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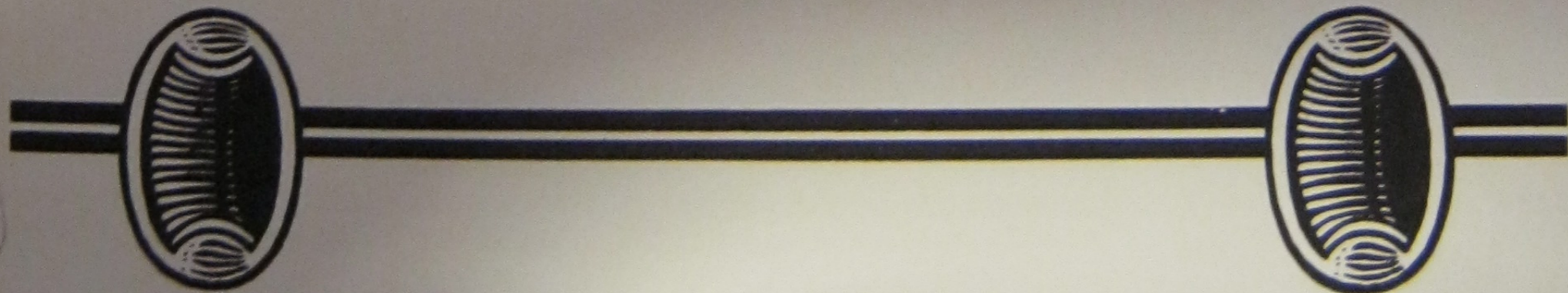


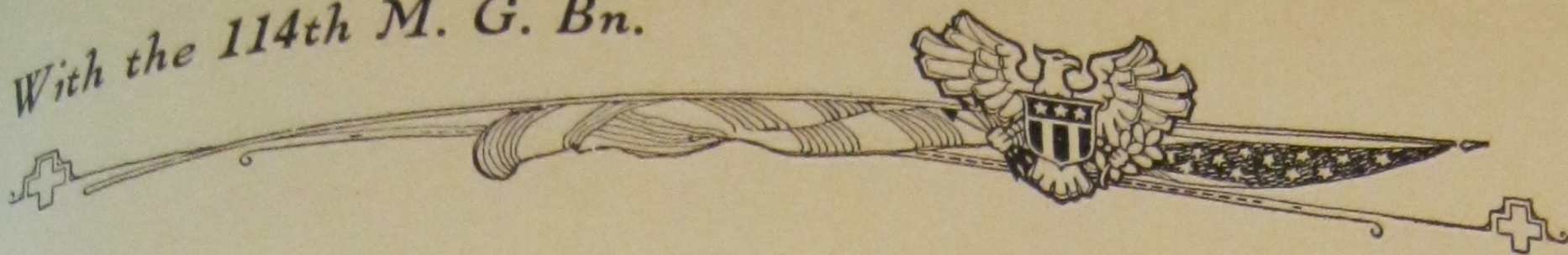
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Diary of 114th Machine Gun Battalion 1917-1919

- July 25--Tennessee National Guard called out.
August 4--Troops mustered into Federal service.
August 5--National Guard drafted into Federal service.
August 7--Troop "C" arrived at Camp Sevier.
August 15--Troop "B" arrived at Camp Sevier.
August 19--Men transferred to 117th Engineers, 42nd Rainbow Division.
August 30--Moved camp.
September 6--Troops "A" and "D" arrived at Camp Sevier. Squadron now completed.
September 13--Orders received, making 114th Machine Gun Battalion of Troops "A", "B" and "C" of First Squadron Tennessee Cavalry. Troop "D" made into 105th Trench Mortar Battery. The 114th Machine Gun Battalion to be attached to 59th Infantry Brigade and Trench Mortar Battery to 55th Artillery Brigade. Order effective 7:30 a.m., Sept. 14.
September 14--Moved camp northwest of Paris Station.
September 18--Taking up infantry drill.
September 21--Pay day for first time since being called out.
October 11--Parade in Greenville for Liberty Loan.
October 16--Recruits received from Camp Gordon, Georgia.
October 20--Measles appeared in camp.
October 30--Moved camp to place south of Quartermaster Store Houses.
November 17--Division under quarantine on account of measles, meningitis, etc.
November 19--Machine Gun class on range.
November 20--Brigade review before General L. D. Tyson.
November 29--Thanksgiving Holiday. Big feeds in all mess halls and good time in general.
December 4--Machine Gun class started under Capt. A. J. Pack, B. A.
December 11--Heavy snow.
December 17--Division quarantine raised.
December 25--Christmas--Holiday.
December 29--Snow.
January 1--New Years' Day--Holiday.
January 4--Practice march in snow.
January 8--Extra tents issued Battalion. Men are more comfortable now.
January 21--Heavy sleet. Trees breaking down.
February 22--Holiday.
March 1--Company "D", 113th Machine Gun Battalion, added to Battalion, and becomes Company "D", 114th Machine Gun Battalion, Capt. E. B. Cantey, Commanding.
March 11-12--Colonel Applin, B.A., lectures to officers and N. C. O.'s on Machine Gun Tactics and Discipline.
April 1--Capt. A. J. Pack, B.A., starts machine gun school at "Camp Vickers."
April 20--Battalion went through "gas cloud and shell attack" at Camp Sevier. Replacements received from Camp Funston.
April 27--Leaves and furloughs cancelled.
April 29--Packing up and getting ready to leave.
April 30--Advance School Detachment leaves for Hoboken, N. J.
May 1--Loading on train in morning and entrained at 7:30 p.m. Left Camp Sevier at 8:30 p.m.
May 3--Arrived Camp Mills, L. I., at 3:30 p.m.
May 9--Packing for embarkation. Freight loaded in afternoon.
May 10--Entrained for wharf at 9:30 a.m. Went on transport El Penor at 3:00 p.m.
May 11--Left dock 9:30 a.m. Joined convoy at 11:00 a.m.
May 12--First "life boat drill." Life belts issued.
May 14--Passed several ships--apparently transports bound for America.
May 15--Orders to show no lights. No smoking on deck after dark.
May 16--Sharp squall.
May 17--Squall continues. Sleet in afternoon.
May 19--Sea smooth. Entered "Danger Zone." Orders to wear life belts at all times.
May 20--Escorting cruiser left convoy.
May 21--Destroyer fleet joined convoy. El Penor has engine trouble but soon rejoins convoy.
May 22--Heavy fog all day. One ship ran down some kind of boat. Results not known. Fog lifts at 7:30 p.m. Land appears on starboard side--Isle of Man. During fog, about noon, three explosions heard. Thought by ship officers to be depth

