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HOTEL

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Dec. 3 '30

I went to the funeral of  
the largest inferiority complex  
I have 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 1<sup>st</sup> Mo Bu of Art.  
Geo H. Collins Captain, Fred A.  
Waxley 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. and numerous  
sgts. privs. + corporals.

We went to Cape Girardeau  
in our first encampment.

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Dr. J. Thos Pittman was the  
Medico attached to us. He had  
a pt 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 6<sup>th</sup>)  
in Bty B. He had the so-called  
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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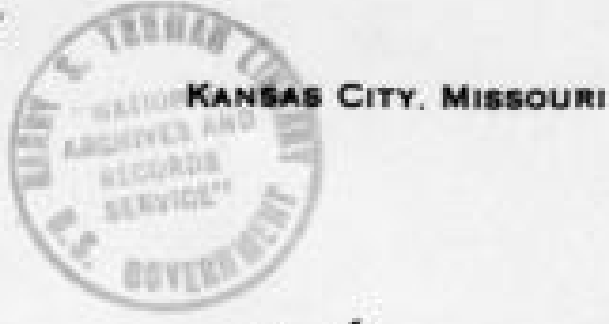
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National Guard military affairs.  
and finally became Captain  
of City B.

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  
ever caught the perpetrator  
of that joke I am certain  
he'd have killed him. He never  
caught him.

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Thing went along and in 1916 Elliott as Captain took B Bty to Laredo Texas. When he got home he had a muntney. He also had one on the Border, but it was not 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 running or trying to run a farm.

B Bty was expanded into a Regiment, the 2<sup>nd</sup> M. F. A. afterwards 129 F. A. 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Elliott was made  
Lt. Col. 2nd Mo. F.A. and Karl  
Kleunen was made Col. and  
Comdg officer