

## **TAKEN FROM THE BOOK**

### **“FROM DONIPHAN TO VERDUN The Official History of the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry”**

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### **THE THIRD MISSOURI INFANTRY**

The Third Regiment was organized at Kansas City, Missouri, on April 3, 1886. The first commanding officer was Colonel Milton Moore, who was succeeded by Colonel L. E. Erwin on May 7, 1891. Colonel Erwin was succeeded by Colonel Nathan P. Simonds on July 12, 1893. Colonel Simonds was succeeded by Colonel George P. Gross on October 24, 1895. Colonel Gross commanded the Regiment during its federal service in the Spanish-American War. Upon the recognition of the Regiment after the Spanish-American War, Colonel Fred W. Fleming was made its regimental commander and served until January 12, 1901, when he was succeeded by Colonel Cusil Lechtman who succeeded- by Colonel Fred A. Lamb on January 1, 1913. Colonel Philip J. Kealy was commissioned Colonel on June 29, 1916.

The Regiment volunteered for service under the call of the President on the declaration of war against Spain and was mustered into the federal service at Jefferson Barracks, May 14, 1898 as the Third Missouri Volunteer Infantry. It moved to Camp Alger, Va., May 26, 1898 and renamed there until August 23, when it moved to Camp Meade, Pa. It left Camp Meade September 6, 1898 and was mustered out of the federal service at Kansas City on November 7, 1898.

Under the President's order of June 16, 1916 the Regiment was mobilized at Camp Clark, Nevada, Mo., on June 23, 1916, and was mustered into federal service on July 7, 1916. It departed for border duty at Laredo, Texas, on July 8, 1916, arriving at Laredo July 10. It remained on duty in the Laredo district until September 2, 1916 when it returned to Camp Clark, Nevada, Mo., and was mustered out of the federal service September 26, 1916.

Under the call of the President the Regiment was mobilized at Kansas City, Missouri, on March 25, 1917 for the purpose of guarding bridges, terminals, etc., in Kansas City and vicinity. The third battalion under Major Francis D. Ross was sent to Camp Funston to guard buildings under construction at that point and received special commendation for its work. On October 13, 1917, the Regiment moved to Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma and was consolidated with the Sixth Missouri Infantry already on the ground into the 140th U. S. Infantry, Thirty-fifth Division. The Third was from Kansas City with the exception of Co. B, Boonville, and Co. H from Liberty.

On September 28, 1918, the third day in the battle of the Argonne Forest an event occurred that was later related in "From Doniphan to Verdun". Another non-com., Monte Coulter of B Company was cut off with his squad in the rain and darkness of the early morning. Unable to fight their way through, they kept up a little battle of their own, and lay in the shell holes until the regiment caught up with them late in the day. Coulter was later severely wounded, losing a leg. He was three times cited for bravery, and a year later married a fine Missouri girl who knew a real man.

The men whose name could be found in both the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry and the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry have their last names emphasized in bold faced type. Of these 94 men, 20 were wounded, 5 killed, six gassed, and 1 captured. This is an amazing 34% casualty rate!

**COMPANY B  
Boonville**

Abbreviations Used			
<b>C</b>	Corporal	<b>CA</b>	Captured
<b>CO</b>	Cook	<b>D</b>	Died of Wounds
<b>G</b>	Gassed	<b>HQ</b>	Headquarters Company
<b>K</b>	Killed	<b>M</b>	Mechanic
<b>MGC</b>	Machine Gun Company	<b>MU</b>	Muscian
<b>NWR</b>	Not With Regiment on Apr. 1, 1919	<b>P</b>	Private
<b>S</b>	Sergeant	<b>SA</b>	Saddler
<b>SC</b>	Supply Company	<b>W</b>	Wounded
<b>WA</b>	Waggoner		

Last Name	First Name	Rank in 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Comments for 140 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Bagby</b>	Stephen Y.	Private	W
<b>Barnert</b>	Mel Joseph	1 <sup>st</sup> Sergeant	NWR
<b>Beard</b>	George T. Jr.	Private	C; NWR
<b>Berry</b>	Wayne R.	Private	W
<b>Biltz</b>	Roller L.	Private	G
<b>Bottom</b>	Rollo T.	Corporal	C; NWR; or Rolla T.
<b>Bridges</b>	Edwin	Private	W
<b>Brown</b>	Clarence W.	Private	
<b>Campbell</b>	Arthur L.	Sergeant	NWR; S
<b>Cash</b>	Frank W.	Private	Corporal in 140 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cauthon</b>	John	Cook	
<b>Cornett</b>	Charles	Private	K; NWR
<b>Coulter</b>	Monte Christo	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	C; W; "Cited in Orders"
<b>Cramer</b>	Wyatt	Private	
<b>Crum</b>	Oscar	Private	
<b>Cullumber</b>	William	Private	
<b>Davis</b>	Harry H.	Private	
<b>Davis</b>	Jesse H.	Private	HQ
<b>Davis</b>	Junious Clemens	Mess Sergeant	

<b>Davis</b>	Warren T.	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	
<b>Decker</b>	Daniel R.	Private	NWR
<b>Dishion</b>	Percie	Private	C; W
Doehne	Alonzo S.	Private	
Donohew	James M.	Private	
<b>Dorflinger</b>	John M.	Private	HQ
<b>Edwards</b>	John C.	Private	C; NWR
<b>Fenical</b>	Jewell	Private	C
Fowler	Ira O.	Private	
<b>Gentry</b>	Ben C.	Private	CO; W
<b>Gibbons</b>	Calvert V.	Private	NWR
Groves	Edward F.	Private	
Groves	Irvin L.	Private	
Haley	James Junius	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	
<b>Haley</b>	Roy P.	Sergeant	NWR: P
Hayes	George E.	Private	
<b>Hayes</b>	Rutherford B.	Private	HQ
<b>Hickcox</b>	Thomas A.	Private	C
<b>Holmes</b>	Harry R.	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	NWR
Huber	Charles H.	Sergeant	
<b>Huelskamp</b>	Henry J.	Private	HQ; NWR
Hurt	Ewing R.	Private	
Jenkins	Cecil	Mechanic	
Johnston	Eugene E.	Private	
Kane	John D.	Private	
<b>Kennedy</b>	James M.	Private	K Company; NWR
Kimlin	Fred A.	Private	
<b>Kleasner</b>	Eugene F.	Private	
<b>Klein</b>	George	Private	
<b>Klein</b>	Tony	Private	C
Kohn	William P.	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	
<b>Kreeger</b>	George H.	Private	C; CA; NWR
<b>Kreeger</b>	James L.	Private	
<b>Lachner</b>	William G.	Corporal	S
<b>Langhans</b>	George	Cook	
LaVonette	Prince A.	Private	
<b>Leininger</b>	George W.	Private	NWR; W
<b>Lohse</b>	Edgar C.	Corporal	S
<b>Malott</b>	Sylvanus	Private	W
<b>Mayfield</b>	Andrew L.	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	
<b>McMellon</b>	John H.	Private	G; surname may be McMullon
<b>McRoberts</b>	Emmett F.	Sergeant	K
<b>Mock</b>	Carl W.	Private	

<b>Mock</b>	Samuel A.	Corporal	NWR; S
<b>Moore</b>	Kemper S.	Private	C
<b>Muncy</b>	Claude Lee	Private	
<b>Murphy</b>	Riley W.	Private	C
<b>Neighbors</b>	Ray E.	Private	NWR
<b>Oswald</b>	Walker	Private	S
Parker	John Jr.	Corporal	
<b>Partee</b>	Raymond R.	Private	W
<b>Peeples</b>	Phillip	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	C
<b>Pfeiffer</b>	David H.	Corporal	S; W
<b>Phillips</b>	Charley E.	Private	C
<b>Poertner</b>	Otto E.	Private	K; MGC; NWR
<b>Potter</b>	George	Sergeant	NWR
<b>Renfrow</b>	Robert C.	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	W
<b>Robinson</b>	Phillip M.	Private	
Robinson	Robert F.	Private	
<b>Ross</b>	James Alfred	Private	D; K; NWR
<b>Russell</b>	Earl W.	Private	HQ
Scheibner	Carl F.	Captain	
Schnell	Albert R.	Private	
Scotten	William	Private	
<b>Sears</b>	Ernest	Private	G
Sheer	John R.	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	
Short	William F.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	
Simmond	Charles Christopher	Private	
<b>Simmons</b>	Henry	Private	W
<b>Simmons</b>	Rodney E.	Private	NWR
Simmons	Roy Elmer	Private	
<b>Simmons</b>	Webster J.	Corporal	S; W
Simms	Fred Logan	Corporal	
Simpson	Ernest N.	Private	
Slein	Louis	Private	
<b>Spaete</b>	Ernest H.	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	C
<b>Spry</b>	Walker Allen	Private	C; NWR; W
<b>Stephens</b>	Robert H.	Corporal	NWR; W
<b>Stephenson</b>	Hugh	Private	
<b>Stillwell</b>	Jesse O.	Corporal	P
<b>Stiner</b>	Curtis	Private	M; W
Stockbell	Silas R.	Private	
<b>Thatcher</b>	Stanley M.	Private	M
<b>Thomas</b>	Meffert R.	Private	M; SC; Could be Neffert R.
<b>Thomas</b>	Rothwell H.	Private	W
<b>Thomas</b>	William R.	Private	W

<b>Thorne</b>	Lyman	Private	C
Tuckley	Ralph A.	Private	
<b>Vaughan</b>	Harley P.	Private	Could be Vaughn; W
<b>Von Oertzen</b>	Robert	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	
<b>Warren</b>	Henry W.	Private	
<b>Wells</b>	Dewey F.	Private	
Weyland	Lon	Private	
<b>White</b>	James L.	Private	S
<b>White</b>	Joseph C.	Sergeant	NWR
<b>White</b>	Roger E.	Corporal	K; NWR; S
<b>Whitlow</b>	Henry	Private	W
<b>Whitlow</b>	John	Private	WA
<b>Wilhite</b>	James Frank	Sergeant	
<b>Willard</b>	Edward Truston	Private 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	HQ; MU
<b>Williams</b>	Hampton E.	Private	
<b>Windsor</b>	Richard N.	Corporal	NWR; S
<b>Wood</b>	Grady T.	Private	G
<b>Wyrick</b>	Chester B.	Private	SA; SC
<b>Yountz</b>	William H.	Corporal	G; S
<b>Zoeller</b>	Frank S.	Private	MGC