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## 313th Infantry, 79th Division, American Expeditionary Force, World War I Collection - PP62

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### 313TH INFANTRY, 79TH DIVISION, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY AIRFORCE, WORLD WAR I COLLECTION ca. 1917-1919 PP62

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#### History

The 79<sup>th</sup> Division of the National Army of the United States was one of sixteen divisions created in the Spring of 1917 for the emergency expansion of armed services during World War I, authorized by the Army Act of May 18, 1917. Construction began in July of that year on a training center in Anne Arundel Co., Md. which became Camp Meade, named for Major General George Gordan Meade, Civil War commander of the Army of the Potomac. The 79<sup>th</sup> Division was organized at Camp Meade in August 1917, with personnel composed of selective service men from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia. Additional personnel from other states were added in June 1918 prior to the Division's departure for the European front. The Division had 26,150 troops in August 1918.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Division's 313<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was headed by Colonel Claude B. Sweezey, a West Point graduate. Men arrived at Camp Meade in September 1917 and training got underway. The Regiment was known as "Baltimore's Own" due to the large number of men from the city. By July 1918, the Regiment with 3,667 men sailed to France to join the active front near Verdun, taking part in the Meuse-Argonne offensive in September-November 1918. The troops remained in the region after the armistice order, enforcing the terms of the order. By June 1919, they returned to the United States. In the period of intense combat between September 12 and November 11, 1918, casualties were heavy in the 313<sup>th</sup> Regiment: 1,200 soldiers were wounded (78 mortally), with 223 killed outright in combat.

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#### Collection Origin

Gift of F.J. Bartlett, 1981 (76282).

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#### Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 8 photographs made ca. 1917-1919 of the 313<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 79<sup>th</sup> Division of the American Expeditionary Forces. Included are ca. 1917 group portraits (long format) of the 313<sup>th</sup> Regiment's Company D, and a long format picture of the ship Antigone which brought Regiment personnel back to the United States in May 1919, showing troops disembarking. There are also several photographs of (presumably) a victory parade of the 313<sup>th</sup> Regiment in Baltimore, ca. 1919

*Note:* The collection also contains 1 folder of printed ephemera: two army certificates pertaining to George B. Bartlett, a member of Company D, 313<sup>th</sup> Infantry, National Army.

*Note:* Related materials are held in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Maryland Historical Society: 4 group portraits of the 313<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment are in the Large Photographs storage section.

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#### **Arrangement**

The photographs are arranged according to PP catalog numbers. PP62.1-.5 are contained in one folder, and PP62.6-8 are rolled.

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#### **Container List**

##### **1 Box**

##### **Box 1**

PP62.1-.5 - 313<sup>th</sup> Infantry Parade, Baltimore and Howard Streets, ca. 1919. Duplicate/copy negative [Z24.1198 \(https://www.mdhs.org/Library/Images/Mellon%20Images/Z24access/Z24-01198.jpg\)](https://www.mdhs.org/Library/Images/Mellon%20Images/Z24access/Z24-01198.jpg).

PP62.6 - Ship Antigone with troops disembarking, 1919. "Arrived U.S. soil May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1919. 'Antigone', the ship that brought us home." Long format photograph (rolled).

PP62.7 - Group portrait, Company D, 313<sup>th</sup> Inf. A.E.F., ca. 1917 (?). Long format photograph (rolled).

PP62.8 - Group portrait, Company D, 313<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Camp Meade, Md., December 1917. Long format photograph (rolled). © 2001 Maryland Historical Society - ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

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