

Subject: Shep at camp Myrphy, FL ?
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Jim, a bit of circumstantial evidence that Shep went from Camp Crowder, Missouri directly to Camp Murphy, Florida is that in A Fistful of Fig Newtons, Shep, for the Troop Train Ernie story, he titles it THE MARATHON RUN OF LONESOME ERNIE, THE ARKANSAS TRAVELER, Arkansas being directly south of Missouri on a train trip toward Florida.

Yes, very circumstantial, but for me, rather convincing, added to other evidence, that he went from Crowder to Murphy. (You may remember that I discovered Murphy when, in a broadcast, Shep mentioned that on a pass he went to the nearby town of West Palm Beach--which is just a short bus ride from Murphy.)

Just a thought--maybe when Camp Murphy closed down or was about to close in 1944, they sent some Signal Corps people to the Signal Corps setup in Monmouth (on the way north to Hammond) before discharge.

Gene