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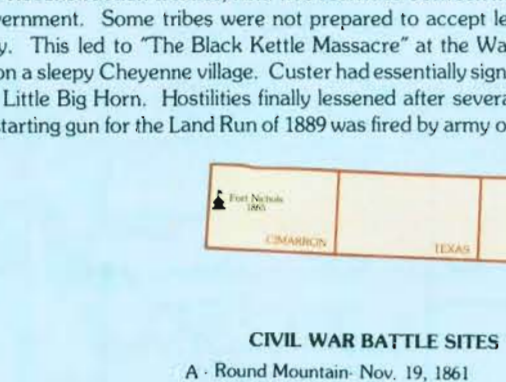
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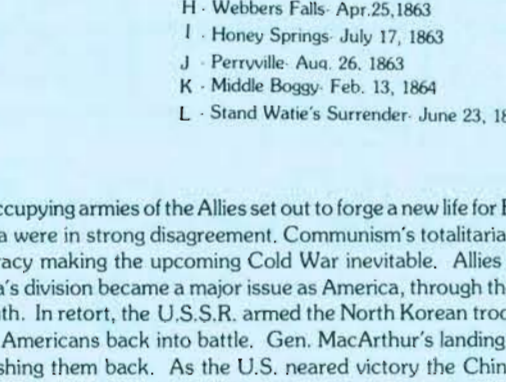
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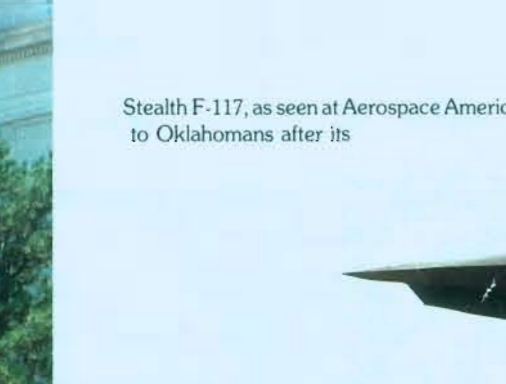
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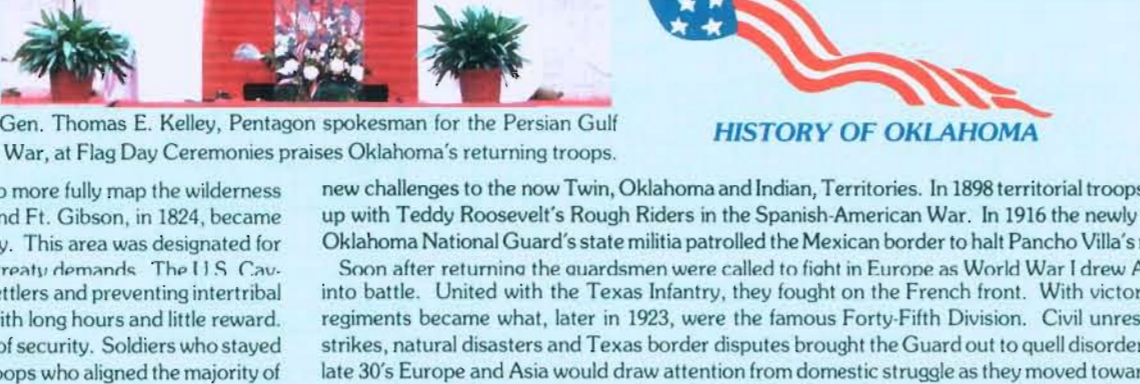
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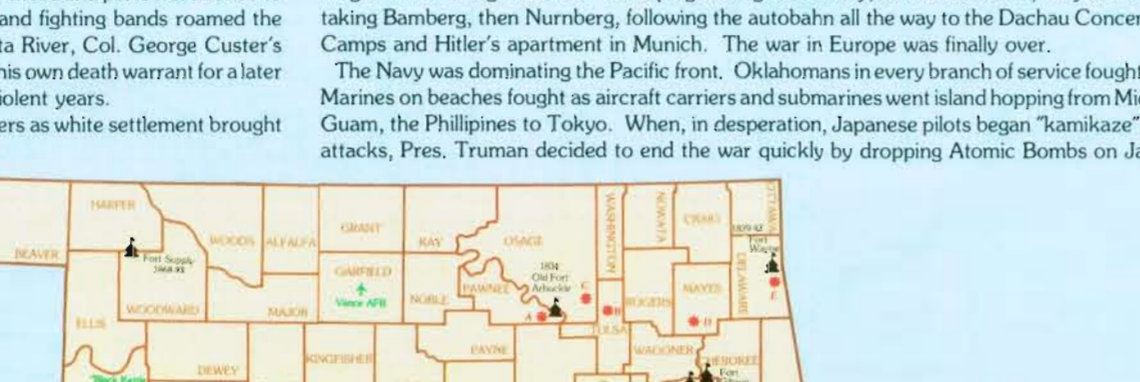
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George Catlin's sketch of the Wichita Village peace conference, first meeting of Plains Indians with U.S. Cavalry, 1834 Dragon Expedition in Quartz Mts.



Gen. Thomas E. Kelley, Pentagon spokesman for the Persian Gulf War, at Flag Day Ceremonies praises Oklahoma's returning troops.



CIVIL WAR BATTLE SITES: A - Round Mountain - Nov. 19, 1861; B - Chusto-Talash (Caving Banks) - Dec. 9, 1861; C - Chustenanhah - Dec. 26, 1861; D - Locust Grove - July 3, 1862; E - Fort Wayne - Oct. 22, 1862; F - Tonkawa Massacre - Oct. 24, 1862; G - Fort Davis - Dec. 27, 1862; H - Webbers Falls - Apr. 25, 1863; I - Honey Springs - July 17, 1863; J - Perrville - Aug. 26, 1863; K - Middle Boggy - Feb. 13, 1864; L - Stand Watie's Surrender - June 23, 1865



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1863 - "Battle of Honey Springs", where Union troops overran a Confederate storehouse as fleeing rebels broke up molasses barrels while burning supplies.



1898 - Teddy Roosevelt with members of Oklahoma's Rough Riders, the volunteer territorial cavalry who fought in the Spanish American War at San Juan Hill.



1941-1945 - World War II (Europe) The Fighting 45th Thunderbirds battled through Italy to France, all the way to Dachau's prison camps to Munich, Germany.



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