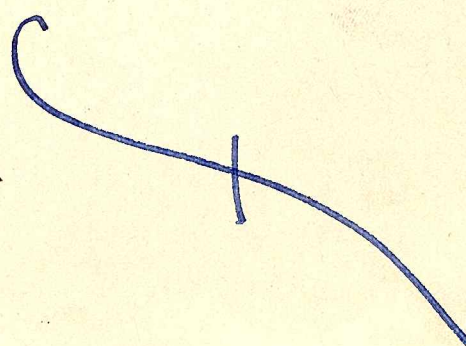


171st 2a Bn

ORIGINAL FORMATION
AND
BACKGROUND

WITH BRIEF HISTORY
OF BATTALION STAFF
OFFICERS AND THE
BATTALION COMMANDER



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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25 D.C.

In Reply Refer to SPQRD 424.2
171st Fld Art Bn.

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Coat of Arms for the 171st Field Artillery Battalion

TO : Commanding Officer
171st Field Artillery Battalion,
APO 45, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York.

1. By direction of the Secretary of War there are furnished herewith the following blazonry and description of the coat of arms for the 171st Field Artillery Battalion approved by letter SPX 314.73-171st Field Artillery Battalion (3-25-42)LO, The Adjutant General's Office, 24 August 1942; also painting of the coat of arms.

BLAZONRY

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CREST: That of the Oklahoma National Guard; On a wreath of the colors (or and gules) an Indian's head with war bonnet all proper.

MOTTO: Forward Always.

DESCRIPTION

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<u>Designation in 171st Field Artillery Bn.</u>	<u>Organized</u>	<u>Designation in 160th Field Artillery Regt.</u>
Headquarters	29 Dec 1921	Headquarters 2d Bn.
Battery A	14 March 1921	Battery D
Battery B	16 June 1926	Battery E
Battery C	8 April 1921	Battery F

The Battalion is entitled to no battle honors.

In view of the redesignation of the 1st Battalion, 160th Field Artillery Oklahoma National Guard, as of the 160th Field Artillery Battalion, and as the 171st Field Artillery Battalion was redesignated from the 2d

Battalion, 160th Field Artillery, Oklahoma National Guard, thus sharing in the history, the foregoing suggestion has been incorporated the arms of the 160th Field Artillery Regiment, reversing the original colors.

2. It is requested that acknowledgment of receipt of the painting be made to this office by separate letter, this letter being retained for your files.

For the Quartermaster General:

/s/ Henry R. Davis
/t/ HENRY R. DAVIS
Major, GMC,
Assistant

1 Incl-Painting
(Under Sep Cov).

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Leslie F. Scofield
LESLIE F. SCOFIELD
WO(jg) US Army
Personnel Adjutant

HISTORICAL RECORD OF 171ST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
(Old History from 11 Feb. 1942 to date)

SECTION I - ORIGINAL FORMATION AND BACKGROUND

The 171st Field Artillery Battalion was organized 11 February, 1942 by the redesignation of the 2nd Battalion, 160th Field Artillery Regiment, Oklahoma National Guard as follows:

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The Battalion was formed under the provisions of Par. 5, AR 260-10, 20 November, 1931.

Service Battery of the 171st F.A. Bn. was formed out of the Serv. and Ammunition Btry., 160th F.A. Regt., and was designated as Service Battery, 171st F.A. Bn., and formed under Tables of Organization 6-29, dated April 1, 1942. It came into being on 11th February, 1942.

The organizations of the 171st F.A. Bn. claim the following as their "Home Towns":

Hq. Btry.	-----	Sperry, Okla.
"A" Btry.	-----	Hominy, Okla.
"B" Btry.	-----	Haskell, Okla.
"C" Btry.	-----	Chandler, Okla.
Serv. Btry.	-----	Holdenville, Okla.

The Battalion has the Medical Detachment, 171st F.A. Bn. which was also organized on 11 Feb., 1942 under the provisions of T/O 6-25, dated Apr. 1, 1942. This Detachment is made up of men from various cities and towns; therefore lays claim to no "home town".

The following coat of arms for the 171st F.A. Bn., authorized under the provisions of Par. 5, AR 260-10, 20 Nov., 1931 is approved:

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SPX 314.73-171st Field Artillery
Bn (3-25-42) LO

Coat of Arms for the 171st
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2. The above blazon and description are sent to you with instructions to have a drawing made indicating the tincture and to furnish the organization with a painting of the coat of arms.

By Command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:

/s/ J.B. Richards

Adjutant General

Copy for:

Commanding General, 45 Div., APO. 45, Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y.

SECTION II - STAFF OFFICERS FROM 11 FEB., 1942 to DATE

On 11 February, 1942 the Battalion was commanded by Major JOHN EMBRY, 0267106. He was in command until 19 April, 1942, when he was transferred to the 160th F.A. Bn. The Battalion was then taken over by Major FRANKLIN T. GARDNER, 0277457. On 20 May 1942 Maj. GARDNER was relieved of principal duty as Bn. C.O. and assigned principal duty as Bn. Executive and Adjutant. On 20 May, 1942 Lt. Col. ROY W. KENNY, 0176730, was assigned to the Battalion as Battalion Commander, and has remained in command to the present date.

Major JOSEPH G. CATHEY, 0289257, was the Battalion Executive and Adjutant from 11 Feb., 1942 to 20 May, 1942 when he was assigned principal duty as Bn. S-3. On 20 May, 1942 Major GARDNER was assigned principal duty as Bn. Executive and Adjutant, and remained on this assignment until 11 Nov., 1942. On 11 Nov., 1942 Major GARDNER was transferred to Division Artillery and Major CATHEY was relieved of S-3 duty and reassigned duty as Battalion Executive and Adjutant. Maj. CATHEY is on this duty assignment at the present time.

The Battalion S-3 from 11 Feb., 1942 to 20 May, 1942 was Capt. RAYMOND W. WASHAM, 0277983, who also acted as Bn. S-2 during this period. From 20 May, 1942 until 11 Nov., 1942 Maj. CATHEY was assigned duty as Bn. S-3. On 20 May, 1942 Maj. CATHEY was relieved as S-3 and assigned as Bn. Executive and Adjutant, and the Battalion S-3 duty was assigned to Maj. EARL P. ADAMS, 0301511, who remained on this duty until 3 March, 1943 when he was transferred to the Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., with an eye ailment. From 3 March, 1943 until 19 April, 1943 Capt. GERMAN P. ODOM, 0326682, was Acting S-3. On 19 April, 1943 Capt. ELMER L. WHITMAN, 0343931 was relieved of command of Btry. "B" and assigned to the Bn. Staff as S-3. On 12 May, 1943 papers were received promoting Capt. WHITMAN to Major, effective 11 May, 1943. He is the Bn. S-3 at the present date.

Capt. RAYMOND W. WASHAM has been the Battalion S-2 from 11 Feb., 1942 to date, with 1st Lt. GLEN L. GARNER, 0418847, as Asst. S-2 and Battalion Survey Officer.

The Battalion S-4 duty was assigned to Capt. CHARLES B. DEAR from 11 Feb., 1942 to May, 1942. In May, 1942 Capt. DEAR was transferred to Camp Gruber, Okla. Capt. HOWARD P. RICE, 0304448, was transferred to the Battalion in May, 1942 and assigned as Battalion S-4, which has remained his principal duty to date.

(3) Historical Record of 171st Field Artillery Battalion

SECTION III - HISTORY OF BATTALION COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Roy W. Kenny, 0176730, graduated from the 1st Officers' Training Camp on 15 Aug., 1917, as a 2nd Lt. in Field Artillery. On January 1st, 1918 he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. On 19 Mar., 1919 he was mustered out of service.

On 30 July 1923 he joined the 70th F.A. Brigade in the grade of 1st Lieutenant as a Munitions Officer. On 2 Sept 1932 he was promoted to Captain as S-2 and S-3, in 70th F.A. Brigade. On 11 March 1933 he was promoted to the rank of Major as Executive Officer in 70th F.A. Brigade.

On 2 May 1937 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as G-4 of the 45th Division. On Jan 1942 he was transferred from Division Staff to the 160th F.A. Bn. as Executive Officer and Adjutant, and on 20 May, 1942 he was transferred to the 171st F.A. Bn. as Commanding Officer.

In 1940-41 he attended the Spec. Course #1, of the Command and General Staff School, at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. From Mar. 8, 1942 to May 8, 1942 he attended the Field Officers Course #5 Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Col. Kenny's civilian occupation was that of Athletic Director at Oklahoma A & M College, where he coached Football, Track and Basketball. From 1935 to 1937 he was Prison Administrator at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.