HEADQUARTERS 908th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION Office of the Battalion Commander

In reply refer to: 314.7

Camp Atterbury, Indiana

February 26, 1943

SUBJECT: Organization History.

The Adjutant General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. (Thru channels)

The following is the history of this organization:

Original Unit.

(1) 308th Ammunition Train, 83d Division.

(2) Place of Organization: Camp Sherman, Chilicothe, Ohio.

(3) Authority for Organization: No record.

(4) Source of Personnel: No record.

Changes in Organization:

(1) Demobilized at Camp Sherman, Ohio, May 14, 1919.

(2) On March 7, 1927 the 3d Ammunition Train was reconstituted and consolidated with the 308th Ammunition Train, which was constituted as on Organized Reserve Unit in 1921.

(3) The 308th Ammunition Train was redesignated the 908th Field Artillery Battalion pursuant to letter from the War Department,

AG 320.2 (1-23-42) dated January 30, 1942.

- (4) a. On August 15, 1943, the 908th Field Artillery Battalion was activated at this station as a unit of the 83d Infantry Division pursuant to Letter War Department, The Adjutant General's Office AG 320.2 (5-26-42 MR-M-Gn, dated June 9, 1942, Subject "Ordering into Active Service, certain Organized Reserve Divisions during August and September, 1942", and General Orders No 1, Headquarter 83d Infantry Division dated August 15, 1942.
 - b. Lt Col Paul S. Thompson-first Battalion Commander of the 908th Field Artillery Battalion.

Source of Personnel:

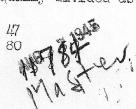
(1) On July 15, 1942, seven (7) cadre officers arrived at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. On July 17, 1942 eighty-nine (89) enlisted cadre arrived from Ft Sill Replacement Center, Ft Sill, Oklahoma. On July 20, 1942 twenty-tvo filler officers arrived at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. All of this personnel was to be assigned to the 908th Field Artillery Battalion upon its activation.

(2) October 19, 1942-Arrival of first group of enlisted fillers, these continued to arrive in groups of from one to one hundred and sixty about equally divided as

sources. These sources were:

Ft George G. Meade





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Ft Benjamin Harrison	35
Camp Lee, Va.	37
Ft Hayes, Ohio	81
Ft Bragg, N.C.	18
Ft McPherson, Ga.	14
Ft Jackson, S.C.	1.4
Ft Thomas, Ky.	63
Ft Oglethorpe, Ga.	19
Camp Perry, Ohio.	44
Ft Devens, Mass.	153
Ft Knox, Ky.	1
Ft Warren, Wy.	1
Memphis, Tenn. 2nd Army	6
	TOTAL 618

d. November 9, 1942-Battalion up to T/O strength plus 23% (726 total) and training was officially begun.

(5) Changes in Tables of Organization:

: Authorized : Changes in	Restriction						
: Off: WO :Enl Men: Off : WO : Enl Men							
T/O 6-25, Apr 1/42 ; 29 : 2 : 577 : : :							
Changes #1, June 20/42: 29: 2: 562 : None : None: -15							
Changes #2, Oct 9/42 : 29 : 2 : 562 : None : None : None							
Changes #3, Oct 29/42:30: 2: 566: 1: None: 4							
Note: Changes #3, added Air Obsn Sec to Hg Btfy, consist-							
ing of:							
1 Officer (Pilot)							
4 Enlisted Men (1 Sgt - Pilot Mech)							
l (1 Tech 3d Gr - Aircraft Mech	1)						
(1 Tech 5th Gr - Chauffeur)							
(1 Pvt lcl - ")							

c. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

(1) At beginning of period. (activation).

29 Officers assigned, 1 attached

85 Enlisted Men assigned,

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Sept	42	2		:		:	4		
Oct		:	8	:		:	303	:	
Nov	42	:	2			:	346	:	
Dec	42	:		:	2	:		0	12
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a. Strength at end of period.

37 Officers.

729 Enlisted Men.

d. Stations: Camp Atterbury, Indiana, during entire peried.

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- e. Marches: None
- f. Campaigns: Unknown
- g. Battles: Meuse-Argonne, Sept 26, 1918 to Nov 11, 1918. Parent Unit (308th Ammuntion Train) entered the corps area of the American V Army Corps, which formed part of the American First Army, 26 September, and entered the line on the same date as partof the 158th Field Artillery Brigade, to which it had been assigned, supporting the 91st Division.. It was withdrawn from the line on the same day and returned to the support of the 32d Division, then in corps reserve of the American V Army Corps. On 2 October, the 158th Field Artillery Brigade was attached to the American 29th Division, which formed part of the French 17th Army Corps. The 308th Ammunition Train entered the action, supporting the American 29th Division and the French 18th Division on 8 October, and continued to fulfill that function until 30 October, when it was withdrawn from the line. On 2 November the 158th Field Artillery Brigade was assigned to the American III corps reserve of that Corps. The 308th Ammunition Train continued in corps reserve until 9 November, when it reentered the line with the 32d Division, supporting that Division until the Armistice.
 - h. Commanding Officers in important engagements: Unknown

i. Losses in action: Unknown

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in

action: None-Unknown for parent unit.

k. Photograph of personnel, important scenes or Events. Attached is photo of first round of live ammunition fired by any unit of this command after activation which was fired by number one gun of the 1st Section, Battery C, 908th Field Artillery Battalion on December 5, 1942, which was commanded by Staff Sergeant Frank L. Honc, 6275103,

Lt Col.

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83d Div.

l Incl:

Photo of 1st Section Btry "C"

