

UNITS IN SERVICE FROM MARYLAND.

While the Maryland men who went into the military service were chiefly identified with the 115th and 313th Regiments, the former a part of the 29th or "Blue and Gray" division, and the latter with the "Liberty" division, there were a large number from the State who were scattered in other divisions and in other branches of the service. This is notably true of the 117th Trench Mortar Battery, known as Maryland's "first to fight," which became a part of the famous "Rainbow" division, and aided materially in making that division's fighting reputation.

The 117th Trench Mortar Battery was formed from the third and fourth Maryland Coast Artillery Corps in August, 1917, and went overseas in October of the same year under command of Capt. Robert J. Gill, who was later promoted to be lieutenant colonel. Other commanders were Capt. Richard Carson, Lieut. J. Woodall Green and Capt. Lee V. McCabe. The Battery entered the trenches on February 27, 1918, and served with distinction in a number of important engagements, and at the signing of the armistice was at the front near Sedan, returning to the United States in April, 1919.

115th Regiment.

The 115th Regiment was formed of the Maryland National Guard, and was sent to Camp McClellan, at Anniston, Alabama, in August 1917, for preliminary training, becoming a part of the 29th division. In the spring of 1918 Col. Frank B. Watson was succeeded in command by Col. Milton A. Reckord, the regiment sailing for France in June, and entering the front line trenches on July 27, 1918. Took part in the Meuse-Argonne, beginning September 26, and continued to advance until relieved on October 28. Returned to the United States in May, 1919.

313th Regiment.

The 313th Regiment was formed and trained at Camp Meade, Md. as a part of 79th or "Liberty" division, under command of Col. Claude B. Swezey. It sailed for France in July, 1918; went into the front lines September 16, 1918, and participated in the first phase of the Meuse-Argonne offensive, beginning September 26, 1918, at Montfaucon, on the last day of the war, November 11, 1918, captured Hill 319. Returned to the United States in May, 1919.

Battery F, 58th C. A. C.

Formed at Fort Howard in December, 1917, from Maryland Coast Artillery, under command of Capt. Rudolph Ritterbusch. Later it was under command of Capt. J. C. Hawkins, who was still at the head of the Battery when it sailed for France in May, 1918. The front line was entered on October 26, 1918, at Pont-a-Mousson, and was at Bois Le Pretre at the signing of the armistice. Returned to the United States in May, 1919.

Base Hospital No. 18.

Organized at Johns Hopkins Hospital during the winter of 1916-1917, with Dr. J. M. T. Finney as director. He was detached in February, 1918. The unit was at different times commanded by Major Heisinger, Major George M. Edwards and Major H. H. Van Kirk.