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Company "D" 356<sup>th</sup> Infantry was organized at Camp Funston, Kansas September 5, 1917. The majority of its members came from Missouri. There were a few who came from the states of Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The first company commander was Capt. Lloyd P. Page, who organized the unit. The respective platoon commanders were 1st Lt. Warren Weager, 2nd Lt. . . . Collet, 2nd Lt. Victor B. Wallin, and 2nd Lt. Amos Hanson. The 1st sergeant was R. A. McCandless who had been assigned to the company from the regular army.

Company "D" received eight months of intensive training at Camp Funston. A great transformation took place during this period. The routine of civil life had given way to that of the military. The men became hardened, adopted themselves to their new environment, and learned the rudiments of military life. Athletics were a prominent feature in the company's activities. Under the direction of Capt. Lloyd P. Page and 1st Lt. Edward F. Gallagher a drill team was organized. This team gave several exhibitions in the towns of Kirksville, Milan, and La Plata, Missouri. The following men were members — Sgt. Roy Broyles, Sgt. Royal Payton, Corp. John McCullough, Sgt. Robert Wilson, Pvt. Guy O. Sallade, Pvt. Henry E. Benedict, Pvt. Grover Stukey, Pvt. Ralph Montgomery, Pvt. Ernest P. Yardley, Pvt. Arthur Sterling, Pvt. Glen C. James, Pvt. Pearl G. Smith, Pvt. Paley Cole, Pvt. Frank Gabardi, Pvt. James L. Melton, Pvt. James Butler, Pvt. William F. Drummond, and Pvt. Truman Lichty.

In March, 45 men were transferred to the 3d division and, in April, 35 went to the 35<sup>th</sup> division. This made quite a gap in the company organization. However, in May, replacements arrived and by the 23d the company was at full strength, fully equipped and "rareing to go".

On this date the company left Camp Funston, travelling through Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Canada, and New York, arriving at Camp Mills May 27. A few days were passed here. The "Caronia" was boarded on the 3d of June and the company sailed the evening of the 4th, arriving at Liverpool 12 days later. Leaving Liverpool, Southampton was the next stop, at which point the company crossed the English channel on the "Viper", arriving at Le Havre the morning of the 20th. Trains were boarded here and the company arrived at Liffol-le-Grand, Vosges June 23.

This town is located in the Reynel training area which lies between Chaumont (American General Headquarters) and Neufchateau. With the exception of the artillery the whole division was concentrated in this area. The artillery was located at Camp de Souge, France. A vigorous course of instruction was undertaken in accordance with A. E. F. orders. The fine appearance, soldierly bearing, and excellent work of the men were factors which aided the division in soon obtaining an enviable reputation in the American Expeditionary Forces.

The 89th division was the first American division to move up to the line by American truck transportation. It left the Reynel training area the first part of August, moved up behind and relieved the 82nd American division in the Lucey sector, northwest of Toul.

Company "D" left Liffol-le-Grand on the morning of the 5th of August and stopped that night at Boucq, a town about 10 kilometers from the front line. The following night it moved forward to the reserve position at Gerard Sas where it remained until the 9th, on which date it took up a support position at Washington Barracks. On the night of the 16th the company moved into the front line occupying a sector one half a kilometer wide, in front of Rambucourt.

On the 18th the company sent out its first patrol. Lt. Edward F. Gallagher was in command. This detachment started out at 9 P. M. and returned at daybreak. The patrol was fired upon and several men had their clothes pretty well torn up by wire entanglements. However, no casualties resulted. From then on patrolling was more frequent, more aggressive, and naturally more fruitful. The company was relieved on the 24th and returned to Cornieville by way of a narrow gauge railroad. In this town the construction of wire entanglements was the habitual occupation of the members of the company. On the 31st the company moved back into support once again, being located at Newton Cross Roads.

September 5, twenty men under command of Lt. Francis E. A. Hayes, went to Flirey for the purpose of making re-

connaissance, west of this town. The men were billeted in the vicinity of Gas Hollow and Dead Man's Curve. Patrols were sent out nightly and much useful information was obtained, which aided both the company and the battalion during the early stages of the St. Mihiel offensive. This detachment returned on the 9<sup>th</sup>, the company having moved to Hanonville the day previous.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> the company was fitted out with "Over the Top" equipment. This consisted of Bengal flares, panels, Very pistols, extra grenades, sand bags, and extra ammunition. The same evening the company moved forward to Hazel Wood where it remained until the 11<sup>th</sup>. At 11 P. M. the 11<sup>th</sup> of September the company started forward to a place from which it would be ready to take up its attack formation the next morning. The artillery barrage started at 1 A. M. and continued throughout the night. It rained continually. The men were located in a communication trench in which the mud was knee deep. It was impossible to obtain rest. There was no place to sit down, consequently it was necessary to stand all night. The zero hour was 5 A. M. and everybody was glad when it came. It would now be possible to shake the mud, to move about, and incidentally, to "get a crack at Fritz".

During the first part of August the division served under the 32<sup>nd</sup> French Army Corps and the 8<sup>th</sup> French Army. Later, the division passed under the 4<sup>th</sup> American Army Corps (Major General Dickman) and the 1<sup>st</sup> American Army (Lt. General Liggett) for the St. Mihiel offensive.

The 89<sup>th</sup> Division held the wide sector of 16 kilometers front until the night before the 12<sup>th</sup>. The mission of the division was not only to prevent the enemy from penetrating the line and gaining information of the offensive preparations but also, on the 12<sup>th</sup>, to go over the top as a front line division and take the key to the enemy's position, the Bois de Mort Mare.

Major General William M. Wright assumed command of the division on September 6, 1918.

On the morning of September 12<sup>th</sup> the 89<sup>th</sup> Division commenced its first offensive, in company with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 42<sup>nd</sup> Divisions, the three most veteran divisions of the American Expeditionary Forces. The 89<sup>th</sup> Division captured all of its objectives and established its record as a reliable fighting division.

At 5.00 A. M. September 12 the advance started. Company "D" was detailed as "mopper up" for the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion, which was the assault battalion. Trenches, dugouts, and other forms of shelter were explored. The exploration was not in vain for

the company managed to capture over 200 prisoners. Pvt. Kibbie Wilcutt was the first man in the company to be killed. He was struck by a H. E. shell, one half kilometer east of Essey. The company continued the advance throughout the day. At 6 P. M. a halt was declared and the company dug itself in on the reverse slope of a hill 2½ kilometers southeast of Pannes. The men had just fallen asleep when an order came to advance and this was done until 5.30 A. M. This brought the company to the edge of Bency Woods. A few hours later the advance was started once again and continued until the northern edge of the woods was reached. It was in this neighborhood that Pvt. Pearl G. Smith was killed.

#### Casualties.

##### Killed.

Pvt. Kibbie Willcutt                      Pvt. Pearl G. Smith

##### Wounded.

Pvt. Alfred Anderson	Pvt. Junior E. Snowbarger
" Archer L. Bartlett	" Posey H. Thompson
" Lee E. Birdsong	" Lewis V. Thrower
" Nancy L. Devine	" Gordon C. Urich
" William R. Jenner	" Sydney E. Willis
" Rudolph A. Krueger	" Clell O. Wolf
" Elizabeth F. Massey	" Nicholas Wolf
" Eugenio Maestes	Corp. Wayne W. Williams.
" James E. Rengstorff	

The company was relieved September 21 by a company from the 353d Infantry. It then marched back to a position 2 kilometers southwest of Essey.

The 89th Division dug in, in front of the Hindenburg line near Thiaucourt, took over the 42nd Division area on the left and half the sector of the 78th Division on the right. Division headquarters were at Euvezin and the sector was called the Flirey-Limey sector but later the Pannes-Flirey-Limey sector in order that the location of division headquarters be not given to the enemy unnecessarily.

The division maintained an offensive attitude, conducting several minor operations including a raid on Dom Martin Woods and a raid in the vicinity of Charey as a demonstration on the morning of September 26, the day on which the Argonne offensive began.

Company "D" together with the other companies of the first battalion participated in the raid on Dom Martin Woods. Very little time was given in which to prepare for this action. Leaving the front on the 22nd we returned the 23rd and went over at 4 A. M. the 24th. The only prisoners which were captured during the engagement were taken by "D" company.

## Casualties.

### Killed.

Pvt. Clyde A. Martin                      Pvt. Richard Tucker.  
,, Rolla Tunks

### Wounded.

Pvt. Charles Svec                      Pvt. Otto F. Nelson  
,, Harrison Gann                      ,, Marian Wing  
,, Antone I. Young                      ,, John Bayer  
,, Oscar C. Summer                      ,, George Karouzos.  
,, Alfred H. Mueller

The company took up its old position in Beney Woods September 29. On October 3 it proceeded to a position 2 kilometers east of Thiaucourt, where it was held in reserve.

The 89th Division was relieved by the 37th Division which had come over from participation in the Argonne Offensive. The relief was slow. The division was then assembled in Commercy and moved rapidly by bus to the Recicourt area in rear of the first Army October 9-12. In the middle of October, the division was moved up in rear of the 32nd Division in the Epinonville sector and took over the line on the 19th of October. The division proceeded to clean up the Bois de Bantheville and advanced the first line nearly two kilometers. In this position the division found itself in Company again with the 1st, 2nd, and 42nd Divisions, in preparation for the drive that was expected to win the war. This was under the 5th American Army Corps (Major General Summerall) of the First American Army (Lt. General Ligett).

On October 7 Company "D" hiked from the front to the town of Sanzey, a distance of 25 kilometers, arriving there about 2.30 A. M. The next day the company hiked several kilometers and embussed for the Verdun front late in the afternoon, arriving at Dombasle on the morning of the 9th. On the 13th the company left this position and, after two day's march, went into bivouac between Eclis Fontaine and Epin nville. Lt. Gallagher who had been in command of the company was sent to the hospital and on the 18th Lt. Matthew Winters took command.

On the 19th of October company "D" relieved a company from the 32nd Division which was holding a front line position. On the 20th of October at 3 P. M. the company moved west about 2 kilometers to the Bois de Chauvignon. At 9 P. M. the same evening the first battalion in conjunction with a battalion of the 355th Infantry proceeded to clean out the Bois de Bantheville. Without artillery preparation but with that confidence and determination which have always been with us the woods were cleaned out during the next three days. Hand to hand fighting was not uncommon however, having become

inured to the conditions of modern warfare, and having benefited from past experiences, no resistance was capable of withstanding the forward movement of the troops. The company was relieved on the 23rd and moved back to position in the vicinity of Gesnes.

**Killed.**

Arnold R. Koenecke.

**Wounded.**

Corp. William L. Keith, Pvt. Arthur Kelling.

The general situation on the first of November was that the enemy was endeavoring to withdraw from France and Belgium, was using desperate efforts to stop the pressure coming up from the south and applied by the American Army. It was absolutely necessary for him to hold this line in order to guard his railroads and permit his withdrawal in the north. If the Americans were permitted to get to the Meuse in the vicinity of Stenay, it was clear they could cut the important southern railroad lines.

Every effort was made to guarantee the success of this operation. It was realized that if the heights of Barricourt were taken, the enemy could be driven beyond the Meuse. Terrific artillery support was provided, the operation carefully explained to all subordinates. It is believed that every man in the division understood the importance of the operation and what his part was to be.

The 89th Division went over the top the morning of November 1st and took all of its objectives on scheduled time. By afternoon the heights of Barricourt were in our possession. It is said that Marshal Foch stated, when he received the news, "the war is over". The fighting continued night and day, first by one Infantry Brigade and then by the other, until the enemy was driven beyond the Meuse.

Twice the Corps Commander provided for the relief of the 89th Division, but the Division Commander asked permission to stay in and complete the work. The final operation effected the crossing of the Meuse at two places, Stenay and Pouilly, just before the Armistice came into effect on November 11.

On the first of November the 177th Brigade took up the assault and were relieved the 3rd of November by the 178th Brigade. "D" company was in the assaulting battalion. In the afternoon rather stiff resistance was encountered, which was finally broken down, the company reaching Champy Bas, the day's objective. On the following day the 2nd battalion took the assault, with the 1st in support. On the 5th the 1st battalion resumed the attack and company "D" assisted in the advance through the Foret de Jaulny. By dusk we had



reached the northern edge of the forest and were overlooking the valley of the Meuse.

On the 7th we moved west about 6 kilometers. That same evening Corp. John McAfee together with Sgt. Hattler from "B" company volunteered to swim the Meuse, in order to get some information that was vitally important at the time Corp. McAfee had gotten half way across when he was taken by cramps and drowned, a soldier than whom there was none braver.

The company remained in this position until 8 P. M. November 10. Under command of Lt. Wallin it started to cross the Meuse with the remaining companies of the first battalion. The river was crossed in boats which had been placed in position by the engineers. Lt. Wallin had not advanced 200 yards on the other side when a shell struck him and he was killed. The company continued its advance and did not halt until 5 o'clock that morning. As usual the men dug themselves in and took the usual precautions. News of the Armistice arrived at 11 o'clock and "D" company knew that it had fought its last fight.

#### Killed.

Lt. Victor B. Wallin	Pvt. Don A. Fasano
Corp. Laurence G. Wells	" Benjamin F. Czeschin
" John W. McAfee	" Henry G. Springfield
" Roscoe D. Young	" Oliver C. Kieffer.
" Rudolph H. Larson	

#### Wounded.

Corp. Earl V. Hart	Pvt. Emil P. Usner
" Boris Stern	" Jesse Brown
Pvt. Elizah Pritchard	" Jose Gonzales
" Robert C. Powell	" Denis Tafoya
" Ole Larson	" Petro Gacia
" Delmar E. Donovan	" Casper L. Nelson
" Charles F. Watters	" Raymond C. Nelson
" John Doll	" Rena J. Robinson
" Sam. B. Nettles	" Roye Bose
" Joseph Rybicki	" Alfred Wideman.

#### CASUALTIES DURING WAR.

<b>Killed.</b>	<b>Wounded.</b>
1 Officer	1 Officer
14 Men	46 Men.

Roster = 174  
TOTAL Company D = 236

On the 13th of November the company was relieved and hiked back to Halles, France. On the 24th the company marched to Stenay, France and left next day on foot for Meix, Belgium, a distance of more than 20 miles. On the 2nd day of December the march was continued, overnight stops being made at Musson and Habergy in Belgium, Holzen, Stenheim and Altsinger in Luxembourg. The Sauer river was crossed at Rosport on the 6th, thus leaving Luxembourg and entering Germany. Stops were made at Speicher, Grosslitgen, and Bleckhausen, remaining here several days and leaving for Daun on the 13th. From Daun the company went to Waxweiler on the 14th staying there until the 20th, when it left for Bitburg. On the 21st the company left for Schweich, arriving on the same day.

The company remained in Schweich until May 11 when it started on the first stage of its homeward journey, entraining at West Trier.



# ROLL OF HONOR.

## KILLED IN ACTION.

1st. Lieut. Victor B. Wallin.

Cpl. John W. McAfee.	Pvt. 1st Cl. Benjamin A. Czeschin.
" Lorence G. Wells.	" Kibbie V. Wilcot.
" Rudolph A. Larsen.	" Rollie N. Tunks.
" Roscoe D. Young.	" Richard Tucker.
Pvt. 1st. Cl. Perl G. Smith.	" George O. Kieffer.
" " " Alfred C. Wideman.	" Clyde Martin.
" " " Don A. Fassona.	" Arnold R. Koenecke.
Pvt. Henry G. Springfield.	

## WOUNDED IN ACTION.

Capt. Lloyd P. Page.

Cpl. Earl V. Hart.	Pvt. Gordon C. Urich.
" Otto F. Nelson.	" Sidney E. Willis.
" Elijah F. Massey.	" Rudolph E. Kruger.
" Wayne W. Williams.	" John Bayer.
" Nancy L. Devine.	" Harrison Gann.
" William L. Keith.	" George Karouzos.
Pvt. 1st Cl. Clell O. Wolfe.	" Alfred H. E. Mueller.
" " " Nickolas Wolfe,	" Charles Svec.
" " " Louis Thrower.	" Anthony L. Young.
" " " William R. Jenner.	" Elijah Pritchard.
" " " Alfred Anderson.	" John J. Doll.
" " " Oscar C. Sumner.	" Emil P. Usner.
" " " Marion M. Wing.	" Jesse Brown.
" " " Charles F. Walters.	" Joseph B. Rybicki.
" " " Delmer E. Donovan.	" Sam B. Nettles.
" " " Boris Stern.	" Ole Larson.
" " " Jose Gonzales.	" Dennis Tafoya.
" " " Lee Birdsong.	" Robert C. Powell.
" " " Arthur C. Kelling.	" Pedro Garcia.
Pvt. Arthur L. Bartlett.	" Raymond E. Nelson.
" James E. Ringstorff.	" Renna J. Robinson.
" Junior E. Snowbarger.	" Casper L. Nelson.
" Euginea Mastreas.	" Roy E. Bose.
" Possa H. Thompson.	

# COMPANY "D"

## 356<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY.

### ROSTER.

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" " Page Cecil H., 36 Wildwood Ave. Buffalo N. Y.  
2nd. " Young Roy M., 2910 N. 63rd. St., Omaha Neb.  
" " Mylon William, Altis Okla.  
" " Hope Percival C., Bay Side Long Island New York.  
" " Hayes Francis E. A., 432 5th St. S. Boston, Mass.  
Sgt. 1st, Streiff Harry E., Modena Mo. General Delivery.  
" Mess. Stark William, Mystic Iowa. General Delivery.  
" Sup. Wilson Robert M., Milan, Missouri.  
" Hague John W., Harris, Missouri. R. F. D. No. 4.  
" Butler James, Queen City, Missouri.  
" Hart Wayne E., Milan, Missouri, General Delivery  
" Reed George C., Breckenridge Mo.  
" Benedict Henry E., Culloden, West Virginia.  
" Branam Charles F., Princeton Mo.  
" Montgomery Ralph, Milan Mo. General Delivery.  
" Sullivan Stewart S., 1423 Hebert St., St. Louis Mo.  
" Turner Seth. G., 225 Main St., Trenton Mo.  
" Wolf Clell O., Milan Mo. R. F. D. No. 1.  
" Yardley Earnest P., Milan Mo. General Delivery.  
" Behrend John P., 409 W. Graham St. Madison Wisc.  
Cpl. Daniels Myrtie G., Harfs Mo. General Delivery.  
" Drummond William F., Stahl Mo. R. F. D. Nr. 1.  
" Fischer Arthur C., Seward Kans. R. I. Box. 6.  
" Gerher Charler A., Platte S. Dak. R. F. D. No. 3.  
" Groves Elbie E., Mineola Kans. General Delivery.  
" Hart Earl V., Princeton Mo. R. F. D. No. 2.  
" Keith William L., Newtown Mo.  
" Massey Elijah F., Caddoa Colo.  
" Melton James L., Browning Mo.  
" Morris Ralph W., Cora Mo. R. F. D. No. 1.  
" Perkins Everett V., 714 Weece St. Columbia Mo.  
" Rodden John R., Albuquerque N. Mexico.  
" Sallade Guy O., Stahl Mo. General Delivery.  
" Sterling Robert A., Green City Mo. General Delivery.  
" Wiedemeier George H., 1445 A. Wright St. St. Louis Mo.  
" Johnson Carl L., Lake Preston S. Dak. R. F. D. No. 2.  
" Clancy William C., Lexington Ky. R. F. D. No. 5.  
" Erickson Carl, Centerville S. Dak. R. F. D. No. 3.  
" Frank William J., Wolsey S. Dak. R. F. D. No. 1.

- Cpl. Hamilton Oscar E. C., Narka Kans. R. F. D. No. 3.  
 „ Patterson David F., Red Top Mo. R. F. D. No. 1.  
 „ Salmon Francis H. L., 254 E. 184th St. New York City N. Y.  
 „ Street Charles H., 321 W. Minneapolis Ave. Vincennes Ind.  
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 „ Thompson Charles R., 316 Russel Ave. Festus Mo.  
 „ Thompson Willie L., 312 Farrier St. Moberly Mo.  
 „ Tiemeyer Aloysius, St. Libery Ill.  
 „ Tolton George C., Desota Mo.  
 „ Turner Myron C., 1900 Ramsey Ave. Springfield Mo.  
 „ Turner Perry L., Princeton Mo.  
 „ Walsh Thomas P., 4427 N. 21st St. Louis Mo.  
 „ Weeks Oliver C., 2912 Belleview Ave. Kansas City. Mo.  
 „ Wills Lloyd, Shellknob Mo.  
 „ Fletcher Harris, Scott City Kans. Pence Route.  
 „ Harlan Wayne E., Edison Neb. General Delivery.  
 „ Rogers George A., Elerado Ark.  
 „ Wyrick Lucian L., Pattonsburg Mo.  
 „ Paulsen Luther, 2622 Wellington Ave. Chicago Ill.
- Cook. Wright Jesse F., Unionville Mo.  
 „ Lumsden Clarence F., Cora Mo. General Delivery.  
 „ Paskell Edward C., 3213 Olive St., St. Louis Mo.  
 „ Spink John P., 2423 Coleman St., St. Louis Mo.
- Mec. Miles C. Williams, Humphreys Mo. R. F. D. No. 1.  
 „ Mathews Earl, Perry Mo. Box. 204.  
 „ Kellert Albert M., 1217½ S. Agnew St. Oklahoma City Okla.  
 „ Childers Daniel W., Gans Okla.  
 „ Toy Don S., 23rd. St. and 9th Ave. Tucson Ariz.
- Bugler. Acosta Emelio, 248 W. 22nd. St. New York City. N. Y.
- Pvt. Ist. Cl. Burton Elmer O., Edwards Mo.  
 „ „ „ Crosby Roy L., Anderson Mo.  
 „ „ „ Davee Douglas, Red Field Kans.  
 „ „ „ Dungan Arnice J., Mindenmines Mo.  
 „ „ „ Ebert John, 512 Elem St. Watertown Wisc.  
 „ „ „ Edmonds Aaron, B. Loveland Colo. General Delivery.  
 „ „ „ Fognini Santo, Gerard Kans.  
 „ „ „ Franzen Simon F., Lanford S. Dak. R. F. D. No. 2.  
 „ „ „ Higgins Roy A., Baraboo Wisc. R. F. D. No. 6.  
 „ „ „ Jenner William R., 16. E. Walnut St. Chanute Kans.  
 „ „ „ Kirchman Frank J. Jr., Wahoo Neb. Gen. Delivery.  
 „ „ „ Lagos Mike D., St. Louis Mo.  
 „ „ „ Larsen Peter L., Hurley S. Dak. R. F. R. No. 1.  
 „ „ „ Masenoveich Novak, Bisbee Ariz.  
 „ „ „ Sanchez Vivian E., Las Vegas N. Mexico.  
 „ „ „ Smith James, Maulden Mo.

- Pvt. Ist. Cl. Steber Joseph J., 1518 Blair Ave, St. Louis Mo.
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- " " " Syler Charles E., Vandalia Mo.
- " " " Ten Haken Garret W., Castlewood S. Dak.
- " " " Von Behren Carl F., Sauk City Wisc. R. F. D. No. 1.
- " " " Walsh Vincent V., Blue Mound Wisc. General Delivery
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- " Anderson Alfred, Waldron Mo. General Delivery.
- " Andrews Steve P., 3238 Central Ave. Chicago Ill.
- " Baca Raefael, Belen N. Mexico, General Delivery.
- " Ball Bernard R., Springfield Kv.
- " Bariani Charles J., 2646 St. Philip St. New Orleans La.
- " Broyles Roy, Princeton Mo.
- " Bond Ruel G., Woodlawn Ill. R. F. D. No. 1.
- " Bryan Benjamine F., De Leon Texas R. F. D. No. 1.
- " Buras Lucian J., Empire La.
- " Butler Walter E., Bangs Texas.
- " Casadaban Joseph, 3615 Washington Ave. New Orleans La.
- " Chafin Henry D., Bordelonville La.
- " Chappell Carter.
- " Chelf Monte, Bradsfordville Ky. R. F. D. No. 2.
- " Clark Joe W., Reid Miss.
- " Claypool Lloyd, Oxford Kans. General Delivery.
- " Dickson Cornice R., Sarepta Miss.
- " Dominique Alfred, Meadville Mo. R. F. D. No. 3.
- " Drewko Joseph J., Palaski Wisc. R. F. D. No. 1.
- " Edens Gilbert M., Dixon S. Dak. R. F. D. No. 5.
- " Fliss John J. 207 N. Burnett Gerard Kans.
- " Freeman West M. Monroe La. R. F. D. No. 1.
- " Gambill Esquire, Pattonsburg Mo.
- " Gann Harrison, Conway Mo.
- " Garner Frank M., Mangham La.
- " Graham Lester E., Neshoba Miss.
- " Grive Claude R., Union Miss. Route 4.
- " Gross William T., Woodforth La.
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- " Hollifield Robert W., Emmalena Ky.
- " Johnson Albert, Deerfield Wisc. General Delivery.
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 " Sandoval Rogelio, Truchas N. Mexico.  
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 " Sytton Robert T., Centerville Mo.  
 " Swann William C., 1523 N. 18th. St. St. Louis Mo.  
 " Trujillo Victor, Wagonmound N. Mexico.  
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 " Weber Martin F., Webster Grove Mo. R. F. D. No. 6.  
 " Werner Rudolph H., 424 Jackson St. La Cross Wisc.  
 " Wiess Philip, St. Francis Mo.  
 " Wigsmoen Joseph C., Orgao Wisc.  
 " Wilkerson William, Advance Mo. General Delivery.  
 " Wilkofski Max. 1916 Wash. St., St. Louis Mo.

# TESTIMONIALS.

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## HEADQUARTERS 1ST ARMY AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

October 26th, 1918.

FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF:  
TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, 5TH CORPS,  
AMERICAN E. F.

The Army Commander directs that you convey to the Commanding General, officers and men of the 89TH DIVISION his appreciation of their persistent and successful efforts in clearing the Bois de Bantheville of the enemy."

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The foregoing letter was sent to the Commanding General of the 89th, with the following from the Chief of Staff of the 5th Corps:

"In transmitting the inclosed letter to you, your officers and men, the Corps Commander desires me to add his commendation to that of the Army Commander and to congratulate you on the morale and spirit of your division as shown by its recent work."

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November 2nd, 1918.

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 89TH DIVISION:

In addition to my telephone message, I desire to convey to you and to the officers and soldiers of the 89th Division my profound appreciation and great admiration for the splendid manner in which the division accomplished the mission allotted to it in the advance of the 5th Corps on November 1st.



With a dash, courage and speed worthy of the best traditions of the service, the 89th Division quickly overran the enemy's strong organization, followed its barrage, and planted itself on all objectives, in accordance with the schedule previously arranged. It has captured many prisoners, guns and spoils of war, showing that the enemy was afforded no opportunity to escape.

The division has more than justified the high confidence of the Commander-in-Chief when he selected it to form the advance in the great operations that have begun.

It is a high honor to command such troops, and I beg that you will convey to your officers and soldiers the assurances of my abiding wishes for their continued success in the campaigns that lie before it."

(Signed) C. P. SUMMERALL  
Commanding 5th Corps.

G. H. Q.  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, Dec. 26, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 238.

It is with soldierly pride that I record in General Orders a tribute to the taking of the St. Mihiel Salient by the First Army.

On September 12, 1918, you delivered the first concerted offensive operation of the American Expeditionary Forces upon difficult terrain against this redoubtable position, immovably held four years, which crumpled before your ably executed advance. Within twenty-four hours of the commencement of the attack, the salient had ceased to exist and you were threatening Metz.

Your divisions, which had never been tried in the exacting conditions of major offensive operations, worthily emulated those of more arduous experience and earned their right to participate in the more difficult task to come.

Not only did you straighten a dangerous salient, capture 16000 prisoners, and 443 guns, and liberate 240 square miles of French territory, but you demonstrated the fitness for battle of a unified American Army.

We appreciate the loyal training and effort of the First Army. In the name of our country, I offer our hearty and unmeasured thanks to these splendid Americans of the 1st, 4th and 5th Corps and of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 26th, 42nd, 82nd, 89TH and 90th Divisions, which were engaged, and of the 3rd, 35th, 78th, 80th and 91st Divisions, which were in reserve.

JOHN J. PERSHING  
General, Commander in Chief."

G. H. Q.  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, Dec. 19, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 232.

It is with a sense of gratitude for its splendid accomplishment, which will live through all history, that I record in General Orders a tribute to the victory of the First Army in the Meuse-Argonne battle.

Tested and strengthened by the reduction of the St. Mihiel salient, for more than six weeks you battered against the pivot of the enemy line on the western front. It was a position of imposing natural strength, stretching on both sides of the Meuse River from the bitterly contested hills of Verdun to the almost impenetrable forest of the Argonne; a position, moreover, fortified by four years of labor designed to render it impregnable; a position held with the fullest resources of the enemy. That position you broke utterly, and thereby hastened the collapse of the enemy's military power.

Soldiers of all of the divisions engaged under the First, Third and Fifth American Corps and the Second Colonial and Seventeenth French Corps — the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 52nd, 33rd, 35th, 37th, 42nd, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 89th, 90th and 91st American Divisions — you will be long remembered for the stubborn persistence of your progress, your storming of obstinately defended machine gun nests, your penetration, yard by yard, of woods and ravines, your heroic resistance in the face of counter-attacks supported by powerful artillery fire. For more than a month, from the initial attack of September 26th, you fought your way slowly through the Argonne, through the woods and over the hills west of the Meuse; you slowly enlarged your hold on the Cotes-de-Meuse to the east, and then, on the 1st of November, your attack forced the enemy into flight. Pressing his retreat, you cleared the entire left bank of the Meuse south of Sedan, and then stormed the heights on the right bank and drove him into the plain beyond.

The achievement of the First Army, which is scarcely to be equaled in American history, must remain a source of proud satisfaction to the troops who participated in the last

campaign of the war. The American people will remember it as the realization of the hitherto potential strength of the American contribution toward the cause to which they had sworn allegiance. There can be no greater reward for a soldier or for a soldier's memory.

**JOHN J. PERSHING**

General, Commander in Chief,  
American Expeditionary Forces.

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**HEADQUARTERS  
FIFTH ARMY CORPS  
American E. F.**

France, Nov. 20, 1918.

**GENERAL ORDERS**

No. 26.

1. The following citations are announced:

**Extract**

The 89th Division, American E. F., (Maj. Gen. William M. Wright, Commanding), preceeding the attack of November 1st, cleaned up the difficult and strongly held BOIS de BANTHEVILLE and attacked on November 1st. It broke through the enemy's lines, advanced strongly day and night, defeating the enemy and his reserves in its front, and dr ve him across the Meuse. Under heavy fire and against stubborn resistance, it constructed bridges and established itself on the heights. The cessation of hostilities found this Division holding strong positions across the Meuse and ready for a continuation of the advance.

**C. P. SUMMERALL**  
Major General, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS  
EIGHTY NINTH DIVISION  
GERMANY

18. December 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 108.

The Division has completed its first six months of foreign service. A majority of the officers and men are now entitled to their first service chevron. To them the Division Commander expresses his appreciation of loyal and efficient service which has been of a high order of excellence.

The Division came into the most momentous six months of the War. And its record has been an enviable one. In the training area, it convinced higher authority of its ability to enter the line as a Division - the first National Army Division to do so. It was the first American Division to move by bus with American Transportation, and the entire movement was organized by the Division.

In the LUCEY Sector, the Division won commendation from the French Corps and Army Commanders, for its successful minor operations, almost constantly gaining identifications from the enemy, without losing a single one to the foe. During the difficult period of preparation for the ST. MIHIEL Offensive, the Division successfully held the line while the attack massed behind it and while the enemy made desperate attempts to drive raids thru for information.

In the Offensive of September 12th, the Division went over abreast of the veteran divisions of the American Army, took the BOIS de MORT MARE and all of its other objectives. It then organized the new sector and took over the line held by one and one-half other divisions as well.

After the Division relieved the 32nd American Division near Romagne, it cleaned up the BOIS de BANTHEVILLE and won commendation of the Corps and Army.

On the Drive of November 1st, the Division attacked in the front line, took the wooded heights of BARRICOURT, pushed on to the final Army objective, the MEUSE, and had forced a crossing by 11 hours, 11 November, 1918.

The Division is now in Germany with a reputation of clean living, clean fighting, obeying orders and talking its objectives. The Division Commander is proud to sign this order to the 89th Division.

FRANK L. WINN  
Major General.

### SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS

Sector North-west of Toul-Aug. 10-Sept. 12, 1918.  
St Mihiel Offensive-Sept. 12th to 15th, 1918  
Bois de Beney-Sept. 14th to Oct. 8th, 1918.  
Raid in Dom Martin Woods-Sept. 23rd, 1918  
Meuse-Argonne Offensive (in reserve) Oct. 9th to 19, 1918.  
Clearing of Bois de Bantheville-Oct. 21st-22nd, 1918.  
Argonne-Meuse Offensive-Oct. 22nd to Nov. 11th, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS  
EIGHTY NINTH DIVISION  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
GERMANY

6. May 1919.

General Orders, }  
No. .... 44. }

1. The movement home begins today. The Division Commander cannot let the occasion pass without expressing to officers and men his congratulations and gratitude. The Division is to be congratulated upon the accomplishment of its final mission of duty in occupied Germany, in a manner that has won the commendation of military superiors, increased the regard of our associate divisions and gained the respect of the inhabitants. It is with a heart full of gratitude that record is made of the whole souled intelligent and successful response the Division has made to every demand. The best traditions of the American Army for fair dealing in a foreign land have been maintained.

2. In training, in civil affairs, in the care of animals and transportation, in entertainments, in schools and in all rou-

tine duty, the Division has not only done its part well, but in many ways its record has been distinguished; in conduct and clean living it has been exemplary; in athletics it has won the football championship of the A. E. F. and excelled in other sports. The spirit and discipline of the Division have been remarkable, and for this the intelligence, sound common sense and superior character of the personnel as a whole are in large measure responsible.

3. The game has been played to the full, and in Germany to the last. This was strikingly exemplified in the splendid appearance of the men, the excellent condition of equipment and transportation, and the efficient team work of the entire force on the occasion of the Review by the Commander-in Chief at Treves Aviation Field, April 23, 1919. The record during the trying times of the Armistice is one comparable in every respect to that fighting record which, for the time the Division was in the line, is unexcelled in the A. E. F. It is confidently expected that it will be the determination of officers and men alike to see that the standards of the Division are preserved so long as a single member remains in the service.

4. This opportunity is taken to express appreciation of the services of the Staff Officers of the Division. Zealous, loyal and able, they have done their part toward maintaining the fighting efficiency that stamps the character of the Division.

5. The Commander-in-Chief has sent a letter which all will read with pride and satisfaction and which is published as the final message most highly valued by the officers and men who have made the Division worthy of the praise and assured of the friendship of General Persing.

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Frank L. Winn

Major General, U. S. A.,

Commanding.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
FRANCE

April 27, 1919.

Major General Frank L. Winn,  
Commanding 89th Division,  
American E. F.

My dear General Winn:

It was very pleasing to me to note the fine appearance of your Division at the inspection and review held on April 23rd at the Aviation Field near Treves. The high morale of all ranks was very evident, and was what I had expected to find in a division with such a splendid fighting record as the 89th.

After its arrival in France in early June, for two months it trained near Reynel. It then joined the 1st American Army in the Toul sector, where on September 12th it took part in the St. Mihiel offensive, capturing the strong position of Bois de Mort Mare and by the 13th advancing 18 kilometers. It then consolidated its position and after relieving the 42nd and 78th Divisions was itself relieved on October 7th. On October 19th it entered the Meuse-Argonne offensive as part of the 5th Corps, taking the Bois de Bantheville the next day. On November 1st it surged forward with the 1st Army, and from that time until November 11th it was advancing constantly. Breaking through the enemy's line, it pushed on day and night to a depth of 30 kilometers, defeating the enemy and the reserves on its front and driving him across the Meuse. Under heavy fire bridges were constructed and by the signing of the Armistice it was established on the heights east of the river. In the short space of this letter it is impossible to mention the names of the places which will live in the history of the Division on account of the gallant deeds done, Barricourt Woods, Remonville, Taily, Nouart, Barricourt, Bois des Dames, Beauclair, Pouilly, the brilliant crossing of the River Meuse, and Autreville are but a few of them.

Please extend my congratulations to the officers and men of your Division on their appearance at inspection as well as their splendid record of service in France. They may well return home proud of themselves safe in the assurance of the admiration and respect of their comrades in the American Expeditionary Forces.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) JOHN J. PERSHING.