

APPLICATION FOR VICTORY MEDAL

ENLISTED MEN and

Comb, Earl A. 937713

Pvt Cas Det

(Name)

(Christian name in full)

(Army serial number)

(Grade and)

TO BE PREPARED ON TYPEWRITER BY APPLICANT

I apply for Victory Medal with appropriate clasps for service in the United States Army in The World War:

Major operations participated in (Instruction 2):

CAMBRAI	SOMME OFFENSIVE
SOMME DEFENSIVE	OISE-AISNE
LYS	YPRES-LYS
AIISNE	ST. MIHIEL
MONTDIDIER-NOYON	MEUSE-ARGONNE
CHAMPAGNE-MARNE	VITTORIO-VENETO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AISNE-MARNE	

1st Army Argonne Sept. 12-16th/18

Service abroad not entitling me to battle clasp, in (Instruction 4)

☒ FRANCE; ☐ ITALY; ☐ SIBERIA; ☐ RUSSIA; ☒ ENGLAND

Signature of Applicant

(Instr. 6)

LED OUT BY FORWARDING AND APPROVING OFFICER

Omaha, Nebr.

(Station of forwgd. or apprg. officer)

To The Adjutant General of the Army

Signature

To the Depot Officer, G. S. Depot, Philadelphia

Approved for Victory Medal.

With battle clasps: *

SECOND INDORSEMENT.

Approved as recommended

(Division Surgeon.)

THIRD INDORSEMENT.

Approved as recommended in second indorsement.

(Major General, Commanding.)

Earl A - 937713 3
 23 July
 DSW.
 Leave. Hop 7-R-18-7/4/18

comb Earl Anthony 937713 (Christian Name) (Number)		R.A.	RANK	ARM OR STAFF CORPS	DIVISION
		N.A.			
		N.G.			
		C.R.C.			
		U.S.M.C.			
Bluff Nebraska (State)					
Holcomb Father (Relationship)					
(City)					
Mar 4/18 (Date of Enlistment)		Pvt		Ft Riley Apr Re	
Aug 8/1889 (Date of Birth)				Med.	
June 8/18 Occupation Carpenter					
SOS APO 726 DATE June 11/18 191					
RECORD OF TRANSFERS AND CHANGES					
<i>Transferred to duty R 191 7/2/19</i>					
to U.S. SS <i>Texas</i> P.H. - Mrs Anna H. Holcomb. <i>15 June 1914</i> Mother. <i>3 H 60</i>					

CASE OR INJURY, WITH
ON, COMPLICATIONS,
DISEASE, ETC.

(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS
AND OPERATIONS 1918
July

(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS

1034
R-5-G 29th - A
-R-12-E " - A
-L-12-S " - A
-L-13-W " - A
-L-13-S " - A
-L-15-D " - A

Successful 2

Vision—Right eye

Hearing—Right ear

Left eye

Left ear

RIGHT

LEFT

ing teeth {Upper, 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8} (Strike out those that are missing)
Lower, 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

CERTIFY that I have carefully examined the person named on the first page hereof and have recorded the results of the examination, and that it is my judgment and belief that he is physically qualified for general military service.
physically deficient and not physically qualified for general military service by reason of

Port Riley, Co. 1st
Mass. 1st

Major M. R. C.

FIRST INDORSEMENT.

examined and found physically {qualified
not qualified} for general military service by reason of

DECISION OF DISTRICT BOARD.

The District Board
the person named
the first page hereof {physically qualified for general military service.
physically qualified for special or limited military service as
physically deficient and not physically qualified for military service by reason of

(Member of District Board.)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT PLACE OF MOBILIZATION.

(Person under examination stripped.)

137 lbs.; height 66 inches.
chest (at nipples): At expiration 32 inches; at inspiration 36 inches.
examination (head, chest, abdomen, extremities) Normal

APPLICATION TO BE SENT TO MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD.

I hereby make application to be sent to a Medical Advisory Board for further physical examination.

Date _____

(Signature of registrant.)

REFERENCE TO MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD.

Respectfully referred to Medical Advisory Board _____
for further physical examination of the person named on the first page hereof.

Place _____

Date _____

(Member of Local Board.)

EXAMINATION BY MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD.

(Person under examination stripped.)

_____ inches.

_____ inches.

and for what length of time.

_____ physician.

When _____

I certify that the foregoing questions and my answers thereto have been read over to me and that I understand the questions, and that my answers thereto are correctly recorded and true in all respects. I further certify that I have been fully informed and know that making or being a party to making a statement as to my fitness for military service renders me liable to punishment by imprisonment.

W. B. H.
11/19/18

E. A. Hall

(Signature of person examined.)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION BY EXAMINING PHYSICIAN OF LOCAL BOARD.

(Person under examination stripped.)

Weight _____ lbs.; height _____ inches.

Circumference of chest (at nipples): At expiration _____ inches. At inspiration, _____ inches.

General examination (head, chest, abdomen, extremities) _____

Throat _____

Lungs _____

Genital organs (urinary) will be examined in suspicious cases _____

Hemorrhoids _____

Feet _____

Vision—Right _____

FINDING OF LOCAL BOARD.

This Local Board finds the person named on the first page hereof _____

physically qualified for general military service
physically qualified for special or limited military service as _____
physically deficient and not physically qualified for military service.

Place _____

Date _____

(Member of Local Board.)

APPEAL FROM FINDING OF LOCAL BOARD.

I hereby appeal from the above finding of Local Board for _____
on the ground that _____

Date _____

(Signature of registrant.)

Board for the County of
Burt, State of Nebraska,
Gering, Nebr.

Local Board for

REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

(Surname.)

(Christian name.)

Serial No.

Order No.

STATEMENT OF PERSON EXAMINED.

Have you found that your health and habits in any way interfere with your ability to earn a livelihood? If so, give details.

Consider that you are now sound and well? If not, state details.

Ever been under treatment in any hospital or asylum?

Hospitals or asylum

Lungs

Primary organs (urine will be examined in suspicious cases)

Hemorrhoids

Foot or other deformities of feet

Vision—Right eye; left eye

Hearing—Right ear; left ear

Teeth:

RIGHT.

LEFT.

Missing teeth { Upper, 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 } (Strike out those that are
Lower, 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 }

Remarks

I hereby certify that the person named on the first page hereof has been carefully examined that the results of the examination have been carefully recorded and that it is the judgment and of the Medical Advisory Board that he

is physically qualified for general military service.
physically qualified for special or limited military service as
physically deficient and not physically qualified for military service by reason of

LEFT.

Teeth { 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 } (Strike out those that are missing
Lower, 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 }

Special entry—Particular qualifications of registrant found to be physically deficient and not qualified for general military service (note hereunder any trades, professions, or other civil occupations in which the registrant has had experience)

I certify that I have carefully examined the person named on the first page hereof and have carefully recorded the results of the examination, and that it is my judgment and belief that he is physically qualified for general military service.
physically qualified for special or limited military service as
physically deficient and not physically qualified for military service by reason of

dates:

Put

gements:

*Chateau Thierry
St. Michel*

oversea service: From *May 21/18* to *June 27/19*

nal separation from service: *July 9/19*
(Date.)

☒ Honorably discharged on demobilization.

Honorably discharged:

(Cause.)

Discharged. Not recommended for reenlistment.

Dishonorably discharged.

Deserted.

Killed in action.

Died of wounds received in action.

Died:

(Cause.)

Slightly July 11/18

Wounded in action:

(Degree and date.)

ability upon discharge: *0*

decorations:

*Awarded
Croix de Guerre*

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME
 (3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
 Pvt. M.D. 23 Inf.
 (6) AGE, YRS. (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YRS.
 38 W Iowa 4/12
 (10) REGISTER NO. 937713
 (11) DATE OF ADMISSION July 1, 1918
 (12) SOURCE OF ADMISSION
 (13) CAUSE OF ADMISSION

G.S.W., multiple, both hands, "O".
 Received in action, July 1, 1918, in
 unknown sector, on duty with A.E.F.

(14) IN LINE OF DUTY?
 (15) COMPLICATION, SEQ., ETC. Yes.

(16) DISPOSITION
 Duty
 (17) DATE OF DISPOSITION July 22, 1918
 (18) NAME OF HOSPITAL, ETC.

Base Hospital 43 A.P.O. 726
 (19) SENT WITH REPORT OF S. & W. FOR MONTH OF
 (20) FROM

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME
 Holcomb Earl A.
 (3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
 Pvt. M.D. 23 Inf.
 (6) AGE, YRS. (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YRS.
 28 W Iowa 4/12
 (10) REGISTER NO. 937713
 (11) DATE OF ADMISSION July 1/18, 1918
 (12) SOURCE OF ADMISSION
 (13) CAUSE OF ADMISSION

GSW., multiple, both hands, "O".
 Received in action, July 1/18, in
 unknown sector, on duty with AEF.

Hosp.
 (14) IN LINE OF DUTY? Yes
 (15) COMPLICATION, SEQ., ETC.

(16) DISPOSITION
 Duty.
 (17) DATE OF DISPOSITION July 22/18, 1918
 (18) NAME OF HOSPITAL, ETC.

Base Hospital 43, A.P.O. 726
 (19) SENT WITH REPORT OF S. & W. FOR MONTH OF July 18
 (20) FROM Same

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME
 (3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
 (6) AGE, YRS. (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YRS.
 (10) REGISTER NO. 937713
 (11) DATE OF ADMISSION, 7/3-18, 1918
 (12) SOURCE OF ADMISSION, F. W. 1
 (13) CAUSE OF ADMISSION,

G.S.W. both hands.
 W. E.

(14) IN LINE OF DUTY? No.
 (15) COMPLICATION, SEQ., ETC.,

(16) DISPOSITION.
 Wad. To Quynson Morris
 (17) DATE OF DISPOSITION, July 2, 1918
 (18) NAME OF HOSPITAL, ETC.,

(19) SENT WITH REPORT OF S. & W. FOR MONTH OF
 (20) FROM

1. CHRISTIAN NAME
Robert. Carr

2. (3) AGE, YRS. (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STATE CORPS
29 1st Md. 23 Inf.

(6) AGE, YRS. (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YRS.
29 W La 7/12

(10) REGISTER NO. *937713*

(11) DATE OF ADMISSION *Sept. 17/18*, 19

(12) SOURCE OF ADMISSION *Command*

(13) CAUSE OF ADMISSION
*Arthritis both knees
both ankles acute old
2. Myositis both thighs
acute.*

(14) IN LINE OF DUTY?

(15) COMPLICATION, SEQ., ETC.

DISPOSITION

Evac. to B.H. 45

OF DISPOSITION *Sept 17*, 1918

OF HOSPITAL, ETC.

J. N. 16

WITH REPORT OF S. & W. FOR MONTH OF *Sept. 1918*

Pvt. M.D. 23 Inf.

(3) AGE, YRS. (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE
29 W La. 8/12

(10) REGISTER NO. *937713*

(11) DATE OF ADMISSION, *Sept. 17,* 19

(12) SOURCE OF ADMISSION,
Trans. fr. Base Hosp. 53.

(13) CAUSE OF ADMISSION,
1. Arthritis, both knees
2. Arthritis, both ankles.
1&2 September 15th, 1918.

(14) IN LINE OF DUTY? *1&2 Yes*

(15) COMPLICATION, SEQ., ETC.,

(16) DISPOSITION,

Duty.

(17) DATE OF DISPOSITION, *October 12,* 1918.

(18) NAME OF HOSPITAL, ETC.,
*Base Hosp. No. 7.
A.P.O. 717, A.E.F.*

(19) SENT WITH REPORT OF S. & W. FOR MONTH OF . 19

(20) FROM

(21)

1st Lieut. M.C.

Pvt. M.D. 23 Inf.

(3) AGE, YRS. (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE
29 W La. 8/12

(10) REGISTER NO. *937713*

(11) DATE OF ADMISSION, *Sept. 17,* 19

(12) SOURCE OF ADMISSION,
Trans. fr. Base Hosp. 53.

(13) CAUSE OF ADMISSION,
1. Arthritis, both knees
2. Arthritis, both ankles.
1&2 September 15th, 1918.

(14) IN LINE OF DUTY? *Yes*

(15) COMPLICATION, SEQ., ETC.,

(16) DISPOSITION,

Duty.

(17) DATE OF DISPOSITION, *October 12,* 1918.

(18) NAME OF HOSPITAL, ETC.,
*Base Hosp. No. 7.
A.P.O. 717, A.E.F.*

(19) SENT WITH REPORT OF S. & W. FOR MONTH OF . 19

(20) FROM

(21)

1st Lieut. M.C.

(1) RANK *Priv.* (2) COMPANY *M. 10* (3) REGIMENT OR BATTAL *23. Inf.*
 (4) AGE, YRS. *29* (5) RACE *Jowa* (6) NATIVITY *Jowa* (7) SERVICE *10*

(10) REGISTER NO. *937713*

(11) DATE OF ADMISSION. *18 Sept.* 19*18*

(12) SOURCE OF ADMISSION. *Base Hosp.* *9 SEP 1918*

(13) CAUSE OF ADMISSION.
Arthritis

(14) IN LINE OF DUTY? *Yes*

(15) COMPLICATION, SEQ., ETC.

RECORDED FROM MEDICAL
 JUL 16 1923

(16) DISPOSITION.

Base Hosp 9

(17) DATE OF DISPOSITION. *22 Sept.* 19*18*

(18) NAME OF HOSPITAL, ETC.

Base Hosp #53. A.P.O. 714

(19) SENT WITH REPORT OF S. & W. FOR MONTH OF

(20) FROM

29 80. Feb. 7

937713

Sept. 17, 1918
Command

Arthritis both
hands and ankles
acute old.

Arthritis both
hands acute.

BY TRANSFER

Hosp 9

SEP 1918

REPORT OF DISABILITY BOARD.

Hold at Casual Officers' Depot, SOS, AEF, under
G.O. No. 41, GHAEF, Ech. 14/18.

(Date) ~~July 22/18~~

Halcomb, Earl A. 937713

Pvt. Med. Dept. 23rd Inf.

1. Convalescent from gunshot wound of
Nature of disability: hands, multiple.

2. Disability ~~(did not)~~ exist prior to entry into
service.

3. Disability ~~(is not)~~ in line of duty

4. Classification: A.

5. Nature of duty recommended:

Hold 5 days no work.

George H. Carr
1st Lt. M. R. C. Mem.

John S. Pocky
Major M. C. Pres.

Harry C. Mc
1st Lt. M. R. C. Rec.

ADJUSTED COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE IN

Army
(Army, Navy, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps)

This application must be sent to the War Department, Navy Department, or Marine Corps, as indicated in instructions depending on whether your last service was in the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps. Use the envelope provided for this purpose, with the proper address printed on it.

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVER CAREFULLY

The Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy.

The following statements are made by me in support of my claim for Adjusted Compensation under the provisions of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act:

Name of veteran:

Holcomb Earl Anthony
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Service or Serial No. *937713*

Address of veteran or dependent

1625 6th Ave

Scotts Bluff Nebraska
(City) (County) (State)

Date of birth of veteran *August - 8 - 1889* at *Murray Iowa*
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City) (State)

Original entry into World War service in the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps

was as a *Private* on *March - 4 - 1918*
(Rank or grade) (Month) (Day) (Year)

at *Gering Nebr.*

Date of separation *July - 9 - 1919* at *Camp Dodge Ia.*
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City)

did ~~(did not)~~ have oversea service. *May 21/18 + June 27/19*

Service in organizations, at stations or on vessels in the order named as follows:

<i>Ambulance Co 41</i>	from	<i>May 4 - 1918</i>	to	<i>Apr. 15 - 1918</i>
<i>1st Riley Apr. Med Replacment</i>	from	<i>Apr. 15 - 1918</i>	to	<i>June 15 - 1918</i>
<i>Med Dept. 23rd Inf.</i>	from	<i>June 15 - 1918</i>	to	<i>Sept 23 - 1918</i>
<i>Co No. 60</i>	from	<i>Nov. 1 - 1918</i>	to	<i>July 1 - 1919</i>
	from		to	
	from	<i>July 9 - 1919</i>	to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	

Character given on discharge certificate *Excellent*

Item 9 will be filled in only by men whose service or part of whose service was in the Marine Corps

Embarked for oversea service on

(Name of vessel)

(Date)

at (Name of port), and disembarked from

(Name of vessel)

(Date)

at

(Name of port)

, on return to United

States from oversea service.

...ed service:

GRADES

FROM—

To—

None

...a commissioned or warrant officer performing home service not with troops and receive-
commutation of quarters or of subsistence from

..., and during this period I was on duty following
STATION FROM— To—

None

...ed a farm or industrial furlough from

None

... military or naval department, to wear the prescribed uniform of the branch of service in
serving.

... discharged for alienage.

I certify that I am the *Person* named in this application;
(See Instructions for this item)

... the statements made herein are made by me of my own free act and deed for the
purpose of applying for Adjusted Compensation under the provisions of the World War
Adjusted Compensation Act; and that the same are true and correct to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

Oct. 8-1924 Signature of applicant *Earl Anthony Holcomb*
(First) (Middle)

... *Item 20 will not be filled in when dependent makes application*

... undersigned, certify that we know the person signing the application to
be the veteran whose service is set forth in the above application; that we have

... for *8* years and *(2) two* years, respectively;
(To be filled in by first witness) (To be filled in by second witness)

... that he (~~she~~) understands the statements made by him (~~her~~) and the penalty provided
law for making false statements.

Signature of witnesses: (1) *Clara Allison Emery*
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

Lering, Neb
(Address)

(2) *Estel Ellsworth*
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

Lering Neb
(Address)

INDIVIDUAL RECORD OF DECORATION AND CITATIONS

TO BE FILED WITH PERSONAL MILITARY RECORD
12-6-32 mgs 47

Date.

Initials of clerk
and reviewer,

The following is a statement showing decorations
awarded in the case of the above named, together
with the citations pertaining thereto, compiled
from records on file in The Adjutant General's
Office:
awarded Purple Heart 12-6-32
on account of wound received in
action 7-1-18.

Report of Disability Board

Held at B.H. 7, A.P.O. 717
under G. O. No. 41, G. H. Q. A. E. F., March 14, 1913.

Oct. 1, 1918

(Date)

Holcomb, Earl A.

(Name)

937713

(Number)

Pvt. Co. M.D.

(Rank)

23rd Inf.

(Regt or Dept.)

Admitted from B.H. 53

Sent to Base Depot, A.P.O. 726.

2. Nature of Disability: Arthritis - acute

Disability { did } exist prior to entry into service.
{ not }

Disability { is } in line of duty.
{ not }

4. Classification: B-2

(Enter letter indicated A, B, B₁, B₂, C, C₁, C₂, D)

Nature of duty recommended:

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Report of Disability Board

Held at Base Hospital No. 60, APO #731, AEF.
under G. O. No. 41, G. H. Q. A. E. F., March 14, 1918.

December 3, 1918.

Holcomb, Earl A.

(Name)

937713

(Date)

(Number)

Private.

(Rank)

M.D., 23rd Inf.

(Regt. or Dept.)

Admitted from Hq., Casual Officers Depot, S.O.S.

ent to _____

Nature of Disability: Arthritis, knee, bilateral,

acute. Recovered.

2. Disability **did* exist prior to entry into service.
{did not}

3. Disability is in line of duty.
{is not}

Classification: "A"

(Enter letter indicated A, B₁, B₂, C₁, C₂, D)

ure of duty recommended: Full duty.

W. H. H. H. H.
Capt. Medical Corps

examined above has this date been given a careful physical
and it is found that
is physically and mentally sound.
He is physically and mentally sound with the following exceptions:
(Describe the nature and location of the defect, wound, injury, or disease)

GROUP A

The wound, injury, or disease is likely to result in death or disability.
{is not} did originate in the line
of duty in the military service of the United States.
{did not}

In view of occupation he is 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks _____

Myron W. Shell
MYRON W. SHELL, Capt.

M. C., U. S. Army

JUL 9 1919

2 Div Fld Hoap Sec.

Jun 19

Pvt Cas MD.

Transfd to Infirm 23 Inf.

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On his own statement I do not know, nor have I any reason
to believe that the soldier who made and signed the foregoing declaration has
injury, or disease at the present time, whether or not incurred in
military service of the United States.

The soldier who made and signed the foregoing declaration has a †wound,
†injury, †or disease, which was incurred about _____, 191 ;
at _____

The nature and location of the †wound, †injury, †or disease, so far as known,
are _____

The circumstances under which incurred were _____

In my opinion the wound, injury, or disease {†did } originate in the line
{†did not } of duty in the military service of the United States.

Remarks _____

A. P. Kieley

Capt. U. S. A. Cas. Det.

Camp Dodge, Iowa

Commanding

JUL 9 1919

Christian name *Earl*
Trade *Med. Corp.*
Company and regiment or arm or corps or department
Father
(Occupation prior to entry into service.)

DECLARATION OF SOLDIER

Question. Have you any reason to believe that at the present time you are suffering from the effects of any wound, injury, or disease, or that you have any disability or impairment of health, whether or not incurred in the military service?

Answer *No*

Q. If so, describe the disability, stating the nature and location of the wound, injury, or disease.

A.

Q. When was the disability incurred?

A.

Q. Where was the disability incurred?

A.

Q. State the circumstances, if known, under which the disability was incurred.

A.

I declare that the foregoing questions and my answers thereto have been read over to me, and that I fully understand the questions, and that my replies to them are true in every respect and are correctly recorded.

Earl A. Holcomb
(Signature of soldier.)

H. P. Kelly
(Signature of witnessing officer.)
Capt. U. S. A. Cas. Det.

Camp Dodge, Iowa

1919

Sec Div Fld. Hosp Sect. June 1

Evt Cas Co MD

Attached for D.

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Hospital
atal Center, A.P.O. 731.

April 3, 1919.

J. A. Tremblay

J. A. Tremblay,

Captain, S.C.

Personnel Adjutant.

No. 6.

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Board
 Can, bacon
 Can, condiment
 Canteen and cover
 Canteen-haversack
 strap
 Canteenstrap, Cavalry
 Cartridges, cal.
 Cartridges, cal.
 Cartridge belt
 Cartridge belt and
 suspender
 Front sight cover
 Gun sling
 Hand axe and carrier
 Hatchet and cover
 Haversack
 Magazines, extra
 Magazine pocket
 Oil and thong case
 Pack carrier
 Pick mattock and
 carrier
 Pick, Cavalry, and cover
 Pistol No.
 Pistol belt
 Pistol holster
 Pouch for first aid
 Pouch for small
 articles
 Ration bag
 Record case, N. C. O.
 Revolver No.
 Rifle No.
 Rifle cover
 Rifle scabbard
 Rifle, 2-foot, folding
 Saber and scabbard
 Saber knot
 Saberstraps, pairs
 Shovel and carrier
 Steel tape, 5-foot
 Spurs, pairs
 Spurstraps, sets
 Stockcover
 Trench knife and scab-
 bard
 Wire cutter and carrier
 Horse equipment, com-
 mon
 Horse equipment, com-
 mon

Breeches, cotton
 Breeches, woolen
 Caps, service
 Chevrons
 Coats, denim
 Coats, cotton
 Coats, woolen
 Cords, hat
 Drawers, cotton
 Drawers, woolen
 Gauntlets, winter
 Gloves
 Hats, denim
 Hats, service
 Laces
 Laces, shoe
 Leggings
 Neckties
 Ornaments, cap
 Ornaments, col-
 lar
 Overcoat, O. D.
 Overshoes, arctic
 Ponchos
 Shirts, flannel
 Shoes, gymna-
 sium
 Shoes
 Slicker
 Stockings, cotton
 Stockings, woolen
 Suspenders
 Trousers, denim
 Undershirts,
 cotton
 Undershirts,
 woolen

* Strike out words not applicable.

Report of Disability Board

Admitted at Base Hospital No 60, APO #731, AEF.
Under G. O. No. 41, G. H. Q. A. E. F., March 14, 1918.

December 3, 1918.

(Date)

Holcomb, Earl A.

(Name)

937713

(Number)

Private

(Rank)

M.D., 23rd Inf.

(Regt. or Dept.)

Admitted from Hq., Casual Officers Depot, S.O.S.

Admitted to On duty with 1st Regt. 80

Nature of Disability: Arthritis, knee, bilateral

Recovered.

Ability {**did**} exist prior to entry into service.

Ability {is} in line of duty.

Classification: "A"

(Enter letter indicated A, B, C, D)

Nature of duty recommended: Full duty.

Base Hospital #43 APO. 726.

Register No 937713 Ward Hosp Mixte

Name Holcomb, Earl A.

Rank Pvt 23 Inf 3rd Bn. Med. Dept

Age (years) 28 Race W Service (years) 4/12

Birthplace Iowa.

Station COD. SOS.

Date of admission July 6. 18. (July 1. 18)

Source of admission Transfer.

Vac. # 7.

Religion Bap.

Home address Scotts Bluff Neb.

Name and address of nearest relative Mother

Mrs. Anna, Holcomb.

Same Address

Initials of admitting officer Lt. G.A.S.

(To be filled in by ward surgeon when case is completed.)

Disposition To Duty Class "A"

Date July 27, 1918

Final diagnosis Both hands of

by Surgeon "A"

of duty

on duty

on duty

on duty

on duty

on duty

on duty

FAMILY AND PERSONAL HISTORY

FAMILY HISTORY

Occupation:

Typical service:

Habits as to alcohol:

Family history:

Previous personal history:

Unshot wounds or other casualties:

Venereal history:

None
Gonorrhea about
11 years ago -

SURNAME OF PATIENT

SURNAME OF WIFE

CLINICAL RECORD

HISTORY OF PRESENT DISEASE

(Date and mode of onset; probable cause; evolution and course to admission.)

CLINICAL RECORD
SUBJECTIVE SYMPTOMS

Condition on admission:

Good -
Multiple g.s.w.
(small) of both
hands caused by
shrapnel.

CLINICAL
OBJECTIVE SYMPTOMS

CONTINUED

Abdomen:

Liver,

Spleen,

Tenderness,

Masses,

neg.

Nervous system:

Osseous system:

Muscles and joints:

neg.

Diagnosis on transfer card:

G. A. W. Both hands

Diagnosis of ward surgeon:

Wounds, Multiple
G. A. W. Both hands
used for

OBJECTIVE

SYMPTOMS

Condition on admission:

Good
G. A. W. both hands.

Weight: Normal 140 ; Present

General condition:

Good.

Special senses:

Hearing in right ear
impaired - sense of smell
is impaired (slight).
Skin and mucous membranes:

Glandular system:

neg.

Vascular system:

neg.

Blood pressure:

Heart:

neg.

Lungs:

neg.

Genito-urinary system:

neg.

Treatise.

7818 Hands dressed
daily,

719. Towail Swabbed
2 - August 10th 1884

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

201 Holcomb, Earl A.
(6-18-31) Ex

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1931.

MEMORANDUM for the Recorder, Decorations Board, A.G.O.

SUBJECT: Case of Earl A. Holcomb, #937713, formerly Pvt.,
MD., 23d Inf., 2d Div., A.E.F., for considera-
tion for the award of the D.S.C.

Papers accompanying: 201 papers; extracts of AG 210.
-1, and AG 370.2 23d Inf. 7415-18.

2. Previous action: None; recommendations withdrawn from the
records of the 2d Div., and never forwarded to GHQ AEF or the War Dept.,
for consideration; cited in GO 44, 2d Div., 1918, as follows:

"Heroically continued to dress the wounded under heavy
bombardment until they were themselves wounded and evacuated.
This near Chateau-Thierry, July 1, 1918."

3. War Dept. records show: Slightly wounded July 1, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:

E. H. Davis
Adjutant General.

Incls:
all papers.

W. H. Burton
Captain, A.G.D., Rec.

Recommendation of the Board APPROVED AUG 20 1931

By order of the Secretary of War:

E. H. Anderson
Major General,
The Adjutant General. *Eaa*

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REPORT OF DECORATIONS BOARD

Convened pursuant to Paragraph 47, S. O. 167-O, War Department, 1921,
and Paragraph 7, S. O. 271, War Department, 1927, as amended.

W. D., Washington, D. C.,
(date) August 18, 1931.

The board having been properly convened and organized, has
in the case of

Earl	A.	
Surname	First Name	Middle Name
713, formerly pvt., M.D., 23d Infantry, 2d Division, A.E.F.		
Rank and Organization		

2. By decision of a majority of the board, the above-named individual
is not recommended for the award of the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS for
July 1-2, 1918.

3. Reason for disapproval:- The deed performed is not considered
to have been an act of extraordinary heroism within the meaning of the
law governing the award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Remarks: The citation in General [redacted], Headquarters [redacted],
deemed the appropriate [redacted]

CONSIDERED BY THE DECORATIONS
BOARD AUG 18 1931

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Honorable Discharge from The United States

W. H. H. H. H.
Official Index and filed for record
May 1920 at 8:23
and recorded in Book 7 of
Honors on Page 525
R. H. H. H.
REGISTER OF DEEDS



TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That Earl A. Holcomb
37713, Pvt. Gas. Det. 965 Dem. Group. Last
THE UNITED STATES ARMY, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITH
SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service of
UNITED STATES by reason of Rel. Arch. W.D. 11/15 & A. G. 11/30
Said Earl A. Holcomb was
Murray, in the State of Illinois
enlisted he was 28 $\frac{6}{12}$ years of age and by occupation a Farmer
blue eyes, brown hair, reddish complexion
5 feet 6 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Camp Dodge, Iowa
9 day of July, one thousand nine hundred and

James C. C. C.
Major Sig. Corps
Commanding

Form No. 553, A. G. O.
Oct. 9-18.

*Insert name, Christian name first; e. g., "John Doe."

†Insert Army serial number, grade, company and regiment or arm or corps or department; e. g., "1,020,502"; "Company A, 1st Infantry"; "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps"; "Sergeant, First Class, Medical Department."

‡If discharged prior to expiration of service, give number, date, and source of order or full description of authority for

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ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: Earl A Holcomb Grade: private
Enlisted, or Inducted, Mar 4, 1918, at Spring Nebr
Serving in first enlistment period at date of disc
Prior service: * None

Noncommissioned officer: never

Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating: †

Not rated

Horsemanship:

Not mounted

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions:

A.E.F. Chateau Thier
7-1, 1918. St Mihiel Sept 12-18, 1918

Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations: Cross

Knowledge of any vocation:

Lath coverer

Wounds received in service:

S.W. hands bilateral 7-1-18

Condition when discharged:

Good

Service is completed

3-25-18

Single:

Single

Character:

Excellent

No AWOL, no absences under

Ar 45-14. Entitled travel pay. Left

May 21, 1918

Returned 4.5. 6-27-19

Signature of soldier: Earl A. Holcomb

DOUGLAS, IOWA

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Stacy
Capt. F.A.

Operation:

Date:

Anesthetic used: Amount:

Administration of anesthetic begun:

Administration of anesthetic ended:

Operation begun:

Operation ended:

Anesthetizer:

Operator:

U. S. Army,
In charge of Operating Room

CHRISTIAN NAME

HOLCOMB - HRL #1
Rt Co M.D. Service (years) 34
Regt. or 23rd Inf
(Yrs) 29 Race W Staff Corps
Place Murray Iowa

Station

Date of admission

Source of admission

Religion

Home address

Name and address of nearest relative

Initials of admitting officer

(To be filled in by ward surgeon when
case is completed.)

Disposition

Date

Final diagnosis

Condition on completion of case

Weight: Normal ; Present

General Condition:

Special senses:

Skin and mucous membranes:

Glandular system:

Vascular system:

Blood pressure:

Heart:

Lungs:

Genito-urinary system:

NAME

CHRISTIAN

Alcohol:-

moderately.

Personal

measles.

mumps.

typhoid.

Family:- neg.

no TBC.

G. S. W. etc - neg.

General:

Gonorrhea 10 yrs ago.

Sept 15/18 following
hike in rain taken
a pain in knee joints
& pain swelling of ankle
joints
Dec May 1918. Radicular
condition.

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12/18 no laryngitis p. x 12

SURNAME OF PATIENT

Headstone case

☐ Probation Officer case

☐ Copy Report of Separation
furnished for separation
on _____

☐ Selective Service case

☐ CSC Form 813 request from _____

☐ Finance center request

☐ GAO request

OTHER (Show source of inquiry, action taken,
and date)

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

☐ _____

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Medical Detachment

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Combe) M.D.

...ally continued thru work of dressing the wounded under
heavy bombardment until they were themselves wounded and evacuated.

Citation in Division Orders.

(ink note: Appd. E.M.L.)

Pencil signature - P. Malone

Extract made from paper filed AG 210.5 - 23d Inf. 7-1-18
Withdrawn from the records of the 2d Division.

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BOARD
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AG 201 Holcomb, Earl
(Ex)

February 15, 1927.

Mr. Earl Holcomb,
1625-6th Ave.,
Gering, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

There is forwarded herewith a French diploma, No. 99,662
(E. U. No. 5476) pertaining to the award of the French Croix de
Guerre, with bronze star to you.

under order No. 12,000 "D" dated November 29, 1918,
General Headquarters, French Armies of the East.

It is requested that the inclosed receipt be accomplished and
returned to this office.

Very truly yours,

Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By:

John B. Shuman

2 Incl.
(Diploma and
receipt card)

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Date FEB 27 1927 Sig. HPC

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARDS FOR OFFICERS AND MEN OF 23RD INFANTRY
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Earl A.

1. Private R. Holcombe, Medical Detachment, 23rd Infantry.

Private Holcombe exhibited extraordinary heroism in administering to the injured and continuing to aid them under heavy shell-fire until he was killed by a shell and seriously wounded.

The other officers and soldiers whose names appear in the papers herewith recommended for the Distinguished Service Medal or for mention in Divisional Orders. Their conduct is set forth in sufficient detail in the accompanying papers.

Separate recommendation for promotion has already been submitted; additional recommendations will be submitted.

(Signed) Paul B. Malone,
Paul B. Malone,
Colonel, 23rd Infantry
Commanding.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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Holcomb, Earl A.
29-32) WW

December 6, 1932.

Purple Heart

Quartermaster General.

1. The Secretary of War directs that a Purple Heart, engraved with the name of the recipient, be issued to

Mr. Earl A. Holcomb
Gering, Nebraska

for account of wound received in action July 1, 1918, while
serving as Pvt., Med. Detch., 23rd Inf.

Adj. Gen.

made for Mr. Holcomb.

File, mgg 4/3 12-6-32.

Headquarters Twenty Third Infantry,
A.E.F., France, July 15, 1918.

FROM: Commanding Officer, 23rd Infantry, A.E.F.
TO: Adjutant, 2nd Division, A.E.F.
SUBJECT: Report of operations July 1/2, 1918.

1. I enclose herewith report of operations of the 3rd Bn, 23rd Infantry, attached troops, July 1/2, 1918, and request that it be filed in connection with my report of the same operations already submitted with all orders, plans and maps as enclosures.

2. I enclose a list of recommendations for awards founded upon the report of subordinate officers. Recommendations for similar awards have already been submitted. These recommendations were mostly in lead pencil, were not in duplicate and were hastily made. It is quite likely that they differ in some details from those now submitted. It is recommended that if any names are omitted from these lists which were included in the previous lists the previous recommendations be considered in order that the case of the individual concerned may receive consideration before the board charged with rendering final decision upon the award to be granted.

(Signed) Paul B. Malone,
Paul B. Malone,
Colonel, 23rd Infantry
Commanding.

Note: Original of this paper withdrawn from the 2d Div. records and classified as 37C.2 23d Inf. (7-15-18), bore the following notation relative to report of operations referred to in par. 1:
"Report of operations sent to G-3, in Feb. 1919."

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