Chronology of (NC National Guard) 30th Division

1916-1919

9 Mar 1916 ‘General’ Pancho Villa and his ‘Army of the North’ attacks and burns Columbus, NM

15 Mar 1916 BG John J. Pershing leads a ‘Punitive Expedition’ across the border to punish Villa’s forces.

18 Jun 1916 President Wilson orders mobilization of National Guard for ‘border service’. War Department General Order Number (WD G.O. No.)10 orders troops designated to be mobilized.

19 Jun 1916 All NC NG units assemble at unit armories to prepare for deployment.

22 Jun 1916 Per NC Adjutant General Department G.O No. 12 the 2nd NC ordered to mobilize at Camp Glenn, NC.

24 Jun 1916 1st NC departs armories for Camp Glenn

26 Jun- Unfit soldiers mustered out and training begins in

22 Jul 1916 earnest.

28 Jun 1916 2nd NC INF RGT ordered to Camp Glenn. 12:10 P.M., Co. F departs Fayetteville and arrives at Camp Glenn about 20:15.

1 Jul 1916 3rd NC INF RGT ordered to Camp Glenn.

5 Jul 1916 Mobilized at Camp Glenn (Morehead City), North Carolina with Colonel Wiley C. Rodman commanding, recruiting parties authorized and sent throughout the state to bring units up to strength.

26 Aug 1916 Co. A, NC Engineers ordered to Camp Glenn.

20 Sep 1916 Co. B, NC Engineers ordered to Camp Glenn.

Sep 1916 2nd NC moved by rail to Camp Stewart (El Paso), Texas for Border Patrol service. All NC NG brigade together in the 7th Division (PA NG).

Jan 1917 Colonel Rodman succeeded by Lt. Colonel John Van B. Metts.7th DIV is disbanded and NC BDE re-assigned to the 10th Provisional DIV (NG units of KY, TN, SC & NC).

23 Mar 1917 NC BDE returned to NC and mustered out at Camp Royster (Goldsboro), NC. The 2nd NC INF RGT and NC Engineer Battalion will stay in service while remainder of NC BDE is mustered out.

Apr-Jun 1917 NC NG organized one RGT of Field Artillery, two Troops of Cavalry, one Cavalry Machine Gun Troop, one Engineer Company, one Engineer Train company, one Radio company, one Motor Truck company and a Veterinary Corps.

6 Apr 1917 U.S. Congress declared War on Germany.

6 May 1917 Selective service Act passed by Congress, signed by President Wilson on 18 May 1917.

18 May 1917 U.S. Congress approves three parts of the Army of the United States as Regular Army, National Guard, and the National Army and increases strength. WD G.O. No. 88 (DTD 11 Jul 1917), formally designates the renumbering of regiments, brigades, and divisions.

5 Jun 1917 First Registration for Selective Service (men age 21-31).

12 Jul 1917 All National Guard units inducted into Federal Service, per WD G.O No.90, North Carolina is mobilized on 25 July 1917.

18 Jul 1917 WD G. O. No. 95, established the 30th Division (DIV) to be composed of the National Guard of TN, NC & SC. Division will be formed at a cantonment named Camp Sevier, near Greenville, SC.

1 Aug 1917 Co. F, 2nd NC INF arrives at Camp Sevier (Greenville),

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3 Aug 1917 WD G.O. No.101, all NG division ordered to be concentrated at camps specified in WD G.O. 95.

5 Aug 1917 WD G.O. No. , all NG members discharged from the militia and subject to Regular Army rules and regulations.

16 Aug 1917 WD G.O. No.109, Table of Organization, Series A, 1917 published (Infantry Division).

20 Aug 1917 WD G.O. No. 115, numbering of new units ordered.

12 Sep 1917 Per 30th DIV G.O. No. 4, the 2nd NC INF RGT reorganized and re-designated 119th Infantry Regiment(INF RGT), 60th Brigade (BDE), 30th Division (DIV).

23 Sep 1917 Governor Thomas W. Bickett, orders the formation of the NC State Defense Militia to support the State during the National Guard’s mobilization.

Oct 1917 119th INF RGT has 2,275 men assigned.

11 Oct 1917 119th INF RGT parades in Greenville, SC for the 2nd Liberty Loan.

Nov 1917 Worst month for sickness in camp with epidemics of measles, pneumonia, and spinal meningitis.

24 Dec 1917 Worst winter (sleet & snow storms)in the South since 1898 will last through mid-Jan 1918.

31 Dec 1917 Colonel John Van B. Metts succeeded by Colonel F. LeJ Parker.

28 Mar 1918 119th INF RGT parades in Greenville, NC.

6 May 1918 119th INF RGT departs Camp Sevier via train for Philadelphia, PA.

11 May 1918 2nd Battalion (BN) (with Co. F). 119th INF RGT departs Philadelphia, PA aboard the ship “Haverford”, unit reports sighting submarine off the coast of England.

27 May 1918 “Haverford” arrives in Liverpool, England. Unit entrained for Dover and boarded ships to France.

28 May 1918 119th INF RGT arrives in Calais, France.

1918 27th and 30th Divisions assigned to the U.S. II Corps, located in the British sector-30th Divisions turns in U.S. arms for British, except 1-pounder (37mm) guns.

May 1918 30th DIV assigned to Landrethun, France for training.

17 Jun 1918 60th Brigade begins ‘Phase A’ training. Training will be in the Eperleques Area.

2 Jul 1918 ‘Phase B’ training started with a road march into Belgium. Training will be conducted at Watou.

10 Aug 1918 ‘Phase C’ Training (regimental terrain problems) conducted in rear of trench system in Ypres area.

15 Aug 1918 119th INF RGT assigned to the Canal Sector, of the Ypres Salient and relieved the 4th Kings Own RGT (British).

31 Aug 1918 Ypres-Lys Offensive, 30 DIV will capture Lock #8, Lankhof Farm, and remains of Voormezeele(1 square mile, 16 prisoners capture, 90-120 KIA and 200 WIA enemy.

3 Sep 1918 RGT relieved by the British 106th BDE. 30th DIV is reassigned to the British I Corps, 1st Army and sent to St. Pol, north of Amiens (2/119th INF RGT at Bunneville).

5 Sep 1918 119th INF RGT entrained at Poven.

7 Sep 1918 Unit arrived at St. Pol.

17 Sep 1918 Unit moved to Puchevilles area (Somme region) with 2nd BN/119th INF RGT at Varennes.

22 Sep 1918 Unit bused to Tincourt area. 30th DIV relieved 1st Australian DIV, Australian Corps, 4th British Army.

27 Sep 1918 60th BDE relieved 59th BDE in the front line (1st & 2nd BNs of 119th INF RGT with 3rd BN in reserve).

29 Sep 1918 Somme Offensive, (Battle of Bellicourt)the 119th INF RGT attacks the Hindenburg Line at Bellicourt, advancing 4,200 yards and capturing 47 officers and 1,434 men.

30 Sep 1918 30th DIV relieved by the Australian 5th DIV.

2 Oct 1918 119th INF RGT moved to Herbecourt-Le Mesnil area, with 2nd BN at Biaches.

9 Oct 1918 60th BDE relieves 59th BDE in the Battle of Montbrehain. 2nd BN is pushed forward and passed through the 117th INF RGT (59th BDE), capturing 45 officers and 1,889 men prisoners.

11 Oct 1918 119th INF RGT relieved in the line by the 108th INF RGT (27th DIV) and moved to the Bony-Premont-Busigny area as Corps reserve.

17 Oct 1918 60th BDE relieves the 59th BDE in the line at the Battle of La Selle River, advancing 9000 yards, capturing 6 officers, and 412 men.

19 Oct 1918 30th DIV relieved by the British 1st DIV, 119th INF RGT assembled in St. Souplet and moved to the Tincourt-Boucly-Roisel area.

23 Oct 1918 30th DIV entrains at Tincourt for Querrieu (Heilly) Area, while 2nd BN, 119th INF RGT assembles at Behincourt.

11 Nov 1918 Armistice.

16 Nov 1918 II American Corps transferred to the American Expeditionary Force (AEF).

17 Nov 1918 30th DIV entrained at Corbie for transportation to the Le Mans area. F CO. assigned to Doucelles and Meurce.

Jan 1919 119th INF RGT chosen as the best regiment of the 30th DIV through a drill competition and inspection.

21 Jan 1919 30th DIV inspected by General John J. Pershing, AEF commander, south-east of Teille.

Feb 1919 30th DIV moved to Le Mans.

21 Mar 1919 2nd BN, 119th INF RGT sailed on the ship “Huron” from St. Nazaire.

27 Mar 1919 Unit arrived at Charleston, SC.

5 Apr 1919 119th INF RGT paraded in Columbia, SC.

12 Apr 1919 The 119th INF RGT demobilized at Camp Jackson (Columbia), SC and Fort Oglethorpe (Chickamauga National Battlefield), GA

The 119th Infantry Regiment served continuously from 19 Jun 1916 to 12 Apr 1919