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Commanders Corner

Hope you enjoy the first edition of the revived Incoming Newsletter. As in the past, it will report on significant Artillery events, announce activities and enable us to keep connected with our profession and each other.

To that end, send me news and announcements of your Battery's doings and they will be published here.



Left to Right: MSG Gary Bolton and CW3 Oliver Denson



Left to Right: 1SG Steve MacMillan and SFC Henry L Teague



Left to Right: Chaplain Wes Hodgins and SFC JD Ward



Left to Right: CSM Ed Weatherford and COL Ray Zimmerman

The CSM's Corner

You might note, that I am truly proud and thrilled to see the INCOMING up are running again, after much too long of an absence, and a special thanks to LTC Hoehne for making this happen.

CSM Don Peak USAR RET.



Left to Right: MSG Danny Warwick, CPT Mike Roseman, 1SG Jerry Montgomery



Left to Right: CSM Ed Weatherford and 1SG Shevey Glenn



MSG Calvin Grace and his wife Mary



Left to Right: 1SG John Miller and 1SG Shevey Glenn



Seeing each other again



*Left to Right front: CSM Adrian Reynolds and CSM Don Peak.
Left to Right back: CSM Ed Weatherford and 1SG Shevey Glenn*

In Memoriam

Remembering our fellow Red Leg Brothers

CSM Bill McCain – 3rd CSM
SVC BTY & BN HQ
CSM Joe Sparks – 2nd BN CSM
B BTY and BN HQ
COL Toby Craft – 4th BN CDR
MSG Ken Badgett – UA SVC BTY
and Last BN Acting CSM
CW2 Ned Sims – BN Maintenance
SVC BTY
MAJ Don Burns – S3 Section FTM
SFC Gerald Wallace – UA HHB
COL Ray White – 6th BN CD
CW2 Charles Clements – BN Supply
FTM
COL Milton Wigley – 3rd BN CDR
MSG Elwin Johnson – BN Survey
SSG James Welch – Gun Chief B BTY
COL Phillip Holladay – First BN
CDR
SSG Lewis Wyatt – BN Commo
SGT Joe Long – B BTY
SFC Sam Jones – B BTY
CPL Nelson White – B BTY
1SG Huber Wright – SVC BTY
SFC Curtis Griffin – BN Supply FTM
SGT Jackie Nails – A BTY
SGT Roger Weaver – A BTY
SGT Marvis Lott – A BTY
SFC Robert Gaither – B BTY
SPC Ronnie Aldridge – A BTY
CPT Donald Roberson – First A BTY
CDR

SGT Merv Turner – A BTY
MSG Billy Colyer – HHB BN
Operations
SFC Larry J Smith – SVC BTY FT
Supply
CPT Gary Gilliland – A BTY CDR
CPT Robert Swindell – HHB CESO
SFC Paul E McWilliams – BN LNO
Section
CW4 Laverne Kinney – SVC BTY
FTM BN Motor Officer
SSG Maceo Williams – C BTY
SGT Wayne Norris – C BTY
SGT Red Oliver – BN Wire Section
SPC Vincent F Elston – BN
Maintenance
SFC John Schwaiger – A BTY
SFC Gregory Oliver
1SG Joseph M Owens Sr – C BTY's
first 1SG
MSG Franklin Newkirk – C BTY
SSG Nathaniel Powell – B BTY
MSG Gary E Davis – A BTY
SFC Jim Morris – B BTY
SSG Carbon Todd – A BTY
SPC Paul D Schwaiger – A BTY
SGT Terry Carr – B BTY
1LT Calvin Gildersleeve – HHB
MSG Mark McClendon – A BTY
SSG Sylvester Martin – HHB
CSM Ed Weatherford – HHB

The Battalion's BC and CSM List

3rd Battalion 15th Field Artillery Regiment USAR Battalion Commanders

COL Phil Holladay
June 1976 – July 1979

COL Howard Race
July 1979 – May 1981

COL George Wigley
May 1981 – June 1982

COL Toby Craft
June 1982 – September 1984

COL Paul Wharton
September 1984 – February 1987

LTC Ray White
February 1987 – November 1989

COL Don Johnson
November 1989 – June 1991

COL Ray Zimmerman
June 1991 – July 1994

LTC John Hoehne
July 1994 – September 1994

CSM Adrian Reynolds
June 1976 – July 1982

CSM Joe Sparks
July 1982 – February 1987

CSM Bill McCain
February 1987 – June 1991

Acting CSM Don Peak
June 1991 – Dec 1991

CSM Ed Weatherford
Dec 1991 – Sept 1992

Acting CSM Ken Badgett
Sept 1992 – Dec 1993

CSM Don Peak
Dec 1993 – July 1994

Acting CSM Ken Badgett
July 1994 – September 1994

Fifteenth Field Artillery

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment consisted of HQ Company, Supply Company and two battalions. The 1st Battalion consisted of HQ detachment, Batteries A, B and C. The 2nd Battalion consisted of HQ detachment, Batteries D, E, F and G. Each battalion had a combat train, ammunition train and supply train. (Ed.)

TIME AND PLACE OF ORGANIZATION. Syracuse, N. Y., June 1, 1917.

Commanding Officers.

Lieut Col. Thomas E. Merrill (June 1, 1917—May 5, 1918).

Col. J. R Davis (May 5, 1918 — April 1, 1919.

Major E. J. Maloy, Apr. 1 — Apr. 14, 1919.

Major E. La Rue, Apr. 14 — May 6, 1919.

Lt. Col. H. Templeton, May 19 —June 1, 1919.

Col. J. R. Davis, June 1, 1919 to date.

Date of Arrival in France. White Star Line S. S. *Adriatic* Dec. 27, 1917.

[Arrived at Liverpool, December 25th, 1917. *Battery E Goes to War*]

Training Periods. Equipped with French materiel at Valdahon, France, and trained for two months under French instructors, Dec 30, 1917, to March 18, 1918. Divisional maneuvers at Dellincourt, Oise, from May 19 to May 31, 1918.

Verdun Sector. First Battalion in Troyon sub-sector, supporting Ninth Infantry. Second Battalion in Rupt sub-sector, supporting Twenty-Third Infantry. Considerable counter preparation fire executed until May 10.

Aisne Marne Defensive (Chateau Thierry). Supported attacks of Fifth and Sixth Marines on Bois de Belleau, June 6—25. Supported Third Brigade attack on Vaux July 1, firing 6000 rounds of mustard gas as preliminary preparation. Averaged 3000 rounds daily during this period. Relieved by a regiment of the Twenty-Sixth American Division, July 9.

Aisne Marne Offensive (Soissons). Assembled in Villers Cotterets forest for Soissons attack. Fired rolling barrage and advanced in close support of infantry during initial attack of July 18, firing constantly day and night until the morning of July 20, when the division was relieved. Remained in line to support attacks of the French, July 20—25.

Marbache Sector. Pont-à-Mousson sub-sector from August 5—23. Very quiet.

St. Mihiel Offensive. From position just east of Limey, First Battalion fired rolling barrage, while Second Battalion crossed No Mans Land behind the attacking infantry. After attack had progressed both battalions took up position behind Thiaucourt, Sept. 12, 1918. Relieved Sept. 16—17.

Meuse Argonne Offensive (Champagne). Went into position behind Somme-Py Oct. 2. On Oct. 3, fired rolling barrage and advanced to positions north of Somme-Py and two kilometers southeast of Medeah Farm. From Oct. 4 to Oct. 10. engaged in considerable firing of barrages, zone and harassing fire, and heavy shelling of large German depots and railhead in vicinity of Machault. Regiment supported 36th American Division after relief of 2nd Division infantry. Followed advance of 36th Division through Vaux-Champagne, Chufilley, Coulommies et Marqueny, and Machault to Aisne river. Relieved Oct. 27—28.

Argonne Meuse Offensive. Fired many barrages and kept pace with the rapid advance of the infantry Nov. I-II. Occupied various positions near Landres et St. George, Landreville, Bayonville, Nouart, Fosse, La Forge Farm, Beaumont and Yoncq. From Yoncq positions fired 7000 rounds to cover Fourth Brigade crossing of the Meuse, night Nov. I—II.

March to the Rhine. Marched via Beaumont, Stenay, Montmedy, Virton, Chenois, Christach [sic Christnach], Waltbillig [sic Waldbillig], crossing German border Dec. 1. Passed through Eifel and Rhine province via Neunahr. Crossed Rhine at Remagen Dec. 13, going into permanent billets in Wollendorf-Fahr area.



Photo from somewhere in France 15th FA Battalion firing their French 75.



15th Field Artillery crossing the Rhine River 14 December 1918



"E" Battery of the 15th F. A., 2d Div., in action near Vauxcastille, July 19, 1918.

Photograph from "E Battery Goes To War" by Anthony Cone.



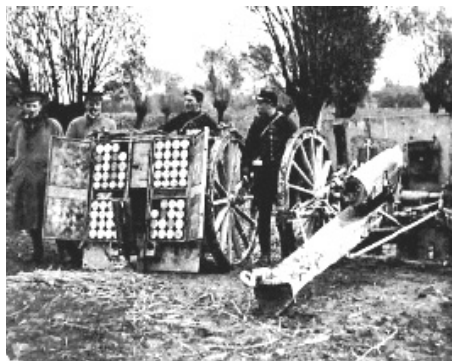
"E" Battery concealed in the woods. Awaiting orders to go into action near St. Mihiel

Photograph from "E Battery Goes To War" by Anthony Cone.



GEN John J. Pershing decorates the Regimental Colors of the 15th FA Regiment in Neuweid, Germany, 1919

Photo credit: Dan Gillotti



15th Field Artillery with their French 75's somewhere in France during WW1



50 Batteries were working on the woods of Belleau.

Capt. Hyatt, with megaphone, of Battery F, 15th F. A. (Light), 2nd Div., receiving reports from observation posts on the effectiveness of his fire

Photo: LTC James Miller

Reunion Information

Battalion Reunion Cullman 2023

Location VFW Cullman AL

Date 9 December 2023

Time 1200-1600

- The Cost is \$10 per person at the door. Wives and Significant Others are also Welcome!
- Reunion meal will be catered by Johnny's BBQ.
- We will supply the Sweet and Unsweetened Tea, Soda and Beer as the Legion does not have a operating bar.
- If you wish to bring your own beverage of choice that is also an option.
- Dress Code is Casual.
- Battalion Colors and St Barbara will be present. St Barbara Medal is Authorized.
- Battalion Coin will be presented to those who were unable to attend the Dec 2022 Reunion.
- The Banner from the December 2022 Reunion will be there for those who wish to sign it.
- Professional Photographer will be on site taking Cullman Reunion 2023 photos. All photos will be available to all Battalion Members at no cost.
- There will be a 6 Gun Battery present again along with some additional one of a kind items for those who attend.
- MG Dick Burleson and BG Inge Waddle have been invited and will be attending.
- There will be a BN briefing regarding the status of the Presidential Unit Citation Upgrade.
- RSVP by 1 November 2023 to LTC Hoehne
email: johnhoehnesr@gmail.com
text: 210-249-1818 or Facebook Messenger

Proposed Reunion Locations

Cullman 9 December 2023 at the American Legion 1200-1600 hrs

Gadsden December 2024 is the 30th Year since Inactivation

Anniston December 2025

Talladega December 2026

Exact details yet to be worked out such as venue and date.

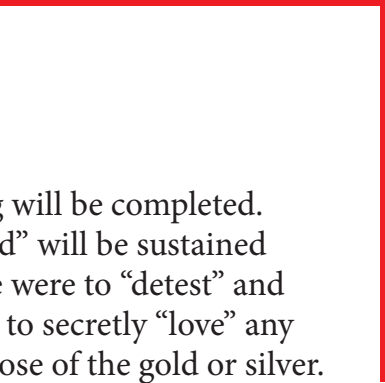
Chaplain's Corner with Chaplain Wes Hodgins

THE VERSE FOR TODAY (not a substitute for systematic reading of Scripture and study of particular doctrines but rather a step along the way of life) DEUTERONOMY 7:25-26 **“You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire, you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing.”**

Moses here gives the people a solemn warning about the subtle dangers which they will encounter as they move into the promised land. Satan, like a fleeing army deliberately lays land mines to delay and thwart the larger attacking force, will lay “spiritual-snares” which will hinder and destroy the spiritual-life of this people! These “land-mines” will come in the shards of their idol worship: ‘images’ depicting sexually-debasing-pleasure and valuable rare metals of intrinsic value covering the idols.

The command here is for the People of the Covenant to utterly destroy all visages of the idol worship which has permeated the promised land. The reason for this “cleansing” is clearly given. “ANY” trace of this wicked-worship will multiply inconspicuously like germs in an open wound. Initially all may seem well; but the end will be a resurgence of the wickedness leading to judgment from the LORD! This was Satan’s attack through Balaam at Peor. It was largely successful, and many people died there before entering the promised land. Everything related to the idol worship was to be destroyed & removed from the land. All was to be “abhorred & detested” and buried in the local landfill; totally removed from public view.

It is important to notice that the command to “cleanse” the land does not stop with the physical accomplishment of it. Even the largest of physical tasks will one-day come to an end; the



goal will have been achieved, the building will be completed. The “maintenance” of the “purity-achieved” will be sustained with the right “heart-attitude”. The people were to “detest” and “abhor” all of those things; They were **not** to secretly “love” any of it nor “rationalize” the re-use / re-purpose of the gold or silver. **Anything** that brought the favorable remembrance of the idol worship was to be “utterly-destroyed”!

There is a clear message for God’s People, the today. Paul wrote to the Church at Rome: ***“I beseech you ... that you present your bodies ... holy, acceptable unto the LORD. (12:1-2)*** James wrote to the early Church: ***“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this ... to keep oneself unspotted from the world”.*** (1:27) The World cries for “tolerance” of folks who do not believe God’s Word; and are “intolerant” of any who oppose them. They applaud lotteries, promising huge sums to “winners” but deplore saving for things and trusting God for sustenance. Check your “compliance” with “purity” today.

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