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## Harry Theodore Oas Collection

**Creator:** Harry Theodore Oas  
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## Biographical Note

Corporal Harry Theodore Oas served in the U.S. Army and Illinois National Guard immediately following World War I. He was born on June 30, 1895 in Chicago, Illinois to Charley Oas and Emma Oas (née Johnsen). He worked as a draftsman for Western Electric Co. before registering for the draft on June 5, 1917. While it is unclear if Oas served during World War I, he served in the 132nd Infantry Regiment in 1919 and trained at Camp Logan, Illinois and Camp Grant, Illinois. After the 132nd Infantry Regiment was inactivated, he served in the 2nd Infantry Regiment of the Illinois National Guard until at least 1923. He later registered for the draft during World War II, however, it is unclear if he served in that conflict.

Assignments included: Company A, 132nd Infantry Regiment, US Army and Company A, 2nd Infantry Regiment, Illinois National Guard.

Harry Theodore Oas died November 25, 1974 in DeLand, Florida.

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## Scope and Content of the Collection

The Harry Theodore Oas Collection consists of a scrapbook that contains photographs, newspaper clippings and documents related to his service in the US Army and Illinois Army National Guard. The collection contains materials dating from 1919-1923 and 1942. Two photographs have been separated from the collection.

## Arrangement

The collection arrived in donor-imposed order. PMML staff have organized the collection into one series.

## Series One:

Series One consists of a scrapbook containing photographs, newspaper clippings and documents related to Oas' military service. Most of the photographs document training at Camp Logan, Illinois and Camp Grant, Illinois.

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## Separations

Item ID	Call Number	Description	Location
		<b>Photographs</b>	
800422002	PHOTO 05045	Oversize black and white photograph originally on pg. 11: portrait of 43rd Company D.O. Illinois Reserve Militia	
800422003	PHOTO 05046	Oversize black and white photograph originally between pg. 54 and pg. 55: portrait of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment Illinois National Guard	

## Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

## Subjects

Military camps—Illinois  
Scrapbooks  
United States. Army—Infantry  
United States--National Guard  
World War, 1914-1918

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
<b>Series One: Scrapbook</b>				
1	1	800422001	"132nd Infantry" Scrapbook	1919-1923, 1942, u.d.
1	1		pg. 1: title page, "132nd Infantry: Camp Scenes of 1921, 1922-1923 Encampments And Illinois Reserve Militia Encampment Of 1919"	u.d.
1	1		pg. 3: newspaper clipping, "'National Guard' As Name Is Abandoned," unknown source	1/6/1922
1	1		pg. 4: newspaper clipping, black and white photograph, portrait of officers of 132nd Infantry Regiment, captioned: "Left To Right - Col. William E. Swanson, Commander of the Regiment; Maj. Fred E. Rand; Capt. Fred A. Rye, Adjutant, and Capt. John L. O'Donnell, Regimental Chaplain, as men entrained to-day for Camp Grant"	1923

1	1	Between pg. 4 and pg. 5: black and white photograph, portrait of Company A, 132nd Infantry, captioned: "Company A., 132nd. Inft. July .7.th To 21.S.T. 1923, Camp Grant Ill.", duplicate of photo on pg. 12 and two photos found between pg. 30 and pg. 31	7/1923
1	1	pg. 5: newspaper clipping, "Second Regiment Guardsmen Off For Summer Training," unknown source	1923
1	1	pg. 6: newspaper clipping, "Infantry Notes", reprinted from <i>Army-Navy Journal</i>	u.d.
1	1	pg. 7-8: newspaper clipping, "132nd Rookies Get Busy At Camp Grant"	1923
1	1	pg. 9: newspaper clipping, "World War Leaders To Visit Camp," <i>Rockford Republic</i>	7/11/1923
1	1	pg. 10: newspaper clipping, "Lieut. Gov. F. E. Sterling [illegible] 132nd Infantry Regiment at Camp," unknown source	1923
1	1	pg. 12: black and white photograph, portrait of Company A, 132nd Infantry, captioned: "Company A., 132nd. Inft. July .7.th To 21.S.T. 1923, Camp Grant Ill.", duplicate of photos found between pg. 4 and pg. 5 and between pg. 30 and pg. 31	c.7/1923
1	1	pg. 13: black and white photograph, large group of tents with buildings in foreground and background, captioned: "132nd Infantry At Camp Grant 1923"	1923
1	1	pg. 14: black and white photograph, landscape view of Rock River, captioned: "Rock River Camp Grant"	u.d.
1	1	pg. 15: black and white photograph, several uniformed infantrymen setting up tents	u.d.

1	1	pg. 16: black and white photograph, uniformed infantrymen setting up tents	u.d.
1	1	pg. 17: black and white photograph, three uniformed infantrymen standing outside row of tents, captioned: "Can I have a pass, Sir? NO."	u.d.
1	1	pg. 18: black and white photograph, line of uniformed infantrymen with rifles resting on their shoulders, captioned: "Fall in. Drill call", with small cartoon attached	u.d.
1	1	pg. 19: black and white photograph, line of uniformed infantrymen with rifles resting on their shoulders, captioned: "Let's hear it smash."	u.d.
1	1	pg. 20: black and white photograph, uniformed infantrymen setting up tents	u.d.
1	1	pg. 21: black and white photograph, uniformed infantrymen setting up tents, with small cartoon attached	u.d.
1	1	pg. 22: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantrymen with tents in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 23: black and white photograph, portrait of three row of uniformed infantrymen	u.d.
1	1	pg. 24: black and white photograph, portrait of three rows of uniformed infantrymen	u.d.
1	1	pg. 25: black and white photograph, two men boxing in boxing ring while uniformed infantrymen look on	u.d.
1	1	pg. 26: black and white photograph, portrait of two uniformed infantrymen standing with tent in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 26: black and white photograph, portrait of standing uniformed infantryman	u.d.

1	1	pg. 27: black and white photograph, two uniformed infantrymen standing at base of statue of eagle holding American flag	u.d.
1	1	pg. 27: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed Sergeant standing with tent in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 28: black and white photograph, portrait of W.E. Martin standing with tent in background, captioned: "W.E. Martin, 1st Sgt., Co. "A," has the distinction of being the oldest 1st Sgt. in Illinois if not in the U.S., in point of service at the game. Congratulations old top! It's hard to kill the old horse."	u.d.
1	1	pg. 29: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantryman standing with tent in background, possibly Harry Oas	u.d.
1	1	pg. 30: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantryman standing with tents in background, possibly Harry Oas	u.d.
1	1	Between pg. 30 and pg. 31: black and white photograph, portrait of Company A, 132nd Infantry, captioned: "Company A., 132nd. Inft. July .7.th To 21.S.T. 1923, Camp Grant Ill.", duplicate of photo on pg. 12 and between pg. 4 and pg. 5 and between pg. 30 and pg. 31	c.7/1923
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1	1	pg. 31: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantryman with blanket covered with gear including rifle	u.d.

1	1	pg. 32: black and white photograph, portrait of three uniformed infantrymen standing with tent in background	u.d.
1	1	Between pg. 32 and pg. 33: Registration Certificate	4/27/1942
1	1	pg. 33: black and white photograph, two men laying on cots peeking out from under a tent flap, with attached clipping of poem titled "A Soldier's Prayer"	u.d.
1	1	pg. 34: black and white photograph, portrait of infantryman in heavy coat standing with tents in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 35: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantryman washing dishes in wash basin	u.d.
1	1	pg. 36: black and white photograph, uniformed infantryman standing in field	u.d.
1	1	pg. 36: black and white photograph, uniformed infantryman standing at base of statue of eagle holding American flag	u.d.
1	1	pg. 37: black and white photograph, large group of tents	u.d.
1	1	pg. 38: black and white photograph, two uniformed infantrymen crossing dirt road to row of tents	u.d.
1	1	pg. 39: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantryman standing with rifle at side and group of infantrymen in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 40: black and white photograph, group of infantrymen boarding train	u.d.
1	1	pg. 41: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed officer with tents in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 42: black and white photograph, infantrymen during training exercise	u.d.

1	1	pg. 43: black and white photograph, portrait of two infantrymen	u.d.
1	1	pg. 44: black and white photograph, procession of infantrymen crossing wooden bridge	u.d.
1	1	pg. 45: black and white photograph, tent	u.d.
1	1	pg. 46: black and white photograph, group of infantrymen sitting on cots during construction of tent camp	u.d.
1	1	Between pg. 46 and pg. 47: black and white photograph, portrait of two infantrymen standing with tent in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 47: black and white photograph, line of uniformed infantrymen seated in field, captioned: "The Gang's All Here"	u.d.
1	1	pg. 48: black and white photograph, portrait of group of infantrymen standing with tents in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 49: black and white photograph, group of infantrymen standing in field with group seated in foreground	u.d.
1	1	pg. 50: black and white photograph, portrait of four uniformed infantrymen standing with group of men and tents in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 51: black and white photograph, portrait of two rows of infantrymen seated in field with tents in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 52: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantryman standing with tent in background	u.d.
1	1	pg. 53: black and white photograph, man seated reading letter while men setting up tent camp in background	u.d.

1	1	pg. 54: black and white photograph, uniformed infantrymen standing next to group of tents	u.d.
1	1	pg. 55: black and white photograph, infantrymen constructing camp	u.d.
1	1	pg. 57: shooting range score card, prone at 200 yards and 300 yards	7/14/1922
1	1	pg. 58: shooting range score card, sitting at 300 yards and standing at 200 yards	7/14/1922-7/15/1922
1	1	pg. 59: shooting range score card, kneeling at 300 yards	7/15/1922
1	1	pg. 60: Rifle Practice Firing Card	1922
1	1	pg. 63: newspaper clipping, "Second Infantry Is Off For Camp Logan," unknown source	u.d.
1	1	pg. 64: newspaper clipping, black and white photograph, line of uniformed infantrymen, captioned: "Second Regiment Guardsmen Off For Summer Camp At," unknown source	u.d.
1	1	pg. 65: newspaper clipping, "2d Infantry Works Fast At Camp Logan," unknown source	u.d.
1	1	pg. 66: newspaper clipping, "Watching Camp Logan Battle Drill," unknown source	u.d.
1	1	pg. 67: newspaper clipping, "Camp Logan In 'Battle Array' As Vets Meet," unknown source	u.d.
1	1	pg. 68: newspaper clipping, "2nd Infantry Near 100 Pct Healthy," unknown source	u.d.
1	1	pg. 69: black and white photograph, infantrymen constructing tent camp	u.d.
1	1	pg. 70: black and white photograph, portrait of two rows of infantrymen with tent in background	u.d.

1	1	pg. 71: black and white photograph, row of tents	u.d.
1	1	pg. 72: black and white photograph, group of tents with group of uniformed infantrymen standing nearby	u.d.
1	1	pg. 73: black and white photograph, row of tents with sign reading: "Co. A." in foreground	u.d.
1	1	pg. 74: black and white photograph, uniformed infantryman standing next to row of tents	u.d.
1	1	pg. 75: black and white photograph, line of uniformed infantrymen standing outside building, captioned: "When do we eat?"	u.d.
1	1	pg. 76: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantryman standing in front of tent	u.d.
1	1	pg. 77: black and white photograph, two uniformed infantrymen seated outside tent	u.d.
1	1	pg. 78: black and white photograph, group of infantrymen holding food plates, captioned: "What's that? Say, listen - you - I bet you don't get such good grub at home."	u.d.
1	1	pg. 79: black and white photograph, portrait of two uniformed infantrymen	u.d.
1	1	pg. 80: black and white photograph, portrait of two uniformed infantrymen, with one holding drum and other holding bugle	u.d.
1	1	pg. 81: clipping, paper reading: "Second Infantry Illinois Reserve Militia   Colonel Joseph C. Wilson, Commanding"	u.d.
1	1	pg. 82: black and white photograph, portrait of Colonel Joseph C. Wilson	u.d.

1	1	pg. 83: black and white photograph, portrait of Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Alsip	u.d.
1	1	pg. 84: black and white photograph, portrait of Major Archibald MacLeish	u.d.
1	1	pg. 84: black and white photograph, portrait of Major W.P. Sims	u.d.
1	1	pg. 84: black and white photograph, portrait of Major John P. Hobbs	u.d.
1	1	pg. 85: black and white photograph, gate over road reading: "Camp Logan Illinois State Rifle Range"	u.d.
1	1	pg. 85: black and white photograph, line of five uniformed infantrymen standing on Camp Logan train platform	u.d.
1	1	pg. 86: black and white photograph, exterior view of barracks building	u.d.
1	1	pg. 86: black and white photograph, group of infantrymen on steps of barracks building with men peeking through windows	u.d.
1	1	pg. 87: black and white photograph, group of uniformed infantrymen sitting on bunks in barracks	u.d.
1	1	pg. 87: black and white photograph, portrait of three uniformed infantrymen sitting on bunk in barracks	u.d.
1	1	pg. 88: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantryman standing with rifle resting on shoulder	u.d.
1	1	pg. 88: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantrymen standing with arms around each other	u.d.

1	1	pg. 89: black and white photograph, portrait of two uniformed infantrymen standing outside barracks holding rifles with bayonets	u.d.
1	1	pg. 89: black and white photograph, portrait of two uniformed infantrymen standing holding rifles	u.d.
1	1	pg. 90: black and white photograph, uniformed infantryman walking with rifle resting on shoulder	u.d.
1	1	pg. 90: black and white photograph, uniformed infantryman walking with rifle resting on shoulder	u.d.
1	1	pg. 91: black and white photograph, group of uniformed infantrymen standing on steps of barracks	u.d.
1	1	pg. 91: black and white photograph, uniformed infantryman seated reading newspaper	u.d.
1	1	pg. 92: black and white photograph, group of infantrymen at rifle range	u.d.
1	1	pg. 92: black and white photograph, seated infantryman firing rifle at rifle range while another infantryman looks on	u.d.
1	1	pg. 92: black and white photograph, view of rifle range	u.d.
1	1	pg. 93: black and white photograph, military band procession	u.d.
1	1	pg. 93: black and white photograph, line of uniformed infantrymen standing outside barracks	u.d.
1	1	pg. 94: black and white photograph, large group of uniformed infantrymen walking in field	u.d.

1	1	pg. 94: black and white photograph, small group of men wearing only towels around waist	u.d.
1	1	pg. 95: black and white photograph, group of uniformed infantrymen inspecting gear outside barracks, captioned: "Co. A 2nd Reg't I.R.M."	u.d.
1	1	pg. 96: black and white photograph, line of uniformed infantrymen in winter coats, captioned: "Co. A 2 Reg't I.R.M. Pershing Day 12-20-19"	12/20/1919
1	1	pg. 97: black and white photograph, portrait of uniformed infantryman standing outside home, possible Harry Oas	u.d.
1	1	pg. 98: list of "Sharpshooters" and "Marksmen" from Company A, Second Infantry Reserve Illinois Militia	u.d.