

MORRISTOWN NATIONAL GUARD

Battery F, First Field Artillery, National Guard of New Jersey, reorganized during World War I as **104th Battalion, Trench Artillery, 29th Division, US Army**.

Organized by Samuel Hazard Gillespie, left Morristown July 23, 1917, returned March 15, 1919. The unit did not see action, the Armistice being signed when the 104th finally reached the front, in France. Five battery members died of influenza, in French encampment.

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