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89TH ARMY BAND
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

AKPSIX-M

12 February 1952

SUBJECT: Activities Report for Year of 1951

TO: Commanding Officer
17th Field Artillery Group
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Attached hereto is Activities Report for year of 1951 for
this unit.

Ralph V. Smith
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ACTIVITIES REPORT

1. The information contained herein, as best can be determined, is based on the activities of this unit for the past year. Little is known of the history of this unit due to the turn-over of key personnel.

2. This band has been carrying on classes in military and musical subjects including: first aid, map reading, military sanitation, scouting and patrolling, transporting sick and wounded, military courtesy and discipline, school of the soldier, domestic disturbances, interior guard and sentry duties, combat duties of bandmen, tent pitching, camouflage, music fundamentals, pitch discrimination, and sight singing. The band received a Superior rating on an inspection by the Chief of Army Bands Branch, Washington, D.C. held at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in May 1951.

3. The band has played honor guards for visiting dignitaries from various foreign countries including: Minister of War, Bolivia; Chief of Staff, Italy; and Chief of Staff, Cuba. The dance band played for the 176th Anniversary (estimated) of the US Marine Corps held in the ballroom of the Ft. Sill, Officers' Mess.

4. The strength of this organization has been fairly consistent. The main factor that effected the attendance to rehearsals, classes, and formations is the handling of our own administration; thus necessitating the excusing of certain personnel to handle the volume of paper work. This intailed long hours of reading regulations etc. in order to correctly prepare the necessary reports and forms. This also has resulted in numerous and frequent expenditures of time after normal duty hours in an effort to keep abreast with these requirements. In addition, this requires duplication of training to include the men who formerly missed training while doing administrative work.

5. It is suggested that:

- a. T/O&E 20-107N be revised to include additional personnel for administration.
- b. Change 2, AR 250-5 be revised to authorize local procurement of music to insure more current popular music and better selecting power.

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RECORD OF EVENTS

- 1 Jan 51 Attached 18th FA Gp
- 24 Apr 51 Reorganized under column 7, C2, T/O&E 20-107N
(no change in authorized strength per GO 44, Hq TAC,
Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, dated 20 Apr 51)
- 14 Jun 51 Played at Buffalo Barbecue held at Quanah Parker Lake,
National Game and Forest Reserve, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma,
honoring USMA Class of 1952.
- 2 Aug 51 Band went to Oklahoma City and Tulsa to participate
to in Dedication Ceremonies.
5 Aug 51
- 6 Aug 51 Band went to Hobart, Oklahoma to participate in parade.
- 1 Sep 51 Released from attached to 18th FA Gp and attached to 77th
FA Gp per GO 100 Hq TAC, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, dated
28 Aug 51 effective 1 Sep 51, no change of station.
- 21 Sep 51 Band went to Oklahoma City to play for State Fair.
to
22 Sep 51
- 18 Oct 51 Band celebrated call to Federal Service by party at NCO
Mess #1, Fort Sill.
- 25 Oct 51 WOJG Ralph V. Smith assumes command of band, vice WOJG
Anthony R. Bacca, released per Para 4, SO 31, Hq 77th
Gp, dated 16 Oct 51.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY -- 1 January Thru 31 December 51

A. Original Unit

- (1) Designated - 121st Cavalry Band (NYNG)
- (2) Date of Organization - 14 Feb 1928
- (3) Place of Organization - Rochester, New York
- (4) Authority of Organization - Information not available
- (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained - Unknown

B. Changes in Organization:

- (1) 19 Nov 1940 - redesignated 209th AAA Band; authority not known.
- (2) In federal service from Feb 41 to Aug 45. During this time, the 209th AAA Band served in Northern Ireland; then successively in the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily, and Italy.
- (3) Available information indicates the 209th AAA Band was dissolved in or around Aug 45.
- (4) 30 Oct 47, 89th Army Band organized as successor to 209th AAA Band, authority unknown.
- (5) 15 Oct 1950, 89th Army Band called into federal service per Para 1, GO 163, Hq 1st Army, Governors Island, New York 4, New York, dated 19 Sep 50.
- (6) 20 Oct 50, 89th Army Band transferred to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma (PCS) auth MO Hq 1st Army, Governors Island, New York 4, New York, dated 30 Sep 50.
- (7) 26 Oct 50, 89th Army Band attached to TAC, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and further attached to 18th FA Gp as a ZI operating unit, per Para 1, GO 98, Hq TAC, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, dated 26 Oct 50.

C. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

1 Jan 51	1 WO	26 EM
Jan 51 Net Decrease	0	0
Feb 51 Net Increase	0	1
Mar 51 Net Increase	0	1
Apr 51	0	0
May 51 Net Decrease	0	1
Jun 51 Net Increase	0	6
Jul 51 Net Increase	0	2
Aug 51	0	0

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Sep 51 Net Increase	1	0
Oct 51 Net Decrease	0	1
Nov 51 Net Decrease	1	2
Dec 51 Net Decrease	0	1
31 Dec 51 Total Strength	1 WO	31 EM

D. Stations of unit or parts thereof:
(1) Fort Sill, Oklahoma (arrived October 1950)

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OVERALL RECORD OF PERFORMANCES OF THE 89TH ARMY BAND
(Period of 1 January 1951 thru 31 December 1951)

<u>Off Post Parades</u> 7	<u>Concerts</u> 40	<u>Parades & Reviews</u> 89	<u>Honor Guards</u> 3	<u>Retreats</u> 52 (Band) 130 (Bugler)
<u>Athletic Events</u> 18	<u>Reveille</u> 182 (Bugler)	<u>Graduation Exercises</u> 10	<u>In & Out Troups</u> 6	
<u>Guard Mount</u> 10	<u>Funerals</u> 4 (Band) 20 (Bugler)	<u>Orientation</u> 5	<u>Post Show</u> 1	<u>Organization Day</u> 1
<u>Drill</u> 15	<u>Reception</u> 1			

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STRENGTH FIGURES OF THE 89TH ARMY BAND FOR 1951 A.D.
(Computed as of the last day of each month)

	<u>EM Assigned</u>	<u>EM Atchd</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>WO Assigned & Atchd</u>
January	26	0	26	1
February	27	0	27	1
March	28	0	28	1
April	28	0	28	1
May	27	0	27	1
June	33	0	33	1
July	35	0	35	1
August	35	0	35	1
September	35	0	35	2
October	34	0	34	2
November	32	0	32	1
December	31	0	31	1