

# Farewell .. Banquet ..

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1st Oklahoma Infantry

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*Motto: "To Hell With the Kaiser"*

**Camp Bowie  
Fort Worth, Texas**



# Historical Sketch

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**C**OMPANY A, First Oklahoma Infantry, was organized at Clinton, Oklahoma, in October, 1915, with a membership of something like seventy men. We were called out and mustered into Federal service on June 28, 1916, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From Fort Sill the Company was moved with the Regiment to the Mexican border where it faithfully served its country by training and doing guard duty along the Rio Grande River. On February 19, 1917, the Regiment was called back to its State and mustered out of the service on March 1, 1917. We were then just accustoming ourselves to civil life, when the call of the President of March 31, 1917, again gathered the First Oklahoma Infantry for service in the World War. We, as Company A, left Clinton, Oklahoma, one hundred strong. We spent five months of intensive training at Fort Sill, during which time we lost our beloved Captain, Ernest W. Merrifield. From Fort Sill we were moved to Camp Bowie, and here came the sorrow of every man in the Company. The War Department saw fit to merge two Companies into one, thereby making one war strength Company. By doing this we lose our identity as the First Oklahoma Infantry and take our new name as the One Hundred Forty-Second United States Infantry, the First Oklahoma Infantry and the Seventh Texas Infantry making the one Regiment. So in order to have a last farewell look at the faces of the old original Company A, the officers, Mess Sergeant Palmer, and men, thought it best to celebrate with this elaborate farewell banquet. But come what may, we are all willing to give our last to our beloved U. S. A., and end this great struggle for World Democracy by dethroning imperialism.



# Roster

## CO. A, 1st OKLAHOMA INFANTRY

October 14, 1917

First Lieutenant.....PAUL M. BREWER  
Second Lieutenant.....BENJAMIN KIEHN  
Second Lieutenant.....EDWARD N. MAHER  
Second Lieutenant.....CASPER PLATT  
Second Lieutenant.....GORDON A. HEGGIE

### First Sergeant

Coy, Joe A.

### Supply Sergeant

Humrichouse, Wm. H.

### Mess Sergeant

Palmer, John C.

### Sergeants

Castleberry, John R.  
Farris, Chester A.  
Randall, Roy W.  
Campsey, Aubrey W.  
Braffett, Clarence G.  
Pringle, George E.  
Warlick, Clarence B.

### Corporals

Gardner, Orval C.  
Winters, Cecil R.  
Parman, Alva V.  
Owens, George E.  
Smart, George T.  
Creager, Joe C.  
Duvall, Russell E.  
Gates, Harry E.  
Giles, Von L.  
Perkins, John  
Verhines, William L.  
Brockman, Ervin  
Brown, Wesley C.  
Jones, Oscar G.  
Scott, William B.  
McNutt, Charles W.  
Coates, Louis B.

### Cooks

Slay, William F.  
Martin, Roger R.  
Southerland, Jeff

### Mechanics

Reed, Henry C.  
Shirley, Rufus B.

### Buglers

Sights, Raymond R.  
Dixon, Homer C.

### First Class Privates

Adams, Lee A.  
Ames, George F.  
Baker, Lemuel L.  
Brown, Leonard W.  
Cavett, Paul K.  
Critchfield, Guy J.  
Dean, Guy A.  
Dunn, Roy P.  
Gills, James R.  
Hayes, LeRoy C.  
Ingram, Clint  
Johnson, William B.  
Johnson, Silas  
Kile, Fred  
Laughlin, William P.  
Main, William D.  
Medders, James W.  
Millican, John E.  
Oglesby, John R.  
Ramsey, Albert L.  
Rhodes, Henry J.  
Sanders, Ewell T.  
Smith, Scott C.  
Sturgis, Oakley E.  
Trumbull, Mont L.  
Wells, Chester A.  
Williams, Clarence W.  
Wright, Cyrus E.

### Privates

Actkinson, Lee  
Barker, Elisha M.

# Roster

Beauford, Jasper B.  
Bertram, William B.  
Brown, Felix O.  
Boyd, Milton J.  
Boaz, Henry W.  
Blagg, Charlie  
Rickerstaff, Henry H.  
Bewley, Lee A.  
Best, Arnim C.  
Brown, Clarence L.  
Buffington, Leslie L.  
Buffington, Charlie W.  
Caldwell, Erie L.  
Cleveland, Willie C.  
Cline, Wade H.  
Copeland, Guy W.  
Cowan, Charley H.  
Cox, Clifton C.  
Cox, Joseph W.  
Daniels, Albeion H.  
Darrah, Clarence E.  
Dill, William C.  
Dobbins, Marvin D.  
Dougherty, Burnal W.  
Dunn, Barney  
Edmundson, Floyd T.  
Evans, James C.  
Faudry, Roman E.  
Fey, Louie  
Gonzales, Alphonse  
Goodman, Roy L.  
Greene, Wallace J.  
Gordon, Loyd C.  
Hall, Marshall D.  
Harrelson, Horace F.  
Hinkle, John T.  
Hobbs, Luther H.  
House, Charles T.  
Kopp, Homer A.  
Kookan, William O. A.  
Law, Edgar S.

Layton, Charlie W.  
Lynch, Marion M.  
Martin, John H.  
Michael, Earl  
Moyer, Earl  
Moore, Wilford C.  
Murchison, Rhydon M.  
McDill, Robert J.  
McDonald, Richard M.  
McDonald, Clarence L.  
Nebhut, Harry A.  
Nichols, William S.  
Parks, Richard H.  
Peace, Bert B.  
Perkins, William M.  
Perry, Morton A.  
Phillips, Ralph H.  
Powell, Cecil M.  
Reed, Alvin  
Richardson, Jess B.  
Roger, Clyde A.  
Roller, Albert D.  
Romero, Edward M., Jr.  
Shaver, Chester E.  
Shirey, Charles R.  
Stevens, Virgil A.  
Stephenson, Clarence T.  
Surber, Willie B.  
Taylor, Vaughn L.  
Thrash, Emory L.  
Walker, John E.  
Walton, Fermon T.  
Waltom, Fermon T.  
Warlick, Cue P.  
Whipple, James A.  
Whipple, Roy E.  
Wisdom, John B.  
Wilburn, Oscar  
Wilson, Julian E.  
Wynn, John B.





# Menu



SOUP

BAKED TURKEY, CRANBERRY SAUCE

OYSTER DRESSING

MASHED POTATOES      CREAM CAULIFLOWER

GARDEN RADISHES

FRESH CELERY              SLICED TOMATOES

GREEN ONIONS

COCOANUT CREAM PIE              CHOCOLATE CAKE

ICE CREAM

ICED TEA              COFFEE              MILK

BANANAS              ORANGES              GRAPES

CIGARS