BATTALION STAFF

53rd FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION

GEORGE E. FREDERICK
Major
Assistant Executive Officer

RAYMOND C. "SLA" KINCH
Captain
Adjutant

JOSPEH L. HADDEN
Major
Executive Officer

GEOJE I. FLYNN
1st Lieutenant
Medical Officer
(Photographs Unobtainable)

GEORGE L. M. PRUEK
Captain
S-3

PHILIP G. HAYES
Captain
Assistant, S-3

ROBERT L. SMITH
2nd Lieutenant
Personnel Officer

RAYMOND C. "SLA" KINCH
Captain
Adjutant

CHARLES M. PEEL
Captain
S-3

EVERTT G. HAYES
Captain
Assistant, S-3

ROBERT L. SMITH
2nd Lieutenant
Personnel Officer
1. Message center, Headquarters Battery.

2. Field radio, Headquarters Battery.

3. Field desk, Headquarters Battery.

4. Battalion switchboard, Headquarters Battery.
53rd Field

1. Battery A office in field.
2. Moving gun into bivouac, Battery A.
3. Gun moving into position, Battery A.
4. Executive car moving into bivouac, Battery A.

Artillery Battalion

5. Anti-aircraft vehicle, Battery A.
6. Digging pit for ice chest, Battery A.
7. Ice water shower in field, Battery A.
8. "Hot foot," Battery A.
1. Service Battery in review.

2-3. Gun position, Battery C.

4. Moving into bivouac, Battery B.

5. Antitank section, Battery C.

6. Field mess kitchen, Battery C.
HEADQUARTERS
AND HEADQUARTERS
BATTERY

53rd FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

George G. O'Connor
1st Lieutenant
Commanding
Headquarters & Headquarters
Battery & Communication
Officer

Robert P. Ronnie
1st Lieutenant
Liaison Officer

William H. Hardin
1st Lieutenant
SD Antitank Battalion

Leon C. Smith
2nd Lieutenant
Motor Officer


Joseph D. Gilmore
1st Lieutenant
Battalion S-2
(Photograph Unobtainable)

Merton E. Munson
1st Lieutenant
Liaison Officer
(Photograph Unobtainable)


SERVICE BATTERY
53rd FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

BATTERY A
53rd FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

ELKANAH BAYCOCK, JR.  
1st Lieutenant  
Motor Officer

JOHN D. ADAMS  
2nd Lieutenant  
Executive Officer

ROSCOE CHITWOOD  
2nd Lieutenant  
Assistant Reconnaissance Officer

JOHN R. ALLEN  
1st Lieutenant  
(Photograph Unobtainable)

BATTERY B

53rd FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

BATTERY C
53rd FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION


The 80th Field Artillery, a World War unit of the 8th Field Artillery Brigade, 8th Division, was organized as the 22nd Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. On November 1, 1917, the 22nd Cavalry was redesignated the 80th Field Artillery. The regiment served overseas from August 22, 1918 until June 20, 1919.

On September 10, 1921, the 80th Field Artillery was made inactive. On October 1, 1933, the regiment was reconstituted. The 3rd Battalion, 80th Field Artillery, was made active by transfer of personnel from the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, which was made inactive. There is no historical connection between the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery and the 3rd Battalion, 80th Field Artillery. From October 1, 1933, to September 30, 1939, the 3rd Battalion was the only active Battalion in the 80th Field Artillery.

On October 1, 1939, the 3rd Battalion of the 80th Field Artillery was redesignated the 2nd Battalion, 80th Field Artillery. The Headquarters Battery and 1st Battalion, 80th Field Artillery, was activated at Fort Lewis, Washington, on October 12, 1939, from a cadre of 85 men who were transferred from the 2nd Battalion, 80th Field Artillery.

The regiment was assembled at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, on November 9, 1939, as a part of the 6th Division. After participating in winter training and maneuvers in South Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana, from November 9, 1939, to May 31, 1940, the home station of the 1st Battalion was changed to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and the regiment returned there as a unit.

On October 1, 1940, the Regiment was redesignated the 80th Field Artillery Battalion by transfer of personnel and equipment from the 80th Field Artillery, less Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, which was redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Division Artillery.

The 80th Field Artillery Battalion consists of three 155mm Howitzer batteries; one 75mm antitank battery; and a service and ammunition battery as well as a battalion headquarters battery.

The transportation of the battalion consists of 98 motor vehicles, including prime movers, cargo trucks and command cars, and ambulances.

The Battalion left its station at Fort Des Moines in May, 1941, to join the other units of the 6th Division at its station at Fort Leonard Wood.
HOWARD W. TURNER
LIEUTENANT COLONEL
U. S. A.
COMMANDING, 80th FIELD ARTILLERY

Lieutenant Colonel Turner came into the Army as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry on June 5, 1917 and was assigned to the 48th Infantry. Transferring to the Signal Corps, he went to Germany in 1919 and was with the Army of Occupation as a member of the 1st Field Signal Battalion. He served also in the 3rd Field Signal Battalion and with the 42nd Infantry and 2nd Infantry. In 1924, he transferred to the Field Artillery and saw service with the following Field Artillery Regiments: The 14th, 24th, 16th, 12th, 16th, 82nd, and 80th. His service with the 24th was in the Philippines in 1925, 26, and 27.

Colonel and Mrs. Turner, the former Miss Enid Willard, have one daughter, Eleanor.
BATTALION STAFF
80th FIELD ARTILLERY

FRANCIS W. CRAVY
Major
Executive Officer
(Photograph Unobtainable)

ALEX J. IRWIN
1st Lieutenant
Adjutant

JOHN J. DAVIS
Captain
Asst. S-3

ROBERT A. OLSON
2nd Lieutenant
Asst. S-2

ALFRED VERSALA
Major
S-3

WILLIAM C. PRATT
1st Lieutenant
Medical Officer

HAROLD L. NEWEL
1st Lieutenant
S-2
(Photograph Unobtainable)
80th Field Artillery Battalion

1. Lieutenant Colonel Turner directing convoy.
2. 80th Field Artillery Battalion Headquarters building.
80th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

1. Service Battery motors and crew.
2. Service Battery going out.
3. 80th Field Artillery Battalion on review.
4. Medical Detachment trucks.
5. Service Battery truck.
6. Headquarters Battery truck.
7. Passing in review, Headquarters Battery.
80th Field Artillery Battalion

(Left) Battery A truck with gun attached. Battery A truck. Battery B in convoy.

(Right) Battery B route marker. Battery B route marker climbing aboard truck. Battery C truck in convoy.
HEADQUARTERS
AND HEADQUARTERS
BATTERY
80th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

JOSEPH G. WOSEN
1st Lieutenant
Commanding
Headquarters and
Headquarters Battery

CLIFFORD E. BRISCO
1st Lieutenant

CHARLES N. DICKER
2nd Lieutenant


SERVICE BATTERY
80th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Earl W. Peak
1st Lieutenant
Commanding, Service Battery and S-4

Jacob F. Mynderse
2nd Lieutenant

Jess E. Newland
2nd Lieutenant

Harry K. Thompson
2nd Lieutenant
Motor Officer

First row: V. H. Johnson, PFC B. F. Judge, Walker, W. T. Jochims, PFC F. C. Wilcox, PFC F. E. Batenan, PFC A. L. Oyen,
Cullars, L. N. Smith, H. L. Smith, R. H. Pape, G. W. Havelock.

J. L. Harris, J. Brown, Jr., A. Kirtley, PFC B. L. McQuillen.
Third row: PFC D. B. Dawson, W. J. Wellet, R. N. Maxmorg, F.
Easterday, C. E. Carver, C. J. Raborn, G. Graham, G. B. Tip-
perry, D. W. Grass, J. D. Dabneay, R. J. Conrad.

- 272 -

BATTERY A
80th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION