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Dwain Oliver Photo Collection
1917

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of over fifty photos depicting a National Guard unit stationed at Marfa, Texas. Two images have captions on the back, which identified the location and date as 1917. Two folders have photographs showing soldiers in uniform with camp pets, cactus, and nearby buildings. One folder of ten images shows camp tents, bivouac areas, and inside a dining facility prepared for a holiday meal. The final two folders depict desert scenery and unidentified buildings. An additional folder contains a small photo album with hand worked leather cover with the notation "US Army on Mexican Border Service." There are no photos in the album.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

In 1916 over 100,000 National Guardsmen were mobilized to service on the American-Mexican border in response to border incursions and anticipated conflicts with Mexican forces. Units from almost all states participated in the deployment with guardsmen stationed from Brownsville, TX to southern California. It is uncertain if these images depict Dwain Oliver in service on the border but it is known that no Arizona units served in Texas during this time period. No listings for Mr. Oliver were found in Tucson City phone directories prior to 1977 or after 1983.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Dwain Oliver in 1982.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in January 2005.