enemy is well dug in at Persano and in the vicinity of the Tobacco Warehouse (N873168). Alternate positions are reconnoitered by the Battalion Commander. The enemy, employing

self-propelled artillery shells onto infantry positions and critical terrain features sporadically throughout the day. Rounds fired this day by: Battery "A", 738; Battery "B", 818; Battery "C", 725; Battalion total, 2281. PFC Melvin C. Marshall, Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 35109137, DOB: Dec 17, 1919, from Paducah, KY, is Killed in Action.

Sep 16, 1943: Enemy shelling of the positions of our infantry started increasing as well as bridges and other points on our road net. Rounds fired this day by: Battery "A", 501; Battery "B", 393; Battery "C", 415; Battalion total, 1309.

Sep 17, 1943: This day was marked by more missions fired by air Observation Points and ground observers on targets of opportunity and fire on previously known enemy installations. One observer, manning a static Observation Point reported that twice during the day he lifted our fire so that the enemy could recover their dead and wounded and again when a German burial party, ostentatiously displayed their lack of arms and their shovels, dug graves and buried the dead. We received orders from Headquarters, Division Artillery, to remain in our positions for the night. The Assistant S-3, with Royal Navy and Marine Officers, fired naval fire on Altavilla, in support of the 36th Infantry Division. The enemy fire on roads and water points within the Division area was of sufficient intensity as to necessitate drawing water only during the hours of darkness. Continued fire was placed on enemy positions. Extreme efforts had to be made by plane and ground observers to locate the enemy pieces from which fire came to our area. One Observation Point was again established in the area of the 36th Division on the hill at N9112. Rounds fired this day by: Battery "A", 483; Battery "B", 455; Battery "C", 424; Battalion total, 1362. The ammunition fired during the hectic period 12 thru 17 September inclusive is as follows: Battery "A", 3080; Battery "B", 4439, Battery "C", 3892; Battalion total, 11,411.

Sep 18, 1943: Our forces had contact with the British on our left. Advanced positions to the east were reconnoitered as we received word that patrols from our infantry found the way clear and at 2400 hours, with the S-3 and skeleton fire direction personnel, moved into the Command Post from which the enemy retreated from in the face of an enemy attack during the afternoon of 12 September, and the new position was occupied. Rounds fired this day by: Battery "A", 72; Battery "B", 129; Battery "C", 121; Battalion total, 322.

Sep 19, 1943: The 2nd Battalion 157th Infantry passing through the 1st Battalion and our forces were able to advance. Reconnaissance was conducted and new positions, East before Eboli, were occupied about 1400 hours by the advance Command Post group. Reconnaissance was instituted at once, for new, advanced positions. Here, in a clear, running brook, as many of the officers and men of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; as could find time; bathed themselves for the first time in several days.

Sep 20, 1943: At 0535B hours, the 158th Field Artillery Battalion Command Post and firing batteries moved into new positions East of Eboli, these had been selected the previous afternoon. The situation at this time was what is commonly known as fast-moving, necessitating immediate reconnaissance for new positions; Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders left Command Post at 0635 hours, after a hurried breakfast to choose new positions. During the previous night and this day, we began to believe that we had the enemy on the run; land-mines were being laid by the enemy and he left a trail of blown bridges. Word was received that the 180th Infantry would pass through the lines of the 157th, that we would be responsible for tactical security as long as they remained in our area, and that then we would obtain "about two days rest". At 1200B hours, the 158th Field Artillery Battalion moved to new locations and Liaison Officers and forward observers were called in. Mail was received and letters written, shaving and bathing was the order of the day. Plans were soon changed, the Battalion Commander left for reconnaissance of new area at 1655B hours, returned and at 1900 hours, left with Battery Commanders for selection of position areas. Word from the 157th Infantry came that the 45th Reconnaissance Troop had finally made contact with the British Eighth Army; cause for mild rejoicing.

Sep 21, 1943: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion moved into position at 0300B hours to reinforce the fires of the 171st Field Artillery Battalion. Rounds fired this day by: Battery "A", 24; Battery "B", 25; Battery "C", 22; Battalion total 71.

Sep 22, 1943: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion was in direct support of the 157th Infantry when the Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders started out at 0400 hours to choose new positions. These new positions were occupied at 0705 hours. This day enemy bombers attacked positions just as men were forming with mess kits in the "Present" position; Battery "B" received some near misses that were intended, it was believed, for a Bailey Bridge with which the Engineers had spanned the ruined arch of a native one. A message that enemy paratroops

could be expected to land this night brought everyone to the alert, none did. In the early evening farther positions were selected. Rounds fired this day by; Battery "A", 28; Battery "B", 45; Battery "C", 31; Battalion total, 104.

Sep 23, 1943: At 230400 Batteries "A" and "B" moved to new positions, leaving Battery "C" and the 189th Field Artillery Battalion to fire missions. At 1130 hours Battery "C" leapfrogged these to an advanced position, closely followed by Battery 'A' and the mobile Fire Direction Center, the 189th again helping to cover the advance. Battery "B" was moved to an advanced position, followed by the remainder of the Command Post at 1400 hours. During this move three ME 109's bombed the 189th area at a time when the rear Command Post was near their position, and the road. The column was strafed; the lead vehicle stopped to unload the occupants, causing all following vehicles to jam the narrow, winding mountain road. Discussion of the problem of passive measures of protection following the reporting of the incident led most members to the conclusion that continued progress down the highway would obviate jamming of following vehicles and lessen the danger of damage. Battery "A" leapfrogged the 158th Field Artillery Battalion to a new position at 1500B hours and at 1815B hours the 158th Field Artillery Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders left for further reconnaissance. The evening was spent planning fires preparatory to an early attack next day. Rounds fire this day by: Battery "A", 240; Battery "B", 167; Battery "C", 189; Battalion total, 596.

Sep 24, 1943: Another warning to be on the alert for enemy paratroops was received at 240239 hours. At 0400 hours, Headquarters, "A", and "C" Batteries moved to new positions, followed by Battery "B" at 1130 hours. More mines were found this day, proof that the enemy was still on the run. Battery "B" moved to advanced position at 1800 hours and reconnaissance was begun for positions for the remainder of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Rounds fired this day by: Battery "A", 169; Battery "B", 105; Battery "C", 144; Battalion total, 418.

Sep 25, 1943: At 0555 hours the 158th Field Artillery Battalion was established in new positions North of Valva, Italy. At 1305 hours, another position area was selected and at 1547 hours, one piece of Battery "A" was brought forward for registration but the positions were known to be poor ones; upon further reconnaissance more advance positions but affording better defilade beyond the river were occupied. During this day, as in the case of the proceedings several days, the enemy accurately interdicted bridges and other critical points along the roads, causing delays in movements and stoppages of work on the by-passes around the blown bridges, as well as numerous casualties. At 2155 hours, new positions were occupied. The most interesting event of the day was the suspected formation by the enemy for a counter-attack. This occurred when our advancing infantry approached Highway No.7, thus threatening the route of escape of the enemy. The Germans opened fire with machine guns emplaced on the ride, along which runs the highway, and at the same time their vehicles carrying troops appeared upon the road. These troops debouched along the ridge causing the advanced elements of our forces to fall back, surrendering, as they did so, the high ground. The enemy then proceeded up this route unseen in the gathering dusk. At 2400 hours it was reported by our Liaison Officer with the 157th that "counter-attack has not, materialized". Lieutenant, Kilcollins, assigned to man a static observation post, had moved forward with the leading elements of the infantry in order that he might occupy, at the earliest possible moment, the high ground of the ridge toward which they were advancing and was in such a forward position that he under went direct machine gun fire as he brought the fire of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion and the 189th Field Artillery Battalion to bear on the positions of the enemy, causing them to silence this fire. Rounds fired this day: Battery "A", 66; Battery "B", 129; Battery "C", 20; Battalion total, 215.

Sep 26, 1943: At 0200B hours time was changed from 0200B to 0100A. At about 0600 hours Allied Air Force was scheduled to bomb enemy troops at Cross Roads of Highways #7 and #91, and West along Highway #7. Bombing done as scheduled but fell short of target and many fell among our troops (157th Infantry). Examination of the road net and terrain subsequently gives rise to the opinion that the pilots mistook their course and bombed from the cross roads South, thus cutting across the enemy's lines and into our lines. Troops sustained few minor injured and two or three damaged vehicles: The 157th Infantry was scheduled to hold present positions and protect the right flank, manning road blocks, and patrolling to assure the protection, as the 34th Division passed through their lines. This meant baths for the men and officers, letter writing, and the washing and cleaning of clothing and equipment. No sooner said than done. Obituary: Charles A. Head; Birth: Oct. 4, 1919, Bedford County, Tennessee, USA. Death: Sep. 26, 1943, Italy. Killed in WWII - flew an A-36 Invader "Apache" which was a dive bomber variant of P-51 Mustang, Oklahoma War Memorial; WWII; Charles A. Head, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps. Home address: Shawnee, Pottawatomie County. Mrs. Betty Alice Head, Mother, Shawnee. Born October 4, 1919. Enlisted January 29, 1941. Decoration: Order of the Purple Heart. Died September 26, 1943, of wounds received in action, in Italy. Parents: Joseph Elijah Head (1882 - 1931) & Bettie Alice Reynolds Head (1887 - 1979). Siblings: Clarrisa Estell Head Wilkinson (1906 - 1999), Henry W Head (1910 - 1989), Emma Lou Head Rapp (1912 - 2004), Charles A Head

(1919 - 1943), Betty Jean Head Lynds (1926 - 2010) Inscription: Oklahoma, 2 Lieut 522 AAF Fighter SQ, World War II Note: Killed in action during WWII. OSN: O-672611 and served with Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery.

Sep 28, 1943: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion is on the move again, this time to another area closer to the front, the rest was to continue for the 157th Infantry, but we were to directly support the 2d Battalion 180th Infantry from positions initially in the Castel Franci area. Positions were reconnoitered by the Battalion Executive together with the Battery Commanders.

Sep 29, 1943: 158th Field Artillery Battalion was in the location selected the previous day. Batteries were registered but no missions were fired. Later orders were received that on the following day we would revert to the role of reinforcing the fires of the 171st Field Artillery Battalion.

Sep 30, 1943: Pay line was only activity, there being no fires called for. We continued in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 180th Infantry. It was the practice of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion to bring the survey officer, and generally his section, forward as soon as positions areas were selected in order that a position area survey could be started at once. If batteries were to move after dark a registering piece of each battery was taken forward and registered from new positions in as many cases as practicable. Thus were the target areas and position areas tied together. It is with a deep feeling of gratification that reports of interrogations of prisoners of war captured in the zone in front of our supported regiment attest to the fact that our artillery fire was demoralizing accurate. Battle casualty report for the 158th Field Artillery Battalion for the month of September 1943: Name; Grade; A.S.N.; Casualty Code; Date of Casualty; Place Occurred. Nelson, Donald T., 1st LT, O1165920, Slightly Wounded, 12 September 1943, Italy; Marshall, Melvin (NMI), Pvt., 25109137, Slightly Wounded, 14 September 1943, Italy; Ciurlino, Frank (NMI), Pfc., 33028849, Slightly Wounded, 14 September 1943, Italy; Albright, Charles F. Jr., Pvt., 34150977, Slightly Wounded, 14 September, Italy; Guy, Harry (NMI), Pfc., 20830737, Slightly Wounded, 14 September 1943, Italy; Hall, Loring F., Pvt., 32275246, Slightly Wounded, 14 September 1943, Italy; Sparkman, Lawrence C., Cpl., 38017351, Seriously Wounded, 14 September 1943, Italy; McCubbins, Robert L., Pvt., 35109157, Lightly Wounded, 14 September 1943, Italy; Miller, Jack L., Pfc., 20830872, Slightly Wounded, 14 September 1943, Italy; Meeks, Woodrow (NMI), Pvt., Slightly Wounded, 14 September 1943, Italy; Cyr, Paul E., Pfc., 11008872, Slightly Wounded, 14 September 1943, Italy; Marshall, Melvin (NMI), Pvt., 35109137, Died of Wounds, 14 September 1943, Italy; Sparkman, Lawrence C., Cpl., 38017351, Died of Wounds, 14 September 1943, Italy; Reynolds, Paul (NMI), Cpl., 35169080, Returned to Duty, 16 September 1943, Italy; Horner, Billy (NMI), Sgt., 20830645, Returned to Duty, 16 September 1943, Italy; Endersby, Lester L., Pvt., 20830609, Slightly Wounded, 21 September 1943, Italy; Ciurlino, Frank (NMI), Pfc., 33028849, Returned to Duty, 24 September 1943, Italy; Payne, Francis E., S/Sgt., 20830414, Seriously Wounded, 25 September 1943, Italy; Shoemaker, Leonard K., Pvt., 34303222, Returned to Duty, 26 September 1943, Italy. Signed by Richard N. Richardson, Warrant Officer, Personnel Adjutant, 158th Field Artillery Battalion.

Oct 05, 1943: CPL Willis N. Jarboe, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 38023598, DOB: Nov 14, 1917, from Norman, OK, is Killed in Action.

Nov 01, 1943: 158th Field Artillery Battalion is issued orders to return to action with the rest of the Division, where they would be in General Support and reinforce the fires of the 160th Field Artillery Battalion. We were to select positions after the 171st Field Artillery and the 160th Field Artillery Battalions had selected their positions, and move after they had moved. The artillery of the VI Corps was to fire an impressive and smothering preparation as the prelude to an assault upon German positions at an hour and day to be announced. Detailed schedules were issued calling, in part, for this Battalion to fire the last ten minutes and to be prepared to fire the last twenty minutes of the preparation. At first all movement except for a minimum number of reconnaissance vehicles was prohibited and howitzer registrations were to be done by one piece, from an alternate position. Later this restriction was lifted. The Battalion and Battery Commanders and the Battalion Executive started on reconnaissance for positions at 0700A hours; returned at 1130A hours and led the Battalion from the bivouac area near Saint Potito beginning at 1515A hours. The march to the new area in the vicinity of Pratella, was made without incident. It was later reported that the Battalion and Battery Commanders were strafed by the Luftwaffe while they waited the arrival of the Battalion to the new position. The new Battalion Command Post was established at 1900A hours with the firing batteries arriving shortly thereafter. No firing was done this day.

Nov 02, 1943: 1Lt Gordon L. Kinley left the Battalion Command Post at 0845A hours as Liaison Officer to the 160th Field Artillery Battalion. Reports of extensive demolitions of enemy were received during the day and progress of our forces was slow. At 1645A hours the Battalion Commander left for reconnaissance accompanied by the Battery Commanders. At 1730A hours orders were received to move forward at 2000A hours. The route was one of many

detours calling for slow and careful driving; delays were frequent, therefore it was 2330A hours by the time the new Battalion Command Post was established, and 0140A hours the following morning by the time all units had cleared into their new areas. The only firing done this day was the howitzer registrations of the batteries. Division orders came to move across the Volturno River and seize high ground on the opposite side.

Nov 03, 1943: Arrangements were made with Captain Emerson, Commanding Officer of Co "B", 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the employment of his Company in reinforcement of our fires during the preparation that was still to be fired, and in defense of the area, in addition to his primary mission of Anti-Tank defense. Howitzer registrations was the only this day.

Nov 04, 1943: Early reports, indicated that the Germans were retiring from the valley into the hills beyond Venafro. Allied planes bombed Venafro at the same time that the 160th Field Artillery Battalion was firing on targets in that area; two bombs fell on our infantry's lines that were positioned before the town. At 0945A hours a report was received that patrols of "E" Co, 179th Infantry were in Venafro. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion was moved to a new position following a reconnaissance begun at 0840A hours by the Battalion Commander. Occupation completed at 1250A hours, the remainder of the Battalion then moved to new positions in the vicinity of Capriati Station at 1800A hours. Registration on two base points were completed during the day, but no registration could be accomplished from the new positions; thus no missions were assigned to us for the night. During the day the 4th Rangers were reported to have reached Vallecupa, thus cutting the road from Saint Pietro to Venafro. Other reports told of the retreat of the enemy to Filignano from Pozzilli. No missions fired except the registrations.

Nov 05, 1943: At 0700A hours the Liaison Officer to the 160th Field Artillery Battalion reported that seven enemy tanks were trapped on the Vallecupa - Venafro road by the advance of the 4th Rangers and the 179th Infantry. A company of infantry was sent to capture them. Other tanks were reported trapped but none were captured. This fact gave rise to the suspicion that our maps did not accurately depict all roads to our front. Enemy artillery was observed in increasing numbers as our forces neared the hills and six-barreled mortars were observed and reported. Mines were encountered in increasing numbers: Lt Etheridge, Anti Aircraft Platoon Commander was killed by a mine as he accompanied the Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Commander, Captain William S. Hurley, in selecting a new battery position. Mine sweepers were sent forward and the proposed area was swept, and Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion moved into the swept area at 1900A hours. The 160th Field Artillery Battalion, whom we still reinforced, did not deem the situation stabilized enough to warrant moving; the left flank of the 179th was exposed and this regiment could not advance sufficiently to overrun ground from which the enemy observed our action. Orders were received at 2115A hours to reinforce the fires of the 171st Field Artillery Battalion as well as the 160th Field Artillery Battalion and remain in General Support. A Liaison Officer was dispatched to the 171st Field Artillery Battalion at 2150A hours. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 1 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 60; Battery "B", 2; Total Rounds Fired: 62.

Nov 06, 1943: We established 2 Static Observation Posts, assigning one a sector left of Venafro and the other a sector right of Venafro. These were prompted in part by the inability of the two Direct Support battalions to locate and neutralize the sources of the steadily mounting enemy artillery fire that was harassing us and interrupting movement on the roads. Enemy infantry advanced on our lines in the vicinity of Cepagna. Evidence of numerous mine fields in the roads, around possible by-passes, at blown bridges, and in possible position areas was discovered. Many of these mines were wooden mines armed with the plastic detonator; our mine detectors failed to locate them. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion current position, having been thoroughly swept prior to its occupation by the battery, was thought to be safe. Later, a 2 1/2 ton wrecker from Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, upon coming to the position to haul away the destroyed 1/4 ton that had met with the accident the day before, ran over another mine and was disabled. Another sweeping of the area, this time with two men on each mine detector being used as listeners was conducted. It failed also when an Ordnance wrecker arrived to remove both vehicles and it was damaged by yet another mine. With all of this trouble only one officer was killed and one man slightly wounded in this series of accidents. The 160th Field Artillery Battalion, moved into new positions at 1735A hours, the 158th Field Artillery Battalion covering their displacement. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 15 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 272; Battery "B", 330; Battery "C", 181; Total Rounds Fired: 783.

Nov 07, 1943: Reports from our Observation Posts that the enemy continued to interdict roads from positions to the West and North. Warning was received that we would revert to Direct Support of the 157th Infantry who were to be sent into the lines sometimes during the night, pass through the positions of the 179th Infantry, then advance to the Northwest. The Battalion Commander left at 0735A hours for Headquarters 45th Division Artillery to learn the plan for our employment and to make a subsequent reconnaissance. At 1202A hours, Battery Commanders were ordered to meet the Battalion Commander in Venafro and to bring with them mine detectors and Mine Sweeping teams. Forward

observers and Liaison Officers were alerted to be ready and move out with the infantry when they move. A new Static Observation Post was manned, the two old ones abandoned and the battalion moved out to the forward positions south of Pozzilli at 1700A hours; our displacement was covered by the 160th Field Artillery Battalion. Rains and early darkness prohibited registration. Our new Battalion Command Post area was known to be well covered with mines; movement was restricted until daylight the following day. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 7 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 96; Battery "B", 137; Battery "C", 126; Total Rounds Fired: 359.

Nov 08, 1943: Forward Observers were assigned to and joined the assault companies of the 157th Infantry as they started moving cross country at 0415A hours. Visibility was poor; the first reports coming in at 0735A hours. A civilian reported enemy guns and dug in infantry and tanks. Two Static Observation Posts were established. Tanks, half-tracks and personnel were fired on during the day. Reports were received that the 157th Infantry was engaged in hand-to-hand fighting in the hills above Pozzilli. 9 rounds of propaganda pamphlet "Peace-Freedom-Bread" was fired on selected targets in the vicinity of which we had observed personnel. Infantry personnel to protect our Static Observation Posts was requested of the 157th Infantry and granted. At 2110A hours a report was received that the 3rd Battalion, 179th Infantry, on the right of the 157th Infantry, and had met stiff resistance and was pushed back and disorganized. Reinforcements were sent and that area became quiet. The Germans laid down vicious harassing fires on Venafro and Pozzilli, and the by-passes on roads in the Division area. The Engineers reported that buildings in Pozzilli were mined and booby-trapped, as were the roads and trails leading to our front. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 9 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 81; Battery "B", 28; Battery "C", 46; Total Rounds Fired: 155.

Nov 09, 1943: Orders were received that the 45th Division would dig in and await the advance of the 34th Division, which was suppose to be on our right flank. During the morning an Italian, interrogated by the 157th Infantry gave a report of enemy installations in front of us, in our zone of advance. A German Command Post installation became a fruitful target, intelligence enabled our observers to recognize the camouflaged position for what it was. Great difficulty was encountered in locating targets and positions accurately; the map of the area (161 IV) was an uncorrected and uncolored sheet that did not depict the roads and trails with sufficient clarity to permit proper orientation in this desolate hill terrain, devoid, as it is of land marks. Reports were recurrent of the enemy's pouring in fresh troops to hold the mountain passes with identifications of prisoners of war taken from the 26th Panzer Division and the 305th Infantry Division. 3 rounds of "Front Post" and 4 rounds of "Peace – Freedom - Bread" propaganda leaflets were fired, on targets previously fired on with shell. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 8 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 196; Battery "B", 147; Battery "C", 48; Total Rounds Fired: 391.

Nov 10, 1943: The Static Observation Posts pushed out early. Increased enemy activity was encountered early in the morning and our lines received heavier small arms and machine gun fire, and a bitter fight ensued for possession of Mt. Croce, an action that was to continue into the next day. Increased activity was observed behind the enemy's lines, providing profitable targets for our Battalion. A detachment of the 1st Rangers were sent to aid in the mopping up on Mt. Croce, but were forced to retire. A report from a prisoner of war stated that the enemy intended to take Mt. Croce. All Batteries were ordered to dig in, so as to provide over head cover. During the day unit identifications pointed to elements of three divisions on our front; the 3rd, 26th and the 305th. Plans were laid to push our lines further west on the morrow. Propaganda leaflets were again fired; 2 rounds of "Front Post", and 2 rounds of "Peace Freedom Bread" into areas which the enemy was known to have occupied. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 11 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 647; Battery "B", 351; Battery "C", 0; Total Rounds Fired: 998. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion adopted a plan to consider Forward Observers as Static Observers and relieve them every third day, in the same manner as they relieved parties manning static OP's. Each firing battery was to organize a fourth Observation Party; every battery officer except the Battery Commander was to be used in turn to man these Observation Posts. When some of these officers became ill or were injured, as did happen, junior officers assigned to Service Battery and Headquarters Battery were used to head the parties of the incapacitated officers. Three non-commissioned officers who were being groomed for commissions; 1st Sgt John Eldon Miller and S/Sgt John A. Laubhan of Battery "A", and Tech Sgt William T Morton, Headquarters Battery, were utilized as observers during this period. Their performance was excellent. This plan permitted the frequent relief of parties so that they might return for a hot mess and dry clothing. Each battery was assigned one Observation Post to man and all took turns at the Battalion Observation Post. The resultant familiarity with the terrain as viewed from their respective OP's paid dividends to the Fire Direction Center by facilitating identification of terrain features and previously-fired concentrations.

Nov 11, 1943: The advance of the 157th began 11 0630A November met resistance at about 0730A and called for, and received, a heavy concentration of our fire, adjusted by our Forward Observer with Company "C", Lt. Dalton. Numerous missions were fired this day, observed by the static observer and the forward observer. Mt. Croce was

reported taken by our forces and by 2154A the infantry was reported to be within 50 yards of the first of the three hills that were this days objectives. The enemy fiercely resisted the advance of our forces. Prisoners of War taken this day, as on previous days, bore none of the pamphlets fired on their lines during the previous three days. An attempt to establish a static observation post on Mt. Croce met with failure; the infantry had not secured the upper slopes. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 19 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A" fired 307 rounds; Battery "B" 263; Battery "C"273; Total Rounds Fired: 843.

Nov 12, 1943: Began with the proposed advance of the 3rd Battalion, 157th north from Pozzilli toward Acquafondata simultaneously with the advance of 2nd Battalion, 179th toward Filignano; the 1st Battalion, 179th reported that they had secured Hill 769. The possession of this hill was deemed necessary for the protection of the 3rd Battalion, 157th. The Liaison Officer and two forward observers assigned to accompany the 3rd Bn. joined it at 0530A. Shortly afternoon it was reported that Company "C" 157th had arrived at its first objective. Also was reported the fact that the enemy counterattacked our forces on Mt. Croce but were driven off. The Germans were fighting hard to hold every inch of their lines; they poured small arms, mortar, and artillery fire on the advancing 3rd Battalion and forestalled their attempt to get Hill 640. To add to Company "A's" troubles the 179th Infantry had not secured Hill 769. Our static observer received his share of artillery fire but this was ineffective. Both the static observer and the forward observers adjusted fire on the many targets offered by an active enemy. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 26 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 751; Battery "B", 487; Battery "C", 487; Total Rounds Fired: 1725.

Nov 13, 1943: Cheering news was received at 1301 20 November; the units on the right flank of the Division had secured Colle and Montaquila, thus bringing their front lines more nearly abreast of ours. The 179th was still reported to hold Hill 769 and plans were made for Company "L" 157th to take Hill 640 and for "K" Company to take Hill 460. The 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry was to be relieved, the 2nd Battalion, taking over their positions. Arrangements were made to send out new forward observers and parties and a new liaison officer. To relieve the observers then on duty it was necessary to call Lt. Bolon of Service Battery to take one forward OP party. This officer was discovered to be too ill for duty, and 1st Sergeant Miller, of Battery "A" was given this duty. Our observers fired numerous missions this day. Observers monitored the radio firing channel and thus kept abreast of the situation on all sides, and to further their perception of enemy installations reported, locations of enemy positions within our sector, as contained in the G-2 Periodic Report and the VI Corps Artillery Information Letter, were broadcast to these observers. As in the past, this dissemination of information bore fruit, increasing the number of missions that would have been fired had each observer had to rely on his own scrutiny of his sector for his targets. The first intimation that all was not well with the 3rd Battalion came when the radio of the forward observer with "L" Company Lt. Merchant, broadcast, in an unrecognized voice, a request that we send a new forward observing party and medical personnel. The Battalion Surgeon and a party were readied while attempts were made to learn more of the situation up front. It was discovered that the enemy had met and roughly handled Company "L". The Battalion planned to relieve Company "L" after dark with Company "K". During this time our static observer fired on more troops advancing up the reverse slope of Hill 640, but, the harm had been done. The remnants of Company "L" descended from Hill 460; patrols were to be sent to recover the wounded and dead and this high point was to be abandoned for the time being. No additional forward observer was sent as Lt. Block, was assigned with the Battalion's leading elements. At 2115A we received word that the 157th had perfected their plan for retrieving wounded and determining what strength were the forces occupying the hill; Raiders were to go to Hills 460 and 470 following an artillery preparation of five minutes. Our "B" Battery, still in an exposed position, was called out, and aid was granted by the 160th Field Artillery Battalion. Two of their batteries and two of ours were to fire 180 rounds. One indication of further enemy retreat; the OP observed a bridge at 010252 was blown. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 26 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 532; Battery "B", 302; Battery "C", 928; Total Rounds Fired: 1762.

Nov 14, 1943: Sunday, 14 November began with the preparation as planned, at 0330A. Progress of the patrol was reported by one of our static observers who said that small arms fire could be seen on Hill 460. The patrol returned, bringing casualties, and reporting the enemy was there. A later report from the 179th Infantry told of abandoning Hill 739; our hopes for adequate observation were dashed. The static observer on the right of our sector, having been given the task of following the 179th Infantry in order to get a position on Hill 769, was driven by rifle and machine gun fire, leaving his observing equipment hidden in brush surrounding the site. We were left with one static Observation Post. Prisoners of War this day said, upon interrogation, that they had no knowledge of expected enemy counter-attacks, that their forces were well supplied with ammunition but that they had not received water and food for two days. They ascribed this failure of supply to the bridges they had demolished and the effectiveness of our interdiction fire. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 28 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 319; Battery "B", 0; Battery "C", 257; Total Rounds Fired: 576.

Nov 15, 1943: Today brought more warnings of suspected counter-attacks. Prisoners gave statements to interrogators that were conflicting in their import; the enemy was pulling back because they were not prepared to hold against such overwhelming odds; that they were reinforcements. Orders reiterated the Division Intelligence SOP to the effect that numbers of troops and vehicles that composed artillery targets would be accurately reported, also that any body of enemy troops of 60 or more in number would be reported to Division as a "flash" warning. The Battalion Commander attended a conference at 45th Division Artillery at which he received the gist of a field order later received from Division. The Division was to man defensive lines; barrages, normal and emergency, were to be determined in conjunction with the infantry plans; this Battalion was to remain in direct support of the 157th Infantry, to be reinforced by the 160th Field Artillery Battalion and Company "C" of the 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Emergency barrages were to be approved by Division Artillery. The 160th, 189th, and the 645th laid lateral lines to us, and the latter sent a Liaison Officer and detail. Arrangements were made to register this company the following day. Infantry patrolling was active, their reports were negative. Rain fell ceaselessly this day, resulting in few missions being fired. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 16 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 168; Battery "B", 18; Battery "C", 98; Total Rounds Fired: 284.

Nov 16, 1943: PVT James H. Ballman, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 35109156, DOB: Aug 30, 1914, from Cloverport, KY, is Killed in Action. German Army patrols penetrated our lines and enemy observation and enemy guns were discovered in Pozzilli and fired upon by our observers. The Germans had dispossessed the native population of Vitucoso and Acquafondata; and our lines received machine gun, small arms, and mortar fire. The enemy artillery shelled forward and rear areas spasmodically throughout the day. A lone round of German shell fire fell into Battery "A's" position, killing one enlisted man, wounding two others (all gun sentries), and disabling one howitzer. The Commanding Officer, 157th Infantry requested fire during the night on the village of Concacasale, the vicinity from which the fires came that harassed his lines. The 36th Field Artillery Battalion fired between 100 and 125 rounds upon Concacasale during the night. We also fired on Vitucoso in accordance with the Corps plan to shell that town. Our observers fired ten missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 184; Battery "B", 51; Battery "C", 106; Total Rounds Fired: 341.

Nov 17, 1943: PFC Melvin W. Davidson, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 33076007, DOB: Feb 28, 1917, from Hummelstown, PA, is Killed in Action. The day started by enemy shell fire on our front lines. Enemy patrols were reported to be active on all fronts; they encountered all our outposts. Patrols of our infantry were met by machine gun fire. Our observers started firing as soon as the morning mist cleared the hills in front of them. The enemy was found in ravines, on observation posts, gun positions, and in the many dwellings and huts dotting the hillsides in front of us. Forward Observers searched them out with our fire, renewing the fire when they reappeared in these places. The enemy artillery gave us some of our own medicine; Battery "B" was shelled at 1610 hours, 34 rounds landing in the vicinity of the Battery "B". One enlisted man was killed and the Battery Executive Officer was injured by a pile of exploding ammunition, the ammunition having been struck by one of the enemy rounds. One vehicle was disabled. The Battalion Commander and Battery "B's" Commander went forward to select a position well beyond Pozzilli. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 28 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 132; Battery "B", 138; Battery "C", 162; Total Rounds Fired: 432.

Nov 18, 1943: The Battalion Commander and the Commanding Officer of Battery "B" went for further reconnaissance for a position for Battery "B". The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 47 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 422; Battery "B", 32; Battery "C", 367; Total Rounds Fired: 821. Headquarters, Forty Fifth Infantry Division, APO 45, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York, 18 November 1943, AG 200.6. Subject: Award of Silver Star Medal. To: First Lieutenant Corwin V. Edwards O-420935 FA, Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officer: Corwin V. Edwards O-420935 FA, First Lieutenant, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 6 October 1943, east of Ponte, Italy. As forward observer, Lieutenant was advancing with an infantry company when a German 88 mm gun opened fire on the column from a high hill, killing one man and wounding six others. The column scattered and took cover. Lieutenant Edwards, with utter disregard for his safety and while under continual fire from the enemy gun, worked his way across open ground to a bare knoll from where he effectively directed artillery fire on the enemy gun, forcing it to withdraw from its position. He continued to remain in his exposed position approximately six hours, searching the terrain for more targets, directing fire on enemy trucks and tanks. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Lieutenant Edwards in his action were an inspiration to the officers and men and are in accordance with the high tradition of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Troy H. Middleton, Major General, US Army, Commanding.

Nov 19, 1943: Today passed in much the same manner as the previous day. Areas found during the previous days' observations to harbor the enemy again proved to be productive targets, though not to such an extent. Division

Artillery denied our request to move Battery "B" to the forward position, giving the reason that the proposed site was too far forward. Two prisoners taken by the 157th Infantry bore pamphlets of the kind we had fired a few days before. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 16 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 346; Battery "B", 8; Battery "C", 365; Total Rounds Fired: 719.

Nov 20, 1943: The enemy, becoming wary, had so concealed his movements under the cover of darkness, and in the deep ravines that traveled the area behind his lines, that Nov 20 found us with very few targets. Information, tending to collaborate earlier reports, was given by escapees from German and Italian prisoner of war camps, to the effect that the Germans had driven the civilian population from the towns of Acquafondata and Vitucoso. Reports also told that our harassing fire on the Pozilli - Casala road was effective. Our main difficulty was in locating and silencing enemy artillery. Reports from natives and our own observations led us to believe that the greater portion of this fire came from self-propelled vehicles that were driven to previously surveyed positions, fired on interdicting missions and displaced as soon as fire was placed in their vicinity. Many of these guns were known to approach close to our lines. Large caliber guns (15cm) were still firing upon us from the vicinity of Acquafondata. Brilliant flashes, silhouetting the hills to our front, unaccompanied by the roar of an explosion were first observed during the early evening of Nov 20. This day also there began a series of attacks upon those of our troops who held Mt. Croce. The attack was repelled. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 9 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 126; Battery "B", 0; Battery "C", 307; Total Rounds Fired: 433.

Nov 21, 1943: Today began with reports from our infantry that their patrols found nothing during their night's activity. There were reports from civilians that told of the removal of civilians from the town of Casale; also reports from civilians of gun positions in front of us. These guns were well defiladed from all points of observation along our front and were believed the cause of much of our trouble; the almost ceaseless fire felling in the forward and rear areas of the Division this day was estimated to be from close-in guns. Other, larger caliber artillery, was thought to be located in the vicinity of Casale, by the sound of the gun reports; this fire also fell heavily on Venafro. The report from the native of the civilian evacuation of Casale was a "Go Ahead" signal to us; Corps and our Division Artillery fired unobserved fire in that area. As in the case of unobserved fires previously placed on Acquafondata, enemy shelling was interrupted during the fire, whether actual damage was done him or not. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 16 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 334; Battery "B", 66; Battery "C", 342; Total Rounds Fired: 742.

Nov 22, 1943: Reports came in from patrols of the 157th Infantry, that the enemy was engaged during the night while digging in along the Pozzilli-Acquafondata road; they also uncovered listening posts of the Germans, and two gun positions. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 12 Fire Missions this day. Number of rounds follow: Battery "A", 222; Battery "B", 125; Battery "C", 128; Total Rounds Fired: 475.

Nov 23, 1943: Our Forward Observers fired on enemy installations all through the day. The enemy again attacked the 1st Ranger Battalion, on our left, whose mission was to hold Mt. Croce. The Rangers held, and later reported they believed the enemy was preparing to attack in our zone the next day. We fired seven rounds of propaganda shells this day on targets previously fired with High Explosives (HE). The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 11 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 171; Battery "B", 86; Battery "C", 122; Total Rounds Fired: 479.

Nov 24, 1943: The 157th Infantry patrols reported that they heard enemy vehicular activity in Concacasale. This was believed to be the site of some of the shorter ranged guns that had been firing in our areas. None of the observation posts included this place in their visible areas. A further attempt was made to better our observation when the Battalion Commander went forward to establish another observation post from which we could scan the valley of La Rava. The enemy artillery was extremely active this day. Their shells began falling in our vicinity at 0300, landing near our Command Post, the only damage to our wire lines. Later in the day (1615A) 40 rounds of 88mm landed on Battery "B". Shortly after this 75mm, believed to be from a howitzer, fell on the Command Post, landing on the steep hillside that had given us an unwarranted sense of security. Neither shellings caused damage or casualties. The Pozilli and Venafro areas were again shelled heavily. Our observers fired on enemy installations and troops; and on one target, an active Command Post, one platoon of Company "C", 645th Tank Destroyers, placed interdictory fire every hour. Our observers reported effect each time this mission was fired. Four rounds of pamphlets were shot on two locations that contained German troops. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 14 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A" fired 407 rounds; Battery "B", 89; Battery "C", 149; Total Rounds Fired: 645.

Nov 25, 1943: By firing in conjunction with the rest of Division Artillery and the 34th Division Artillery, at the request of the 34th Division on three enemy mortar positions in the sector of the 34th at 0100. This fire was repeated at 0700. More activity was observed at the enemy Command Post upon which the Tank Destroyers fired Nov 24, so they were again instructed to interdict this area. Good results were reported. Our observers reported and fired on profitable targets. A native reported heavy traffic on the Demanto – Casale - Acquafondata road and said that this traffic included self-propelled guns. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 15 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 548; Battery "B", 125; Battery "C", 807, Total Rounds Fired: 1480.

Nov 26, 1943: We fired on enemy mortars, guns, and personnel with good effect. Four rounds of pamphlets were fired into areas known to contain enemy troops. The enemy fired into our areas during the day more viciously than on the previous day. 30 or more enemy rounds fell in the Pozzilli area and 50 rounds fell on Battery "B", disabling 5 trucks, destroying one quadrant sight, and burning five propaganda shells. We fired on schedule during the night upon Corps orders, 360 rounds on four enemy mortar positions during the night, and in addition, fired 250 rounds harassing fire on seven known enemy positions. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 14 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 319; Battery "B", 68,; Battery "C", 414; Total Rounds Fired: 801.

Nov 27, 1943: At 0423 Nov 27 two distinct flashes were seen from the Command Post. They appeared to be in enemy territory and, since no explosions were heard, were thought to be demolitions in the distance. Observation after daylight did not bear out this conclusion, enemy activity was everywhere. Our observers fired on guns, machine guns, mortars, and personnel all day. A Command Post and a dump were also among German installations upon which we fired. The 1st Ranger Battalion received another counter-attack during the afternoon; this was withstood. Battery "B" moved to a previously selected position north of Pozzilli to avoid the frequent accurate enemy. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 26 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A" fired 376 rounds; Battery "B", No rounds; Battery "C", 588 rounds; Total Rounds Fired: 964.

Nov 28, 1943: The Ammunition Officer reported that Service Battery was shelled during the night; of the 30 rounds that fell in the area only two burst. A similar report was received from the Liaison Officer with the 157th Infantry of the shelling of the infantry area. The Division Field Order was received giving us the plan for the advance that was to commence the next day. Our days of comparative inactivity promised to draw to a close. Our Battalion was to support the 157th Infantry as usual. Division ordered more extensive patrolling; this, we hoped, would bring to light more positive locations of the many enemy artillery positions we were sure existed in front of us. One disadvantage occurred to us in this instance; the operation of friendly patrols restricted our schedule of harassing fires. Those, we felt, did keep the enemy awake even though they inflicted no widespread destruction. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 12 Fire Missions this day. 8 rounds of propaganda were fired. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 500; Battery "B", 107; Battery "C", 348; Total Rounds Fired: 955.

Nov 29, 1943: The first report by our Liaison Officer with the assault battalion of the 157th Infantry on Nov 29 informed us that Hills 460 and 470, their initial objective, had been taken without opposition. A later report saying that only Hill 460 was taken came in. The infantry on the right, the 179th, were to bypass Hill 769, a stumbling block encountered during our previous attempts to advance, to take Hills 640 and 970. This was to prove our stumbling block this day; our observers reported frequently that they could see the enemy on the southern slope of this hill but, until late in the afternoon clearance was not to be had. Then our observer adjusted this Battalion, the 160th and the 189th Field Artillery Battalion on this area containing some 200 Germans, with good effect. These, we felt sure, impeded the progress of our infantry. Many profitable targets were fired, the most profitable shooting being on a group of some 60 enemy infantrymen. This mission was re-fired several times, when they would emerge from shelter points along the road. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 10 Fire Missions this day. 3 rounds of propaganda were fired. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 650; Battery "B", 202; Battery "C", 377; Total Rounds Fired: 1229.

Nov 30, 1943: We greeted Nov 30 by trying to get clearance to fire on Hill 769, with no more success than we had the day before, in spite of the fact that our observers reported positive identification of German forces there and no sign of our own. Visible signs of enemy activity were less than the previous day, as evidenced by the fact that our observers only fired six missions. The weather was a contributing factor, fog and mist obscuring the hillsides during the morning. Repeated attempts to obtain permission to fire on the enemy on Hill 769 resulted in permission being granted too late in the gathering dusk to attempt an adjustment. Division Headquarters ordered propaganda leaflets fired over the town of Concacasale. A high burst adjustment was impossible because, at this time, a hot skirmish between the 1st Rangers and the enemy, in which smoke was employed, so blotted out the vision of our observer that a high burst adjustment could not be made. This smoke drifted Northeast and brought to an untimely end our observation for the day. Enemy artillery positions, 75mm howitzers, and self-propelled routes were reported by a patrol of the 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. The enemy's artillery, which had remained fairly quiet in our areas

during the day, renewed its activity late in the evening. In the vicinity of the Command Post, 32 rounds fell during a period of about an hour. The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fired 6 Fire Missions this day. Following number of rounds fired: Battery "A", 55; Battery "B", 8; Battery "C", 411; Total Rounds Fired: 474.

Dec 08, 1943: Obituary: Harry Walter Mithlo. Apache Review, October 15, 1948: Body of Sgt. Harry Mithlo arrives home. Services Held Wednesday Afternoon For Soldier Killed in Action In Europe. The body of Sgt. Harry Mithlo, Indian youth, who was killed in the war, arrived Tuesday afternoon and services for him were held at the Christian church at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. A.B. Carson, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. Business houses were closed during the service. The body was accompanied by an escort, who immediately returned to New York City. The Rinker-Mason American Legion post was in charge of the services at the graveside. Burial was in Fairview cemetery under the direction of the Crews Funeral Home. Sgt. Mithlo was killed in action in Italy December 8, 1943, while serving with the 45th division. He was born at his home near Apache June 18, 1918 and attended school here. His father was the late Lawrence Mithlo, a member of the Fort Sill Apache Indian tribe. Surviving are his mother, two brothers, David and Thurman Mithlo, and one sister, Garnett Mithlo, all of Apache. ASN: 20830717 and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery.

Dec 22, 1943: Published in the "The Miami Daily News" entitled: 5 Oklahomans Are Wounded in Action. Washington, Dec. 22. (UP) Oklahomans wounded in action in the Mediterranean area include: Pvt. Kendall K. Campbell, husband of Mrs. Mary P. Campbell, Hunter, Garfield County. T-5th Grade Newman Childers, son of Mrs. Dora Childers, Checotah. Cpl. Jim T. Lawson, brother of Mrs. Maxine Johnson, Lawton. Pfc. Cleo McMahan, son of Mrs. Clarice May McMahan, Gore, Sequoyah county. T-4th Grade Albert M. Schoelen, son of Peter A. Schoelen, Kingfisher.

Dec 31, 1943: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Pozzilli, Italy. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Henry T. Ford and Albert E. Huber, Captains David N. Breeding, Charles W. Cleverdon, Ira S. Hayes, George O. Hubbert, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller, Paul E. Scheefers and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants James F. Archer, Charles K. Fetzer Jr., Alfred J. Lindsey, Richard A. Mayne Jr. and Harry W. Van Ness, Second Lieutenants Paul L. Block, Norbert M. Collins and Charles J. Kessmeier, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenants Corwin V. Edwards, Thomas W. Carmichael and Irwin W. Cobb Jr., and Second Lieutenants Robert L. Bolon, Arthur L. Goodman Jr. and Benjamin F. Robertson. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Beverley A. Finkle, First Lieutenants George C. Davis Jr., Joseph S. Hedge and Gordon L. Kinley, and Second Lieutenants John W. Dalton and Arthur B. Merchant. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain William S. Hurley, First Lieutenants Roland W. Ballinger, Hilston T. Kilcollins and Robert W. Strauss, and Second Lieutenants Eldon A. Miller and George T. Robinson. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George W. Nikkel, First Lieutenant Robert E. Kelley, Second Lieutenants Harold Bernstein and Marvin H. Keeley, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

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Jan 03, 1944: Obituary: Gerfynn Rodney Starr: Source: The Kingfisher Times, Thursday, October 5, 1944. Obituary for Gerfynn R. Starr was born September 29, 1906, at Edmond, and died at his farm home near Kingfisher on October 2, 1944, at the age of 38 years and 3 days. He moved with his parents from Edmond to Kingfisher in 1913. Here he grew to manhood and attended Kingfisher schools. He was graduated from Kingfisher high school with the class of 1924. Gerfynn was united in marriage on May 17, 1930, with Miss Pauline E. Duggan. Their first home was on South Ninth street in Kingfisher. Later they purchased a farm just east of Kingfisher and moved to it, where they

continued to make their home until the time of his death. He united with the First Christian church in Kingfisher on April 21, 1940. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife; his father, Roy Starr of Kingfisher; his mother, Mrs. Ed Smith of Yukon; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Mae Kopf of Maywood, Ill., and Mrs. Orlene Rupe of Kingfisher; one brother, Lester C. Starr of Long Beach, Calif.; one grandmother, Mrs. L.C. Harlow of Piedmont; one niece and five nephews; other relatives and many friends. Services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Christian church, with Rev. G.O. Bell officiating. Burial was made in the Kingfisher cemetery, Bracken funeral home in charge.

Jan 08, 1944: PFC Philip A. Kelley, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 32371908, DOB: Sep 15, 1915, from Madalin, NY, is Killed in Action.

Jan 18, 1944: PFC John N. Priest, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 34303066, DOB: Sep 10, 1918, from Clarkton, NC, is Killed in Action.

Jan 26, 1944: Published in the "The Globe Gazette" entitled: Pvt. Forrest Blakesley gets purple heart; in hospital in Italy. Pvt. Forrest D. Blakesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blakesley, formerly of 234 21st S. E., now of St. Louis, Mo., has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, according to word received from his aunt, Mrs. H. K. Lee, 116 10th S. W. Pvt. Blakesley is now recuperating in a hospital in Italy, and is assigned to Battery "B" 158th Artillery Battalion. Pvt. Blakesley entered the service from Mason City in 1942. His parents moved to Missouri a year ago. Mr. Blakesley is employed in a defense plant there. An uncle of Pvt. Blakesley, George Whiteis, lives at 120 22nd S.E.

Jan 29, 1944: PFC Aime W. Vezina, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 31116662, DOB: Dec 17, 1914, from Springvale, ME, is Killed in Action. TEC4 Albert M. Schoelen, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 38017382, DOB: Jan 22, 1918, from Kingfisher, OK, is Killed in Action. TEC4 Rudy W. Bohn, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 19074386, DOB: Nov 25, 1917, from Spokane, WA, is Killed in Action. TEC5 Curtis H. Davis, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830734, DOB: Dec 07, 1908, from Anadarko, OK, is Killed in Action. PFC Ernest C. Cain, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830730, DOB: Dec 19, 1921, from Carnegie, OK, is Killed in Action. PFC Donald K. Harvey, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 35168648, DOB: Sep 14, 1913, from Logansport, IN, is Killed in Action. PFC Lucion J. Hicks, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830863, DOB: Jul 05, 1920, from Perry, OK, is Killed in Action. PFC Paul N. Davis, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830735, DOB: Mar 25, 1918, from Anadarko, OK, is Killed in Action. PVT Hartwell E. Wolgram, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830768, DOB: Dec 16, 1919, from Anadarko, OK, is Killed in Action. Obituary: Curtis H. Davis: The Carnegie Herald, Carnegie OK, Wed., Mar. 15, 1944. Curtis Davis Carnegie Boy, Bomb Victim. Sergeant Curtis Davis, 34, who grew up in Carnegie and made his home here for many years, was killed in Italy Jan. 29, 1944 the war department has officially announced in word received here by his aunt, Mrs. A.H. Mitchell. Sergeant Davis lost his life when the kitchen in which he was working was bombed by the Nazis. Curtis was born Dec. 7, 1908, in Montgomery County, Ark. He came to Oklahoma with his mother and step-father, J.J. Walston, in 1921 when he was 13 years old. The Walstons remained in Oklahoma three years and moved back to Arkansas. When Curtis was 16 he came back to Carnegie to make his home with his aunt and uncle and to work for A.H. at the gin. He worked thru the fall and winter at the gin and in spring and summer he worked for Charley and Grace Long at the hotel. After about three years, he began working full time as a cook at the Mitchell hotel. In 1936 he accepted a job as cook for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gibbons at the Faith cafe in Anadarko where he worked until he was sent to Fort Sill with the national guard in 1940. In 1941 when the guard was federalized Curtis was with the 158th F.A. in the 45th division. He trained at Camp Barkley, Camp Pine, N.Y., and Camp Pickett, Va. He landed somewhere in Africa about June, 1943. Later he was in Sicily and from there he went to Italy. Sergeant Davis attended grade school two years in Carnegie and one year at Silver Moon northwest of Carnegie. He was a member of the Christian church. Besides his parents Sergeant Davis is survived by a half brother, Junior Walston serving in the navy in Hawaii, and two half sisters and a niece in Arkansas. Burial is in Sicily Rome American Cemetery and Memorial at Nettuno Citta Metropolitana di Roma Capitale at Lazio, Italy Plot D, Row 11, Grave 1. Obituary: Hartwell Eldridge Wolgram; who was born December 16, 1919 in Oklahoma and was killed in action in Italy on January 29, 1944. The Carnegie Herald, Wed., Mar. 1, 1944. Pvt. Wolgram killed in Italy. Mrs. Hartwell E. Wolgram, the former Miss Cleo Dyer, received a telegram from the war department Monday announcing that her husband had been killed "in defense of his country In Italy Jan. 29." Mrs. Wolgram had not heard from her husband in five weeks. She last saw him in May at Camp Pickett. Va., before he embarked for overseas service June 10. They were married April 18, 1942. Mrs. Wolgram lives in Verden where she owns a beauty shop. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leavie Dyer of four miles east of Carnegie. Private Wolgram is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wolgram, Anadarko. He was born near Anadarko Dec. 16, 1919. He attended high school in Anadarko. He was with the 158th Field Artillery and received his training at Fort Sill, Barkeley, Fort Devens and Pine Camp before being transferred to Camp Pickett. Besides his wife and parents, Wolgram is survived by two brothers, J.R. Wolgram, Anadarko and Pvt. Melvin Wolgram stationed at

Fort Bliss. Memorial services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Christian Church in Anadarko, with Rev. O.K. Posey, the minister who married Mr. and Mrs. Wolgram, officiating. Obituary: Paul N. Davis, Private First Class, U. S. Army. Next of kin listed is Mrs. Helen I. Davis, 516 East Kentucky Street, Anadarko, OK, and Mrs. Myrtle Sloan, sister, of Anadarko. He was born March 25, 1918. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery, 45th Division. Died January 29, 1944, in action on the Anzio beach head, Italy. and ASN: 20830735. Permanent Cemetery is Nettuno 5202, Italy, Block D, row 14, Grave 8, with cross.

Jan 30, 1944: PFC Charles W. Daffara, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 36049565, DOB: Mar 25, 1919, from Oglesby, IL, is Killed in Action.

Feb 01, 1944: PVT Nathaniel P. Bailey, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 36550990, DOB: May 06, 1908, from Chesansy, MI, is Killed in Action. Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Nettuno, Italy. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Major Albert E. Huber, Captains David N. Breeding, Charles W. Cleverdon, Ira S. Hayes, George O. Hubbert, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller, Paul E. Scheefers and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants James F. Archer, Charles K. Fetzer Jr., Charles J. Kessmeier, Alfred J. Lindsey, Richard A. Mayne Jr. and Harry W. Van Ness, Second Lieutenants Paul L. Block, Charles L. Collier and Norbert M. Collins, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenants Corwin V. Edwards, Thomas W. Carmichael, Irwin W. Cobb Jr., Arthur L. Goodman Jr. and Benjamin F. Robertson, and Second Lieutenant Robert L. Bolon. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Beverley A. Finkle, and First Lieutenants John W. Dalton, George C. Davis Jr., Joseph S. Hedge, Gordon L. Kinley and Arthur B. Merchant. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain William S. Hurley, First Lieutenants Roland W. Ballinger, Hilston T. Kilcollins and Robert W. Strauss, and Second Lieutenants Eldon A. Miller and George T. Robinson. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George W. Nikkel, First Lieutenants Harold Bernstein and Robert E. Kelley, Second Lieutenant Marvin H. Keeley, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

Feb 04, 1944: Published in the "Yank Magazine" entitled: The boys in Battery "B". Since Salerno, they've had 35 Purple Hearts. And they think they've got the best gun in the whole Fifth Army. By Sgt. Ralph G. Martin, Africa Stars and Stripes Correspondent, with the Fifth Army in Italy. You have to crawl on your belly through thick mud up a steep slope for about 20 minutes before you reach the observation post of a 105-mm Howitzer outfit. Then, if you're lucky, you can look through the broad slit in the big boulder and spot the nearby Germany gun positions and convoy movements. If you're not lucky, you'll spend all your time sharing a crowded foxhole, keeping your head low, praying hard that the Jerry shells will land somewhere else. For six days and nights, on top of Hill 769 north of Filignano, S/Sgt. Olan Herr of Bluffton, Ohio, wasn't so lucky. Sitting on top of a higher hill, the Germans spotted his OP and began blistering the sector with a continuous barrage of concentrated artillery and mortar fire, trying desperately to knock it out completely. One piece of shrapnel landed so close to Herr's foxhole that it cut the telephone wire one foot away. "I didn't eat very well those six days," said Herr. He didn't eat very well because an Artillery observer takes only one day's rations with him, relying on the Infantry behind to supply him with the rest. Sometimes they can bring it to him during the night; sometimes they can't. But whether he eats or not, Herr's Job is to keep looking through his high-powered field glasses, trying to pick out enemy machine-gun positions, moving trucks and troop concentrations, and constantly reporting his findings to headquarters via radio. Then, two minutes later, he watches his battery's 105 shells pop and explode, and he keeps adjusting their fire until the shells land smack on the German positions. Occasionally Herr gets a chance to see a little more action. He goes along with an Infantry assault company, carrying his portable radio with him, relaying back to his Artillery CP the exact coordinates of Jerry guns just a few hundred yards ahead of him. He has to be exact about his coordinates because otherwise, he will have his own shells whooshing down on him. There are some machine guns shooting concentrated crossfire on an Infantry company and Battery B got the job of wiping them out. So 1st Lt. Harry Van Ness of Newton, N.J., a forward observer, got out of position with three of his men and made a run for it across the road, right in the face of direct 20-mm fire, and jumped for some scanty bushes where he could get better observation. Van Ness and his men saw what they wanted, but one Jerry machine gun spotted them and let loose, killing one American and wounding another. Then, in plain view of everybody and everything, Van Ness carried the wounded man back across the road to safety. They gave him the Silver Star for that. Herr also tells about another louey, 2nd Lt. Arthur B. Merchant of Woonsocket, R.I., who went out with a tank reconnaissance patrol and kept standing up in the tank, his head out of the turret, reporting coordinates while the tank guns were busy firing at some German Mark IV's down the road. But the observers don't like to talk about themselves; they prefer to talk about their battery. And Battery B is worth talking about. It's the outfit that fired an unprecedented 2,000 rounds from 1800 hours to 0600 during the first critical days on the Salerno beaches. The guns got so hot that the boys had to keep pouring a bucket of water into each muzzle about every 15 minutes. This was strictly unorthodox, contrary to all rules in the Field Artillery tactics book. But in those first few days, the Fifth Army was doing all kinds of unorthodox things. For example, the Infantry drafted 30 men from Battery B to replace

casualties, leaving the other overworked, sweating Artillery boys even more short-handed, and with 700 crates of shells to unload. And all the time enemy shells were landing not more than 50 yards from the guns themselves, splattering shrapnel all over the gun shields. But the Battery B boys never stopped loading, firing, reloading. Nobody slept that night, or the next, or the next. Since Salerno, all four of the original guns in the battery have been knocked out and replaced. Since Salerno, out of the 112 men in Battery B there have been 35 Purple Hearts. Like every other Artillery outfit in the Army, the Battery B boys think that they've got the best battery, the best gun. Boastfully 1st Sgt. Vincent Shaffer of Anadarko, Okla., says: "A 105 will fire more rounds, more accurately, for a longer period of time, than any other gun. "It gets closer to the front lines, too." He told of the different times they were so close that Jerry machine-gun and sniper fire was splattering right into their gun positions, and of the time they knocked out a German pillbox with direct fire at close range, something that just isn't done with a 105. The 105 is supposed to be reserved for shooting at targets of opportunity, over hills far away at things it can't see. It is never farther than 2,000 yards behind the advance Infantry, and it's usually less than 700. So they often take as large a dose of shells as they dish out. The boys of Battery B are still talking about the Thanksgiving dinner nobody ate because Jerry shelled them for five hours. There was time, too, when a German 150-mm shell landed right in a stack of artillery ammo, blowing the shells all over the place. There were two trucks nearby in danger of being blown up, and Pfc. Elmer Meier of Kingfisher, Okla., and 1st Lt. Charles K. Fetzer of Morristown, N.J.; each hopped into a truck and started driving it out of the area. One piece of shrapnel broke Meier's windshield and another landed in Fetzer's shoulder, but the two kept going until the trucks were in a safety zone. All this while the German shells were still landing in the area, and the 105's were still answering back. "It was a helluva night," said the sergeant. Another helluva night was the time a large group of paratroopers dropped down near them and nobody was exactly sure whether they were ours or the enemy's. T-5 Clarence Pipestem of Carnegie, Okla., went out on patrol and brought back a "smart-alecky German who knows how to speak English." The prisoner kept saying: "Take your gun away from me. Who in the hell do you think I am?" The "smart-alecky German" turned out to be a paratroop chaplain who had become separated from the rest of his group. The boys are still kidding Pipestem about it. They kid about their home towns, too. There is a good-natured feud between the veterans of the battery; originally a National Guard unit from Anadarko; and the replacements, most of whom seem to be from Brooklyn. They kid each other, but they work together. "And that's why we've got such a goddam good battery," said the sergeant. Editor's Note: The 158th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division was from Anadarko, OK.

Feb 10, 1944: Obituary: Gus Ridley. Born October 14, 1918, was a WW II Veteran, a World War II Army Air Force Veteran. He was the son of Mrs. Winifred Ridley. He graduated from Duncan High School and started his military service as a Private First Class, ASN: 18002038 and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion and entered the Air Corps in July 1940. He trained in Randolph Field, San Angelo, Laredo, Del Rio, Texas, Moses Lake, Washin9ton, Inglewood, California, and Kearney, Nebraska. Sgt. Ridley went overseas in November 1943, served in England, and was killed in action February 1944 over Germany. Awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart.

Feb 12, 1944: 2LT Joe F. Lohrengel, OSN: O-1177506, Captured in Italy, Held 473 days at Oflag 64.

Feb 13, 1944: 2LT Eldon A. Miller, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, OSN: O-2055867, DOB: Mar 28, 1905, from Oklahoma City, OK, is Killed in Action.

Feb 18, 1944: SGT Lawrence Shea, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 20830821, DOB: Jun 12, 1917, from Perry, OK, is Killed in Action. PVT Clarence F. Swope, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 35352845, DOB: Jun 27, 1916, from Macy, IN, is Killed in Action. Obituary: Lawrence Shea: June 12, 1917 – February 18, 1944. Sgt. Lawrence Shea was killed in action in Italy February 18, 1944, according to a telegram from the war department received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Shea, 901 Locust, Sunday afternoon. Sgt. Shea has been fighting in Italy with the Perry battery C of the 158th field artillery, 45th division. He was mobilized with the national guards in September 1940, having been a member of the battery six years before it was called into federal service. Sgt. Shea is the second member of Battery C of the 158th Field Artillery, Perry's own battery, to die in action. Pvt. Lucian J. Hicks was killed in action February 12. No details of Shea's death have been received by his family. The battery has been involved in bitter action on the Anzio beachhead for six weeks and it is presumed Sgt. Shea met death there. Sergeant Shea was married to Miss Jean Combrink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Combrink of Billings at Tulsa in October, 1942. Mrs. Shea is deputy county treasurer. Prior to his call to active duty he was employed in the Illinois oil fields. Sergeant Shea was born at Sumner June 12, 1917. The Shea family moved to Perry in 1919, and Sergeant Shea attended his first eight years of schooling at St. Joseph's academy here. He attended four years at Perry high school and graduated in 1938 with a letter in basketball. Survivors, in addition to his wife, include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Shea, Perry; seven sisters, Mrs. Jack Webber, Perry; Mrs. Pete Wiederkeher, Chickasha; Mrs. Lambert Casparis, Ponca City; Mrs. Harley Devilbiss, Cushing; Mrs. Garland Burton, Tulsa; Miss

Daisy Shea, Perry, and one brother, John Shea, Ponca City. Sgt. Shea was a member of the Catholic church and requiem mass will be said for him at St. Rose of Lima church at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday by Father William H. Reid.

Feb 23, 1944: 2LT George T. Robinson Jr., Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, OSN: O-1178952, DOB: Unknown, from Sullivan, IL, is Killed in Action. SGT Thomas C. Grigg, ASN: 34104926, Captured in Italy, Held 464 days at Stalag 3B. PVT Nicholas Hernandez, ASN: 38017377, Capture in Italy, Held 516 days at Stalag 7A. TEC4 Charles A. Locke, ASN: 33255985, Captured in Italy, Held 467 days at Stalag 2B. PVT Leonard K. Shoemaker, ASN: 34303222, Captured in Italy, Held 504 days at Stalag 7A. TEC4 Robert L. Silver, ASN: 38023432, Captured in Italy, Held 484 days at Stalag 2A. CPL William L. Willsey, ASN: 20830529, Captured in Italy, Held 496 days at Stalag 3B.

Feb 29, 1944: TEC5 Francis H. Pownall, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 38023282, DOB: Nov 02, 1914, from Oklahoma City, OK, is Killed in Action.

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Mar 13, 1944: PVT Benjamin A. Kowalski, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 32774654, DOB: Feb 14, 1915, from Jersey City, NJ, is Killed in Action.

Mar 18, 1944: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Seven Sooners listed killed in war areas. Three Anadarko soldiers and four other state servicemen Friday were added to Oklahoma's list of men killed in action, the war department announced. The report stated that all three of the Anadarko men were killed while fighting in the Mediterranean area. They are: Pfc. Paul N. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis, Rt. 2, Anadarko. S/Sgt. Harlin L. Henderson, son of Marvin P. Henderson, Rt. 4, Anadarko. Pvt. Hartwell E. Wolgram, husband of Mrs. Cleo Wolgram, Anadarko. Killed in the same theater: Pfc. Ernest C. Cain, husband of Mrs. Mildred Cain, Chickasha. Pvt. Perry A. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira S. Morgan, Rt. 1, Big Cabin. T/4 Gr. Albert M. Schoelen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Schoelen, Rt. 1, Kingfisher. Killed in the southwest Pacific area: Capt. Lester T. Mooney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otho L. Mooney, Temple. With the 45th division, Davis, 25, was fighting in Italy when he was killed on January 29. The private had been overseas since the 45th division went across in June of 1943. The young Anadarko man was born at Ardmore, but had lived near Anadarko since he was 10 years old. He attended school at Washita. Davis was one of four sons of the Anadarko family who are now in service. He was a farmer in civilian life. Twenty six year old Morgan, who was with the infantry as a heavy machine gunner, received the Silver Star award for gallantry in action before his death. He was cited for heroic action performed in October of 1943. A truck driver in civilian life, the Oklahoma soldier who lived near Big Cabin, enlisted on Sept. 30, 1941, for military service. Capt. Mooney, 25, another holder of the Silver Star award, who was killed in the southwest Pacific fighting, was cited March 24, 1943, for relieving front line troops by leading a company of soldiers in two attacks; Nov. 25 and Dec. 5, 1942 in the Buna campaign in New Guinea. A former University of Oklahoma law student, Mooney enlisted in the army in June of 1941 while a junior in college. The Temple hero, a former football player and wrestler while attending Temple high for three years, and Kemper for another three years, is also survived by two brothers, Second Lieut. Jerome E. Mooney of the air corps, San Bernardino, Calif; Pfc. John R. Mooney, Champaign, Ill., and two sisters, Mrs. John L. Morrison, Norman, and Miss Jannie Mooney, Temple. Schoelen, 26, who was in the FA with the 45th division, was wounded on Nov. 13, 1943, in the Mediterranean area, but was released from the hospital to return to duty on Dec. 22, 1943, and was killed in Italy while serving as a radio technician. He was a farmer before he went into service in 1940. Pvt. Cain, 22, who also was in the FA with the 45th, was killed on January 28 in Italy. The former Carnegie high student entered service in 1941 and went overseas in June of 1943. In addition to his wife, Cain is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cain, Chickasha; a brother, M/Sgt. Curtis Cain, Fort Leonardwood, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Beall, Capital Hill, and a son, Larry A. Cain, Chickasha. Photo Caption: Pfc. Ernest C. Cain.

Mar 24, 1944: Headquarters Fifth Army, A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army, 24 March 1944, General Orders Number 48. Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer: Hilston T. Kilcollins (0-1165887), First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 25 September 1943, near Castelnuovo, Italy. First Lieutenant Kilcollins accompanied an infantry company as a forward artillery observer. The unit was advancing over a bare knoll when an intense concentration of hostile machine gun and mortar fire from a wooded hill halted the company and inflicted several casualties. First Lieutenant Kilcollins crawled to the top of the knoll and exposed himself to the fire of machine guns in order to observe and adjust artillery fire on the enemy positions. Machine gun bullets struck near him, spraying him with dirt and rocks; yet he continued to adjust fire on enemy weapons, silencing the two machine guns and mortars. Through First Lieutenant Kilcollins' heroic and effective actions, the company was able to advance and capture the hill. Entered military service from Mapleton, Maine. By command of Lieutenant General Clark: /s/ A. M. Gruenther, Major General, G. S. Chief of Staff. /s/ M. F. Grant, Colonel, A. G. D., Adjutant General. Certified True Copy, Albert E. Huber, Major FA, Adjutant.

Mar 25, 1944: Headquarters, Forty Fifth Infantry Division, APO 45, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York, 25 March 1944, General Orders Number 57. Award of Silver Star Medal, Missing in Action II. Extract Award of Silver Star Medal to Clyde L. Shelton, 20830885, Private First Class, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion for gallantry in action in the Rome-Anzio area 3-5 March 1944. Private Shelton, having been captured by the enemy 23 February 1944, escaped with two companions from a prisoner of war camp near Rome on 3 March. Private Shelton was able through his energy and resourcefulness to reach friendly lines in disguise on 5 March, eluding enemy guards who shot his two companions. Enroute he obtained a map showing the location of an ammunition and supply dump and was able to furnish much other valuable information of the enemy. Private Shelton's daring and devotion to duty reflects great credit on the armed forces. Entered military service from Perry, Oklahoma. By command of Major General Eagles: /s/ George E. Martin. Lt Col GSC, Actg Cofs, Official: /s/ Henry B. Roach, Lt Col A. G. D. Adjutant General. Certified True Copy: Albert E. Huber, Major FA, Adjutant.

Mar 30, 1944: PVT Joe Curley, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 38017433, DOB: Nov 08, 1908, from Shawnee, OK, is Killed in Action.

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Apr 08, 1944: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Former city man is killed in action. T/5Gr. Francis H. Pownall, 29, former Bethlehem Supply Co., employee, has been killed in action in the Mediterranean theater, according to a war department telegram sent to his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Pownall said Friday that the official notification informed her that her husband was killed while fighting in Italy on February 29. Born in Skiatook, Pownall was educated in the schools of Skiatook and Turley. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Pownall, now live in Hominy. He was with the oil supply company prior to his induction into service on Sept. 22, 1941. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the community building of Skiatook. Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Fay Nevergall, Salem, Ill., and a brother, Orville Pownall, Hominy. His wife works here for the Standard Grocery store No. 11.

Apr 20, 1944: Published in the "The Miami Daily News Record" entitled: 12 Oklahomans Die in Action. Army Discloses Deaths of Soldiers in Two Theaters Of War. Washington, April 20, UT). Twelve soldiers from Oklahoma have been killed in action, the Army disclosed today. Second Lieut. Roy L. Grant, son of Mrs. Anna Grant Mackey, Durant, and Second Lieut. Eugene Z. Talley, husband of Mrs. Melinda Talley, Wynnewood, were killed in European fighting. In the Mediterranean area the fatalities were Lieut. Winford N. Wilson, husband of Mrs. Ada M. Wilson, Anadarko; S-Sgt. Melvin B. White, son of Mrs. Mary E. White, Rush Springs; Pvt. Craig H. Sory, son of Mrs. Lottie Sory, Ramona. Tech. Fifth Grade Francis H. Pownall, husband of Mrs. Myrtle I. Pownall, Oklahoma City; Pfc. Henry P. Lewis, son of Mrs. Lela A. Lewis, Konawa; Tech. Fourth Grade Jack Hardin, son of Mrs. Maggie Hardin, Porum.

Cpl. William A. Alexander, husband of Mrs. Louise Alexander, Hickory; Pfc. Leo S. Brunt, husband of Mrs. Betty L. Brunt, Pawhuska; SSgt. Alvin J. Copeland, husband of Mrs. Anna B. Copeland, Ringling. PFC. C. Harold Spriggs, who was the husband of Mrs. Anna M. Spriggs, Tulsa, was killed in the Southwest Pacific.

May 01, 1944: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Campomorto, Italy. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Corwin V. Edwards, Beverly A. Finkle, Ira S. Hayes, George O. Hubbert, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants James F. Archer, Irwin W. Cobb Jr., Norbert M. Collins, Charles K. Fetzer Jr., Charles L. Kessmeier, Alfred J. Lindsey and Richard A. Mayne Jr., and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenants Harry W. Van Ness, George C. Davis Jr., Arthur L. Goodman Jr. and Benjamin F. Robertson, and Second Lieutenant Earl Veach. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenants Gordon L. Kinley, John W. Dalton, Joseph S. Hedge, Marvin H. Keeley and Arthur B. Merchant. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain William S. Hurley, First Lieutenant Hilston T. Kilcollins, and Second Lieutenants Francis Liggett, William T. Morton and George E. Olson Jr.. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George W. Nikkel, First Lieutenants Harold Bernstein and Robert E. Kelley, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

May 13, 1944: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Shawnee man killed. Shawnee, May 12 (Special) Pvt. Joe Curley of Shawnee was killed in action March 30 in Italy, where he was with the 158th field artillery, relatives here have been notified. Private Curley, 30, entered service two years ago and had been overseas nearly a year. Survivors include two sisters, Miss Lizzie Rhod, of Shawnee, and Miss Sophie Curley of California.

May 30, 1944: Nettuno American Cemetery and Memorial, in the World War II Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial site at Nettuno, Italy there are headstones of 7,861 of American military war dead. The majority of these individuals died in the liberation of Sicily (July 10 to August 17, 1943); in the landings in the Salerno Area (September 9, 1943) and in the heavy fighting northward; in the landings at Anzio Beach and expansion of the beachhead (January 22, 1944 to May 1944); and in air and naval support in the regions. Soldiers of the 158th Field Artillery interred there are as follows: PVT Joe Curley, PFC Melvin W. Davidson, TEC5 Curtis H. Davis, PFC Paul N. Davis, PFC Lucion J. Hicks, CPL Willis N. Jarboe, TEC5 Woodrow C. King, PVT Melvin Marshall, 2LT Eldon A. Miller, PFC Lonnie B. Nobles, TEC5 Louis P. Pool, 2LT George T. Robinson, TEC4 Albert M. Schoelen, CPL Willie V. Stinson, PFC Aime W. Vezina and 1LT Capers R. Wactor.

Jun 01, 1944: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Campoleone, Italy. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Corwin V. Edwards, Beverly A. Finkle, George O. Hubbert, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants James F. Archer, Irwin W. Cobb Jr., Norbert M. Collins, Charles K. Fetzer Jr., Charles L. Kessmeier, Alfred J. Lindsey and Richard A. Mayne Jr., and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenants Harry W. Van Ness, George C. Davis Jr. and Benjamin F. Robertson, and Second Lieutenants Donovan W. Porter, Earl Veach and Harold J. Wolf. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Gordon L. Kinley, First Lieutenants Joseph S. Hedge, Marvin H. Keeley and Arthur B. Merchant, and Second Lieutenant Arthur J. Marshall Jr.. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain William S. Hurley, First Lieutenant John W. Dalton, and Second Lieutenants Francis Liggett, William T. Morton and George E. Olson Jr.. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Ira S. Hayes, First Lieutenants Harold Bernstein and Robert E. Kelley, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

Jun 03, 1944: PVT John V. Blake, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 33479433, DOB: Feb 14, 1923, from Philadelphia, PA, is Killed in Action. PVT Clement C. Ward, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 11078830, DOB: Oct 16, 1924, from Saint Albans, VT, is Killed in Action.

Jun 08, 1944: CPL Willie V. Stinson, Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 38018445, DOB: Nov 14, 1915, from Davis, OK, is Killed in Action.

Jun 12, 1944: Published in the "The Daily Banner" entitled: Three Putnam boys in 45th division. It is believed three Putnam county boys are members of the 45th Division which is a part of the United States Army in Italy, and which was the first unit too receive a citation. The boys are Sergeant James F. Shuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Shuck of Fillmore and Faye D. Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Farmer of Cloverdale. Howard Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Frederick of Floyd township is also a member of the 158th Field Artillery of the Unit. Howard has been wounded and confined to a hospital in Italy, but is doing nicely, according to reports received by his parents. One feature of the 45th Division at the time it was organized was that it contained 1500 Indians recruited from 28 different tribes in the

Western section of the United States. While undergoing training these Indians carried along their Indian clothing and regalia and frequently indulged in tribal ceremonies and war dances to the wonder and sometimes the disquietude of civilian spectators, but when they went overseas, they left this part of their outfit at home, but not their war whoops and they have carried terror to the hearts of Hitler's Wehrmacht. These soldiers wear the shoulder insignia of the "Thunderbird" and are the first in the army to share the glory of a unit citation of an entire division. Following the landing at Salerno, Italy, the 45th division was in action 66 battle days and has been one of the work-horse outfits which has taken Hitler out of much of Italy.

Jun 18, 1944: Published in the "The Daily Oklahoman" entitled: Beachhead victim wins Silver Star. Lieut. Eldon A. Miller, Woodward, killed in action on the Anzio beachhead, has been awarded the Purple Heart, and the Army's third highest battle honor, the Silver Star, for gallantry in action. The citation reads "Lieut. Miller conducted artillery fire from an observation post in the second floor of a house which was frequently under fire from enemy snipers, but which offered the best observation available. He remained in the house while enemy snipers became more active and continued to adjust the fire of his battalion until killed by a sniper's bullet. Lieut. Miller's courage and devotion to duty are in the best traditions of the military service." Miller, who had served with the 45th division since it was activated in 1940, was first sergeant of his artillery battery when it went into combat. For "exceptional ability under action," he received the first battlefield commission to be given in his battalion. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maxine Miller, Woodward; two brothers, O. A. Miller, 501 NW 13, and Edwin B. Miller, with the armed forces in England; and three sisters, Mrs. Lester Gray, Stratford, and Mrs. Ray Matheny and Mrs. Paul Jones, both of Phoenix, Ariz.

Jul 01, 1944: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Fiaino, Italy. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Marvin L. Briggs, Corwin V. Edwards, Beverly A. Finkle, George O. Hubbert, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller, George C. Tompkins and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants James F. Archer, Irwin W. Cobb Jr., Norbert M. Collins, Charles K. Fetzer Jr., Charles L. Kessmeier, Alfred J. Lindsey, Richard A. Mayne Jr. and Arthur B. Merchant, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenants Harry W. Van Ness, George C. Davis Jr. and Benjamin F. Robertson, and Second Lieutenants Donovan W. Porter, Walter A. Schomaker, James G. Wilhelm and Harold J. Wolf. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Gordon L. Kinley, First Lieutenants Joseph S. Hedge and Marvin H. Keeley, and Second Lieutenants John F. Laubhan, Arthur J. Marshall Jr. and Cecil E. Taylor. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain William S. Hurley, First Lieutenant John W. Dalton, and Second Lieutenants Claude J. Gabrysch, Francis Liggett, William T. Morton and George E. Olson Jr.. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George W. Nikkel, First Lieutenants Harold Bernstein and Robert E. Kelley, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

Jul 05, 1944: Published in the "The St. Albans Messenger" entitled: Sonny Ward dies before fall of Rome. On the day before Rome fell, a St. Albans boy gave his life in Italy for the Allied cause. He is Pvt. Clement "Sonny" Ward, previously reported missing June 3 and now officially termed killed on that day, according to a telegram from the War Department received by his parents, Monday afternoon. In his last letter home, written only two days before his death, Clement wrote that he didn't expect to be home for Christmas this year. He was not yet 20 years old and since entering the armed forces in February, 1943, had not been home on furlough. He left for overseas service last September. The message that he was reported missing in action was received June 27. Last July 3, 1943, Mr. and Mrs. Ward saw their son for the last time when they visited him at a southern camp where he was stationed. He was the only son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Clement K. Ward of Gilman Avenue. Besides his parents, he leaves several aunts, uncles and cousins. Private Ward was graduated from St. Mary's High School and was a pre-medical student at the University of Vermont when he left for service with the UVM.

Aug 08, 1944: Extract of General Orders 191; Headquarters, Forty Fifth Infantry Division, APO 45, C/O Postmaster, New York, New York, Dated 8 August 1944, LSL/wwg, General Orders 191, Award of Bronze Star Medal, Heroic Achievement in Action I, Award of Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service in Combat II, Award of Purple Heart III. I: Award of Bronze Star Medal, Heroic Achievement in Action. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals for heroic achievement in action: William S. Hurley, O-336628, FA, Captain, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, leader of a medical aid and evacuation party, on 29 January 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. George W. Nikkel, O-262219, FA, Captain, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, leader of an ammunition detail, from 16 to 20 February 1944, on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Entered military service from Weatherford, Oklahoma. Hubert O. Williams, 34162867, FA, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, leader, field artillery forward observation party, from 8 to 11 February 1944, near Campo Morto, Italy. Entered military service from Clanton, Alabama. II: Award of Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service in Combat. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded

to the following individuals for meritorious service in combat: James F. Archer, O-1172737, FA, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, assistant battalion communications officer, from 7 September 1943 to 4 June 1944 in Italy. Entered military service from Topaz, California. Merle D. Hayes, 20830583, FA, First Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, first sergeant, from 29 January to 6 June 1944, near Anzio and Rome Italy, Italy. Entered military service from Woodward, Oklahoma. By command of Major General Eagles: George E. Martin, COL, GSC, Cofs. Official: Henry B. Roach, Lt. Col, AGD, Adj Gen.

Aug 15, 1944: PVT Stanley F. Novak, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 35292229, DOB: Apr 17, 1912, from Wheeling, WV, is Killed in Action. PVT James Ditonna, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 32918145, DOB: 1922, from Passaic City, NJ, is Killed in Action. Obituary: Stanley Frank Novak, born April 17, 1912, in Crescent, Belmont County, Ohio and was Killed in Action on August 15, 1944, in France and is buried in Saint Clairsville Union Cemetery in Saint Clairsville, Ohio. His burial date was on 1 May 1948 by the Altmeyer Funeral Home: Altmeyer. His occupation was listed as a Coal Miner and his residence was listed as 66 Main Street, Wheeling, Ohio. His mother was Caroline Yoker and she was born in Poland, his father was Stephen Novak and he was born in Poland. Private, ASN: 35292229 and entered the military service Mar 29, 1942 and served with Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery.

Aug 20, 1944: TEC4 James F. Shuck, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 35168996, DOB: Jan 30, 1919, from Fillmore, IN, is Killed in Action.

Aug 21, 1944: PFC John Charmo, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 32348489, DOB: Apr 26, 1907, from Johnstown, PA, is Killed in Action.

Sep 01, 1944: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Amerieu-En-Bugey, France. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Marvin L. Briggs, Corwin V. Edwards, Beverly A. Finkle, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants Irwin W. Cobb Jr., Norbert M. Collins, Charles K. Fetzer Jr., Charles L. Kessmeier, Alfred J. Lindsey, Richard A. Mayne Jr. and Arthur B. Merchant, Second Lieutenants James C. Depury, William T. Morton and Donovan W. Porter, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenants Harry W. Van Ness, George C. Davis Jr. and Benjamin F. Robertson, and Second Lieutenants Walter A. Schomaker, Earl C. Veach, James G. Wilhelm and Harold J. Wolf. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Gordon L. Kinley, First Lieutenants Joseph S. Hedge and Marvin H. Keeley, and Second Lieutenants John F. Laubhan, Arthur J. Marshall Jr. and Cecil E. Taylor. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain William S. Hurley, First Lieutenant James F. Archer, and Second Lieutenants Claude J. Gabrysch, Francis Liggett and George E. Olson Jr.. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Ira S. Hayes, First Lieutenants Harold Bernstein and Robert E. Kelley, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

Sep 11, 1944: 2LT Francis E. Liggett, OSN: O-0465104, Captured in France, Held 263 days at Oflag 64.

Sep 13, 1944: Obituary: James Wesley Dorough, Captain, Home address is Weatherford Oklahoma. Wife is Mrs. Janie Dorough of 529 North Ponca, Norman, OK. He was born January 27, 1920. Enlisted September 16, 1940. Decorations: Order of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star awarded posthumously. Graduated Weatherford High School in 1940. Football player and took part in other athletics. Member of Baptist Church. Member of Oklahoma National Guard, attended Officers Training School and commissioned Second Lieutenant. Served as communications officer in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany, Died September 13, 1944 in action in Germany. Captain, O-1290914, ASN: 20831068 and served with Battery "D", 158th Field Artillery.

Sep 21, 1944: Published in the "The Daily Banner" entitled: Gillmore boy met death in France, Aug. 20. James F. Shuck killed in action, parents are notified. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Shuck of Fillmore have received word from the War Department that their son, Sgt. James F. Shuck, who had been reported missing, was killed in action, Aug. 20, 1944. He was a veteran of four invasions, having taken part in the invasion of Sicily. Salerno, Anzio and Southern France. He had seen eleven months of action in Italy and had been overseas fourteen months. He was 25 years old last Jan. 30th. At the time of his induction Oct. 1941, he was employed at National Malleable and Steel Castings in Indianapolis. He was a graduate with the class of 1937 of Fillmore High School and a member of the Fillmore Masonic Lodge. He has a brother, Sgt. William F. Shuck, somewhere in the European theater war, whom he had not seen since July of 1942 when home on furlough, He was a radio technician in field artillery of Battery. "C", 158th Bn., 45th Div. and had his training in several camps and schools in the United States.

Oct 01, 1944: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Housseras, France. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Marvin L. Briggs, Corwin V. Edwards, Beverly A. Finkle, George O. Hubbert, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants Norbert M. Collins, Charles L. Kessmeier, Alfred J. Lindsey and Richard A. Mayne Jr., Second Lieutenant James C. Depury, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Harry W. Van Ness, First Lieutenants George C. Davis Jr. and Benjamin F. Robertson, and Second Lieutenant William T. Morton. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Gordon L. Kinley, First Lieutenant Irwin W. Cobb Jr., and Second Lieutenants John F. Laubhan and Cecil E. Taylor. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George C. Tompkins, First Lieutenant James F. Archer, and Second Lieutenant James G. Wilhelm. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Ira S. Hayes, First Lieutenants Harold Bernstein and Arthur B. Merchant, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

Oct 04, 1944: Headquarters, Forty Fifth Infantry Division, APO 45, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York, 4 October 1944, LSL/cap. General Orders Number 225. Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Heroic Achievement in Action I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals for heroic achievement in action: Wayne D. Hickman 35155913, FA, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, leader, field artillery forward observation party, from 8 to 11 February 1944 near Campomorto, Italy. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana. Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service in Combat II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals for meritorious service in combat: Frank S. Brychta 36048949, FA Private, Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, a radio operator, forward observation party, from 10 July 1943 to 1 April 1944 in Sicily and Italy. Entered military service from Wilmotto, Illinois. LeRoy Miller O-337582, FA Captain, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion (then Battery A), battery commander, from 10 July 1943 to 8 December 1943 in Sicily and Italy. Entered military service from Perry, Oklahoma. By Command of Major General Eagles: Official George E. Martin, Lt Col, GSC, Actg Cofs. Henry B. Roach, Lt Col, AGD, Adj Gen.

Nov 01, 1944: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Housseras, France. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Corwin V. Edwards, Beverly A. Finkle, George O. Hubbert, William S. Hurley, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants Norbert M. Collins, Charles L. Kessmeier, Alfred J. Lindsey and Richard A. Mayne Jr., Second Lieutenant James C. Depury, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Harry W. Van Ness, First Lieutenants George C. Davis Jr. and Benjamin F. Robertson, and Second Lieutenant William T. Morton. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Gordon L. Kinley, First Lieutenant Irwin W. Cobb Jr., and Second Lieutenants John F. Laubhan and Cecil E. Taylor. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George C. Tompkins, First Lieutenant James F. Archer, and Second Lieutenant James G. Wilhelm. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Ira S. Hayes, First Lieutenants Harold Bernstein and Arthur B. Merchant, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

Nov 07, 1944: Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army, APO 512, 7 November 1944. General Orders Number 124. Award of the Legion of Merit. Extract Copy. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Legion of Merit was awarded by the Theater Commander to the following named personnel for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services: Albert E. Huber, O-273895, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for services in Sicily and Italy from 10 July 1943 to 9 January 1944. Entered Service from Mesa, Arizona. By Command of Lieutenant General McNarney: George D. Pence, Brigadier General, G3C, Chief of Staff. Certified True Copy: Paul E. Scheefers, Major, FA, Adjutant.

Nov 24, 1944: Published in the "The Decatur Herald" entitled: D.S.C. awarded to Findlay man. Washington, Nov. 23 (AP) The Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded to Lt. George T. Robinson, whose next of kin is Mrs. Wanda I. Robinson, widow. Findlay, the War Department announced today. The award to Lieutenant Robinson, killed by a sniper during the action cited, was posthumous. The citation for Lieutenant Robinson read: "From Feb. 16 to 22, 1944, he directed continuous field artillery firing missions against German attack to reduce the Anzio beachhead. His observation post was located in a building well in advance of friendly troops and was subjected to constant sniper and artillery fire. On the second day the room from which he was observing was destroyed by three direct hits from German tanks. Unperturbed, he entered an adjoining room and completed his adjustment of fire which forced the tanks to withdraw. Building Destroyed. The building later was demolished by artillery and mortar fire. That night he established his observation post in an adjacent house. During the next five days, he conducted firing missions until enemy infantry finally infiltrated into nearby houses and wounded three of his party. After an all night small arms fight with German troops, he barricaded his party in the building and continued to direct artillery fire until he was killed by a

sniper. Cited for Courage. "His courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty were responsible for the destruction of large numbers of enemy personnel and considerable equipment." Lieutenant Robinson was the son of Mrs. Clarence Taylor of Findlay. He entered service July 3, 1943, and was first reported missing in action April 17, 1944. His wife is the former Miss Wanda Shetler of Decatur.

Dec 01, 1944: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Ingwiller, France. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Corwin V. Edwards, Beverly A. Finkle, George O. Hubbert, William S. Hurley, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants Irwin W. Cobb Jr., Norbert M. Collins, Alfred J. Lindsey and Richard A. Mayne Jr., Second Lieutenants James C. Depury and Herbert J. McCorkle, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Harry W. Van Ness, First Lieutenants George C. Davis Jr. and Benjamin F. Robertson, and Second Lieutenants Ralph H. McMahan and William T. Morton. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Gordon L. Kinley, First Lieutenant Marvin H. Keeley, and Second Lieutenants John F. Laubhan and Cecil E. Taylor. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George C. Tompkins, First Lieutenant James F. Archer, and Second Lieutenants Claude J. Gabrysch, Hubert M. Gilliland and James G. Wilhelm. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Ira S. Hayes, First Lieutenants Harold Bernstein and Arthur B. Merchant, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes. Extract from "Operations of Forty Fifth Infantry Division France 1-30 November 1944" Divisional and Regimental Operations and Awards and Decorations, signed by Colonel Kenneth G. Wickham, Chief of Staff 45th Infantry Division: Headquarters, Forty Fifth Infantry Division, APO 45, US Army, LSL/wwg dated 1 December 1944. Awards and Decorations for November 1944. Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to 2d LT George T. Robinson O-1178952, Battery "C", 158th FA Bn (Posthumous). Award of the Legion of Merit to Maj Albert E. Huber O-273895, Hq Battery 158th FA Bn. Award of the Bronze Star Medal to M/Sgt Morris A. Bishop 20830387 Service Battery, 158th FA Bn; S/Sgt Joseph A. Dupont 34151088 Battery "B", 158th FA Bn; Cpl Issac N. Louderback Jr. 33556779 Battery "B", 158th FA Bn; S/Sgt Emmett V. Robrecht 20830706 Battery "B", 158th FA Bn; Pvt Howard L. Braden 20830367 Service Battery, 158th FA Bn; T/Sgt Clyde L. Klingsick 20830398 Service Battery, 158th FA Bn; Pvt Joseph R. Manjo 31353081 Battery "B", 158th FA Bn; Cpl Donald K. Tice 20830402 Service Battery, 158th FA Bn; Capt Joseph H. Wright O-450132 Hq Battery, 158th FA Bn. Award of the Air Medal to Maj Paul E. Scheefers O-293864 Hq Battery, 158th FA Bn; Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal to 2d LT James C. Depury O-1691875 Hq Battery, 158th FA Bn 2d Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal and 1st LT Norbert M. Collins O-1166461 Hq Battery, 158th FA Bn 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medal.

Dec 04, 1944: TEC5 Arthur A. Rosenthal, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 32899011, DOB: 1913, from Bronx, NY, is Killed in Action.

Dec 06, 1944: Published in the "The Decatur Herald" entitled: Women receive awards. Photo Caption: Two Decatur women were awarded medals by the War Department last night at the American Legion "chow-de-luxe." At the left is Capt. Charles R. McFarland, who read citations. Next to Captain McFarland is Mrs. Wanda I. Robinson, 340 West Marietta Street, who received the D.S.C. for her husband who was killed in action. Next is Mrs. Ora Grant, 2560 North Union Street, who received the D.F.C. and Air Medal with oak leaf clusters awarded her brother, Sgt. Horace Kepler, who is a prisoner of the Germans. At right is Col. Walter E. Meyer, commander of Chanute Field, who presented the medals. Woman Receive Awards. Mrs. Ora Grant, 2560 North Union Street received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Clusters which had been awarded her brother, Sgt. Horace F. Kepler, who is a prisoner of war of the Germans. Mrs. Wanda I. Robinson, 340 West Marietta Street, received the Distinguished Service Cross for her husband, Second Lieut. George T. Robinson, of the field artillery, who was killed in action. Capt. Charles McFarland, of the Sixth Service Command, read citations to the two women from the War Department. A third women, Mrs. Margery P. Duff, 1065 North College Street, was presented an air medal at her home Tuesday afternoon for her husband, First Lieut. J. C. Duff, who was killed in action. During the evening the Madrigal Singers, from the Decatur high school, sang several selections. Miss Marianna Hammer gave a reading and two pupils from the Decatur Music Center, Louise Sanders and Wilma Oldesch, played numbers on the accordions.

Jan 01, 1945: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Niederbronn, France. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Corwin V. Edwards, Beverly A. Finkle, George O. Hubbert, Robert W. Kahn, Harold L. Kleindienst, Leroy Miller and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants Norbert M. Collins, James C. Depury, Alfred J. Lindsey and Richard A. Mayne Jr., Second Lieutenant Herbert J. McCorkle, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Harry W. Van Ness, First Lieutenant George C. Davis Jr., and Second Lieutenants Ralph H. McMahan and Burton Sachs. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Gordon L. Kinley, First Lieutenants Cecil E. Taylor and Harold Bernstein, and Second Lieutenants Joseph M. Pearl and William M. Colby. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George C. Tompkins, First

Lieutenants James F. Archer and James H. Brister, and Second Lieutenants Hubert M. Gilliland and Benjamin B. Moore. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Ira S. Hayes, First Lieutenant Arthur B. Merchant, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

Jan 21, 1945: 2LT William M. Colby, OSN: O-1998701, Captured in France, Held 202 days. 2LT Hubert M. Gilliland, OSN: O-1998702, Captured in France, Held 361 days at Oflag 13B. 2LT Ralph H. McMahan, OSN: O-1180258, Captured in France, Held 214 days. PFC Robert K. Albright, ASN: 33589636, Captured in France: Held 43 days at Stalag 11B. CPL Kenneth O. Beck, ASN: 33424206, Captured in France, Held 272 days. PFC William A. Broughton, ASN: 35791442, Captured in France, Held 275 days. TEC4 Wayne D. Hickman, ASN: 35155913, Captured in France, Held 87 days at Stalag12A then sent to Stalag 9B. PFC Joseph R. Roubideaux, ASN: 38017425, Captured in France, Held 304 days at Stalag 11B. CPL Henry E. Stoneback, ASN: 36265048, Captured in France, Held 214 days. PFC Howard M. Zacharias, ASN: 36173923, Captured in France, Held 270 days. PFC Walter J. Ziobron, ASN: 31049342, Captured in France, Held 270 days.

Mar 01, 1945: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Charmes, France. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Russel D. Funk, Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Corwin V. Edwards, Beverly A. Finkle, George O. Hubbert, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller and Joseph H. Wright, First Lieutenants Norbert M. Collins, James C. Depury, Alfred J. Lindsey and Richard A. Mayne Jr., Second Lieutenant Herbert J. McCorkle, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Harry W. Van Ness, First Lieutenant George C. Davis Jr., and Second Lieutenants Burton Sachs and Daniel R. Linder. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Gordon L. Kinley, First Lieutenant Cecil E. Taylor, and Second Lieutenants Wallace D. Foster and Joseph M. Pearl. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George C. Tompkins, and First Lieutenants James F. Archer and James H. Brister. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Ira S. Hayes, First Lieutenant Harold Bernstein, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

Mar 03, 1945: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders Number 69 dated 3 March 1945. Headquarters, Forty Fifth Infantry Division, APO 45, US Army. GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER # 69, 3 March 1945. Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 345, 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following named organization, Individuals assigned or attached to this unit are entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Unit Insignia only so long as they remain assigned or attached: SERVICE BATTERY, 158TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, for superior performance of difficult tasks from 15 August 1944 to 31 January 1945 in France. During this period the Service Battery has maintained a constant flow of supplies to the other units of the battalion despite the handicaps of distance, weather and terrain. From the time of the landing on 15 August 1944 to the crossing of the Mourtho River, the rapidity of movement necessitated extremely long trips for rations and ammunition with a resultant loss of time for the upkeep of vehicles and rest for the men, yet the battery fulfilled its assignment with the maximum of efficiency, working long hours to maintain vehicles in working order and sacrificing their own comfort and rest to insure the promptly delivery of supplies and repair of equipment. During this time the ammunition dumps were distant from the unit so that trips of one hundred to three hundred miles were frequently necessary, but the battery maintained the required level of ammunition at all time in addition to furnishing vehicles for the shuttling of infantry. As the stiffening enemy resistance allowed the advance, it was necessary to use several officers in other capacities; however, the enlisted men responded to their additional responsibility with a cheerful enthusiasm which assured the continued efficient performance of their duties. The battery has achieved a high standard of discipline and military courtesy. As displayed by the appearance of the installations and the state of equipment, and the enthusiastic execution of orders under the most trying of conditions, the battery has exhibited an efficiency of performance which reflects credit upon its officers and men. BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL FREDERICK. OFFICIAL: Kenneth G. Wickham, Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff. Signed: Henry B. Roach, Lt Col, AGD, Adjutant General. DISTRIBUTION: "B" plus, 3= TAG, 5= Etousa, 1= 7th Army, 1= Central MRU.

Mar 16, 1945: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: 5 Service Outfits get citations. Artillery, Tank Battalion Men Praised for Drive to Germany. Five more Thunderbird service units this week were awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, bringing the division total to twelve, division headquarters has announced. They are the Service Batteries of the 158th, 160th, 171st and 189th FA's, and Service Company, 191st Tank Bn. Units previously awarded the plaque are Service Co's of the 157th, 179th and 180th Inf. Rgt's, QM Co., 700th Ord. Co., 45th Sig. Co., and Clearing Co., 120th Med. Bn. Members of all 12 units are entitled to wear the distinctive sleeve band indicating membership in meritorious service units. Citations for the artillery units all are for the period from the landing on southern France August 15 to January 31, 1944, and are based on their efficiency and resourcefulness in maintaining supplies on the long drive up through France. 300 miles for ammo. The 158th battery's citation points out

that the battalion was kept supplied with adequate ammo stocks, rations and other material even when trucks were forced to go more than 300 miles to dumps, due to the swiftness of the advance. To insure prompt delivery all personnel worked long hours with little sleep to keep the trucks rolling and in repair. As enemy resistance stiffened, the citation reports, it was necessary to take several officers from the company, and enlisted men cheerfully assumed extra duties. The appearance of the battery's installations, the state of their equipment, enthusiastic execution of orders and high standards of military courtesy are praised. The citation for the 160th Field Artillery Service Battery, also praises maintenance of supplies and administrative services on the swift drive, and adds mention of the battery's improvisation of equipment. Members of the battery built electric welding and light and heating units when these were not obtainable through regular sources of supply. Appearance of installations, care of equipment, cheerful execution of orders and generally superior performance are mentioned in the battery's citation. Trucks salvaged: Citation of the 171st and 189th service batteries are similar, so far as maintenance of supplies are concerned. The 171st citation gives special attention to the battery's unblemished conduct record, and contributions to the welfare, comfort and morale of the battalion's units. The 189th service battery is praised for ingenuity in salvaging damaged trucks, trailers and howitzers, which provided the batteries with a maximum of operationally fit vehicles and guns. The battery also licked the problem presented by icy roads when it installed cleats on tractor tracks. Tools and parts were constructed, and critical items obtained when it seemed impossible. Morale and discipline are praised. The 191st Tank Bn. Service Co., their citation says, maintained supplies on the drive with fewer than half their normal number of trucks, despite the fact that units were scattered throughout the division's area. Trucks were in almost continuous operation, but always were in superior condition and there were no accidents. The maximum number of tanks were kept operationally fit for service, even though the company had to improvise spare parts and maintenance equipment. Technical ability of service company men is mentioned as a reason for the battalion's high combat efficiency.

Mar 17, 1945: Annex No. 5, Monthly Historical Report for Month of March 1945. 158th Field Artillery Battalion Cited Personnel. Awards 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Medals were awarded as indicated to the following individuals during the period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. General Orders No. #87, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, dated 17 March 1945. Extract: Award of the Bronze Star Medal. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men: William R. Buttrum, 35486483, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15-16 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Private Buttrum, a member of a forward observer party, learned of a strong enemy attack on an adjacent infantry company. On his own initiative, Private Buttrum worked his way up a steep hill through heavy small arms fire to aid in repulsing the attack. Taking a position on the enemy's flank, Private Buttrum and another artilleryman opened fire and harassed and confused the attacking force so effectively that the rifle company was able to halt the enemy thrust. After the fighting had stabilized, Private Buttrum returned to his party, but twice more in the hours that followed he moved to the aid of the hard-pressed rifle company, giving support which was valuable in repelling the enemy attacks. On the third of these occasions, Private Buttrum was wounded as he made his way across exposed terrain under enemy artillery fire. His courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Evansville, Indiana. Extract: Award of the Bronze Star Medal. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men: Vincent J. Castiglione, 16143457, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15-16 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Technician Castiglione, a member of a forward observer party, learned of a strong enemy attack on an adjacent infantry company. On his own initiative, Technician Castiglione worked his way up a steep hill through heavy small arms fire to aid in repulsing the attack. Taking a position on the enemy's flank, Technician Castiglione and another artillerymen opened fire and harassed and confused the attacking force so effectively that the rifle company was able to halt the enemy thrust. After the fighting had stabilized, Technician Castiglione returned through the enemy fire to his Observer party. In the hours that followed, he moved twice more to the aid of the hard-pressed rifle company. Though forced to undergo intense mortar and artillery concentrations, Technician Castiglione provided support which was valuable in repelling the enemy attacks. His courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Apr 10, 1945: 1LT Harold Bernstein, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, OSN: O-1179295, DOB: Sep 30, 1914, from Long Island, NY, is Killed in Action.

Apr 23, 1945: Published in the "The Statesville Daily Record" entitled: Unit plaque with the Seventh Army in Germany. T/5 Darr Milholland, Route 1, Stony Point, N.C., husband of Mrs. Viola Milholland, 338 South Oak street, is a member of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion of the Seventh Army in Germany, which was recently awarded the meritorious service unit plaque for its superior performance of difficult tasks since the invasion of Southern France. During the speedy drive up from the Riviera the Battery maintained a constant flow of supplies despite the handicaps of distance, weather, and terrain. Sometimes the forward unit moved so rapidly it was necessary to haul rations and

ammunition anywhere from 100 to 300 miles. The citation reads: "Yet the Battery fulfilled its assignment with the maximum of efficiency, working long hours to maintain vehicles in working order and sacrificing their own comfort and rest to insure the prompt delivery of supplies and repair of equipment".

Apr 30, 1945: PVT Leonard P. Nelson, Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion, ASN: 34208331, DOB: Sep 27, 1912, from Miami, FL, is Killed in Action.

May 14, 1945: Official Roster of Officers of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Munich, Germany. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Beverly A. Finkle, George O. Hubbert, Robert W. Kahn, Gordon L. Kinley, Richard A. Mayne Jr., Leroy Miller and Harry W. Van Ness, First Lieutenants James F. Archer, James C. Depury, Daniel R. Linder, Alfred J. Lindsey, Herbert J. McCorkle and Burton Sachs, and Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenant George C. Davis Jr., and Second Lieutenants Manuel H. Belzer, Jesse L. Brundrett and Walter M. Kubany. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Gordon L. Kinley, First Lieutenants Joseph M. Pearl and Cecil E. Taylor, and Second Lieutenant Wallace D. Foster. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain George C. Tompkins, First Lieutenants Joseph C. Bober and George E. Olson Jr., and Second Lieutenant Albert E. Green. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion; Captain Ira S. Hayes, First Lieutenant Walter A. Schomaker, and Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes.

May 25, 1945: Headquarters, Forty Fifth Infantry Division, APO 45, US Army. LSL/jgg. 25 May 1945. General Orders Number 173. Extract Section Number II and II: Section II: Award of the Ninth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the ninth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer: Nobert M. Collins, O-1166461, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 2 January to 21 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois. Section III: Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer: Herbert J. McCorkle, O-1185289, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 15 March to 22 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Pipestone, Minnesota. By Command of Major General Frederick: Official: Kenneth G. Wickham, Colonel, GS, Chief of Staff. Henry B. Roach, Lt Col, AGD, Adjutant General.

May 31, 1945: Published in the "The 45th Division News" entitled: What's your answer? Question: What was your most memorable flight? First Lt. Herbert McCorkle, 158th FA: My worst day started when my outfit moved into a new CP site outside Nuremburg. We were shelled pretty heavily. A little later I was up registering fire when ME's were reported in the area. I dived, but pulled out too fast and broke my throttle rod, had to make a forced landing. Got it fixed up okay and returned to the field. Later that afternoon I was flying cover for an armored column on the autobahn when two ME's started chasing me. I pulled off to the side on their first pass, and on their second run dived under them. By that time the ground fire was heavy enough to make them forget about me. First Lt. James Depury, 158th FA: I was on my way back from my first flight over Germany, flying along at about 4,000 feet, when something big and black sailed past my wing, on the way down. I kept on until more objects whizzed past me, then, I started a dive toward the ground. I had no idea what it was all about, as the ceiling that day was only 5,000 feet. Later I found that the pieces were parts of the Libs and fighters that had crashed together over me. The Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to 158th FA: Pfc. Paul H. Allen, Sgt. William C. LeFurgey, Pfc. Elmer H. Ball, Tech. Sgt. William E. Hawkins, Jr., St. Sgt. Oliver D. Power, St. Sgt. James L. Samuelson, Sgt. Vaughn C. Stuchell, and Cpl. Harold I. Wegwick, Sr.

Jun 21, 1945: FRANÇAIS Croix de Guerre avec PALM : Gouvernement Provisoire de la République Française or GPRF. Charles de Gaulle Chairman 1944-1946. 45E DIVISION D'INFANTERIE: FRANÇAIS Croix de Guerre avec PALM , accordée au titre de la décision n ° 843 , le 21 Juin 1945, par le Président du Gouvernement provisoire de la République française , avec la citation suivante: Une formation magnifique dont la combativité et la coopération étaient particulièrement admirés par les unités de Corps expéditionnaire français . après leur entrée dans la ligne en Italie , cette division , avec certains de ses infanterie, joua une partie glorieuse dans la victoire de Acquafondata du 1er au 31 Janvier 1944. HQ et HQ Co , 45e Div Inf, 45e Cav Rcn Troop (Mecz) , 120e Combat Génie Bn, 120e Bn médicale, 157e Régiment Inf, 179e Régiment Inf, 180e Régiment Inf, HQ et HQ BTRY , 45e Arty Inf Div, 158e FA Bn (105 - Comment) , 160e FA Bn (105 - Comment) , 171e FA Bn (105 - Comment) , 189e FA Bn (155 - Comment) , HQ et HQ Co , Troupes SP, 45e Div Inf, 45e QM Co, 45e Sig Co, and 700e Ord Lumière Maint C.

Jun 29, 1945: Roster of Officers and Enlisted men of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion before redeployment from Munich, Germany to Continent United States as accounted by the 5th Machine Records Unit. Headquarters and

Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion: Majors Albert E. Huber and Paul E. Scheefers, Captains Beverly A. Finkle, Robert W. Kahn, Leroy Miller, George C. Tompkins and Harry W. Van Ness; First Lieutenants James F. Archer, James H. Brister, James C. DePury, Daniel R. Linder, Herbert J. McCorkle, Joseph M. Pearl, Burton Sachs and Cecil E. Taylor; Warrant Officer Richard N. Richardson; First Sergeant William E. Hawkins Jr.; Master Sergeant Laurence E. Close; Staff Sergeants Alvin C. Breza, Carl P. Casullo, William A. Davis, Douglas W. Jones, Henry G. Marshall, Rudolph E. Messe, William C. Polsley, Oliver D. Power and Walter StClair; Sergeants William L. Applegate, Albert P. Curtis, Lester C. Stepano and Vaughn C. Stuchell; Technical Sergeants Richard T. Breidenbach, Fay D. Farmer and Arthur J. Hagan; Technicians Fifth Class John O. Brack, John M. Bragg, Peter M. Burbach, Darrell J. Clark, Clarence E. Coats, James W. Collins, Eugene C. Dalby, Louis A. Delorme, Salvador Gizar, Saul N. Golberg, Allen F. W. Grelle, James R. Hanks, Clifford E. Harvell Jr., Roy A. Henry, Mitchell W. Jones, Sherman E. King, Arthur LaCosse, Seth Leacock, Alton Likins, Robert E. Meaney, Allen W. Palmer, Dixon Palmer, Richard D. Rasmussen, Henry T. Ruhs, Paul D. Sands, Charles E. Shodlouski, Edward L. Spence, Herbert J. Stewart and Francis H. Thompson; Corporals Lewis R. Brockett, Joseph P. Costelloe, Manford T. Craig, Albert W. Evangelist, William R. Fashouer, Gideon T. Hagel, Norbert C. Jensen, Wilbur W. Long, Robert Miller, James R. Muthart, Harry Neuhaus, James L. Reece and Harold L. Wedlick Sr.; Technicians Fourth Class William J. Doucherty, John C. French, Sidney G. Gibson, Raymond J. Gill, Samuel F. Howard, Robert S. Kirby, Elwood R. Kitchen, Virgil O. Koller, Albert J. Levstek, Daniel L. Martinovich, Arthur L. Moyer, Norman W. Paton, Oscar B. Ramsey, Robert L. Sales, Garrett B. Smith, Frank A. Szczerbiak, Ruben H. Thom, Robert K. Utzler and Robert A. Young; Privates First Class Wirt R. Adams, Robert A. Alloway, Willis J. Baenic, William Bloom, Robert C. Bogle, George J. Bounchar, James J. Breslin, Edward M. Canaan, John H. Craig, Max J. Curbeaux, Stanley Dachowski, Hubert B. Day, Jasper R. Demerchant, Kenneth W. Erdman, Robert L. Galbert, Frank B. Garratt, Donald L. Goddard, John J. Goglick, Morris Goldfon, Dick C. Haddow, William J. Hennessy, Reuben A. Jaffe, Charles D. Knapp, Philip Leone, William E. Marose, Joseph V. McQuillan, Henry C. Mierop, Frank L. Mills, Grant L. Nielson, Stanley E. Peliksza Jr., George P. Reilly, George E. Sievers, Theodore H. Spence, Edward R. Suchanek, Joseph C. Trnachita and Frederick J. Walters; Technicians Third Class Louis A. Bartay Jr., Harold V. Forsen and Frank C. Swift; Privates Frank B. Anderson, Glenn S. Cassell, Ernest R. Dahlman, David Hawk, George J. Heiskala, Gerard M. Lindley, Coleman R. Menyhart, Edgar L. Nixon, Robert C. Schwagerl and Percy E. Tallbird. Battery "A", 158th Field Artillery Battalion: First Lieutenants George C. Davis Jr. and Walter M. Kubany; Second Lieutenants Manuel H. Belzer and Jesse L. Brundrett; First Sergeant Charles L. Stoddard; Staff Sergeants Everette T. Bodine, Donald D. McAllister, Hubert O. Williams and Arthur E. Witham; Sergeants Raymond F. Barnard, Verl H. Beasley, Roland H. Farris, Harlo Hansen, John M. Ruzycski, William W. Weimerskirch and Calvin H. Wright; Technicians Fifth Class Roy A. Brown, Alex Hohweiler, John U. Hollingsworth, Golden R. Ishmael, Claude E. Massingill, Albert L. Quickel, Clarence R. Shaul, Arthur C. Shepard, Gaines C. Smith, Rollin J. Walling and Elmer L. Williams; Corporals Richard P. Barnes, William R. Bowman, Frank S. Brychta, John F. Butler, Delmer J. Ford, Willard H. Henson, Thomas D. Jackson, Smith D. Littlefield, William D. Montgomery, Edmond O. Pitcher, James O. Tisdale and Virdie D. Watson; Technicians Fourth Class Leroy F. Bertrand, Allen B. Clarke, John F. Demaree, Floyd G. Groves, Harry C. Mathes and Edmund G. Ononohue; Privates First Class Horace O. Allen, Lester M. Anderson, Jess L. Arnold, Robert H. Aument, Ora B. Ausbern, Raymond R. Averill, Charles A. Baker, Wallace C. Barker, Edmund O. Baxter, Eugene W. Beach, Felix Berard, Louis C. Bertuccini, Wyley M. Brown, Albert Carter, Lester C. Cash, Russell G. Craig Jr., Melford P. Craven, Fred E. Dart, Erwin H. Eider, Sam Evanoff, Frank C. Hoover Jr., Ubaldo H. Luna, Floyd O. Miller, Juan Moreno, Robert C. Neely, Nickolas Novotni, Louis I. Nutinsky, Morris J. Ott, Wilmer E. Peiffer, Peter L. Peralta Jr., John O. Planchon, Joe D. Podany, Francis A. Salvatore, Raymond L. Silva Jr., Raymond H. Spencer, Azds U. Turley and John B. Worthington; Privates Frank M. Bishop, Robert F. Bowman, Herman Craft, John J. Durnin, Orville E. Geyer, Lynn E. Jackson, Lawrence J. Mudd, Jesse A. Salazer and James A. Walters. Battery "B", 158th Field Artillery Battalion: First Lieutenants Johnathan L. Collens and Wallace D. Foster; First Sergeant Joseph A. Dupont; Staff Sergeants Sherwin E. Allen, John B. Denvir, Calvin D. Sheets and Omer L. Wauhob; Sergeants Marcus E. Graves, Orla E. Hostetler, Alfred H. Mitchell, Charles R. Ordille, Steven Rasheff; Joseph J. Scheiner and John R. Sundvall; Technicians Fifth Class Forest D. Blakesley, Charles L. Clem, Harry B. Coker, Richard C. Desmond, Frank Garcia, Barry Golomb, Lester B. Gose, Edward L. Johnson Jr., Michael LaRossa, Frederick T. Matthews, Joseph E. Perry and George A. Wilson; Corporals Warren O. Carroll, James M. Clark, Edmund W. Crummey, Donald G. Fish, Leonard W. Gielniak, Oscar G. Green, Gerard H. Landry, Isaac N. Louderback Jr., Murray Michaels, Lewis E. Oplinger, Donald W. Rock and Euphra L. Stover; Technicians Fourth Class Herbert H. Comdohr, Richard G. Fuka, Alex G. McBryde, John K. Myers and Charley E. Pinegar; Privates First Class Vincent C. Barron, Edward Biercuk, George Cervantez, John J. Curran, Eugene M. Denson, George F. Doner, Edgar J. Doran, Bernard C. Ewing, Lewis B. Fennin, William R. Fisher, Michael R. Garofalo, Robert L. Gilreath, Edwin F. Gorak, William R. Heffernan, Robert H. Honeycutt, Bob Hughes, William C. Huntmer, William Hyland, Thomas D. Iannotti, Rocco D. Impreveduto, Anton J. Kandistorfer, Aubrey R. Kidwell, Norman E. Lemoine, Robert A. Leach, Delmer J. LeClair, Charles A. McDowell, William L. McKillip, Harry F. Nance Jr., Lee W. Nearhoof, William E. Nicely, Hermon Nichols, Aniceto Pacheco, Wilford B. Painter, Walter Petruck, Russell M. Pierson, Stanley Pluth, Charles Puleo, Harry Ralin, Arthur G. Shedd Jr., Otto H. Small, Mart M. Smith, Alva J. Smith, William T. Walker, Rex W.

Warren and James C. Yeagan and Privates Herman J. Beyer and John L. Hathaway. Battery "C", 158th Field Artillery Battalion: First Lieutenants Joseph C. Bober, Albert B. Green and George E. Olson Jr., Second Lieutenant Franklin B. Johnson; First Sergeant Leo P. Gibson; Staff Sergeants Porter T. Burce, Augustus J. Dorsey Jr., Joseph J. Loden and Clayton R. Logsdon; Sergeants Albert J. Gardner Jr., William C. Lefurgey, Richard E. Long, Alfred S. Mattingly, John W. Monts and Floyd N. Pircio; Technicians Fifth Class Harry E. Aldinger, Ernest B. Avent, Roland H. Bear, Lee E. Boston, Henry S. Brula, Virgil E. R. Burke, Eugene H. Didion, John A. Dovyak, Raymond L. Duguay, Lawrence R. Dull, Roy M. Edwards, James T. Harris, Joseph T. Lamb, Darrel O. Mondville, Carmello J. Rustici; Corporals Charles E. Brinn, Clarence E. Brower, Calvin L. Burton, Donald E. Clayton, Felix R. Clower, Francis A. Dannaker, Marvin D. Felix, Jim Goucher, William P. Haynes, Vernon L. Losey, John H. Rucker, Roy M. Sapienza, Clyde L. Shelton and Ralph F. Thorn; Technicians Fourth Class Charles N. Greene, James R. Johnson, Stanley J. Trzcinski, William R. Wheeler and Dale L. Wirick; Privates First Class Orban M. Alverson, Frank J. Andriola, Herman F. Babbit, Alfred R. Bacon, Oliver R. Barbour, Michael J. Berezwick, Woodrow E. Blythe, Robert C. Bonnot, Charles E. Butcher, Vernon H. Butler, William R. Buttrum, Peter P. Denardi, Jerome M. Files, Loring F. Hall, Reggie Hardin, William L. Jordan, Randell Kerfoot, Cletus G. Kolhoff, Wilbert L. Kruse, Alvie D. Langford, Bong W. Lim, Virgil G. Luellen, James J. Mahoney Jr., Leonard D. Mattocks, Robert L. McCubbins, Eugene C. McMurray, Woodrow Meeks, James A. Ogrady, William H. Oleson, John C. Omohundro, Donald B. Persing, James T. Pryor, Dean S. Roberts, Owen G. Rogers, Julius Rothenstein, Walter M. Schultz, Merton Shuyler, Alexander J. Socha, Herschel S. Stroud, Norman E. Williams and Private James P. Dempsey. Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion: Captain Ira S. Hayes; First Lieutenant Walter A. Schomaker; Warrant Officer Everett L. Hayes; Master Sergeants Morris A. Bishop and James M. Payne; Staff Sergeants Wayne J. Haen, William H. Powelson Paul A. Relles and Joseph W. Whaley; Sergeants Price Colley, William T. Huff, Edward D. Ingram and James Wright; Technical Sergeant Charles E. Ruppert; Technicians Fifth Class Joseph R. Alvarado, Urshal V. Beets, Austin R. Brittain, Evert R. Helwick, James J. Massimillo, Darr Milholland, Earnest R. Myers, James F. Redfearn, Jefferson S. Sanders, Albert Wakeman and Frank L. Wells Sr.; Corporals Elmer H. Ball, Arnold Barba, Odell H. Cooper, Raymond L. Klinglesmith, Leon T. Medley and Charles J. Venezia; Technicians Fourth Class Johnnie J. Filippo, George L. French, Emil J. Hladik, Arvin L. Jagggers, Anthony J. Merola and Joseph S. Tauber; Privates First Class Leonard C. Badders, Ralph I. Blackburn, James G. Campbell, Willie J. Cansler, John C. Cobb, Clarence Crow, John H. Daniels, Robert C. Dorwart, Ralph D. Dowda, William W. Earls, Vester Eldridge, Luther C. Eoff, James W. Epperly, Charles D. Grasselena, Rudolph E. Guthrie, Harold L. Gutknecht, Hoy T. Jones, Edward A. Keller, Herbert A. Kirch, Albert E. Madril, Patrick D. McDonnell, James E. Ryan, William C. Ryan, George H. Skidmore, John L. Swafford, Christian Vandergaag and John M. Walker.

Aug 05, 1945: Published in the "The Sunday Journal and Star" entitled: Eight Lincoln men win Bronze Stars. Capt. Beverly A. Finkle, with the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, has received the medal for meritorious service from Nov. 1, 1944 to May 7, 1945, in France and Germany. The citation stated, "As battalion communications officer during this period Captain Finkle was a major contributor to the efficiency of his organization." Captain Finkle recently received the Croix de Guerre from the French Army. Son of Mrs. B. A. Finkle, 2040 South, he entered service Jan. 23, 1941 at Lincoln.

Sep 12, 1945: The S.S. Marine Panther landed at New York Harbor, aboard were men of the 158th Field Artillery Battalion, and the 160th, 171st and 189th Field Artillery Battalions, the 120th Medical Company and the 45th CIC Detachment. They were then staged through Camp Shanks, near Orangeburg, New York and Camp Kilmer, New Brunswick, New Jersey, to reassemble at Camp Bowie, Texas. Published in the "The St. Petersburg Times" entitled: 14 Troopships bring 27,000 from European areas today. By the Associated Press. More than 27,000 U.S. Troops from Europe are scheduled to arrive at three east coast ports today aboard 14 troop-carriers. Another ship is due at Los Angeles, bringing home an undisclosed number of service men from the Pacific theatre. Seven vessels are scheduled to dock at New York, four at Newport News, Va., and three at Boston. Designations and army units of troops arriving: At New York (Aboard John Ericsson) 7, 254 troops including the 984th engineer maintenance company; 675th, 676th ordnance ammunition companies; 938th, 3413th ordnance heavy automotive maintenance companies; 3004th, 3265th ordnance base depot companies; 167th ordnance bomb disposal squadron; 560th, 556th, 553rd, 551st transportation corps, port companies; 3129th, 4411th, 4412th, 4413th, 4414th, 4417th quartermaster service companies; 954th quartermaster company, 391st, 394th, 3416th, 3560th, 3698th, 4315th quartermaster truck companies; 617th quartermaster depot supply company; 291st quartermaster refrigerating company; 783rd military police battalion; 87th, 107th, 319th army postal units; 41st, 42nd military police detachments; 515th, 669th medical clearing companies; 136th, 137th evacuation hospitals; 81st field artillery battalion; headquarters and headquarters detachments of 1156th, 1162nd engineer combat groups; 611th engineer company; 997th engineer maintenance company; 3543rd, 3547th ordnance medium automotive maintenance company. (Aboard Marine Panther) 2, 940 troops including the following units from the 45th division: 158th, 160th, 171st, 189th field artillery battalions; 45th counter intelligence detachment; military police platoon; headquarters and headquarters battery; 120th medical battalion. (Aboard Torrens) 2,004 troops for reassignment or separation. (Aboard Oneida

Victory) 1,922 troops including members of headquarters and headquarters company of the Sixth Armored division. (Aboard Fredrick Victory) 1,976 troops including members of postal detachment headquarters company of 69th Infantry division; postal detachment headquarters company of 103rd Infantry division. (Aboard Lambert Cadwalder) 746 miscellaneous troops. (Aboard Exminister) 33 miscellaneous troops. Published in the "The Long Island Star Journal" entitled: 56,588 Vets, 313 WACS due within 5 days. N.Y. Embarkation Point Lists Units on Ships Arriving This Week; More than 56,000 service men will land in New York harbor within the next five days following service in the European Theatre: S.S. Marine Panther: 2,940 troops, including the following units of the 45th Division: 158th, 160th, 171st, and the 189th F. A. Bns.

Oct 01, 1945: Published in the "The Field Artillery Journal" entitled: Now they can be told. Maj. Edward A. Raymond has identified for us a number of units whose work has been recounted in earlier Journals. These are all in addition to those published at page 431 of our issue for July, 1944. Under Fire (page 891, December, 1943) dealt with the 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (Lt. Col. McBride), the 62nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion (Lt. Col. R. E. Conder), and the 65th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Some Battle Lessons (page 104, February, 1944) were learned by the 175th Field Artillery Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. J. E. Kelly and a part of the 34th Infantry Division. There were three phases to As Skirmishers (page 507, August, 1944). At Borjtoum, Battery A of the 175th Field Artillery Battalion was involved. The 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion's work at Brolo was described. In the Sele-Calore phase the 158th Field Artillery Battalion (105s commanded by Lt. Col. R. D. Funk) was engaged, as well as the previously-identified 155s of the 189th. Under Lt. Col. W. E. Tardy the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion kept busy Brassing Off Kraut (page 694, October, 1944). T.N.T. Wholesale was delivered by the 83d Chemical Battalion under Lt. Col. W. S. Hutchinson, Jr. (page 781, November, 1944). The 158th Field Artillery Battalion fought in the Caves of Anzio (page 851, December, 1944). A Combination Mount for Dual .50s (page 110, February, 1945) was developed by the 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Both the 158th and 189th Field Artillery Battalions participated in A Fight (page 156, March, 1945). Lt. Col. R. T. Nicholls and the 15th Field Artillery Observation Battalion performed admirably With Transit (page 290, May, 1945). Published in the "Connecticut Men 45th Thunderbird Division" entitled: 45th Division comes home. The 45th (Thunderbird) Division returned to the United States aboard six different vessels, the veteran troops landing at Boston New York. The division had been overseas since June, 1943. An advance detachment of the division arrived at Piermand Mont, N.Y., August 3, aboard the U.S.S. Sea Tiger. The main body did not reach the United States until more than a month later. Docking at Boston Sept. 10 were the S.S. Sea Owl and the S.S. Marine Devil, (pictured on the cover). Aboard the Sea Owl were the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 157th Infantry Regiment; the 195th PI team, Headquarters and Headquarters Co. Aboard the Marine Devil were the 120th Engineers, the 45th Cav. Recon., the 45th Q.M. Co., Special Troops and 700th Ordnance. On Sept. 1 the S. S. Madawaska Victory landed at Boston with troops of the 3rd Battalion, 157th Infantry; and the 45th Signal Co. Landing at New York Sept. 12, aboard the S.S. Marine Panther, were men of the 158th, 160th, 171st and 189th Field Artillery Battalions, the 120th Medical Co., the 45th CIC Det., Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Military Police. Reaching New York Sept. 14 aboard the Aquitania were members of the 179th and 180th Infantry Regiments. Men of the 45th who landed at Boston were sent to Camp Myles Standish, near Taunton, Mass., for staging. Those who landed at New York staged through Camp Shanks, near Orangeburg, N.Y. and Camp Kilmer, New Brunswick, N. J. After the staging process, Connecticut men were sent to Fort Devens, Mass. There men with sufficient point score were prepared for discharge. Others of the famed division were granted furloughs, which were to expire between Oct. 14 and 18th. Suffering heavy casualties during the hard fighting in which it was engaged, the 45th added many new faces to its ranks while overseas. Many of the newcomers were from the 103d Infantry Division and the 10th and 14th Armored Divisions. Under the plans originally set up by the Army, the 45th was to be reassembled at Camp Bowie, Texas, in mid-October. It was not definitely known whether or not changes in the point discharge system would cause any revision of the arrangements. Sicily-The 45th has a unique history unique in that it has experienced four D-Days. These were in Sicily, at Salerno, Anzio, and southern France. This history in combat starts when the 45th landed in Sicily on July 10, 1943, the first major amphibious landing on the European continent. It fought across the island rapidly until it reached Motta Hill. When the 45th had won that ground and passed on, the fight there was spoken of as the battle of "Bloody Ridge". It was taken only after four days of fighting up steep ridges under enemy observation. Salerno-On Sept. 10, 1943, the division landed at Salerno, Italy. Against bitter opposition the 45th made headway, and after 46 days of fighting had crossed the Volturno River, on Nov. 3, 1943. Anzio; After 119 days of combat, the division was relieved so as to make another amphibious landing, this time at Anzio. The landing was made Jan. 22, 1944. The Germans had formed a ring of steel around the beachhead, and against the enemy's attempts to force them back into the sea, the division stood its ground for four months. German field orders called for annihilation of the division less than a month after its landing. While losses were heavy, the 45th held fast, and on May 23, 1944, was in on the big push which resulted in American forces breaking out of the Anzio sector. Rome-When the division started to roll again it ground its way to Rome and past the Eternal City. It was relieved north of Rome after clearing the approaches to Cassino. France-On Aug. 15, 1944, the division landed in southern France and spearheaded the drive for the Belfort Gap. Initial German resistance was cracked and the 45th headed once again toward Berlin. Epinal,

strongly defended, was taken in September and shortly after that the division forced a crossing of the Moselle River. The division then entered the heavily-wooded forest of the Vosges foothills. Movement was slow and enemy resistance increased. Still the 45th pressed on, taking St. Benoit, crossing the Merthe River and liberating Houseras. Maginot Line-In early Dec. 1944, the division crossed the Zintzel River and soon found itself facing the Maginot Line. By Dec. 13, 1944, the date which marked the division's 365th combat day, it was well through the Maginot defensive belt and meeting bitter opposition in the Lembach-Wingen Valley. The winter campaign in Alsace was bitter. In Feb. 1945, the division was relieved, but in March moved north to the Sarreguemines area preparatory to an attack on the Siegfried Line. On March 15 the 45th set its sails for the industrial Saar. The Rhine-The Rhine was crossed, north of Worms, on March 26, after Homburg and Kaiserslautern had been swallowed up by the Infantry. The men drove on into Aschaffenburg where they ran into fanatical opposition from Nazi boys, girls and old men. The Danube-Then the 45th headed for Nuremberg, crossed the Danube, and with the 42d liberated the prisoners of the notorious Dachau concentration camp. A week before V-E Day the division marched into Munich. At war's end it was stationed near Dachau. The division had had 511 actual days of combat in the line.

Oct 16, 1945: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 87 dated 16 October 1945: GENERAL ORDERS 87, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., 16 October 1945. Units Entitled to Battle Credits. Southern France. 1. Announcement is made of units awarded battle participation credit under the provisions of paragraph 21b (2), AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, in the Southern France campaign. a. Combat zone: Those portions of France (exclusive of Corsica) occupied by forces assigned to the North African Theater of Operations and adjacent waters. b. Time limitation: 15 August to 14 September 1944. 2. When entering individual credit on officer's qualification cards (WD AGO Forms 66-1 and 66-2) or in the service record of enlisted personnel (WD AGO Form 24), this general orders may be cited as authority for such entries for personnel who were present for duty as member of or attached to a unit listed at some time during the limiting dates of the campaign. Southern France...158th Field Artillery Battalion (Motorized) (105-mm Howitzer, Truck Drawn), 45th Division Artillery, 45th Infantry Division...[AG 200.6 (5 Oct 45)] By Order of the Secretary of War: G. C. Marshall, Chief of Staff. Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, Acting The Adjutant General.

Oct 22, 1945: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 91 dated 22 October 1945: GENERAL ORDERS 91, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., 22 October 1945. Units Entitled to Battle Credits. Sicily. 1. Announcement is made of units awarded battle participation credit under the provisions of paragraph 21b (2), AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, in the Sicilian campaign. a. Combat zone: Sicily and adjacent waters. b. Time limitation: 14 May 1943 (air), 9 July 1943 (ground) to 17 August 1943. 2. When entering individual credit on officer's qualification cards (WD AGO Forms 66-1 and 66-2) or in the service record of enlisted personnel (WD AGO Form 24), this general orders may be cited as authority for such entries for personnel who were present for duty as member of or attached to a unit listed at some time during the limiting dates of the campaign. Sicily...158th Field Artillery Battalion (Motorized) (105-mm Howitzer, Truck Drawn), 45th Division Artillery, 45th Infantry Division...[AG 200.6 (5 Oct 45)] By Order of the Secretary of War: G. C. Marshall, Chief of Staff. Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, Acting The Adjutant General.

Oct 31, 1945: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 96 dated 31 October 1945: GENERAL ORDERS 96, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., 31 October 1945. Units Entitled to Battle Credits. Naples-Foggia. 1. Announcement is made of units awarded battle participation credit under the provisions of paragraph 21b (2), AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, in the Naples-Foggia campaign. a. Combat zone: Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica, and adjacent waters. b. Time limitation: 18 August 1943 (air), 9 September 1943 (ground) to 21 January 1944. 2. When entering individual credit on officer's qualification cards (WD AGO Forms 66-1 and 66-2) or in the service record of enlisted personnel (WD AGO Form 24), this general orders may be cited as authority for such entries for personnel who were present for duty as member of or attached to a unit listed at some time during the limiting dates of the campaign. Naples-Foggia...158th Field Artillery Battalion (Motorized) (105-mm Howitzer, Truck Drawn), 45th Division Artillery, 45th Infantry Division...AGO 2336B 667418-45-2 By Order of the Secretary of War: G. C. Marshall, Chief of Staff. Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, Acting The Adjutant General.

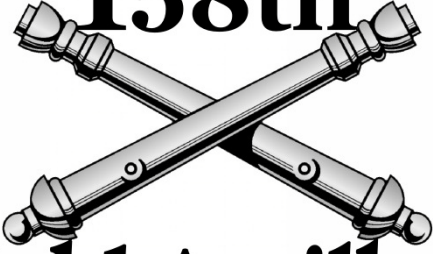
Nov 06, 1945: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 99 dated 6 November 1945: GENERAL ORDERS 99, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., 6 November 1945. Units Entitled to Battle Credits. Rome-Arno. 1. Announcement is made of units awarded battle participation credit under the provisions of paragraph 21b (2), AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, in the Rome-Arno campaign. a. Combat zone: Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica, and adjacent waters to include 15 August 1944; thereafter that portion of the Italian mainland and its adjacent waters north of 42 degree north latitude. b. Time limitation: 22 January to 9 September 1944. 2. When entering individual credit on officer's qualification cards (WD AGO Forms 66-1 and 66-2) or in the service record of

enlisted personnel (WD AGO Form 24), this general orders may be cited as authority for such entries for personnel who were present for duty as member of or attached to a unit listed at some time during the limiting dates of the campaign. Rome-Arno...158th Field Artillery Battalion...[AG 200.6 (5 Oct 45)] By Order of the Secretary of War: G. C. Marshall, Chief of Staff. Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, Acting The Adjutant General.

Nov 24, 1945: 158th Field Artillery Battalion inactivated at Camp Bowie, Texas.

Dec 11, 1945: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 116 dated 11 December 1945: GENERAL ORDERS 116, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., 11 December 1945. Units Entitled to Battle Credits. Central Europe. 1. Announcement is made of units awarded battle participation credit under the provisions of paragraph 21b (2), AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, in the Central Europe campaign. a. Combat zone: The areas occupied by troops assigned to the European Theater of Operations, United States Army, which lie beyond a line 10 miles west of the Rhine River between Switzerland and the Waal River until 28 March 1945 (inclusive), and thereafter beyond the east bank of the Rhine. b. Time limitation: 22 March to 11 May 1945. 2. When entering individual credit on officer's qualification cards (WD AGO Forms 66-1 and 66-2) or in the service record of enlisted personnel (WD AGO Form 24), this general orders may be cited as authority for such entries for personnel who were present for duty as member of or attached to a unit listed at some time during the limiting dates of the Central Europe campaign. Central Europe...45th Infantry Division...[AG 200.6 (30 Nov 45)] By Order of the Secretary of War: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff. Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, Acting The Adjutant General.

Dec 12, 1945: The following is an official excerpt from General Orders No. 118 dated 12 December 1945: GENERAL ORDERS 118, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., 12 December 1945. Units Entitled to Battle Credits. Rhineland. (Name of campaign changed from Germany to Rhineland) 1. Announcement is made of units awarded battle participation credit under the provisions of paragraph 21b (2), AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, in the Rhineland campaign. (Name of campaign changed from Germany to Rhineland) a. Combat zone: Those portions of France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany east of the line: Franco-Belgian frontier to 4 degrees east longitude, thence south along that meridian to 47 degrees latitude, thence east along that parallel to 5 degrees east longitude, thence south along that meridian to the Mediterranean coast. b. Time limitation: 15 September 1944 to 21 March 1945. 2. When entering individual credit on officer's qualification cards (WD AGO Forms 66-1 and 66-2) or in the service record of enlisted personnel (WD AGO Form 24), this general orders may be cited as authority for such entries for personnel who were present for duty as member of or attached to a unit listed at some time during the limiting dates of the Rhineland campaign. Rhineland...45th Infantry Division... [AG 200.6 (30 Nov 45)] By Order of the Secretary of War: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff. Official: Edward F. Witsell, Major General, Acting The Adjutant General.

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