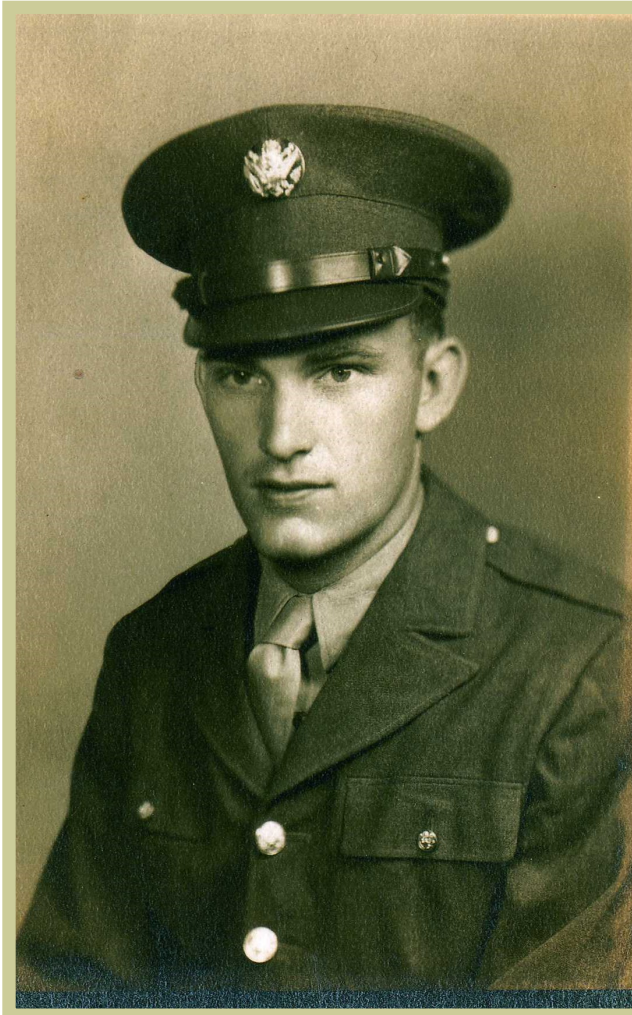


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**U.S. Army
240th Military Police, Company B
Lincoln, Illinois**

Earl Eugene Emmons was sworn into the Army in Peoria, Illinois on September 11, 1942. At the time he was working as a poultry dresser at Armour and Company in Lincoln, Illinois.

On September 25, 1942 he reported to Ft.

Scott, Illinois for clothes and briefing. (Ft. Scott is now known as Scott Air Force Base.) Earl was then sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas for training with the Armed Division of Military Police for 13 weeks of infantry training and police school.

After being investigated by government agents, Earl and 13 other men were sent to Hyde Park, New York to the home of President Franklin Roosevelt as part of the 240th M.P. Unit to guard the President whenever he was home at the estate. Earl arrived December 19, 1942.



**President Roosevelt's Estate
Hyde Park, NY**

Earl was born August 27, 1921 in Ottawa, Kansas to Earl Emory and Martha Britten Emmons. His father died when he was 3 and his mother married Louis Schaub which took them to Lincoln, Illinois where he lived the rest of this life.

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**Betty and Earl's Wedding
January 13, 1945**

He married Betty Jan Swingle on January 13, 1945. Their children are Linda Jean Willhite (1946) and Susan Elizabeth Williamson (1951).

The 240th M.P. guarded a 7-mile area around the estate. The President came home an average of 5 days a month, but the number increased as his health failed.



Roger's Mansion

At the beginning there was one company of men. This company was housed at the Rogers Estate, an 80-room house where the dining room was converted into a 100-main dorm.



Coach House, Vanderbilt Mansion

It was later decided that more men were needed and 2 companies of 200 men each were formed. Earl who had assisted the baker of CO. A became the baker for CO. B. Company B was housed in the coach house of the Vanderbilt Mansion and the are being guarded was enlarged. The companies were sent to West Point for special training for 4 weeks.

When Earl arrived at Hyde Park, it was 35 degrees below zero and there were 50 inches of snow on the ground. For the first year he had guard duty and during the winter each

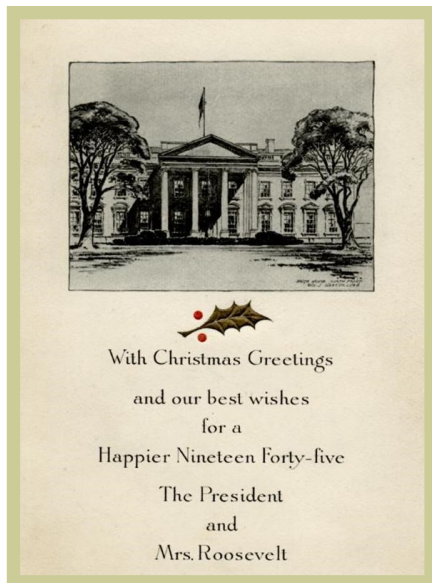
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man could only spend one hour outside at a time. Earl would stay up all night and make coffee and donuts as the guards came in on break.



**Company B's Lunch Room
Christmas 1943**



Roosevelt's 1944 Christmas Card

At Christmas 1944 the soldiers and their guests were invited to a party in the library of the President's home. The men shook hands with the president and were given a white handkerchief and the presidential Christmas card which the Earl's family still has. During their party, Eleanor danced with the soldiers.



FDR and Fala Arriving at Hyde Park

Earl remembered a time when Roosevelt arrive at the guard house by himself in a car specially made for him. He told the guard not to worry as the secret service would be along soon. The worst time for guarding was during elections as so many people wanted to come to the estate. Also one time the guards took a man with a rifle and telescope site out of a tree near the house.

The M.P.s carried sawed-off shotguns at night and also carried revolvers and rifles. The arsenal of equipment at the estate also included a truck with anti-aircraft guns.

When Earl became a baker for Co. A, he

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prepared many large meals including a Thanksgiving feast which on the menu says, "mince and pumpkin pie a la Emmons." He also made 3 and 4-layer sheet cakes for lawn parties and one fancy cake which the president took back to Washington with him on the train.

Earl took pictures of Fala, the president's dog and several of the estate buildings.



Roosevelt 2 Months Prior to His Death

He stated that he observed as the president's health failed. He was on duty the day of the funeral; but has pictures of the digging of the grave and the arrival of the casket and other events of the day.

Earl left 30 days after the Presidents death. He arrived at Ft. Jackson, SC May 14, 1945. He was transferred to the 802 Replacement

Center and assigned as body guard to the a general. Here he began training with the 1st Army Fox Project (Foreign Operations Japan). The training was rough with lots of bayonet and hand-to-hand training as well as survival training. However, because of the dropping of the "bomb" on Hiroshima, his company did not have to go.



Fort Grant, Rockford, Illinois

Earl was separated out on February 5, 1946 at Camp Grant, Illinois. He received the American Campaign, Good Conduct and WW Victory medals as well as one service stripe.

Earl returned home and went work at Illi-co Independent Oil Company where he worked for 50 years.

Earl lost his wife, Betty in 1990 and Earl passed in 2003 at the age of 81.

Submitted on behalf of a grateful family

By his daughters,
Linda Willhite
Susan Williamson