

HEADQUARTERS 905TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander
APO #80, Fort Dix, New Jersey

UNIT HISTORY

15 July 1942: At 1201, on 15 July 1942, pursuant to authority contained in General Order Number 1, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, dated 15 July 1942, the 905th Field Artillery Battalion was activated at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. In General Order Number 1, Headquarters 905th Field Artillery Battalion, dated 15 July 1942, Major R. B. Hubbard assumed command of the Battalion and appointed his staff consisting of the following named Officers:

Executive Officer - Major Maurice Fass
Adjutant (S-1) - 1st Lt Charles C. Miller, Jr.
Intelligence Officer (S-2) - 2nd Lt Clayton Nordan
Plans & Training Officer (S-3) - Capt John M. Allen
Supply Officer (S-4) - 1st Lt Edward H. Kyle

In addition the following Officers were designated as Battery Commanders:

Headquarters Battery - Capt Edward A. Chateaufeuf
Battery "A" - Capt William M. Gosman
Battery "B" - Capt Tremaine K. Field
Battery "C" - 1st Lt George H. Peyton
Service Battery - 1st Lt Edward H. Kyle

The personnel of the Battalion on this date consisted of 27 Officers and 85 enlisted men.

The 905th Field Artillery Battalion was originally organized as the 305th Ammunition Train, organized at Camp Lee, Virginia, in September, 1917, as a unit of the 80th Division of World War I. The Train served overseas and participated in battle. It returned to the United States and was demobilized at Camp Dix, New Jersey, 9 June, 1919. In order to perpetuate the history and traditions of the 305th Ammunition Train which served as a unit of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, it was, on 28 October, 1936, reconstituted and consolidated with the 305th Ammunition Train, which was constituted as a unit of the Organized Reserves, 24 June, 1921. The 305th Ammunition Train was redesignated the 905th Field Artillery Battalion, pursuant to letter from the War Department, AG 320.2 OB(1-22-42), dated 30 January, 1942, and ordered to be made active at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, effective 15 July, 1942, as a component of the 80th Division. The 905th Field Artillery Battalion is entitled to a streamer in the colors of the Victory Ribbon, inscribed:

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The scarlet is the color of the Field Artillery; the suggested design is based primarily upon the past history of the battalion, the service in France in World War 1 is indicated by the Fleur-de-lis. The martial aspect of the organization is symbolized by the diagonal division of the shield, representing the heraldic bend, which anciently denoted the scarf of a military commander. The motto is appropriate to the expectation of a continuance of the past record

From this date until about August 15, the Battalion received filler replacements to bring it up to T/O strength.

31 July 1942: Strength of Battalion this date:
Totals of 15 July 42 27 Officers and 85 Enlisted Men
Totals of 31 July 42 28 Officers and 358 Enlisted Men
Gain 1 Officer 273 Enlisted Men

On or about 10 August 1942, the Battalion entered into its thirteen (13) week basic training period.

21 August 1942: Medical Detachment of 1 Officer and 14 enlisted men attached.

31 August 1942: Strength of Battalion this date:
Totals of 31 July 42 28 Officers and 358 Enlisted Men
Totals of 31 Aug 42 32 Officers and 531 Enlisted Men
Gain 4 Officers and 173 Enlisted Men

18 September 1942: Captain Tremaine K. Field designated as Executive and S-1 and Captain Bailey G. Carnahan assigned as Battery Commander, Battery "B" per Special Order Number 22, dated 18 September 1942.

30 September 1942: Strength of Battalion this date:
Totals of 31 August 42 32 Officers and 531 Enlisted Men
Totals of 30 September 42 31 Officers and 526 Enlisted Men
Loss 1 Officer and 5 Enlisted Men

25 October 1942: On this day the Battalion made its first long road march with vehicles, leaving Camp Forrest at 0700, for Spemcer Range, where it spent a week of firing, returning to Camp Forrest on November 1st.

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31 October 1942:

Strength of Battalion this date:

Totals of 30 Sep 42	31 Officers and 526 Enlisted Men
Totals of 31 Oct 42	<u>34 Officers and 543 Enlisted Men</u>
Gain	3 Officers and 17 Enlisted Men

2 November 1942:

Lt Col Wilbur S. Nye assumed command of the Battalion per paragraph 1, Special Order Number 90, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division.

11 November 1942:

Battery "B" participated in a parade at Jackson, Tennessee, at 1030 this date with Company "I", 319th Infantry, the American Legion, the Tennessee State Guard, 319th Infantry Colors and the 80th Infantry Division Artillery Band.

15 November 1942:

Battalion marched to Spencer Range, a total of seventy-one (71) miles, for a five (5) day period for firing, returning on 20 November 1942.

30 November 1942:

Major Russell A. Mann designated as Executive and S-1 per Special Order Number 48, Headquarters 905th Field Artillery Battalion, dated 30 November 1942.

30 November 1942:

Strength of Battalion this date:

Totals of 31 Oct 42	34 Officers and 543 Enlisted Men
Totals of 30 Nov 42	<u>37 Officers and 585 Enlisted Men</u>
Gain	3 Officers and 42 Enlisted Men

13 December 1942:

Private Richard O. Carlson, 39452976, Battery "C", 905th Field Artillery Battalion, died in barracks during the night of this date.

18 December 1942:

Following named Officers assumed command of Batteries:

Headquarters Battery	- 1st Lt Herbert J. Potts
Battery "A"	- 1st Lt Manson B. Hatch
Battery "B"	- 1st Lt Thomas C. Mason
Battery "C"	- 1st Lt Dewey E. Garner
Service Battery	- 1st Lt Frank H. Rich

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- 20 December 1942: Captain William M. Gosman designated Executive and S-1, per Special Orders Number 57, Headquarters 905th Field Artillery Battalion, dated 18 December 1942.
- 21 December 1942: Major John W. Browning assumed command per paragraph 1, Special Orders Number 35, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division Artillery, dated 18 December 1942.
- 27 December 1942: On this date the Battalion marched by motor to Spencer Range for a five (5) day period of service practice returning on 1 January 1943.
- Five (5) Officers namely: Capt Chateaneuf, Lt Kane, Lt McMorrow, Lt Peyton and Capt Kyle, were designated as Cadre Officers for 106th Division, to be activated at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and left the Battalion for a refresher course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma before reporting to Fort Jackson.
- 31 December 1942: Strength of Battalion this date:
Totals of 30 Nov 42 37 Officers and 585 Enlisted Men
Totals of 31 Dec 42 36 Officers and 627 Enlisted Men
Gain and Loss 1 Officer and 42 Enlisted Men
- 13 January 1943: 1st Lt McBroom assigned to command Headquarters Battery, per Special Orders Number 6, Headquarters 905th Field Artillery Battalion, dated 13 January 1943.
- 31 January 1943: Strength of Battalion this date:
Totals of 31 Dec 42 36 Officers and 627 Enlisted Men
Totals of 31 Jan 43 35 Officers and 605 Enlisted Men
Loss 1 Officer and 22 Enlisted Men
- 6 February 1943: Seventy-five (75) Enlisted Men of the Battalion assigned as Enlisted Cadre for 106th Infantry Division, left to report to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.
- 12 February 1943: Captain Charles C. Miller, Jr., assigned to command Battery "C", per Special Orders Number 19, Headquarters 905th Field Artillery Battalion, dated 12 February 1943.
- 25 February 1943: Major William M. Gosman assumed command of the Battalion during the temporary absence of Major Browning.
- 28 February 1943: Strength of Battalion this date:
Totals of 31 Jan 43 35 Officers and 605 Enlisted Men
Totals of 28 Feb 43 37 Officers and 544 Enlisted Men
Gain and Loss 2 Officers and 61 Enlisted Men

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