**World War II Vocabulary**

**artillery-** Cannon and other large guns; also refers to the soldier who use them.

**battalion-** A military unit made up of 500-1,500 men. It is formed out of smaller companies.

**billets-** A soldier’s lodging.

**batteries-** A structure heavily fortified with guns and men; also refers to a unit of artillery pieces and the men who fire them.

**chateau-** A large French country house sometimes a castle.

**doughboys-** Used during World War I to refer to an infantryman in the U.S. Army.

**duckboards-** A slatted timber path laid down on wet or muddy ground in the trenches or camps.

**Flanders Field-** Flanders is a region of Belgium. This is where a famous WWI battle was fought.

**Fritz-** Fritz was a common German name and was used by Americans to refer to German troops.

**5K-** 5 Kilometers is about 3.1 miles.

**platoons -** A group of soldiers; part of a company of troops.

**sentinel-** A soldier whose job it is to stand guard and keep watch.

 **shrapnel-** Fragments of a bomb or shell.

**No man’s Land-** Area of land between two enemy trench systems to which neither side wished to move openly or to seize due to the fear of being attacked.

![Doughboy with Rifle. [World War I American Soldier]. - Original letterpress copper plate mounted on wood block, type high. Produces image measuring 3.75 x 2.5 inches . (Can be printed from and used to make rubber stamps).]()