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MAJOR EUGENE BLOCK JETT

Major Jett, State Quartermaster, died at his home in Little Rock at 1:35 a.m., 23 March 1927. His service dated from 1900. He was the UNITED STATES Property and Disbursing Officer until he reached the age limit prescribed by law. He was buried with the highest of military honors.

GREEN FOREST TORNADO

The Service Battery of the 206th CA (AA), Harrison, Arkansas, was called to active duty on 18 March 1927, when a tornado struck Green Forest, destroying more than 750 homes and business houses, with a property loss that ran into many thousands of dollars. The organization rendered efficient service in aiding the civil authorities in restoring law and order for the relief of the stricken citizenship.

UNION COUNTY STORM

Headquarters Detachment, First Battalion, 206th CA (AA), El Dorado, was called to active duty on 10 May 1927 to assist the local authorities in the restoration of law and order to protect the lives and property as a result of a severe tornado which swept Union County and destroyed Strong, Arkansas.

1927 FLOOD RELIEF

At the first call of the emergency, 18 April 1927, 53 officers and 808 enlisted men, as well as trucks and all available means of transportation, were used. Concentration camps were constructed in the Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Monticello, Warren, McGehee, and many other areas, which accommodated 18,401 whites and 88,830 colored refugees, with shelter, food and medical care. In many instances, the soldiers prevented looting, pilferage, and destruction of property, by constant patrolling on foot, in boats, and by vehicle. This was particularly true in the Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Pine Bluff areas. Flood relief duty continued for a period of approximately thirty days.

LITTLE ROCK - MOB VIOLENCE

This event occurred 4 May 1927, and should be strongly talked about. Many negro lives were saved by quick action of the troops and the disbursing of a very angry mob of some two or three thousand people, at 9th and Broadway Streets. All information is available in documentary form, as well as photostatic copies of the Arkansas Democrat and Gazette articles covering the disturbance.

While Battery H, 206th CA (AA), Captain Harry W. Smith in command, was still on duty during the mob violence at 9th and Broadway, Lonnie Dixon (negro) was apprehended and taken into custody. This was the negro