

**USING
MORNING REPORTS
to
RESEARCH
WWI WWII KOREAN WAR
and
VIETNAM VETERANS**



A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO MORNING REPORTS

The morning reports are **company level**, daily reports which document status changes for assigned personnel of all Army units from WWI through Vietnam.

First introduced in 1912 these reports were originally used to keep track of individual veterans for pay and benefits purposes.

COMPANY **R E S T R I C T E D**
MORNING REPORT ENDING 12 August 1964
 Lambert Zone 1 France 1:250-000
 STATION 1 Mi So of Plabennec R0112 Brittany
 ORGANIZATION Tr "C" 66th Cav Ron Sq Meez Cav
 (CD MET. ETC.) (PLANT UNIT) (ARM OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
01012166	House, Alton L. SSN-1204	1st Lt	
MIA 5 Aug /44 to KIA 5 Aug /44			
32280604	Pane, Samuel M. SSN-607	Tec 5	
MIA 5 Aug /44 to KIA 5 Aug /44			

Remarks		Continued	
Pt. Nell. fr. Henty to Ah in Hoop. Pen 16 th ; Port. Low fr. Henty to A.D. (Culter school). Tot. Hoops fr. S.W. of A.D. to Port, 10 th Hoop Henty to A.D. only 14 th Port. Nell. fr. Ah in Hoop to Ah in Hoop (18 th) Port. Culter fr. Henty to A.D. (Culter to Henty 10 th)		16	21
November 21 st Paloma 180 x 10 - 1800 - 25 - 1875 + 19 = 1894		19	25
Attached 178 Open to Basin & Co. 180 x 10 = 1800 - 25 - 1875 + 19 = 1894			

						Permissive Travel Orders 3-69 HQ 7th Sqdn 1st Cav APO 96357
Lyon John P	05235352	CPT	Admir abs 7 da Tokyo Dprt TDY			Permissive Travel Orders 3-69 HQ 7th Sqdn 1st Cav APO 96357
File Patrick H	RA14942095	SP5E5	Admin abs 7 da Hong Kong Dprt TDY			Permissive Travel Orders 3-66 HQ 7th Sqdn 1st Cav APO 96357
Jackson Frederick	W3162550	WO1	Admin abs 7 da Singapore Dprt TDY	LO		03-06 HQ 7th Sqdn 1st Cav

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Important status changes for individual veterans such as unit assignment, transfer, promotion, discipline or wounds received in combat were recorded on the morning reports.

COMPANY RESTRICTED MORNING REPORT
 ENDING 17 Aug
 Lambert Zone 2, France 1:250,000
 STATION 5 Mi N E Vannes M 1808 Brittany
 ORGANIZATION Tr C 86th Cav Ren Sq Meez Cav
 SERIAL NUMBER 31256600

COMPANY RESTRICTED MORNING REPORT
 ENDING 12 August
 Lambert Zone 1 France 1:250,000
 STATION 1 Mi So of Plabennic R0112 Brittany
 ORGANIZATION Tr "C" 86th Cav Ren Sq Meez Cav
 SERIAL NUMBER NAME GRADE CODE
 01012166 House, Alton L. 1st Lt
 SSN-1204
 MIA 5 Aug /44 to KIA 5 Aug /44
 32280604 Pane, Samuel M. Tec 5
 SSN-807
 MIA 5 Aug /44 to KIA 5 Aug /44

ORGANIZATION Tr "C" 86th Cav Ren Sq Meez Cav
 ENDING 17 Aug
 Lambert Zone 2, France 1:250,000
 STATION 5 Mi N E Vannes M 1808 Brittany
 ORGANIZATION Tr C 86th Cav Ren Sq Meez Cav
 SERIAL NUMBER NAME GRADE CODE
 31256600 SSN-749 Pfc
 and MTD 14 Aug
 which reads Pvt 15 Aug 44 is

for this date.
 16 Aug 44 On Ren missions in vicinity of Vannes.

M/R dated 16 Aug 44 which reads Pvt Moran dy to AMDL 0700 15 Aug 44 is corrected to read n/c.

01012166 House, Alton L. 1st Lt
 SSN-1204
 MIA 5 Aug /44 to KIA 5 Aug /44

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If you are researching an individual Army or Air Force veteran the morning reports allow you to trace their movements, showing where they were and what they were doing during their time in the service.

Devito James L	05247718	1LT	REDISTRIBUTION				
			Rtn	Pres		Permissive Travel Orders 3-56	
						HQ 7th Sqdn 1st Cav APO 96357	
			fr Admin abs 7 da				

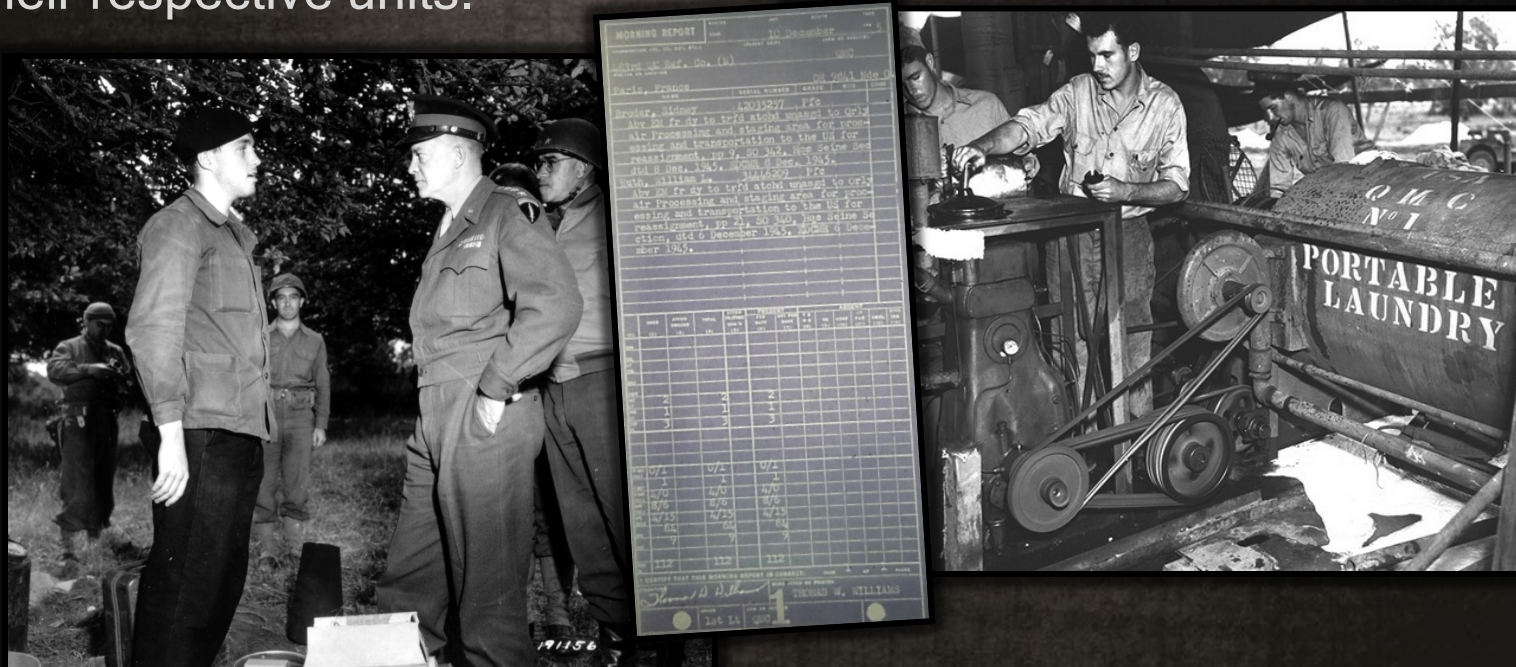
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Devito James L	05247718	1LT	Asg	Pres	2	36 HQ 7th Sqdn 1st Cav APO 96357	13Feb69
			fr Trp C 7th Sqdn 1st Cav APO 96357	Con Br AR FMOB 1981			

Devito James L	05247718	1LT	Atch	Pres			
			pnig EDCSA				

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Whether researching General Eisenhower as he planned for the invasion of Europe or tracing the movements of the lowest ranking Private whose duty it was to wash Ike's underpants - you can follow either veteran day by day using the morning reports of their respective units.



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Initially, the morning reports were handwritten in cursive on pre-formatted cards. Unit clerks recorded the day's events and submitted them to supervising officers for inspection before the records were transferred to Army record keeping units for storage.

OFFICERS		UNLISTED MEN		RATIONS		ANIMALS ON HAND	
For Duty	For Duty	For Men	For Animal	For Duty	For Animal	For Duty	For Animal
1. <i>Pvt. Harry E. Burdick (1482427) Herbert E. Kirkpatrick (1680024)</i>		1	1	1	1	1	1
2. <i>Allen Rogensberg (1707245) for duty to S.D. at Leavenworth</i>		1	1	1	1	1	1
3. <i>Maxwell Kline School, C. Phila. Service (1707558)</i>		1	1	1	1	1	1
4. <i>John J. Williams (1707557) Joseph J. Williams (1707558) from duty to S.D. at Leavenworth</i>		1	1	1	1	1	1
5. <i>(1707558) for duty to S.D. at Leavenworth</i>		1	1	1	1	1	1
22. <i>No Change</i>							
23. <i>1st Lt. William J. Scott, transferred to supply Co. No. 5043, May 30-1918. 1st Lt. John C. May Jr., assigned to Co. No. 5043, May 30-1918.</i>							
24. <i>1st Lt. Harry Kraft (1707595) 1st Lt. John Shaughnessy (1707600) to S.D. at Leavenworth. 1st Lt. Harry J. Kraft (1707595) for duty to S.D. at Leavenworth. 1st Lt. Harry J. Kraft (1707595) for duty to S.D. at Leavenworth.</i>							
25. <i>Pvt. Angelo Pasquini (1707741) Harry Smith (1671537) from S.D. at Leavenworth. 1st Lt. Harry J. Kraft (1707595) for duty to S.D. at Leavenworth.</i>							

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This continued until 1943 when the Army required that the reports be typed rather than written by hand.

	REMARKS. (See Instructions 7, 8, and 9.)	RATIONS.	
		For Men.	For A.
Date of Month.		Fish.	Fruit.
Pvt. Harry E. Burdick (168347) Herbert E. Knappatrick (168002)			
Eller, Roger (1707745) fr. Duty to S.D. at Lewis			
Mechanic Mine School. Chas. Irving Hearn (1707558)			
John J. Williams (1707557) Joseph J. Noronha (1707552) from			
duty to S.D. at Combina Mine. W.C. Pittman (1707550) fr. D. to S.D. at Combina Mine. C. J. Pittman			
22 No Change - JAR			
23 1st Lieut. William Scott transferred to supply Co. No. 5043, May 20-1918. 1st Lieut. John G. Mayo, Jr., assigned to Co. per SO.			
Apr. 22, May 1918-JAR			
24 Capt. Francis Kraft (1707595) Pvt. John Shaughnessy (1707600)			
fr. S.D. duty to S.D. at Combina Mine. J. Kraft (1707552) fr. Duty to			
S.D. at Combina Mine. J. Kraft (1707552) fr. Duty to			
Pt. Charles Simpson fr. duty to Shain Hospital.			
25 Pte. Supply Sergeant (1707780) Harry Smith (1677537) from L.S. unit			
(1143886) Charles Marshall (1707648) fr. duty to transport ship Co.			

COMPANY		ENGINE 18, September 1943	
MORNING REPORT		PAGE 3	
STATION APO #4778, U S Army, Oran, Algeria			
ORGANIZATION 705th Air Art Bst Co			
SERIAL NUMBER		NAME	
GRADE		CODE	
19102584	Webster, Norman B	S/Sgt	
34745728	Edwards, Arnold D.	T/5	
36468531	Matthews, Andrew W.	PO	
36819884	Barnes, Forest B.	Pvt	
36890238	Culver, Richard	Pvt	
36463218	Curnow, Jack	Pvt	
36819263	Ripley, Robert L.	Pvt	
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32581702	Cipo, Stephen G.	T/5	
sk in org 338th Infr Regt Dispry			
to Dy			
Officers Messing with Organisation			
0-822350	Seldon D. Butcher	Capt	
0-820471	Lewis A. Pearson	1st Lt	
0-918942	Alston B. Barrow	2nd Lt	
0-918942	Vernon G. Barrow	2nd Lt	
0-1107894	Andrew T. Griffin	2nd Lt	
0-1102671	Donald F. Mohler	2nd Lt	
0-110696	Robert G. O'Leary	2nd Lt	

OFFICER STRENGTH	PLD & CAPT		11-17		12-17		NO		PLD &	
	PREL	ADT	PREL	ADT	PREL	ADT	PREL	ADT	PREL	ADT
ASSIGNED	1		1		5					
UNASSIGNED										
ATTACHED & OTHER CODE	1									
TOTAL	1		1		5					
OFF CAPT & UNASSIGNED	AVIATION CODES									
ATTACHED & OTHER CODE	PRESENT		ABSENT		PRESENT FOR DUTY		ABSENT		PRESENT FOR DUTY	
ASSIGNED					219	2			221	
UNASSIGNED										
ATTACHED & OTHER CODE										
TOTAL					219	2			221	

S	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF MEN ASSIGNED FOR	DAY OF WEEK	DATE	PAGE	PAGE	PAGE	PAGE	PAGE	PAGE	PAGE
1	220	Monday	Sept 21, 1943	225						
2	220	Tuesday	Sept 22, 1943	225						
3	220	Wednesday	Sept 23, 1943	225						
4	220	Thursday	Sept 24, 1943	225						
5	220	Friday	Sept 25, 1943	225						
6	220	Saturday	Sept 26, 1943	225						
7	220	Sunday	Sept 27, 1943	225						
8	220	Monday	Sept 28, 1943	225						
9	220	Tuesday	Sept 29, 1943	225						
10	220	Wednesday	Sept 30, 1943	225						
11	220	Thursday	Oct 1, 1943	225						
12	220	Friday	Oct 2, 1943	225						
13	220	Saturday	Oct 3, 1943	225						
14	220	Sunday	Oct 4, 1943	225						
15	220	Monday	Oct 5, 1943	225						
16	220	Tuesday	Oct 6, 1943	225						
17	220	Wednesday	Oct 7, 1943	225						
18	220	Thursday	Oct 8, 1943	225						
19	220	Friday	Oct 9, 1943	225						
20	220	Saturday	Oct 10, 1943	225						
21	220	Sunday	Oct 11, 1943	225						
22	220	Monday	Oct 12, 1943	225						
23	220	Tuesday	Oct 13, 1943	225						
24	220	Wednesday	Oct 14, 1943	225						

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Detail on the morning reports in WWII and the Korean War became more organized and consistent, with serial numbers included for all veterans.

CONTINUATION			
MORNING REPORT	DATE	DAY	MONTH
	1944	4	Oct
Sed-Ranger Inf Co (Abn)			
Ran-er The Cen 3440ASU (FERM-PARTY) In			
Station or location			
Fort Benning Ga			
NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	MOB
GATIS (Con't)			
Waterbury Joseph	O-13413821st Lt	Lt1512	
Asgd & jd fr	82d Abn Div Ft Bragg		
NC par 68	SO 200 Hq The Inf Cen		
this sta cntrl br Inf race & Comp			
ORC Cat III	dy 1512 a/h 1928 O/S		
av 22 rat fr	O/S Dec 48 spec rating		
Frcht & GII	ETS 30 Apr 51		
Rapoik John C Jr	O-13411192nd Lt	Lt1512	
Asgd & jd fr	82d Abn Div Ft Bragg		
NC par 25	SO 200 The Inf Cen this		
sta cntrl br Inf race & Comp ORC			
Cat III	d/b 1923 O/S av 23 rat fr		
O/S Aug 45	spec rating Frcht & GII		
ETS 31 Dec 51			
Starcher Richard	O-1368232 2nd Lt	1542	
Asgd & jd fr	82d Abn Div Ft Bragg		
NC par 26	SO 200 Hq The Inf Cen		
this sta race W Comp ORC Cat III			
dy 1542 a/h 1927 O/S av 47 dt ret			
fr O/S Nov 47	spec rating Frcht & GII		
ETS Apr 52			
O/S asgd & jd fr	unit indicated Ft		
Bragg NC par 12 13 & 14	SO 200 Hq		
The Inf Cen this sta (SO atchd)			
nd Lt1512			
Ft Bragg			
Cen this			
omp ORC			
3 ret fr			
ght & GII			
1542			
Bragg NC par 70 71 & 78	SO 200 Hq		
The Inf Cen this sta (SO atchd)			

COMPANY **U.S. ARMY** **18, September 48**
MORNING REPORT

STATION **AFPO #4778, W 3 Army, Gran, Algeria**
 ORGANIZATION **705TH TWP 1st Mt Co**

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
19102684	Webogius, Norman H	S/Sgt	
36745728	Edwards, Arnold D.	T/5	
32848831	Matthews, Andrew W.	PFO	
36819284	Barnes, Forest B.	Pvt	
36800232	Gulver, Richard	Pvt	
36463918	Gurnow, Jack	Pvt	
36819263	Tipler, Robert L.	Pvt	
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0-110696	Robert G. O'Leary	2nd Lt

OFFICER STRENGTH	FIELD OFFICERS		1LT		2LT		3LT		4LT		PLSG	
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
ASSIGNED	1		1		5							
OFFICERS UNASSIGNED												
STRENGTH OFFICER ONLY	1		1		5							
TOTAL	1		1		5							

OFFICER STRENGTH	AVAILATION CAPERS		UNLITLED NLS	
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
ASSIGNED			219	2
OFFICERS UNASSIGNED				
STRENGTH OFFICER ONLY			219	2
TOTAL			219	2

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BATTIONS REQUIRED FOR DAY OF WEEK	DAY OF WEEK	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BATTIONS REQUIRED FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT	TOTAL BATTIONS	TOTAL BATTIONS
1	THURSDAY	225	225	225
2	FRIDAY	225	225	225
3	SATURDAY	225	225	225
4	SUNDAY	225	225	225
5	MONDAY	225	225	225
6	TUESDAY	225	225	225
7	WEDNESDAY	225	225	225
8	THURSDAY	225	225	225
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15	THURSDAY	225	225	225
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32	SUNDAY	225	225	225
33	MONDAY	225	225	225
34	TUESDAY	225	225	225
35	WEDNESDAY	225	225	225
36	THURSDAY	225	225	225
37	FRIDAY	225	225	225
38	SATURDAY	225	225	225
39	SUNDAY	225	225	225
40	MONDAY	225	225	225
41	TUESDAY	225	225	225
42	WEDNESDAY	225	225	225
43	THURSDAY	225	225	225
44	FRIDAY	225	22	

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When the U.S. Army entered the Korean War the morning reports were enlarged providing more space to record events and personnel status changes. These enlarged reports were used until the morning reports were phased out in 1974.

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A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO MORNING REPORTS

Prior to the catastrophic 1973 fire which destroyed most Army service records at the National Archives, morning reports were primarily used to verify eligibility for benefits or awards—which may have been omitted from the veteran's Official Military Personnel file.



COMPANY MORNING REPORT		ISSUED 11 June 1964	100-4
STATION Pournemouth, Dorset		100-4	
ORGANIZATION Ptry C 42nd En 4th Inf Div FA		100-4	
SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
20262119	Poland	Ten5	600
Dy to dropped from rolls (SEA) France 6 June 44			
227716	Shelley (Abs sk)	Pfc	✓
Abs sk to dropped from rolls 6 June 44			
14018000	Miss	Pvt	
Minor wound right clavicular France 6 June 44 remained dy			
5 Q missed			
5 PM atchd for rations only			
END OF REPORT			
Continuing engagement with enemy in France; additional casualties not available at this time			
1 M (SEA)			

A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO MORNING REPORTS

After the fire, the morning reports were used more broadly by both the Department of Veteran Affairs and the National Archives as they sought to verify benefits eligibility for veterans whose service records were consumed in the fire.

*No change
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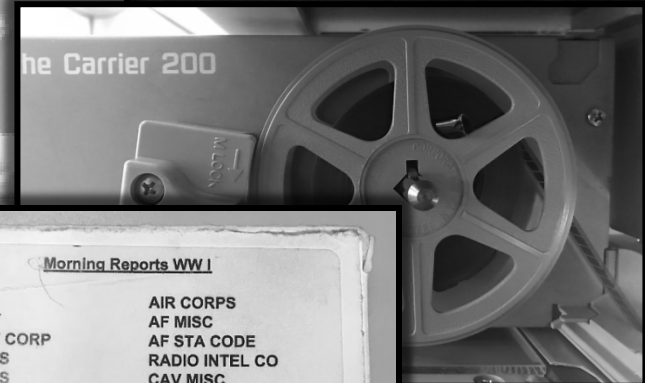
MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES		ASSIGNED PERSONNEL
Orlando Caruen	RA20222928	Pfc Promoted to Cpl (E-4)

		CORRECTIONS	ATTACHED PERSONNEL
McGraw Larry R	US53532742	PVTE2 25Feb70	SNL
		Gr PVT E2	
		"SHOULD BE"	
		Gr PVT E1	

COMPANY		ENDING	21	August	4
MORNING REPORT		1400			
		Zone 1			
STATION Lignes la Deucelle, 21297, French Lambert					
ORGANIZATION Btry C 42nd Bn 4th Inf Div FA					
SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE		
3327097	Duffin, Arthur P. (Abs sk)	Cpl			
Absent sk to dropped fr asgmt as non-battle casualty (Disease slight) 13 Aug					
per Air 69 BTUSA 13 June 44 606					

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Today, the morning reports can be viewed in person at the National Archives where they are maintained on microfilm.



Morning Reports WW I

GHQ	AIR CORPS
ARMY	AF MISC
ARMY CORP	AF STA CODE
BANDS	RADIO INTEL CO
CAMPS	CAV MISC
DET	CHEMICAL
FORTS	COAST ARTILLERY
BASE SEC	AM REPORTS
ARMIES	ENGINEERS
MTC REGT	FIELD ARTILLERY
MTC COMPANY	INFANTRY
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MTC SECTION	
MTC MISC	
MTS INDEX	

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUR VETERAN

The earliest variation of morning reports used during WWI included a 'general record of events' section which often detailed movement and locations where the men in each company were stationed.

Day of month.	REMARKS.
1	No change.
2	Pvt. Dreckman H. Demarais W. F. Overholser W. Sherry Geo. Stevenson F. E. White W. C. Whitney 40 transf to 402 ACS, SC. Pvt Meloney Henry transf to 602 Supply Sq. per 50.34 par 8. 1st Lt. L. A. P. & 1st Lt. H. T. O. + 52
3	Pvt. Eelen from duty to sick in hos transferred to 602 Supply Sq. per 1,191 & attached to this Squadron. <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">Vancouver, Wash</div> 3
4	Fets Griffen and Tibbeck from Duty to Transfer. 6 PM Feb 3rd. 4 Pts from 425th Sg assigned this Sg. per 50.34 par 8. 9 Feb 3 not reported. 1st Lt. J. H. Hopkins and 2nd Lt. G. G. H. O'Neil, M.B. Troop and F. H. Shorel assigned this Sg. per 50.34 par 8. not yet joined. 18
7	16 Pts fr transfer to Duty 6 PM Feb 6th. Pts Van Kampen & Martler fr. transfer to sick in hosp. 6 Pts from transfer 140 12 as per 50.35 par 10 joined. 2 PM Feb 6th. 4 Pts same per order previously transferred elsewhere per per 50.35 28. Pts Usher & Stockton joined sick in Hosp. Pvt Price joined though en S.D. Pvt Jarvis from Duty to trans fer 6 PM Feb 4. All Officers assgd this Sg. per 50.34 par 8. joined. Pvt Smith, Thomas & fr duty to sick in hosp. 145

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUR VETERAN

These notations often document overseas transport and unit Headquarters locations when there was a change in station.

1-9 ABOARD USS TASKER H. BLISS AT SEA.

Day of month	STATION AND RECORD OF EVENTS
1-9	ABOARD USS TASKER H. BLISS AT SEA.
10	ORG DISEMBARKED FROM USS TASKER H. BLISS, GOING OVER THE SIDE INTO HIGGINS BOAT 1935, REACHED SHORE 2005, BIVOUACED IN PARK FEDALA, FR. MOROCCO.
11-13	FEDALA, FR. MOROCCO TO ENCOMPASSMENTED BY VIEW OF ORG. FROM BIVOUACED, LEFT PARK ORGO,
11-13	FEDALA, FR. MOROCCO, USUAL BIVOUAC DUTIES, NO (H) USS TASKER H. BLISS. SANK BY TRENCH, HARBOR FEDALA, FR. MOROCCO, HEM ABOARD BUT REACHED SHORE SAFELY.
14	ORG MOVED FR. 11 AM N. FEDALA, FR. MOROCCO TO NIK PORT. CASABLANCA, FR. MOROCCO, HOUSED IN HANGER, DISTANCE CONVEYED 16 MILES.
15-24	CASABLANCA, FR. MOROCCO: 12 REGULAR FULL DUTIES

CASABLANCA, FR. MOROCCO:

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUR VETERAN

Information about the individual soldiers who were assigned to the company was packed onto the standardized lines of the report which document each day of the month.

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FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUR VETERAN

These names run across each page from left to right in an almost stream of consciousness-like flow.

BROWN E BROWN M, CRADDOCK R, CHALLINER H, DEMAKO J, FANNING
C, FAIRCHILD F, FITZGERALD J, LAMAR C, OWEN G, PALMER A,
RIEMER C, ROBERTS J, ROSCHWAB G, SPENCER B, SULLY W,
TUTTLE L, PEC KOMATO A. ID ORG ER DET. LEFT AT WILL
ROGER FIELD, OKIA OCT 4/44 1800. 2ND LT. STEIN R. OLYMPIAN BTRC
B. ASST D Y. 1944-46. ON HAND IN THE AIR FORCE. TO MARCO?
AIR VACC

REMARKS

Day of Month	REMARKS
APR 14	CPL LANPHEAR J, PFC'S FINN E, LEONARD K, FR. SPECIAL DETAIL ABOARD TRANSPORT SHIPS TO DUTY C800. NR
APR 15	NO CHANGE NR
APR 16	SGT PERKINS A, PVTs BRASHAM J, HALL G, HANSON E, RUGGIERO M, TISON M, DANHEHE C, GRAZIANO E, HALEY E, HERRERIE L, LYNCH B, MCCARTY O, WEST R, THOMPSON J, FR. SPECIAL DETAIL ABOARD SHIP TO DUTY C800. NR
APR 17	SGT BREE L, PFC FINN E, DUTY TO TEMP. S/D WITH CO. A. SIG ANN, 929th SIG BN AND CASABLANCA, FR. MAROCCO. C800. NR
APR 18	NO CHANGE NR
APR 19	SGT MANLEY V, T/SGT LATIMER O, T/SGT BEDNORZ S, BRICKEY G, FACKRUS H, SHEARER O; PVTs ABLES R, ADAMS J, BERGER, BASALIA M,

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUR VETERAN

Directly after the string of names you will find a notation referring to the men who were previously listed on the page.

OFFICERS										ENLISTED MEN, INCLUDING SPECIALISTS																				Specialists Present and Absent					
Day of month	Present				At-Worked	Per Duty										On special duty	Sick in hospital	Sick in quarters	In arrest	In confinement	Total present	Absent					Total present and absent	Attached							
	On duty and not at post	In quarters	In mess	Special duty		Sick	Able to perform duty	Privately 1st class	Privates	Sergeants	Total for duty	Detached service	Sick	With leave	Without leave							In arrest or confinement	Missing in action	Total absent	Present	Absent		For ration only							
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During WWII the morning reports became more efficient, with each page heading indicating the unit designation, date, geographical location, and map coordinates.

COMPANY
MORNING REPORT ENDING 18 June 1944
2400 (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)
STATION 1 Mile S Barbarno, Italy
ORGANIZATION IC Co D 927th Sig Bn S
(JOB, RPT, ETC.) (PAGE NO.)
Serial Number NAME

COMPANY
MORNING REPORT ENDING 10 JUNE 1944
2400 (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)
STATION LA FOTELAIE, FRANCE --
ORGANIZATION K.1950 REGT, INF
(JOB, RPT, ETC.) (PAGE NO.)
Serial Number NAME

COMPANY
MORNING REPORT ENDING 7 January 1945
2400 (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)
STATION St Trond, Belgium vK2049
ORGANIZATION Bq Co First Army Inf
(JOB, RPT, ETC.) (PAGE NO.)
Serial Number NAME

SECRET
ENDING 28 June 1944
2400 (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)
STATION Merville-sur-mer, France
ORGANIZATION 161st Amphibian Truck Company
(JOB, RPT, ETC.) (PAGE NO.)
Serial Number NAME GRADE CODE
0-1500240 1st Lt 1st Lt 1st Lt

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Many of the WWII map codes used in Europe can be translated to longitude and latitude for precise GPS mapping , allowing us to follow a veteran's footsteps through the war.

COMPANY MORNING REPORT ENDING 7 January 1945

2400 (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)

STATION St Trond, Belgium vK2049

ORGANIZATION Hq Co First Army Inf

(JOB, DET, ETC.) (FURTHER DET.) (OFFICIAL NAME)



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When veterans were fighting through the Jungles of the Pacific or the rugged terrain of Korea it is more common to see a general location or approximation for each day's station.

COMPANY MORNING REPORT			
STATION		23 June 1944	
ORGANIZATION		1st Amphibian Truck Company	
SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
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COMPANY MORNING REPORT			
STATION		9 JANUARY 1945	
ORGANIZATION		35th Fl Cont Sq (Sep) V Fl Cont AC	
SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
No change			

MORNING REPORT				
ORGANIZATION		31 DEC		
STATION OR LOCATION		811th TD Bn		
RESTRICTED				
NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	CODE	CODE
Rieger Donn H	35576231	Pvt		
Dy to Abs Sk 2nd Med Bn NBC LD SSN 531				
Arndson William J	6573853	Sgt		
SMA in Belgium 30 Dec 44 BC dy to Abs Sk 2nd Med Bn SSN 602				
Winchester Pink (NMI)	35450548	Cpl		
SMA in Belgium 30 Dec 44 BC dy to Abs Sk 2nd Med Bn SSN 610				

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Because many morning reports were drafted in hazardous conditions and extreme climates it is also common to find degraded quality on some of the reports.

The image shows two pages of a military morning report form. The left page is a 'COMPANY MORNING REPORT' dated 26 June. It includes fields for station (3 miles NE Orbetello, Italy), organization (1st Co D 927th Sig Bn Sep-2, TAC Sig C), and a table for personnel status. The right page is a summary of rationing, showing totals for dry rationing, starch rationing, and anticipate rations.

COMPANY MORNING REPORT 26 June

STATION: 3 miles NE Orbetello, Italy
ORGANIZATION: 1st Co D 927th Sig Bn Sep-2, TAC Sig C

Serial Number NAME GRADE CODE

No change

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Summary of rationing:

Item	Qty	Ex
Total asgd pres for dry rationing with org	4	120
Total starch rationing with org	0	2
Excess Med Det 927th Sig Bn	4	122
Anticipate rations for		

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On WWII morning reports the notations pertaining to the individual men within the unit appear on the lines beneath the heading of each page.

The morning reports are 'omissions based' meaning that only the names of men with status changes are mentioned.

The image displays three overlapping 'COMPANY MORNING REPORT' forms from World War II. The top form is dated 25 June 1944, from the 230th Vierville-sur-Mer, France, 1st Amphibian Truck Company. It lists several personnel including Allcock, Arbie (Wagon), Barrett, Cells, Deubert, Dorton, Durkop, Rodriguez, and Sohner. The middle form is dated 26 June 1944, from 3 miles NE Orbetello, Italy, 1st Co D 92nd Sig Bn Sep., TAC Sig C. It shows a 'No change' status for one individual. The bottom form is dated 27 June 1944, from 17 027 301 Sgt, and lists several personnel including Turrell, Donald B, and others. The forms are filled with handwritten and typed information, including names, serial numbers, grades, and codes.

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So, for example if you were promoted or wounded then your name would appear on the report for that date.

If nothing happened to you then you would not be mentioned.

The name of the soldier along with their rank and serial number appear first, with the status change listed on the lines beneath their name.

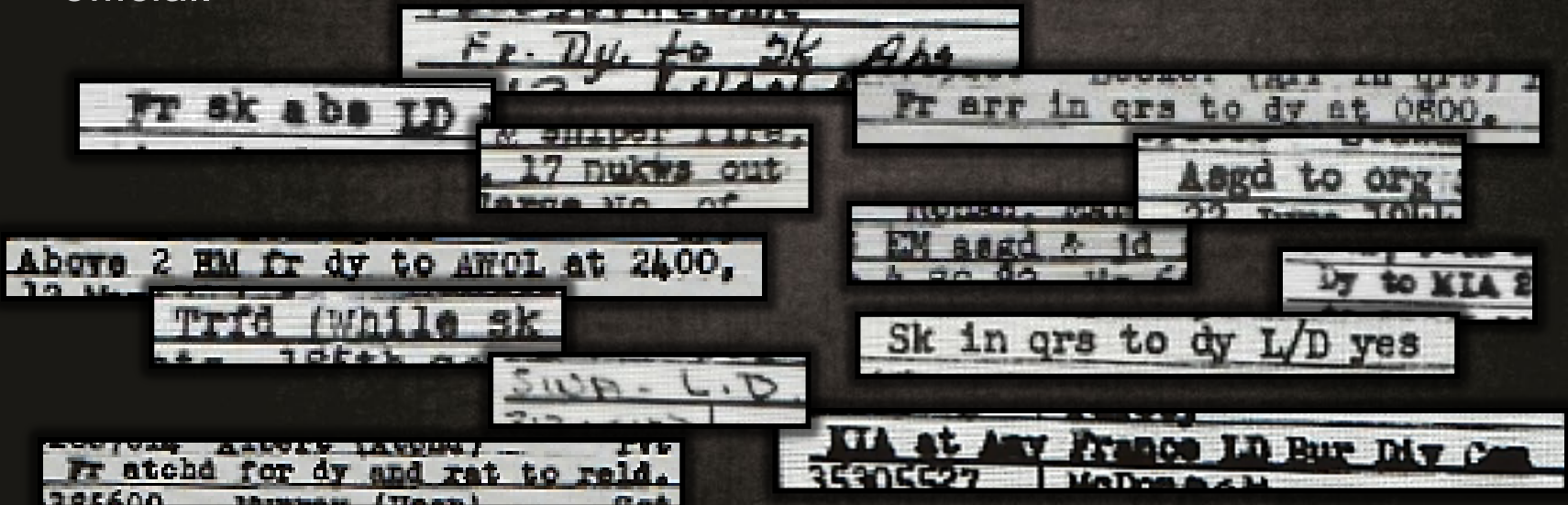
Thomas Harry H	17 027 301 Sgt	
CMA in Luxembourg BC LD dy to Co 1 2nd		
Med En BSN 002 20 DEC 44		

Serial Number	NAME	GRADE	CODE
	No change		

39232529	Rodriguez	Pvt
36168986	Gohnerch	Pvt
Above 9 appointed private first		
class per par 2, CO #12, Hq, 461st		
Amph Trk Co., dtd 24 June 44.		

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The morning reports utilize what is essentially a form of military shorthand as a way to fit all of the necessary data on the relatively small space provided. For example: the word assigned appears as 'asgd', sick usually appears as 'sk', wounded in action appears as 'wia', returned to duty appears as 'rtd'. There are many, many abbreviations found in the morning reports and not all of them are official.



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At the bottom of each morning report for WWII and the Korean War a 'record of events' section is also included.

RECORD OF EVENTS SECTION	
17 September 1953 -	Company presently constructing bunkers and defense positions 2 Off
5 M Ho & Ho Co atchd for rats 2 PM Med Co atchd for rats 6 PM	departed for return to
BPT rationed to include Breakfast meal	
CERTIFICATION SECTION	

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Sometimes this section includes a detailed account of small unit combat actions for each day which can allow for an incredibly detailed and personal understanding of your veteran's wartime experiences.

RECORDS AND EVENTS
5 off & 153 KM departed Portland harbor
at 1500. 5 June 1944. 5 off & 151 KM
disembarked 1ST's fr 0800 to 1200. 6 Jun
1944 under enemy shell & sniper fire. 1
off SWA by enemy shell. 17 ducks out
of 44 were missing. A large No. of
prisoners were taken by other units.
weather fr fair to cool & cloudy.
morale high. movement of freight &
personnel begins from ship to shore.
company worked on beach policing and
moving obstacles. 1 off and 42 KM
absent.

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The very bottom of each page includes detail on unit strength, rations and then a signature of the commanding officer who signed off on each day's report.

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLD Q & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLY Q	
	PRE	ABST	PRE	ABST	PRE	ABST	PRE	ABST	PRE	ABST
REGD			2		3					
REGD UNARMED										
REGD - PW OTHER GRADE										
TOTAL			2		3					

ATTN-CADET & ENL STRENGTH	ATTENTION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ABSE			176		6	182
ARCHES UNARMED						
ATTEND - PW OTHER GRADE						
TOTAL			176		6	182

R	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK DATE	NUMBER
A	MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT		
I	BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER
O	MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY		0
M	MEN ATTEND TO OTHER OPCN FOR RATIONS		0
S	PRESENT	176	LESS 0
		176	PLUS 5
			TOTAL 181

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SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*
H. H. GATLIN, 1st Lt. TFC.

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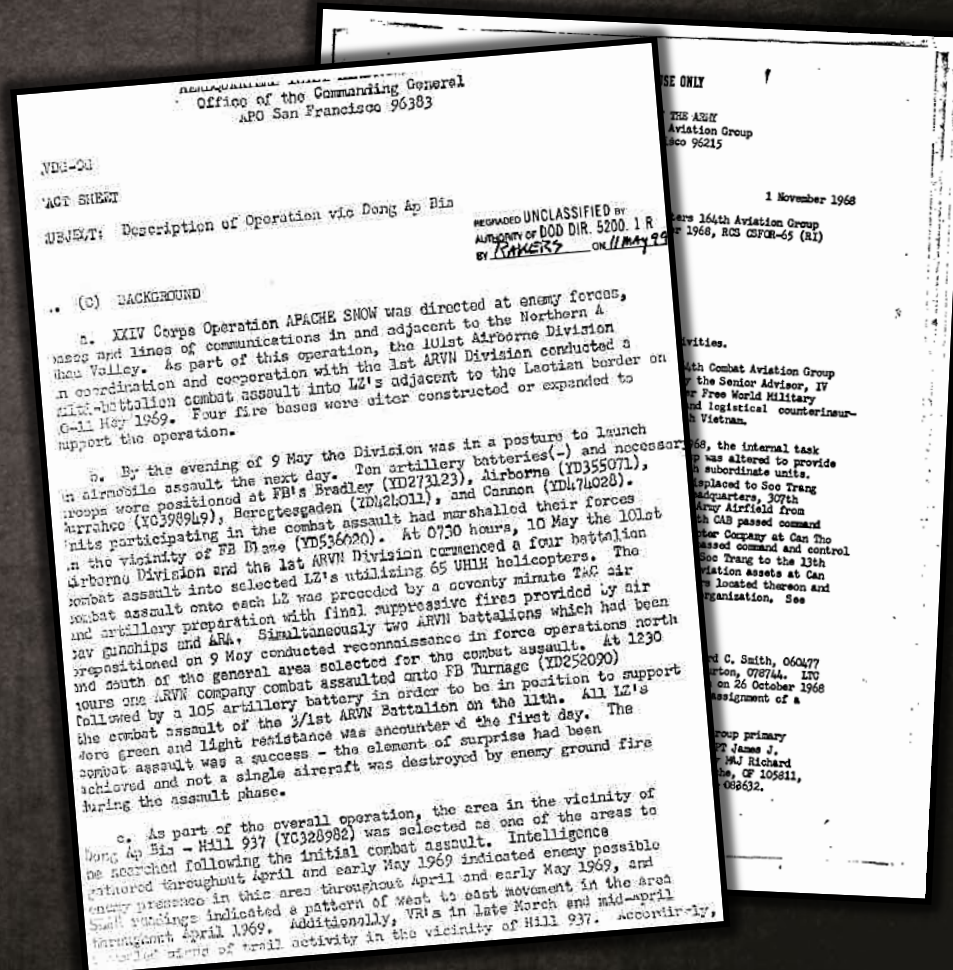
During Vietnam the morning reports focused only on the personnel and headquarters location. The 'record of events' section describing action or movement taking place was removed from the forms. Depending on the unit and dates being researched it may be possible to use after action reports or command reports to fill this gap.

NAME a	SERVICE NUMBER b	GRADE c	ACTION d	STATUS e	PARA f
			REDISTRIBUTION		
Bounds William J	05248001	1LT	Dprt	TDY	
			to 765th Trans Bn Vung Tau		
			ATTACHED PERSONNEL		
Workman Oscar	IS51714478	POB3	Atch	Pres	
			and assignment		

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It is technically possible to document every step of a veteran's service from start to finish using the morning reports.

This type of detail is difficult to assemble because of the limitations of the reports themselves and the enormity of the armed forces during various conflicts.

COMPANY	ENDING	2	JUNE	1944
MORNING REPORT	2400	(DATE)	(MONTH)	(YEAR)
STATION	L.S.T. - 488 - At Sea - -			
ORGANIZATION	Co K, 175th Regt, Inf			
COMPANY	ENDING	9	JUNE	1944
MORNING REPORT	2400	(DATE)	(MONTH)	(YEAR)
STATION	Auville-sur-le-Vey - France			
ORGANIZATION	Co K, 175th Regt, Inf			
COMPANY	ENDING	3	JULY	1944
MORNING REPORT	2400	(DATE)	(MONTH)	(YEAR)
STATION	2 1/2 Mi. No. St. Lo, France (51.4-67.4)			
ORGANIZATION	Co K 175th Regt Inf			

COMPANY	ENDING	11	August	1944
MORNING REPORT	2400	(DATE)	(MONTH)	(YEAR)
STATION	Le Chaudronniere, France (64.3-26.6)			
ORGANIZATION	Co K 175th Regt Inf			
COMPANY	ENDING	1	September	1944
MORNING REPORT	2400	(DATE)	(MONTH)	(YEAR)
STATION	3/4 Mi N Kerquilt, France (55.4-01.0)			
ORGANIZATION	Co K 175th Regt Inf			
COMPANY	ENDING	24	September	1944
MORNING REPORT	2400	(DATE)	(MONTH)	(YEAR)
STATION	2 Mi SW Landeran, France			
ORGANIZATION	Co K 175th Regt Inf			

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Stateside training periods are easier to document for veterans who stayed with the same unit throughout the war. In most cases it is wise to skip US training periods and stick to using the morning reports to research the core overseas unit to which the veteran was assigned. This allows us to gain a clear understanding of their main contribution to the war effort.



I hope that you found this presentation helpful. If you think that others may be interested in learning more about researching a family member who served in the US Military, please share this video on social media and let others know about the services we provide!

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