

The United States Of America

Soldier's Mail

Preparedness

Citizen's Military Training Camp & the Plattsburgh Movement

Declaration of War

with Germany

with Austria-Hungary

April 6, 1917

December 7, 1917

Home Front

Mobilization

Departure

Arrival

1st US troops in France (1st Division)

June 26, 1917

Combat

Cambrai

20 November - 4 December 1917

Somme Defensive

21 March - 6 April 1918

Lys

9 - 27 April 1918

Aisne

27 May - 5 June 1918

Montdidier-Noyon

9 - 13 June 1918

Chanoagne-Marne

15 - 18 July 1918

Aisne-Marne

18 July - 6 August 1918

Somme Offensive

8 August - 11 November 1918

Oise-Aisne

8 August - 11 November 1918

Ypres-Lys

19 August - 11 November 1918

St. Mihiel

12 - 16 September 1918

Meuse-Argonne

26 September - 11 November 1918

Vittorio Veneto

24 October - 4 November 1918

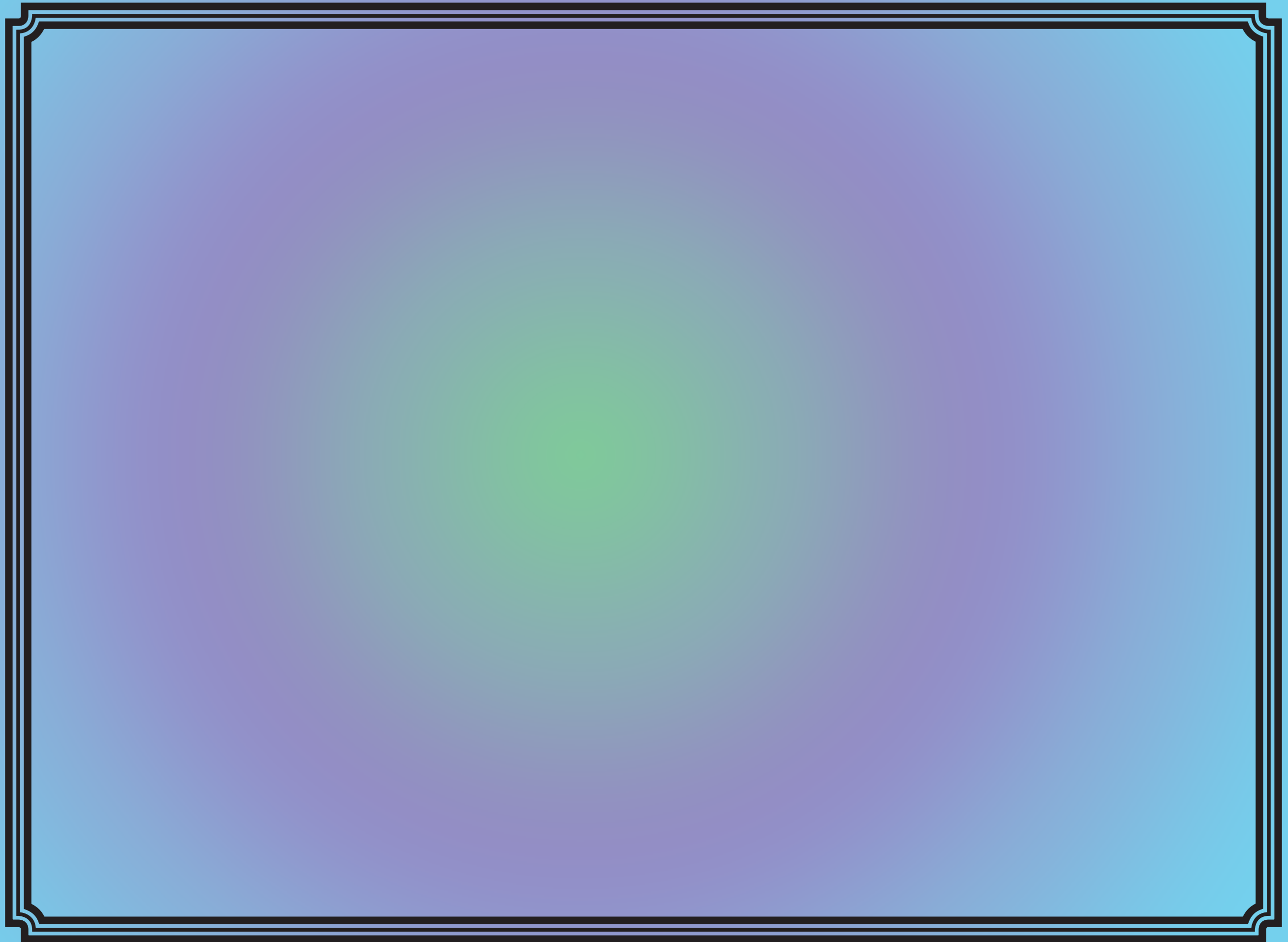
Intervention

North Russia

Siberia

Occupation

Return



Correspondence

letters involving the same person or persons

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Machine Gun Battalion 336

Berger Correspondence



The 336th M. G. Bn. was part of the 87th Division. These letters were mailed from Europe. Thus they must have been written between the units arrival in France in August or September 1918 and its return to the United States in 1919. (Division Headquarters left in January. Presumably the rest of the Division left then or shortly thereafter.

The Eighty-seventh Division was organized at Camp Pike, Arkansas in August, 1917, from drafted men of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. After providing detachments for replacements abroad the division was reorganized with recruits from other camps, and upon transfer to Camp Dix, New Jersey, in June, 1917 (undoubtedly 1918 since unit founded in August 1917), approximately 20,000 drafted men from New York and New Jersey were assigned. The organization was as follows:

- 173d Infantry Brigade:
 - 345th and 346th Infantry; 335th Machine Gun Battalion.
- 174th Infantry Brigade:
 - 347th and 348th Infantry; 336th Machine Gun Bn.
- 162d Field Artillery Brigade:
 - 334th and 335th (light), 336th (heavy) Field Artillery; 312th Trench Mortar Battery.
- 334th Machine Gun Battalion.
- 312th Engineers.
- 312th Field Signal Battalion.
- Trains.

The first element of the division arrived in France August 28, 1918; the last September 16, 1918.

The division was reported to the Commanding General, S.O.S. for duty the latter part of September, Headquarters were established at Pons (Charente Inférieure) on September 12th. The organizations were distributed through the base and intermediate sections, S.O.S., but the division did not lose its identity as a combat unit, and when the armistice was signed, it was under orders for service at the front and the headquarters and headquarters troops were actually in movement on November 11th.

Division headquarters sailed from St. Nazaire January 10, 1919, and arrived at New York January 22, 1919.

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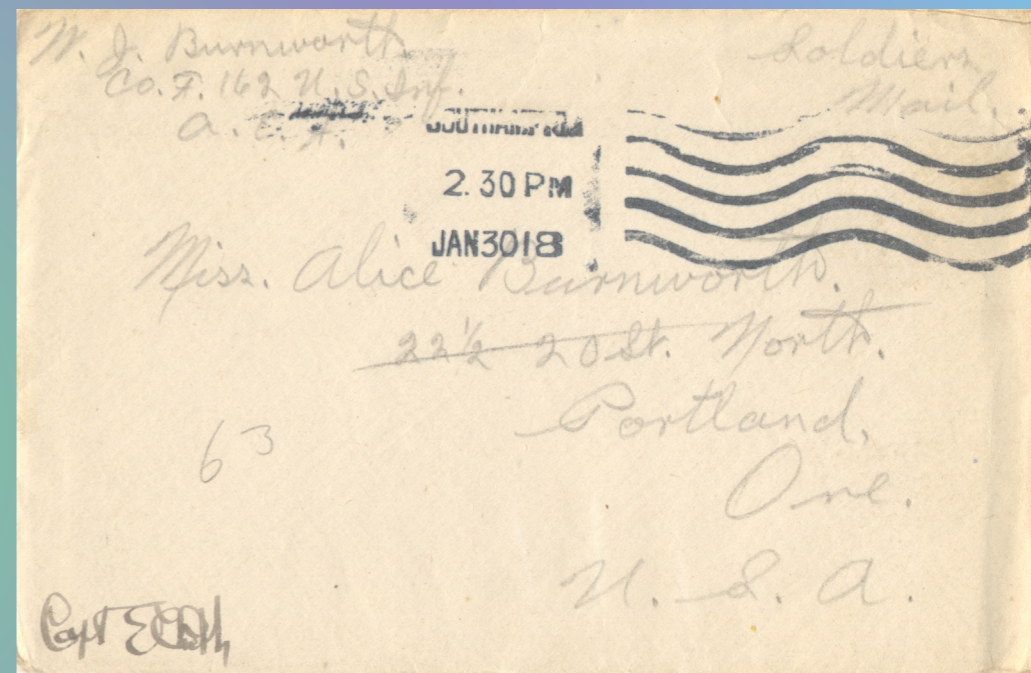
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162nd Infantry Regiment

Burnworth

I have six letters from a soldier of the 162nd Regiment while in England to his sister in Portland, Oregon:

Southampton Jan. 30, 1918 There does not appear to be any censorship of this letter, although the lower left has a signature which could be unit censorship. It is postmarked Southampton, a port with a major World War I role and he mentions being in quarantine as well as receiving a letter from her just before "we left." The letter ends with him providing his address. He has just arrived in Britain. To see the text click [here](#).



The history of the 41st Infantry Brigade can be traced back to 1887 when the Summers Law established the Oregon National Guard. In 1917, the 41st Infantry Division was formed (Named the Sunset Division). Oregon National Guard infantry, field artillery and cavalry units were sent to Camp Green, North Carolina, where, together with other National Guard units from the northwestern states, they were formed into the 41st Division. Some units changes were made as they processed into the 41st Division. The Third Oregon Infantry became the 162nd Infantry Regiment. The Oregon Field Artillery helped form the 147th Field Artillery Regiment which later was armed with the lethal French 75" cannon. Since no real role existed for cavalry units in World War I, Oregon's cavalry troops were disbanded. Many of the men and officers went to the 148th Field Artillery Regiment which did have horse-drawn 155mm GPF cannons. The two artillery regiments, along with the 146th Field Artillery, made up the 66th Field Artillery Brigade -- the organic artillery of the 41st Division.

After months of hard work, training, reorganizing and re-equipping for war, the Division moved to Camp Mills, New Jersey, for shipment overseas. The first divisional units departed the United States on November 26, 1917. Within sight of the French coast, tragedy struck. Two torpedoes from a German U-boat ripped in the "TUSCANIA" which was carrying, among the others, men of the 66th Field Artillery Brigade. Fortunately, French fishing boats were in the area and pulled survivors from the freezing waters thus avoiding a great loss of life.

In France, the 41st Division received a major disappointment. It was designated a replacement division and did not go to combat as a unit. The majority of its infantry personnel went to the 1st, 2nd, 32nd and 42nd Divisions where they served throughout the war. The 147th Field Artillery was attached to the 32nd Division and saw action at Aisne-Marne, Meuse-Argonne and other areas. The 146th and 148th of the 66th Field Artillery Brigade were attached as corps artillery units and participated in the battles of Chateau Thierry, Aisne-Marne, St Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne.

<http://www.usmilitariaforum.com/forums/index.php?/topic/137-41st-infantry-division/>

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Burnworth 180130

England
Jan 27, 1918.

Dear sister:-

I received
your letter of Dec. 13,
today; I received a letter
from you just before
we left but did not get
a chance to answer it.

I am feeling fine,
and hope, this letter
will find you in good
health.

The climate here is,
almost the same as in
Oregon; it has been
pretty rainy here the
last week, but when
the sun does shine

it is sure great for
this is certainly a
beautiful place.

We are getting along
fine, although we are
in quarantine.

There isn't much I
can tell you, only that
I am getting along fine
and am well contented
here, it is the best
place we have been
since we left the
states.

Well when you write
tell me all the things of
interest, for I haven't
received the latest news
from there for some
time.

Tell all the folks
hello,

My address is

Co. F. 162 U. S. Inf.

With Love, A. E. F.

Yours Bro. Bill,

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