MILITARY
Through the efforts of the State Adjutant, the War Department gave Arkansas the power to organize the 206th Coast Artillery. State institutions were granted the privilege of forming what is known as school units. Arkansas Polytechnic College has two such units which comprises the Military Department.

The Batteries are fully equipped. Battery "F" being a machine gun unit, has for its equipment, six machine guns and the necessary signaling apparatus; it also has four trucks with cargo bodies. Battery "D" is equipped with a 75mm. anti-aircraft gun, two squad trucks with ammunition bodies, and a complete set of range instruments together with all the necessary field problem apparatus. It is also equipped with an up-to-date set of signaling instruments, and instruments for computing data on field problems and trial shot problems.

The aim of the Military Department is to make better the mental, physical, and moral abilities of its personnel, thereby fitting them for citizenship. There is a need of better trained men, and the department is helping supply this need by turning out men who have a better organized way of doing things.

The physical training received here is probably not excelled. Calisthenics is the most systematic way of taking exercise. There is more co-ordination between the body and mind when such exercise is taken; therefore, the physical development received is of great value to the student who takes part in military activities. Loyalty and obedience to those in authority are the watchwords of our country, and nowhere is there more strict adherence to these obligations than in a military body. The first lesson a soldier learns is respect for those in command, and he does not soon forget it.

The department furnishes pecuniary inducements in that each member of its organizations receives drill pay from the government. Each member is paid quarterly according to his rank. This helps in a material way to further the cause of education; for without the armory drill pay, there would be those who could not remain in school. The payroll brings in quarterly more money than do all other student aid funds.

The duties performed in this department bring to bear on each member responsibilities that cannot well be shirked, and therefore develop a sense of responsibility to a high degree. The rank of each guardsman signifies his duties which cannot be shirked without the sacrifice of that rating. Each individual fills a certain niche, and when he has taken advantage of the opportunities afforded him, he is better fitted to serve.
Roster Battery D

206th Coast Artillery (AA), Arkansas National Guard
Russellville, Arkansas

John G. Buerkle, Captain
Joe Lyman, First Sergeant

SERGEANTS
Blair, Herbert J.
Carter, John C.
Crossno, Roy
Farris, Thomas W.
Harton, Alfred L.
Lipe, Russell R.
Longstreth, Alvin E.
McNeal, Xzin
Woodford, William I.

PRIVATEs
Bailey, Homer D.
Ballard, William M.
Barnett, Luie M.
Bennett, W. Arthur
Bomar, Lee D.
Brandon, Eugene C.
Campbell, Price S.
Cate, Oscar L.
Coghill, Alfred M.
Cordell, Eursell S.
Countz, Alvin
Cowart, Manning L.
Dean, Edwin C.
Edwards, Vinton E.
Green, Lyle R.
Harrell, Herman B.
Haynes, James M.
Henderson, Curtis
Hewes, Willis
Hill, Lyle O.
Kennon, James R.
Lipe, Forrest F.
Longstreth, N. Nicholas
Martin, Robert H.
Millard, Marvin L.
Nemecek, Wilmeth A.
Newman, J. Perry
Russell, Manley H., Jr.
Sparks, George W., Jr.
Sparks, W. Burton
Taliaferro, Benjamin H.
Taylor, Robert F.
Tolson, Joe A.
West, Edd L.
Weatherall, James L.
Woodard, James H.
Battery D, 206th Coast Artillery

Arkansas National Guard

Since its organization October 24, 1923, Battery “D” has made an enviable record at home and at the summer encampments at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

At every armory inspection since its organization, Battery “D” has been given a grade of “very satisfactory.” In 1923 and 1924, Battery “D” had the highest percentage of attendance at armory drills of any other organization of its kind in the United States. At the summer encampment in 1926 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Battery “D” received the highest number of points for sanitation and general efficiency of any battery in the regiment, and was awarded a silver loving cup. Battery “D” has also won the regimental track meet for the last two encampments. In 1926, the organization also won the baseball championship. Lieutenant Tucker has won the cup offered in the officers golf tournament for the last two years.

The Battery was represented at Camp Perry, Ohio, when the Arkansas rifle team went there to compete with other squads of guardsmen from the various states of the United States. The team acquitted itself creditably.
Roster Battery F

206th Coast Artillery (AA), Arkansas National Guard
Russellville, Arkansas

David L. Weldon, Captain
Haley B. White, First Lieutenant
Reuben D. Caudle, Second Lieutenant

1ST SERGEANT
Carpenter, George H.

SERGEANTS
Bennett, Keith C.
Bennett, John J.
Buffington, Carroll B.
Hamm, Don M.
Moss, John
Stroupe, Dwight L. M.

CORPORALS
Curtis, Clyde M.
Goodwin, Joe E.
Hickey, George H.
Linzy, Charles B.
Roberts, Carl R.
Vaughn, Worth W.
VanDalsen, Paul W.
White, Frank W.

PRIVATE 1ST CLASS
Bennett, Joe A.
Clement, Marc R.
Cooper, James L.
Cox, Ozel
Dickens, Carl L.
Eikelberry, John A. Jr.
Haney, Monte L.
Leach, Foy A.
McClanahan, Sid G.
Posey, Frank W.
Priddy, Hence J.
Spears, Fay B.
Staton, William J.
White, Leo L.
Young, Howard S.

Privates
Ballowe, Victor
Brown, William F.
Burris, Fred
Carter, Floyd
Chambers, Davvis S.
Cofer, Leighton H.
Cole, Hugh G.
Coleman, George C.
Dreher, Henry A.
Dixon, Paul H.
Ferguson, Samuel O.
Fortner, Steve R.
Fry, Orrin K.
Grant, William I.
Hamm, Roy C.
Harris, Joe M.
Hill, George H.
Higgs, Loyd R.
Hudlow, Joyce R.
Jasper, Hervey R.
Kirkwood, Herbert B.
McGuire, Everett R.
Moore, Ralph H.
Oates, Louis N.
Partee, Grover R.
Preston, William E.
Ray, James M.
Robb, Cecil C.
Rogers, Guyth W.
Staton, Everett E.
Stimson, John R.
Skinner, Henry T.
Skinner, Paul E.
Willis, Moody B.
Wimmer, John R.
Battery F, 206th Coast Artillery

Arkansas National Guard

Although Battery "F" is the junior unit of the National Guard at Arkansas Tech in number of years organized, it has developed rapidly and now ranks high in efficiency. Battery "F" was transferred from Magazine to Arkansas Polytechnic College and reorganized under its present command, January 26, 1925.

Battery "F" has attended the last three summer encampments at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and has made a creditable showing in military tactics and courtesy. Its duties have been well performed in camp and on the field. In 1925 the Battery won the silver loving cup offered the organization with the highest number of points in sanitation and general efficiency. The award given annually to the Battery winning the regimental track meet was won by Battery "F" in 1925. A member of this organization also won the heavy weight boxing championship at Fort Sill last summer.

Battery "F" is a machine gun battery and is a unit of the Second Battalion of the 206th Coast Artillery.
Romance is not all written in the pages of books and magazines. Much of it is weaved around the annual two weeks encampment of the Arkansas National Guard at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. This is true so far as the members of Batteries "D" and "F" are concerned.

This is a period in which the serious work of army training is intermingled with the numerous pleasures that can originate in the minds of several hundreds of youthful Americans. It is a time which causes more changes than that of complexion. Some of the leaders on the Arkansas Tech campus have to submit to the title of "non-com." Others do not have even this much importance ascribed to them.

Stories are said to be written of things that happen. If this be true, thousands of stories could be written of army camp life. Several thrilling adventures could be related by those who took their turns at guard duty. Others could be told of the visits to the range when the "boom" of the 75mm's are mixed with the "put-puts" of the machine guns.

There is pleasure a-plenty during the encampment. A program is given each night, sponsored by the chaplin. One of the chief features last year was the fight between one of Lawton's fiercest bulldogs and the much touted "badger." The regimental band keeps the camp supplied with music. Boxing and wrestling matches are held at the regular evening programs. Baseball games and the regimental track meet are the chief attractions on the sport card. Many of the boys find some real entertainment at Medicine Park, Lawton, and Mineral Springs.

Batteries "D" and "F" have maintained a high rating at the summer encampments. Quite a collection of cups and pennants have been brought back to decorate the orderly rooms in the armory. Battery "F" won the general efficiency cup in 1925, and Battery "D" brought it back in 1926. Battery "D" won the regimental baseball championship and the track meet that year, and the track meet again this year. Lieutenant Tucker won the cup offered for the officers golf championship at the last two encampments. Battery "F" won the heavy weight boxing championship in 1927.
“Fall in!”

This command rang out over the Tech campus on the morning of October 1, and about 150 student soldiers fell in line. Day had not yet dawned, and a light mist was falling, but this had no effect on the two units of soldiers forming for an early morning attack. Other sharp commands were given, and it was not long until the heavy tread of feet could be heard on the concrete highway.

The “army” which was assembling, as you may have already guessed, consisted of two units of the Arkansas National Guard, Batteries “D” and “F”. These organizations had been called out for “active service” for the first time since they came to Russellville. The headlines in the daily paper that day announced that “Batteries “D” and “F” Do Guard Duty Lindbergh Day”. This statement, however, did not carry half of the significance of the occasion.

The Arkansas Tech khaki clad youths reached the station a little late, but the train was still later. It finally came, but it left late. It reached Little Rock late, and Batteries “D” and “F” reached the airport late. That evening after everything was over, the train left out late and reached Russellville late.

However, these were matters of small importance. The only two things that were really important happened on time. The first of these was the coming of Lindbergh. He arrived on the dot. The second was the lunch served by the State Staff. No one was late for that.

No day in the school year was more successful than this. Everyone who made the trip to Little Rock was proud of the fact that “I seen him”. After both Batteries had already entrained, for the return trip, news came that the Wonder Boys defeated the Tahlequah Redskins, 8 to 6. Then the 150 National Guardsmen from Arkansas Tech held a spontaneous pep meeting in the train which was then “parked” behind the Marion Hotel.

Memories of this trip will be aroused in those who made it when the name of Lindbergh is called, but another thing which will probably cling in the memory still longer is the “trial” held on the train during the return trip in which some of Arkansas Tech’s most prospective lawyers, judges, jurors and “criminals” had a chance to show their “stuff.”
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