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149th Field Artillery Newspaper Collection

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Biographical Note

“The 149th” newspaper was issued monthly in the interest of the 149th U.S. Field Artillery fighting in France during World War I. The newspaper printed letters from soldiers, updates on movements, lists of soldiers wounded and killed in action, and histories of each battery and regiment in general.

The regiment was divided into six batteries (A-F) based on where soldiers were initially stationed in Illinois. Battery: A - Danville; B - Galesburg; C - Waukegan; D - Chicago (Board of Trade Battery); E - Chicago (Illinois National Guard)(Rainbow Division); F - Urbana-Champaign (University of Illinois). Regimental organization took place at the State Fair Grounds in Springfield Illinois in June of 1916 and became known as the First Illinois Field Artillery. On June 20, 1917 the regiment was mustered into Federal Service and became the 149th.

The regiment left for France on October 18th, 1917.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The 149th Field Artillery newspaper collection consists of two issues of "The 149th" newspaper. The newspaper was printed in Chicago, Illinois in 1918 and followed the movements of the 149th U.S. Field Artillery fighting in France during World War I. Each issue is complete and consists of sixteen and fifteen pages respectively.

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