

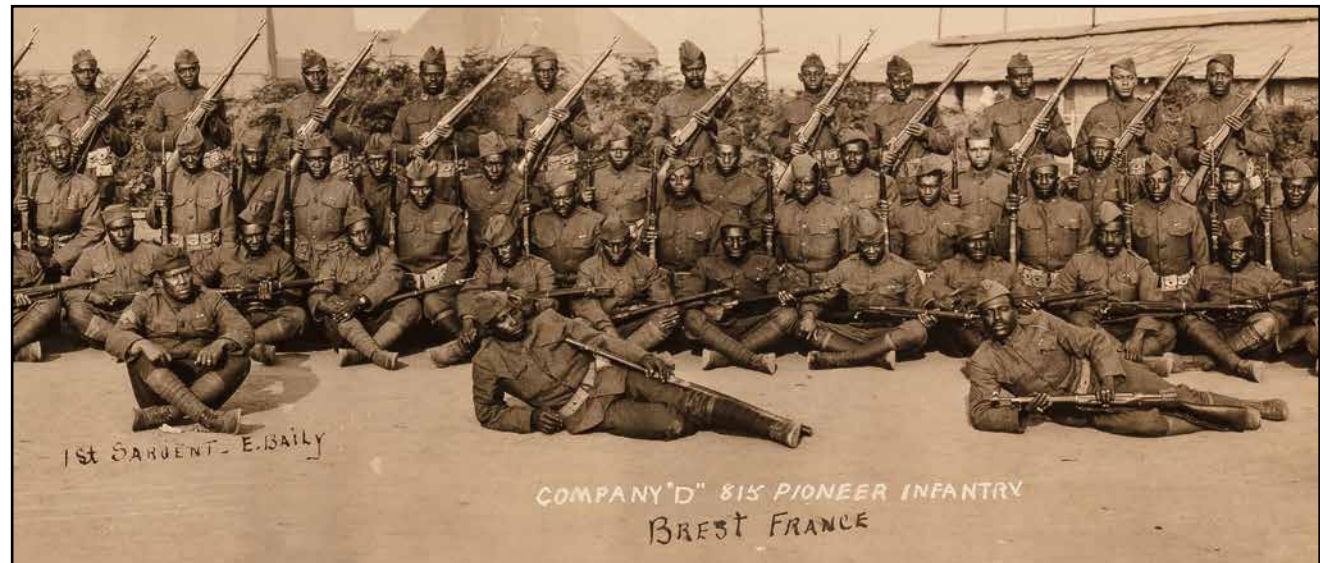
Panoramic photograph of an African-American WWI Unit

Baton Rouge, La. / Brest, France: Ewing, Inc. Photographers [circa 1917?]

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Panoramic photograph of the all black enlisted men of Company D of the 815th Pioneer Infantry. 42½" x 9". Some modest staining and spotting on the far lefthand side of the photograph, thus very good. The entire company posed standing, neatly and well-kitted out with rifles, apparently in training camp in Louisiana, with five men on either side posed lying sidewise on either side of a seated man, identified in ink as "1st Sargent(sic) E. Bailey." Underneath the identification of the unit, which is printed from the negative, also in ink are the words "Brest, France."



"Brest, France." The 815th Pioneer Infantry Regiment was a unit of all black enlisted men mostly drawn from Texas and Louisiana. They served with the First Army from October, 1918 until the end of the War, mostly working on roads during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, and returning to be demobilized at Camp Travis, Texas. A striking image with the men seemingly brimming with confidence and ready for action. Detailed images follow. [\[BTC#424133\]](#)





1st SARGENT - E. BAILY

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