



TENTH AND MCGEE STREETS

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



Dec. 3 '30

I went to the funeral of
the largest infirmity complex
I've ever known Monday.

When I was twenty one I
was a clerk in the old Union
National Bank. Fernando P. Neal
owned it, and operated it and
the Calvary Baptist Church.

I joined the National Guard of
Missouri while I was there.

Battery B of the 1st Mo Bu of Art.

Geo H. Collins Captain, Fred A.

Boxley 1st Lt. and numerous

spts. privs. + corporals.

We went to Cape Girardeau
on our first encampment.

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Dr. J. Thos Pittman was the
Medico attached to us. He had
a pet by the name of Elliott
in his section; a large fat
individual whose military
ability was shown by his a-
droitness in escaping duty
of any nature.

In 1907 or 1908 we went to
St Joe and I found Elliott
as my chief of section (the 6th)
in Bty B. He had the soverest
saddle seat in the Bty both
going and coming. We used
the horses of Lemon Bros
Circus. Elliott kept advancing on

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National Guard military affairs
and finally became Captain
of City B.

We went to Ft Riley some
time after he became Capt
and some of the boys to show
that they still loved him
took a bucket of ice water
and emptied it over him
in his night gown, one of these
old fashioned long affairs that
reached to his ankles. If he'd
seen caught the perpetrator
of that joke I am certain
he'd have killed him. He never
caught him.

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Things went along and in 1916 Elliott as Captain took B Bty to Laredo Texas. When he got home he had a meeting. He also had one on the Border, but it wasn't serious.

On Apr. 6 1917 War was declared with Germany. I met Ted Marks on the street one day and told him I'd like to go to France if B Bty went. I'd been out of the Guard some five years recruiting or trying to run a farm.

B Bty was expanded into a Regiment, the 2nd Inf. M. F. A. after was 129 F. A. 3rd 5th Division. By doing

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a little recruiting duty Texas
elected 1st Lt Bty F. 129 F.A.
and due to the gangs help, i.e.
old Bty B men Elliot was made
Lt Col 2nd Mo F.A. and Karl
Kleuser was made Col and
Comdg officer