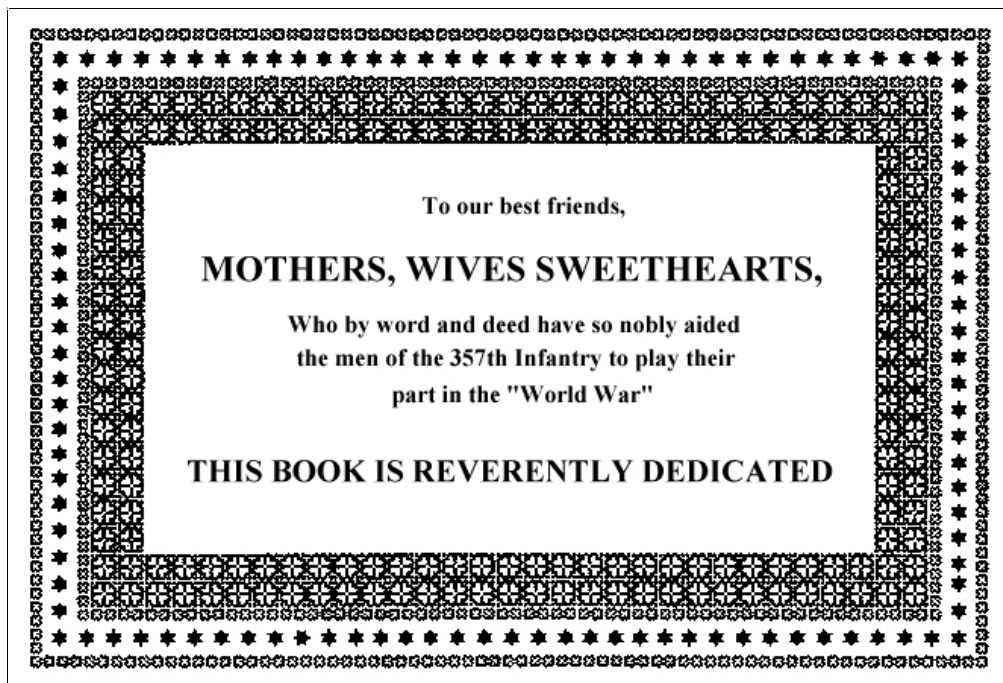


357TH INFANTRY



**IT'S HISTORY FROM ORGANIZATION
UNTIL PART OF ARMY OF OCCUPATION
1917-1919**



To our best friends,

MOTHERS, WIVES SWEETHEARTS,

Who by word and deed have so nobly aided
the men of the 357th Infantry to play their
part in the "World War"

THIS BOOK IS REVERENTLY DEDICATED

IN MEMORIUM

**TO THOSE MEN OF THE 357TH INFANTRY
WHO PAID THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF
DEVOTION THAT LIBERTY MIGHT NOT PERISH
FROM THE EARTH**



PREFACE

HEADQUARTERS 357th INFANTRY,
AMERICAN E. F., GERMANY,
4, APRIL, 1919.

1. The Regimental Commander has caused this little book to be prepared as a brief history showing principally the actions and places with which the regiment was associated during the great European war just ended. A study of available maps will enable one to follow the movements of the regiment from one sector to another and to visualize its participation in the more important active operations.

2. Blank spaces have been provided so that each soldier can fill in the necessary data to complete his individual records and the part he took in the war. Company commanders, through their lieutenants and company clerks, will render every possible assistance to the men in filling in these spaces, not only by verifying the same but by furnishing the necessary names of towns or geographical points which may have been forgotten or with which the men are not familiar, so that each individual record may be as complete as possible.

3. The following memorandum of 11, February, 1919, these headquarters, is republished for the information of all:

1. The correct form for the notation in service records, called for by Section 4, G. O. No. 4, G. H. Q., is as follows for the 357th infantry:

HEADQUARTERS 357TH INFANTRY.

BATTLES:

St. Mihiel Offensive, 12-16 September 1918.

Meuse-Argonne Offensive, 19 October – 11 November 1918.

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS:

Villers-en-Haye Sector, 24 August – 11 September 1918.

Puvenelle Sector, 17 September – 10 October 1918.

Puvenelle Sector (Preny Offensive), 26 September 1918.

Puvenelle Sector (Fme. Sebastapol Offensive), 23-24 September 1918.

2. The Regiment has participated in more engagements than any other organization in the 90th Division.

By order of Colonel Hartmann:

Thos. S. Smith
Captain, 357th Infantry
Operations Officer.

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PART I

ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIMENT AND DEPARTURE FOR FRANCE

The 357th Infantry was organized at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas, under the command of Colonel Edw. T. Hartmann, who had reported for duty on August 22, 1917.

The officers of the Regiment who had graduated from the First R. O. T. C. at Leon Springs, Texas, reported and were assigned to the regiment August 29, 1917.

September 5, 1917, the first men reported to the regiment, the number being 20 men per company. This was five per cent of the first official draft, all the men being from the western part of Oklahoma. Later drafts were received on September 19th and October 3d, the largest part of the draft arriving on the latter date.

The regular training schedule as called for by the War Department was taken up. On March 19, 1918, the regiment was stripped to send well-trained men to the 28th, 35th and 82nd Divisions, which were almost ready to sail for France.

More men were drafted from Oklahoma and the officers found themselves drilling recruits again, but the task was not so hard this time, as the non-commissioned officers of the first draft had developed into very efficient assistants and everything progressed smoothly.

About May 10th, information was received that the Division would go to France and that it would be filled to full strength by men from Camp Dodge, Iowa. 1500 men were received from this camp.

June 10, 1918, the regiment entrained at Camp Travis, Texas for Camp Mills, New York, at which camp 200 men were received from Camp Upton. On June 20th the regiment sailed for France.