

HISTORY OF 222d , ARTY in BEAVER, UTAH

The 222d FA is the outgrowth of the Nauvoo Legion org 3 Feb 1841 as authorized by the Illinois Legislature of which Abraham Lincoln was a member.

1846-1847 400 men constituting the Mormon Bn during the Mexican war were drawn from the Nauvoo Legion. Brigham Young was a supporter of this org and they were mustered into service 16 July 1846. They marched from Ft Leavenworth, Kansas to San Diego, Calif. Units of the 222d who received credit for this are Hq Btry, Salt Lake City, Svc Btry, Lehi, Btry A, Brigham City, Btry B, Ogden, Btry C, Spanish Fork, 2d Bn Hq, Beaver, Btry D, Mt. Pleasant, Btry E, Richfield, Btry F, Cedar City.

1861-1865, During the Civil War units were again called to active duty used ~~xx~~ mainly guarding communication lines and roads and battling Indians. Units receiving service credit for this Hq Btry, Salt Lake City, Btry C Spanish Fork, Btry D, Mt Pleasant, Btry E, Richfield, Btry F, Cedar City and Hq Btry 2d Bn, Beaver.

1917-1918 World War I, 222d units were re-designated as 145th FA and arrived in France Sept 1918.

After World War I the units were re-organized and on 16 Apr 1929, Hq Btry 2d Bn 222 Reg was organized at Beaver with their main Armory being the old Opera House.

World War II, The 222d FA Reg was mustered into Fed Svc on 3 Mar 1941 eight months before World War II began and sent to Camp San Luis Obispo Calif for tng. The Reg was loaded on shipboard ready to depart for the Philippine, Island when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor which cancelled the sailing orders. The Bn was re-designated as the 204th FA Bn and later saw action in Europe and was inactivated 29 Nov 1945.

On 14 Mar 1947 it was re-organized and re-designated as 213th Armd FA Bn with units finally org as follows, Hq Btry, Cedar City, Btry A Richfield, Btry B St George, Btry C Fillmore and Svc Btry Beaver.

Korea 1950-1952, the Bn was called again to active duty 19 Aug 1950, and at 2200 hours 26 Jan 51 the unit departed from the docks of Seattle, Wash for the far east command. Fourteen days later docked at Yokohama, Japan and landed in Korea 16 Feb 1951. The Bn received many commendations in Korea incl Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Unit citation and many letters of commendations.

The unit was re-organized again in 1953 as ~~Svc Btry~~ 2 Bn 222 FA which it remains to date. In Mar 1960 the Bn was one of two Bn in the US selected on a pilot program of being air lifted out of the continental US and was taken to Puerto Rico for its annual 15 da training. While there it was visited by the Sec of The Army Brucker, Gen McGowan Chief Ntl Guard Bureau, the Adjutant General of Utah Gen Rich, The Adjutant Gen of Puerto Rico, Gen Cordero. The Bn received many high praises from the visitors

one by Gen Cordero which I think fits our unit and the Bn, he said "The Utah National Guard Unit was the best disciplined, most courteous, most efficient military unit he had ever come in contact with.

On 16 Apr 1962 plans were approved for the new Armory, with ground breaking in July 62 and the unit realized their dreams in Mar 1963 when they moved into the new bldg.

The unit in Beaver has won many outstanding awards in recent years, they are too numerous to mention all but a few are the Eisenhower award twice in three years for the most outstanding unit in the Utah National Guard. The Gen Hummel award for the most outstanding Arty unit in the Utah National Guard, the outstanding maint award three out of seven years, 6 unit superior awards given by the Ntl Guard Bureau. This past year this Bn was again selected as one of two units in the Ntl Guard or Reserve to take the ARTEP which is a regular army tng test that very few units are able to score well on, this Bn scored right with and in some cases above regular army units. As a result of this and other performances the Bn was awarded the Milton A Reckert trophy for the outstanding Bn size unit in an area consisting of the western states.

Truly this NG unit in Beaver has a rich and proud heritage and has had almost continuous service since before Utah became a state.

HQRS. AND HQRS. BATTERY, 2nd BATTALION,
222nd FIELD ARTILLERY
BEAVER, UTAH

Major

Beal, Henry E.
Luth, Ben C.

Captain

Tolton, Grant H.
Barker, James R.
McShane, Orrice C.

First Lieutenants

Manziona, Joseph A.
Knowlton, Stewart H.

Second Lieutenant

Gentry, Russell A.

Second Lieutenants

(Attached Unassigned)
Anderson, Ardell
Tanner, Eugene L.

First Sergeant

White, Elmer D.

Technical Sergeant

Tattersall, E. Stan

Staff Sergeant

Grimshaw, Ronald H.
Murdock, Edward T.
Puffer, Ephraim L.

Sergeants

Gillies, Acle T.
Smith, Paul A.
Walker, Marion H.

Corporals

Gentry, Mack R.
Morris, Eldon A.
Tolton, Grant M.

Private First Class

Burt, Ward M.
Edwards, Vivian E.
Eyre, Donald J.
Fordham, Ralph

Hqrs. and Hqrs. Battery, 2nd Battalion Continued

Gillies, Noel
Gillies, William B.
Gurr, Arnold O.
Jones, John T.
Heaton, Glendon W.
Messinger, Walter L.
Morris, King
Oakden, Charles S.
Paxton, Wallace P.
Spafford, Nelson W.
Stevens, Lyle K.

Privates

Barney, Ivan J.
Barton, Alma W.
Barton, Roy D.
Beeson, Eslin R.
Beeson, Frank A.
Blackner, James B.
Bohn, Warren H.
Bradshaw, Collis
Branin, George W.
Branin, Robert A.
Brooke, Bill T.
Brown, Robert A.
Cerberidge, Lyle H.

Cox, William O.
Dalley, Fenton M.
Dalton, Alma
Dalton, France C.
Davis, Arvil
Farrer, J. Ross
Firmage, William W.
Fotheringham, Arthur L.
Garton, Dewey T.
Goodwin, Warren F.
Gunn, Quentin, W.
Hatch, Vedell L.
Holyoak, Royce
Jackson, Delmar V.
Kocherhans, David L.
Lewis, David E.
Lee, Stanley M.
Low, James R.
Manhart, John C.
Martin, Robert W.
Morgan, Aubra R.
Murdock, Elmer
Murdock, Norman G.
Nay, Arnold
Nay, Clarence D.

Norton, Guy L.
Nowers, Edward W.
Osborne, Nolan S.
Patterson, Chester R.
Patterson, Jim W.
Patterson, Robert W.
Patterson, Vernett W.
Pedigo, Thomas M.
Paxton, Baker J.
Pollock, Joseph A.
Pollock, Joy D.
Powell, Glen K.
Robb, Miles
Rogers, Joseph R.
Savage, Willis G.
Scott, Farrell M.
Swindlehurst, Joseph R.
Throckmorton, Asa R.
Walker, Melvin L.
Watters, Lee
Willden, Cecil
Willden, LaVell
Willden, Russell I.
Williams, Bevan L.
Williams, Ellis E.

THE ABOVE UNITS WERE INDUCTED INTO
FEDERAL SERVICES ON MARCH 3, 1941