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Fraizer, Claude M.
Papers, ca. 1916-1919

DESCRIPTION

Photograph album pages, a typescript of a diary, and biographical information about Claude M. Fraizer and his service in World War I with the U.S. Army 1st Arizona Volunteer Infantry and 158th Infantry Band. The diary kept by Karl D. Goetz from July 30, 1918 to May 3, 1919, provides an irreverent account of military life as his unit was traveling across country en route to France and during their service in France. He gives a very brief background sketch of most of the men in his unit; most of them were from Arizona. Some of their names were Dick Clogsdale, Herbert Clark, Alva Hult, John McKinley, Guy Maktima, Charles Law, Claude Pommel, and Billy Moore. Some were Native Americans, others were Bisbee miners referred to by Goetz as the "Loyalty League." The photographs depict military activities and exercises and fellow soldiers; the images are mostly unidentified but appear to be taken in Arizona, California, and possibly Kansas.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Businessman and accountant; Claude Fraizer lived in Elgin, Arizona when he entered the Army in 1916. He was assigned to Company C, 1st Arizona National Guard for service on the Mexican border. He was drafted into the 158th Infantry Band in May of 1917. He served at Camp Kearny, California then was sent to France in August 1918. He was discharged in May 1919 as Band Corporal.

ACQUISITION

Rex Fraizer donated this material in 1986.

TRANSFERS

One small panorama of First Arizona Infantry Band, 1916, taken at Mexican border, transferred to Panoramas #101696.

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