

MESSAGE FROM THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

Anadarko, Oklahoma,
December 20th, 1926.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT:

At this happy season of the year, when felicitations, greetings and best wishes are in order, I wish to take advantage of the opportunity offered to express to all members of the 158th Field Artillery my heartfelt appreciation of the loyalty and unfailing attention to duty which has made the year now drawing to a close the most successful in our history. To no one man is this success due, but to the unselfish cooperation of each individual, placing self secondary and organization first.

The high state of morale and *esprit de corps* which made our last annual encampment the most satisfactory in our Regimental history, has continued throughout the year and to-day we may justly lay claim to being the best trained, best organized and most efficient regiment in the Oklahoma Guard.

Some day our country shall again be compelled to take up arms. We cannot say who our foe will be or what controversy will prompt the attack. We only know that if history, through the ages, teaches us anything, war will come again. Since America was cradled in Freedom each generation has been called upon to defend it. Although the World to-day is seething with strife and hatred war may not come again in our time. We, who now fill the ranks of the 158th may have passed on. Destiny may rule that the youngest recruit, now learning the primary duties of a Field Artilleryman, will be ordained to lead our Regiment to honor and glory. But whoever leads, and whoever follows, it is my firm conviction that the spirit of loyalty and comrade-ship that characterizes the 158th Field Artillery to-day will continue on through the years, and that the call to duty will find them ready to protect their homes and loved ones.

In conclusion let me not forget the object of this message: to tell you, in some measure, how proud I am to command you and to wish every member of the Regiment, their families, wives or sweethearts a Merry Christmas and the happiest and most prosperous of New Year's.

Sincerely yours,

GROVER C. WAMSLEY,
Colonel, 158th Field Artillery,
Commanding