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Name of Organization	Date of Arrival	Location in Texas	Approx. Str'ngth	Date, Or-der Rtn
Field Bakery Company,	July 16-18	McAllen	31	
1st Ambulance Company,	July 17	Mission	87	Oct. 13
2nd Ambulance Company	July 17	Pharr	83	
69th Infantry,	July 17-18	Mission	1020	
1st Battalion Engineers,	July 18	McAllen	371	Oct. 14
3rd Infantry,	July 21	Pharr	1624	Sept. 8
2nd Field Hospital	July 21	McAllen	71	
4th Ambulance Company,	July 21	McAllen	80	
2nd Battalion Engineers,	July 22	McAllen	364	
3rd Field Artillery,	Oct. 9-10	McAllen	721	
3rd Field Hospital,	Oct. 23	McAllen	71	
Supply Train,	Oct. 23	McAllen	189	
Headquarters Division and Brigades, Q. M. Detachment, etc., arrived,	July 2-25	McAllen	40	

Total Approximate Strength 18,607

"The Rio Grande Rattler offers you the courtesies of its columns for any statement you may care to make, relating to the service of the New York Division in Texas."

We take pleasure in publishing the replies to the above letter and wish to express our thanks for the commendatory expressions contained in each.

"We have had a striking demonstration of the advantage of the National Guard."

"But for this body of soldiery, recruited from business, labor, professional and educational fields, the country's plight during the crisis on the Mexican border would have been pitiable."

"Any question of the physical fitness of the National Guardsmen or of their willingness to face the hardships of warfare, has been cleared away. During four months of service as a Division of the United States Army, their spirit has been admirable. By their service and conduct they have stirred the pride of every American."

"When the summons came for the members of the National Guard and busy young men dropped their private affairs to answer the call from the Army, old veterans shook their heads and thoughtful men contemplated the picture of border bandit warfare with apprehension. But these men, filled with the spirit of their forefathers and stirred by an appreciation of this republic, were equal to the emergency. I congratulate them."

"New York state owes these soldiers a debt of gratitude."

EDWARD SCHOENECK, Lieutenant Governor.

Statement of the Secretary of State.

"We who are back home are waiting to honor you. You will remember the magnificent send-off given the New York State troops when they left for the Border months ago to serve their country in a time of need. An even greater celebration awaits you on your home coming. Your relatives and your friends back here are anxiously awaiting the day of your return."

"Not knowing what conditions and what perils would be met, you shouldered arms and marched away. The State is proud of young men of your caliber; men worthy of being known as citizens of the greatest state in the Union in the fullest meaning of the word."

"It is men of your stamp that go far in the successful making of a state and a union, men who can be depended upon in times of emergency. Individually, I send you my best wishes and the hope that you may be able to return home in the near future."

"Speaking for the State, I assure you that your activity at a time when your country called merits and receives the commendation and gratitude of New York's millions."

FRANCIS M. HUGO, Secretary of State.

"I gladly avail myself of the opportunity which has been given me to offer a word of greeting and appreciation to the men of the New York Division who are so unselfishly and efficiently serving their country."

"The reports which we receive from time to time, show that you are reflecting great credit on the Empire State. The service which you are performing under conditions that are oftentimes unpleasant, is fully as heroic as if it were accompanied by the glamor of war, and will go down in the history of the state as one of the splendid achievements of the National Guard."

"I, for one, did not fully appreciate the sacrifice involved in this service until there came recently to my attention the case of a lucrative business, conducted by two partners, which had been jeopardized, if not ruined, because both partners were officers of a

CONCERNING RE-ENLISTMENT AND THE RESERVE CLAUSE.

To the Editor, Rio Grande Rattler, Dear Sir: I wish to take up some of your time on a matter which is of great interest to a large number of the members of the National Guard.

When the call sounded for men, we responded, almost every one. When asked to take the new Federal oath, rather than see our country trampled in the dust, we did so, though it meant hardship, continuance of service, a three year reserve clause and the possible loss of our positions. We came fully expectant to fight and willing to sacrifice our lives if necessary.

When we arrived here we found that the two countries were trying to come to some understanding, rather than go to war. Gradually some of the regiments were allowed to return home, while others have been fed on rumors. This part of it is bad enough when a man has a family depending upon him for support, but what I principally wish to dwell upon is the injustice of the reserve clause, where a man has already served one or more enlistments in the militia.

Taking my own case for example, I had served three years and had missed only one drill. I was honorably discharged last year and re-enlisted for two years. When this trouble broke out I had only about eight months to go. Rather than see my country in need of men I took the new oath, thereby adding another year to my service and placing myself in the position of being called at any time within three years after that. Now that things have

New York regiment which had been called to the Border—and yet, although their going meant tremendous loss and sacrifice, both men instantly and loyally performed their duty.

"To the people of the Border states particularly, your work is a great protection. Nevertheless we hope that your stay in the South will not be prolonged and that you may soon return to your homes, your loved ones and your friends."

EUGENE M. TRAVIS, Comptroller.

"Several of the employees of the State Engineer and Surveyor's Department are along the Border and I wish to assure these men that upon their return they will find their places open for them and that the time spent in the service of our country will not be deducted from their pay or vacation periods."

"I have a wholesome respect and a great admiration for the young man who is willing to drop all his pleasures and cut all home ties to march forth with the colors, whether it be on a peaceful or warlike mission. To do this involves a moral courage and an undaunted belief in the country, which if necessary they are willing to defend with their lives. It is the same belief that has since the earliest history of the American Union protected our prosperity and made us one of the foremost Nations in the world."

"I am proud of all the young men in this Department, who have left their comfortable homes and families to serve their country, and desire to take advantage of this opportunity to congratulate them and all members of the New York Division upon the spirit of patriotism and self sacrifice they have shown."

FRANK N. WILLIAMS, State Engineer and Surveyor.

"New York is proud of the personnel and efficiency of its National Guard on the Mexican Border, now constituting a Division in the United States Army, called into active service by the President to prevent aggression of our territory by irresponsible marauders, and if necessary, or occasion shall require, to protect our citizens and sovereignty from aggression by responsible authority."

"We know they would not be lacking or found wanting in intelligent action, courage or bravery should the supreme moment come of desperate warfare in upholding the integrity of our country and the honor of our flag. Having spent six years in the National Guard of New York and served through one serious strike during that period, I can fully appreciate the inconveniences and deprivations which our soldiers are experiencing at the present time on the Mexican Border."

"It has been my privilege of being called upon in my official capacity to pass upon many questions involving the rights of our citizen soldiers, including their right to vote and their right to retain their positions and draw their salaries while in the service of their country, in case they are state or municipal employees. It has been a pleasure to me to be able to reach these conclusions."

"My best wishes to all goes with this brief note and I shall be greatly pleased, as will all others, to have our soldier boys return to their homes without unnecessary delay."

EGBERT M. WOODBURY, Attorney General.

quieted down a bit and I have time to sit and think, I realize that I have either been a fool or the new enlistment isn't a fair proposition.

My reason for so thinking is that, men who are serving on their first enlistment in my company are in the majority and of those who were in before the call, the largest part will be out in the early months of next year and here I am with all the service already put in, unable to get a discharge for over a year and then the three years in the reserve. Should not something be done for those men who have had previous service? Should they not be released from the reserve? Surely it is a fair proposition. Why does not someone with ability to handle matters of this kind take up the militia man's burden? Maybe I am a "squealer" but I don't mean to be. The fact of the matter is that I have a wife and child at home who are very fond of me and of whom I am very fond.

I have answered the call, was willing to make all sacrifices necessary, but upon mature consideration think I owe them something also. It isn't a very pleasant thing for a married man to feel that he may be dragged from his home at any time to answer the call to the reserve while a lot of single fellows are sitting in their offices smoking cigarettes and reading about what the other fellow is doing at the front.

Can a militiaman purchase his discharge? Respectfully, ONE OF THE BOYS.

2ND FIELD ARTILLERY

We have discovered that there are a lot of people back at the other end of the earth, (meaning the top end) who have the notion that many of the boys who have had to go to the hospital for various reasons are in a terrible physical danger because there are no facilities for caring for them properly. The notion that there are no medical facilities here in Texas is perhaps justified because of the early difficulties in the matter of getting a real hospital service in working order, but it is about time that the notion was dispelled. At the present writing the correspondent wishes to call attention to a particular case of particular interest to all camp cooks.

Jim Ireland was discovered painting the fence around Top Sergeant Riley's slumber emporium the other day. Jim seemed to be in spirits (which doesn't mean anything bad, mind you) and readily told the reason why. About two or three weeks ago he was accused of having tuberculosis and was sent to San Antonio. He didn't have anything like tuberculosis or anything else the matter with him, and since he returned from San Antonio he has gained eighteen pounds—no less. Eighteen pounds within a month is pretty good going. Cook's Gazette please copy. Billie Byrnes please note. The kind attention of Barney the Chef is requested. Also we would like to have old Mr. Grapenuts, and Monsieur le weinie, and Mrs. Shredded Wheat together with all allied food powers, to come and look Jim over. He'd make a good advertisement for some of them and might make some money. In fact if he is going to keep on gaining weight somebody will be mistaking him for Queenie Davis.

Yes. He was discovered painting the office fence, and that reminds us that since Herr Guttenburg went back to Brooklyn to see about a shipment of whistles with a new glow-worm sauce, the office has been mighty quiet. It may be because no one misses any tent pegs now, and the fence is a good protection against invaders. (First section canoneers please note.) A little attention, Sergeant Brodie.)

Now this story may sound improbable. Bill Schermerhorn the battery clerk vouches for the truth of it. He went out duck shooting a few days ago and forgot there was a law on pigeons. He says that he saw plenty of quail. In fact there were so many quail that he tried to shoot a duck the quails got in the way. Oh well, hunters always tell stories anyway, and we hope we won't be here when the quail season opens, which is November the One.

The Editors of The Rattler tell us that they hope to get out the special Field Artillery number with a page of news and pictures (one of the pictures I know is an official photo of D street as the model street of the New York Division) in a few weeks. It will be advertised in course and your correspondent is in hopes that enough papers will be sold in the Second Field to justify the extra expense in money and labor and also justify your correspondent in calling the editor what the editor called him when he insisted on getting the thing out.)

Now to be serious for a moment. To Jean Le Gendre, Bugler, from the Captain of Battery E, came the following missive a little while ago:

"The officers and enlisted men of Battery E, N. Y. F. A., N. G. U. S., herein wish to extend their thanks to you for the impressive manner in which you sounded the calls at the funeral of their deceased member, Private William Johnson, on the 22nd day of September, 1916."

The letter is significant of itself and is something of which any good bugler would be proud. Le Gendre is a good bugler and everyone will testify and with Davis Allen and the rest, Second Field, with its excellent band besides, is mighty fortunate in the matter of music. But Le Gendre, who has had so much experience with the marches, on the stage and in the army, tells company was ordered to send a detachment interesting. He asserts that no bugler who is up to the mark and loves his bugle can blow taps over a comrade's body without breaking down; whether noticeably or not he breaks down somewhere. There is a something in the music of taps that no one with a heart can miss. There is a BEAUTY in it. There is a GOOD-WILL in it. But above all there is a PEACE in it. The man who wrote it sent a message to the world in those notes and it seems to us that the only words that can fit the music are those famous ones. "Let there be peace." R. W. F.

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

Well, we have weathered another inspection and our new camp has been approved by the very powerful powers that be, so now we can sink back into our O. D. blankets, holler at Guadaloupe for a pencil and paper, and write a few doings of the week. Darn you, Loupe, you busted the point off this pencil. How annoying!

Let's say a kind word for the detachment. Gradually a spirit of unity and almost friendship has settled over the gathering, which is to say the least varied and cosmopolitan. We call each other by our first names now—honest! When we think back to the days when everybody hated each other and the job, and when the "top," now happily discharged, played to the grandstands and bawled blue murder out of everybody within voice range, we had a couple of commendations to Sergt. Walter Lee, who runs the detachment now without friction and profanity.

Lee, by the way, is the only man who can wake Mott out of a sound sleep without shedding blood. Lee is also the finest instructor of swimming in the Magic Valley. He is a second Vernon Castle on water wings.

Sergt. Frank Mackenzie, late of the Q. M. Corps, has received an honorable discharge from the army and been appointed civilian clerk of the Division. Don't spend all your salary in Texas, Mac.

The detachment requests respectfully that anybody giving a dance in the Headquarters Dining Hall and Pavilion please hire the Tennessee band for the occasion, as we have heard them all from our bunks and pronounce this the best to go to sleep by.

Frank Leach has decided to stay in Texas until the Division goes home. We're with you, Frank.

Max had a narrow escape from going to Brownsville last week. Couldn't get away, though, because he has opened a new orphanage and rest cure for tired horses. Max expects his new "Million Dollar" mount to be the best of all the six or eight he has borrowed from Troop H at one time or another. Dick Kamna is doing Brownsville. Stay west of 13th street, Dick.

Corporal Arlick of the "regulars" is now officiating in the kitchen, and we're much obliged to him for the regular rations we're getting now. Our picket line has been painted white, in the prevailing colonial style. Some speed to our mess shack now. We rescued the old Division piano from the vacant parade grounds and hold song feasts now after supper. Don't tell the folks back home. They think we're roughing it.

The day after we put a knock in the paper about Mess Sergt. Mackesy last week we had scrambled eggs and toast for breakfast. It pays to advertise.

Corporal Landry, detailed from the 25th Infantry, has been made sergeant as a result of his tireless labors in systematizing the routine work at the Headquarters office. Landry works almost as hard as ex-Sergeant McWilliams. Except when it comes to polishing the camp.

Don Wray came back from a 30 day furlough without his moustache. But maybe he'll have plenty of time to grow one here.

We think we're going to give a dance next Saturday night. Whitlock has already invited a girl, which insures the brilliance of the occasion. Most everybody of importance in the detachment will attend. Full reports later.

Mister Dale, capitalist, mechanic, student of law and the languages, tried to hire a whole floor of the McAllen Hotel to bring his wife down to Texas, but the hotel wouldn't stand for it. Dale never can realize that he's in the army now.

Next week the job of writing these breezy memoirs will go to the highest bidder. Who wants the job? Apply in writing, and no fair knocking the editor.

F. B. B.

A LAUNDRY COMES TO TOWN.

The Eureka Laundry of Corpus Christi, which seems to be the liveliest organization in that live little town, opened last week a receiving station in McAllen. The little bandbox of an office is located directly across from Mr. Schwind's Division Post Exchange, at the edge of the 7th Regiment camp.

Deliveries are promised within three or four days.

This laundry is already doing work for the base hospital at McAllen and several individuals. Anybody may now send their O. D.'s and bandannas to a white man's laundry. Mr. Allen Archer is in charge of the McAllen establishment.

SCHEDULE OF GAME LAWS

Below are some extracts from the Texas game laws that may be of interest to the hunters of this section:

The duck season opened last Sunday and will continue to January 31.

No migratory birds must be killed after sundown and before sunrise at any season of the year.

The open season on ducks, brant and geese extends from October 15 to January 31.

The open season on jack snipe extends from September 1 to December 15, inclusive.

The open season on deer extends from November 1 to January 1, inclusive. The open season on turkeys, prairie chickens, partridges and quail extends from November 1 to February 1st.

It is unlawful to kill more than twenty-five game birds in any one day. Possession of game birds out of season is prima facie evidence under the law of guilt.

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THOUSANDS ARE DYING. Whenever you read about some splendid charge in the war in Europe, or hear the virtues of commanders extolled, remember that a thousand lives have been nipped in the bud so that some little stretch of ground could be regained and a general have the praise of victory.

Don't get the idea that war is an independent thing, that valorous deeds are done without the paying of their price, and that bravery can overcome

machine guns, poisonous gases and splintered shells. That's the story of the fairy tales, of the histories we have been studying, and of the bombastic speeches we have listened to, but it's wrong.

It may be that the individual has too much liberty in democratic America, but we are glad that this is one country which will always count the cost, not in money, or in prestige, or in international power, but in human lives.

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