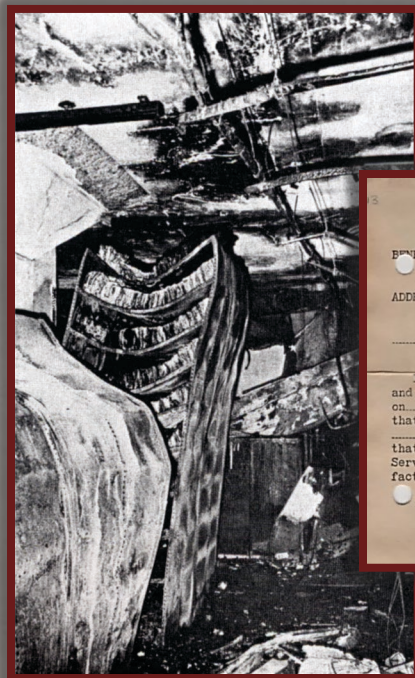


RESEARCHING A WWI ARMY VETERAN

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This presentation explains how to reconstruct the service history of individual WWI Army veterans whose official military personnel files were lost in the 1973 archives fire.



Seligson Lester 18 400
Cpl Op Provost Guard Co Op Service 30 28 41330

BENEFICIARY Seligson Mrs. Annie Mother
(Last name) (First name) (Middle name) (Relationship)

ADDRESS 220 South Main
(House number) (Street)

Falough Wales N. C.
(City) (County) (State)

I certify that the person first named on the face of the certificate is the applicant and is a veteran; that he was discharged under honorable conditions; that he was born on Nov 8, 1888, at Raleigh, N. C.; that his address is Atlantic City Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J.; that the date of his application is June 27, 1927; that the amount of Adjusted Service Credit due veteran is \$104.25; and that the facts hereinbefore stated are the facts of record upon which the conclusions hereinbefore reached are based.

I further certify that a valid application has been received in this case.

1927
DWIGHT F. DAVIS



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While the vast majority of the military service records which were consumed in the fire will never be recovered, there are alternate records which can be used to rebuild and document your veteran's story. Let's take a closer look at some of these records.

Fordyce, John WIA 56711 No. 57854
1st Lt., 345th En. Tank Corps.

Purple Heart awarded 6-9-37. WIA 9-28-18.
See AG 201. NMB H-221

Lester 18 400
Op Provost Guard Co Op Sevier SC 02 412800

Mrs. Annie Mother
(First name) (Middle name) (Relationship)

South Swain
(Street)

Main H. C.

MORNING REPORT Co A Nov 12/18 308th Inf

Dortch	3998491	Fred M	Pvt	fr abs sk since Oct 31/18 to admitted to an S O S Hosp Nov 12/18 and dropped
Hamilton	3997710	Arthur D	Pvt	fr D to admitted to an S O S hospital (mumps) Nov 12/18 and dropped fr roll
Roney	3998686	Marion A	Pvt	fr abs in hsp since Nov 6/18 to admitte to an S O S Hosp Nov 12/18 and dropped

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MORNING REP. RT Nov 2/18 Co A 308th Inf

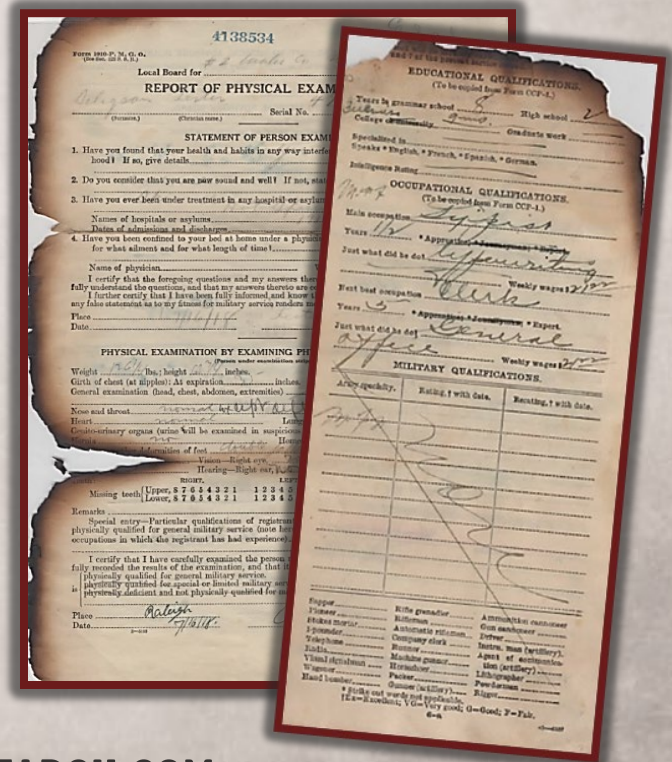
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Charles M Conley Cofp

Page 1
FINAL PAYROLL OF CAMP PROTEST HARRIS COMPANY From MARCH 1st, 1919, to MARCH 1st, 1919

No.	Name	Rank	Company	ALLOTMENTS				CREDITS			
				Basic	Allowance	Post	Travel	Post	Travel	Post	Travel
1	MESS ASSISTANT										
2	146024	Private	Pittsburg, Tenn.	1	85.00						
3	292	Private	Sal. 9-20-17								
4	125200	Private	Orangeburg, So. Car.	1	85.00						
5	412115	Private	Sal. 8-1-18								
6	412115	Private	Chicago, Ill.	1	85.00						
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TOTALS											

The National Archives estimate that 80 percent of Army military service records were lost in the 1973 fire. About twenty percent of Army files survived at least partially intact.



Service records with pages which survived the fire are classified as 'safeguarded military service records' and can actually be viewed in person at the National Archives. It is common to find singe marks as well as water damage on many of the surviving pages.



BURIAL CASE FILES

The Burial File was a separate personnel file created for veterans who died in the service between 1915-1939.

The focus of these files is primarily on the death and burial of the individual veteran.

S. S. WHEATON

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #26723

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name SMORE, John Ser. No. 567799

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 11th M.G. Bn.

(c) Date of death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 171 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 105 TYP. DMA

CO. D, 11 M.G. Bn
4 DIVISION

SMORE, John, Pvt. 567799
Home:

Was hit by shrapnel and died a few minutes later from wounds in the Bois de Septsarges at 11 A.M. Sept. 26, 1918.
His last words was a prayer.

Informant : Murphy Harry T., Cpl. 562610
Co D, 11th M.G. Bn.
Home : 439 W. Vine St.
Springfield, Ill.

Signed : by Informant .
Feb. 28, 1919

BWJ

WESTERN UNION

TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT. GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASS OF SERVICE SYMBOL

Telegram	Star
Day Letter	Star
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	Nite

1921 OCT 1 PM 3 07

524G 25 COLLECT GOVT

PY FAIRCHANCE PENN 250P 1

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE 2139

HOBOKEN NJ

RECEIVED TELEGRAM GRATEFULLY RECEIVED SEND BODY PRIVATE

SMORE NUMBER FIVE SIX SIX SEVEN SEVEN NINE NINE TO

ICE PENN VIA B AND O

STEVE SMO

H. ALBREY

Co. L-6 Inf

USA

Many Burial Case Files include correspondence regarding the repatriation of the veteran's remains and transfer of their personal effects to the family.



BURIAL CASE FILES

Some files also include travel documents and photographs of widows or mothers who attended the federally sponsored pilgrimages of the 1920's.

Name NELSON, Mrs. James
 Paris Hotel HOTEL AMBASSADOR
 Home address BOULEVARD SANN
Rosholt, Roberts County, South Dakota.
 Party D Group I Unit 88. WASHINGTON
 Date of arrival May 30 1930 Date of departure July 10 1930
 Relationship Mother
 Name of deceased NELSON, George
 Rank Pvt Organization Co. C, 128th Inf.
 Cemetery Musee Argonne



"PILGRIMAGE"
 225 West
NELSON, GEO
 REQUEST
 MRS. JAMES NELSON
 Name of Traveler
 ROSHOLT, ROBERTS COUNTY
 Home Address
 S.O. DAK.
 New York, to ROSHOLT, S.O. D.
 Destination
 Via D.L. & W. TO BUFFALO - NY

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		Number	
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AR	Chicago	WTP 1	6/2
LV	Chicago	Soo 3	6/2
AR	St. Paul	" 3	6/2
LV	St. Paul	" 105	6/2
AR	Fairmount	" 105	6/2
LV	Fairmount	" 105	6/2
AR	Rosholt	" 105	6/2

Party "D" - Itine
 Arrived New York 6:30 a
 Liaison at Station
 Sailed May 31st on GEORGE
 General Cheatham accompanied
 Arrived Cherbourg 11.30pm, May 29th.
 May 30th. Debarked. Maj. Dailey, Capt. Kinderman, Lt. Freeman,
 9 nurses and other personnel went out to ship on tender. Met at
 dock by Col. Ellis. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.05pm.
 Met by Col. Bartlett and detail of officers, interpreters and
 nurses. Taken to hotel in bus.
 May 31st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business.
 Visited Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Wreath laid on tomb of
 Unknown Soldier by Mrs. Eliza Wilson for party. Reception at
 Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel.
 June 1st. Departed 7.30 am for Verdun.
 June 2, 3, 4 - Daily trips from Verdun to Meuse-Argonne Cemetery.
 June 5th. Visited Cemetery, Snippen and Roims.
 June 6th. Visited Roims Cathedral, Chateau Thierry. Returned to
 Paris.
 June 7th. Visited Sacre-Coeur in morning and Napoleon's Tomb in
 afternoon.
 June 8th. Church. Free in morning - Notre Dame at nite.
 June 9th. Morning free. Afternoon: Versailles - Refreshments at
 Belle Cyliste.
 June 10th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30am for Invalides Railway
 Station in Paris-entrained for Cherbourg. Accompanied by 8 conduct-
 ing officers, Capt. Kinderman, 3 nurses, 2 civilian employees.
 Arrived Cherbourg 4.11 pm. Boarded PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 5.05pm
 Sailed at 6 pm. Arrived U. S. June 16th.
 Mrs. James Nelson

NAME Mrs. James Nelson
 ADDRESS Rosholt, S. Dak.
 DATE 23 - 1930
 TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
 PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
 I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
 TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.
 SINCERELY,
 (Signed) Mrs. James Nelson

BURIAL CASE FILES

Burial case files often contain eyewitness accounts describing exactly how a veteran was killed in action.

CO.D, 11 M.G.Bn
4 DIVISION

SMORE, John, Pvt. 567799
Home:

Was hit by shrapnel and died a few minutes later from wounds in the Bois de Septsarges at 11 A.M. Sept. 26, 1918.
His last words was a prayer.

Informant : Murphy Harry T., Cpl. 562610
Co D, 11th M.G.Bn.

BMJ

Co. 88th Aero Sqdn.
7th Army Corps

LOUD, Harold E., 2nd Lt.
Home: Oscoda, Mich.

"On an Infantry Liaison Mission at 12:25 p. m., Sept. 28, 1918, a kilometer north of Hantillois, attacked by a patrol of four Boche machines at 500 meters. Lieut. Loud (Pilot) and Capt. Charles T. Trickey, (Observer). Plane came down in flames, under control. Trickey escaped by climbing out on wing and dropping off just before reaching the ground. Lieut. Loud died from effects of burns."

The above is an extract from the official report of Capt. Trickey.

Informant: Page, Richard C. M., 1st Lt.
Home: Ft. Meyers, Fla. (88th A)

Signed: R. C. M. Page, 1st Lt. A.S. U
Asst. Adjutant.

Next of kin:
B. F. Loud (Father)
Oscoda, Mich.

MD

Co F. 306th Infantry
77th Division

RYGG Mike Pvt. 3135596
Home : Mailla , Mont.

" At 11 A.M. on the 15th of October , Pvt. Rygg was killed being hit in the head by a machine gun bullet . This occurred about 500 yds East of St. Juvin . I do not know where he is buried . I was standing beside him when he was hit and instantly killed .
Pvt. Rygg was No 2 man in an Automatic rifle team and was instantly killed as the Company was going into action . He was killed while on open ground as there was no shelter . The Platoon was getting into position when fired upon by the German Machine Gun which was soon put out of action . "

Informant : Peterson Frederick W. Sgt. 1702167
Co F. 306th Infantry
Home : 314 Vulcan St. Iron Mountain , Mich.
March 3rd 1919

Searcher : Robert Patterson , Capt.
306th Infantry

Emergency Address :-
Ale M. Rygg ,
Harmndal Norfjord , Bergen ,
Norway . "

file
2/26/27

RECONSTRUCTED SERVICE RECORDS

If your veteran's service records were lost in the 1973 fire the National Archives may have created what is known as a 'reconstructed service file'.

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Honorable Discharge from The

RECEIVED FOR RECORD
This 15th day of May 1961
at 2:28 clock A.M. and Recorded
in Record No. 10 Page 543
Betty A. Edwards, Recorder
Lawrence County, Indiana

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to Certify, That Andrew L. Haste
Private First Class United States Army, as a Test
Service, is hereby Honorably Discharged from
United States by reason of Expiration
of Andrew L. Haste
in Richelieu, in the State of
When enlisted he was 22 years of age and
He had Grey eyes, Brown hair,
was 5 feet 7 inches in height
Given under my hand at Cory,
13 day of July, one thousand nine
hundred and 41

RECORD CHARGED TO: RCS
RESEARCHER: fla

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
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Lawrence County, Indiana

TELEPHONE REQUESTS FOR VERIFICATION OF MILITARY SERVICE
FOR FUNERAL PURPOSES

Give This PRIORITY:

Received by _____ Unit _____ Time _____ Date _____

From Beldner (Name of caller) (Office) 3050 (Tel. No.)

NAME Ward Elmer D

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 1974758 RACE Col

RANK AT DISCHARGE Sgt HIGHEST RANK _____

ORGANIZATION Co C 325 7th Inf Bn

DATE OF ENLISTMENT Dec 1/28/18

DATE OF DISCHARGE 3/13/19

CHARACTER OF DISCHARGE _____

RESIDENCE Wash D.C.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION CLAIM NUMBER _____

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 9/9/13 D.C. 24 1/2 10

RECORD OF SUBSEQUENT SERVICE None

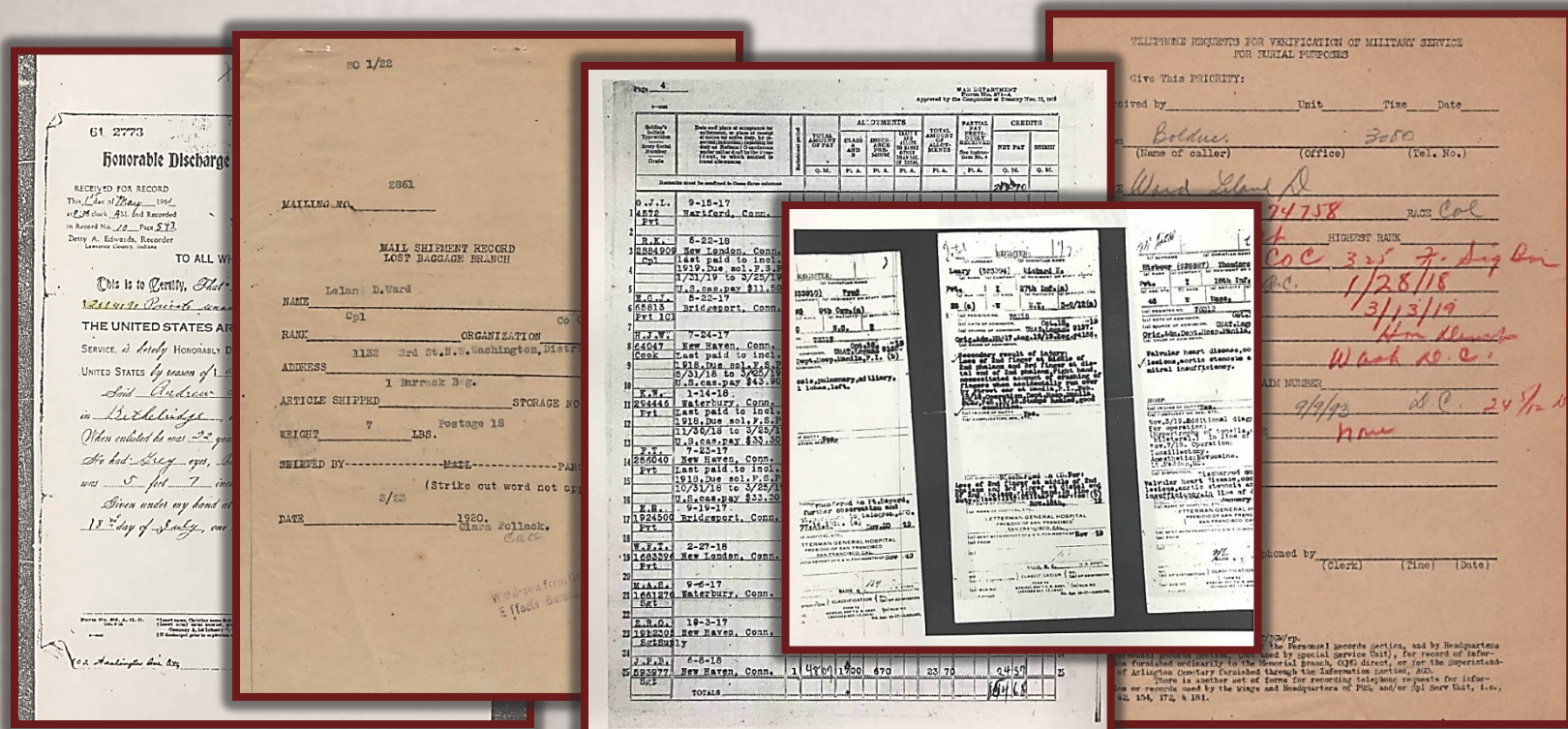
Report (from records) phoned by _____ (Name) (Time) (Date)

To be filed in 201 file.

Are by file 200, 210-42 (2000), 17/10/99.
Used by Units (Units) of the Personnel records section, and by Headquarters
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mation furnished ordinarily to the Memorial Branch, OPR direct, or for the Superintendent
of Arlington Cemetery furnished through the Information section, AGO.
There is another set of forms for recording telephone requests for infor-
mation or records used by the Wings and Headquarters of PW, and/or Sp. Serv. Unit, i.e.,
file 42, 154, 172, 4 181.

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AUXILIARY SERVICE RECORDS

If there are no pages in your veteran's military service file which survived the fire, and no 'reconstructed file', there may only be auxiliary records on your veteran.

In almost every case the WWI veteran's final pay voucher is the only auxiliary record available.

FINAL PAYMENT ROLL
OF
11th Co. 152
Depot Brigade
(Organization) (Regiment)
Discharged on _____, 1919
(Date)
APPROPRIATIONS
Pay, etc., of the Army, 1917 \$ 24.00
Pay, etc., of the Army, 1917 \$ 172.50
General Appropriation, G. M. Corp., 1917 \$ 37.50
Pay of the Army, 1917 \$ 37.50

Discharge Certificate
to _____
Apr. 4, 1919
(Date of Discharge.)
Camp Upton, N.Y.
(Place)

Service Record
22 Z.R.O. 10-3-17
23 1912305 New Haven, Conn.
Sgt Supply
24

CASUALTY REPORTS

The WWI reports of casualties cover the daily losses for each company within army units. These reports often describe exactly how individuals were wounded or killed in action as well as the location where the casualty occurred.

NUMBER and NUMBER	TEST NAME	DATE	RANK	COMP.	ORGAN.	CASUALTY OR CHANGE
Wagley	Robert A.	1918	Pvt	D	1st D	Slightly wounded July 18/18 by enemy shell fire. In line of duty.
Gallo 106375	Joseph	1918	Cpl	D	1st D	Slightly wounded July 18/18 by enemy rifle fire. In line of duty.
V Jacke 106407	John	1918	Cpl	D	1st D	Slightly wounded July 18/18 by enemy shell fire. In line of duty.
V Rosenthal 80723	Emanuel E.	1918	Cpl	D	1st D	Slightly wounded July 18/18 by enemy shell fire. In line of duty.
V Anderson 106336	John W.	1918	Pvt	D	1st D	Slightly wounded July 18/18 by enemy gas and machine gun fire. In line of duty.
Burns 109366	Bennie G.	1918	Pvt	D	1st D	Slightly wounded July 18/18 by enemy machine gun fire. In line of duty.
Officer	Soldier	Rank	Comp.	Organ.		

REPORTER
DEPOSITION
RECEIVED STATISTICAL SECTION:
Date
Statistical Officer

OF CASUALTIES
JANES

REPORT BY:
OFFICER:
DEPOSITION:
RECEIVED STATISTICAL SECTION:
Date
Statistical Officer

CASUALTY REPORTS

The reports of casualties are almost always typewritten making them easier to read than some of the other handwritten unit records from the WWI period.

SERVICE NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIALS	DATE	COMP.	ORGAN.	CASUALTY OR CHANGE
106375	Joseph	Capl	D	"	"	"	Slightly wounded July 18/18 by enemy shell fire. In line of duty.
106407	John	Capl	D	"	"	"	Slightly wounded July 18/18 by enemy shell fire. In line of duty.

1. Plt. Brunning for U.S. to transfer to Cavalry Dept. in New York for S.D. 11/10/24, 10/24/24.

2. Plt. Brunning for Duty to Cavalry Dept. in New York for S.D. 11/10/24, 10/24/24.

3. Plt. Brunning for Duty to Cavalry Dept. in New York for S.D. 11/10/24, 10/24/24.

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MORNING REPORTS

The morning reports are company-level unit records which enable us to track individual soldiers day to day within the units to which they were assigned.

Day of month.	REMARKS. (See Instructions 2, 3, and 7.)	RATIONS.			
		For Men.		For Animals.	
		Ftts.	Mtts.	Ftts.	Mtts.
1	Pvt Harry E. Burdick (1683427) Herbert E. Kirkpatrick (1680020) also Rosenberger (1707345) Jr. Duty to S. D. at Lewis machine gun school				
22	John J. Williams (1707580) Jr. Duty to S. D. at Lewis (1707580) Jr. Duty to S. D. at Lewis No Clearance J.R.				
23	1st Lieut. William J. Scott. Assigned to supply line. No S. D. HQ, May 30-1918. 1st Lieut. John C. McCoy, Jr. assigned to Co. per 50. Apr. 2, May 1918-200				
24	1st Lieut. S. D. at Lewis 1st Lieut. S. D. at Lewis 1st Lieut. S. D. at Lewis				
25	Pvt. S. D. at Lewis Pvt. S. D. at Lewis Pvt. S. D. at Lewis				

MORNING REPORTS

These records document important details such as: combat participation, military duties, promotions, ranks, as well as dates and locations where a veteran was wounded, injured or killed in action.

MORNING REPORT		Sept 26-18	
Co A 308 Inf			
W Lt Ranson S Pattison	fr D to mid		
Porte, Salvatore	Sgt 1707553	fr D to sev	
Gill, Stephen	Sgt 1707584	fr D to abs	
Walsh, Edward Y	Sgt 1707562	fr D to sev	
Gambardillap Frank	Corp 1707554	fr D to sev	
Hersog, William	Corp 1707588	fr D to sev	
Kraft, Henry	Corp 1707593	fr D to sev	
Levi, Domenico	Corp 1707658	fr D to wou	
Sussman, Jack	Corp 1707560	fr D to mod	
Brant, John	Pvt 3135454	fr D to wou	
Gigante, Maurice	Pvt 1707638	fr D to abs	
Jensen, Alfred	Pvt 3139883	fr D to moderately wou	
Walt, Frank S	Pvt 3139883	fr D to moderately wou	
Olsen, Charles	Pvt 3131273	fr D to moderately wou	
Rini, Joseph	Pvt 1945947	fr D to slightly wou	
Roat, Arthur	Pvt 3142852	fr D to moderately wou	
Matteson, Sumner R	Pvt 1707598	fr D to moderately wou	
Denarve, Joseph	Corp 1707618	fr D to moderately wou	

MORNING REPORT		Sept 26-18	
Co A 308 Inf			
Shanley, Thomas	Corp 1707747	fr D to severely wounded in action	
3 chs, Lee	Pvt 1707683	fr D to slightly wounded in action	
Rezioai, Domenico	Pvt 1707678	fr D to slightly wounded in action	
Vacchio, Sebastiani, Pvt	1721610	fr D to slightly wounded in action	

MORNING REPORT		Sept 16-18	
COMPANY A 308th Inf			
Wilkins, John J	Corp 1707557	fr Missing in action since Aug 27-18	
		to killed in action, date not known.	

MORNING REPORT		Sept 26-18	
Co A 308 Inf			
Charles M Conley	Corp Co C in charge Co A		

MORNING REPORTS

The WWI morning reports were handwritten, making them a challenge to decipher from the microfilm format in which they are maintained.

Day of month.				REMARKS (See Instructions 7, 8, and 9.)	RATIONS			
					For Men.	For Animals.		
					Flour.	Meat.	Flour.	Meat.
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WWI MUSTER ROLLS

The WWI muster rolls provide a monthly list of the individuals who were present within army units during the war.



Central Records Office Form No. 1.

MONTHLY ROSTER

of Company "G"
(Company or Detachment)

of 369th U.S. Infantry
(Regiment, Corps or Department)

at A. L. F. Piquet
(Station)

Correct as of the last day of July 1918

Signature _____

Commanding Officer. _____

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Roster will be made out in quadruplicate, one to be retained and three to be forwarded to the Statistical Officer in charge on the last day of the month. Two copies will be forwarded by the Statistical Officer to the Central Records Office, A. P. O. 717, American Ex. Forces.
2. Personnel will not be listed according to rank. Names of officers will be listed first, in alphabetical order, followed by soldiers in alphabetical order. Number assigned each soldier will be given as required by G. O. 27, A. E. F. 1918.
3. Special care must be taken in regard to numbers and the spelling of names.

WWI MUSTER ROLLS

In addition to providing names and serial numbers of individual soldiers assigned to specific units, these reports can also indicate status changes such as transfer to a new unit, injury or death.

Morgan, 10326, George	May 15/17	Absent	Class A Alt \$25, Class E \$10 Transferred to Hqs Co RSC-94 May 10/18, Class A-Alt \$ 15, W.R.I. \$ 0.90. Class-B Alt \$20, W.R.I. 10/18 \$ 0.90 Class-B Alt \$15, W.R.I. \$ 3.20 Class-B Alt \$20, W.R.I. \$ 0.20. Class-E Alt \$20 Class B Alt \$-15 Appointed Corp Arm Pvt 1 st C Class, RSO 108 May 2/18 Class B Alt \$15 Appntd Corp Arm Pvt RSO 108 May 2/18, Class E-Alt \$20 Appntd Corp Arm-Pvt 1 st C1 RSP 108, May 1/18, Class-B Alt-\$ 10, Libty Bnd \$ 10, W.R.I. \$3.20. Appntd Corp Arm-Pvt, RSO 108 May 2/18. Class A-Alt \$15, Appntd Corp Arm Pvt RSO 108 May 2/18, Trans to San Det for treatment, thence to Hosp May 10.1918.
Smith, 103280, James H.	May 3/17		
Molson, 103278, Merritt	May 15/17		
Snorts, 103285, William	Apr 4/17		
Heady, 103284, Harry	Mar 30/17		
Thomas, 103282, William	May 15/17		
Hill, 103302, Ernest O.	May 15/17		
Freeman, 103373, William	May 15/17		
Shelton, 103374, Herbert	May 15/17		
Simmons, 103335, Rousseau	May 2/17		
Johnson, 103340, Henry	May 15/17	Absent	Class B Alt \$10, Libty Bnd \$ 2. Class A Alt \$20, W.R.I. \$ 7.20. Class A Alt \$ 15, W.R.I. \$ 6.80 Class-B Alt \$ 20 Class E Alt \$ 15, W.R.I. \$ 7.20. Class-E Alt \$20, 10/18 Class A Alt \$20 Class B Alt \$20, W.R.I. \$ 4.40. Trans to Co. I, C.I.R.; V.O. Reg C C.O. May 29/18. On detached service since Jan 25/28
Johnson, 103340, Henry	May 15/17		
Tibbs, 103389, William	July 11/16		
Hunter, 103290, Charles	June 2/17		
292, John	July 21/16		
292, John	May 15/17		
293, Henry	July 4/17		
Class			
Fred	Apr 2/17	Absent	

Johnson, 103340, Henry May 15/17

Appntd Corp Arm Pvt RSO 108
May 2/18, Trans to San Det
for treatment, thence to Hosp
May 10.1918.

WWI AWARD CARDS

Many WWI army veterans were awarded medals for heroic actions performed in battle.



WWI AWARD CARDS

The WWI award cards record the medals to which the individual veteran was entitled. Most commonly these are for the award of the Purple Heart which was authorized in 1932 along with the Silver Star medal.

Gambino, Guiseppe WIA 12957 No. 13307
66112, Pvt. Co. L, 102nd Inf.

Awarded Purple Heart 8-19-32. WIA 6-5-~~32~~¹².

ac 7/3

✓ Polak, Max. p t. 1st cl. Co. K. 127th Inf. (deceased)

For distinguished and exceptional gallantry at Bois de Gesnes on 4 Oct. 1918 in the operations of the American Expeditionary Forces in testimony thereof, and as an expression of appreciation of his valor. I award him this citation. Awarded on 27 March, 1919.

John J. Pershing.
Commander-in-Chief.
Certificate sent his father
at 1077-12th Ave. Milwaukee
Wis. Vincent Polak. Apr. 24.
1920 LGB:BBB

SEE AG201.

SILVER STAR CITATIONS



WWI AWARD CARDS

Some WWI award cards provide a detailed explanation of the gallantry exhibited by the veteran while under fire.

✓ EBELING, EDWARD H., Pvt., Co. F, 7th Engineers. ✓

Hqrs. 5th Div. A.P.O. #745, A.E.F., France 11/30/18
General Orders No. 77, show: *****
The following cited in orders for distinguished conduct in action:

Sgt. 1-cl Frank J. Rogers	Pvt. Thomas J. Fahey
Corpl. Harry A. Ficken	Pvt. Grover C. Fritz
Corpl. Jesse L. Bond	Pvt. Van Cleaf Gulick
Corpl. Edward A. Pazlett	Pvt. Clyde Cofer
Corpl. Claude Bollier	Pvt. Edward H. Ebeling
Corpl. Lloyd Minter	Pvt. Thomas F. Melvin
Pvt. 1-cl Ernest G. Wright	Pvt. Glenn B. KeMall
Pvt. 1-cl Edward E. Brandt	Pvt. Harry Peterson

All of Company F, 7th Engineers, displayed exceptional
SILVER STAR CITATIONS *WWE*

bravery during the construction of the pontoon foot bridges over the Meuse River and Canal near Briaulles, on the night of November 3d and 4th, 1918. In the face of heavy and direct machine gun and artillery fire they carried the bridge equipment across an open field and constructed two bridges. By reason of their coolness, determination and utter disregard of personal safety the infantry was enabled to cross the river and canal and capture the important heights east of the Meuse.

By command of Major General Ely:

C.A. TROTT, Chief of Staff.

Official:

David P. Wood, Lieut. Col.

Infantry, Division Adjutant.

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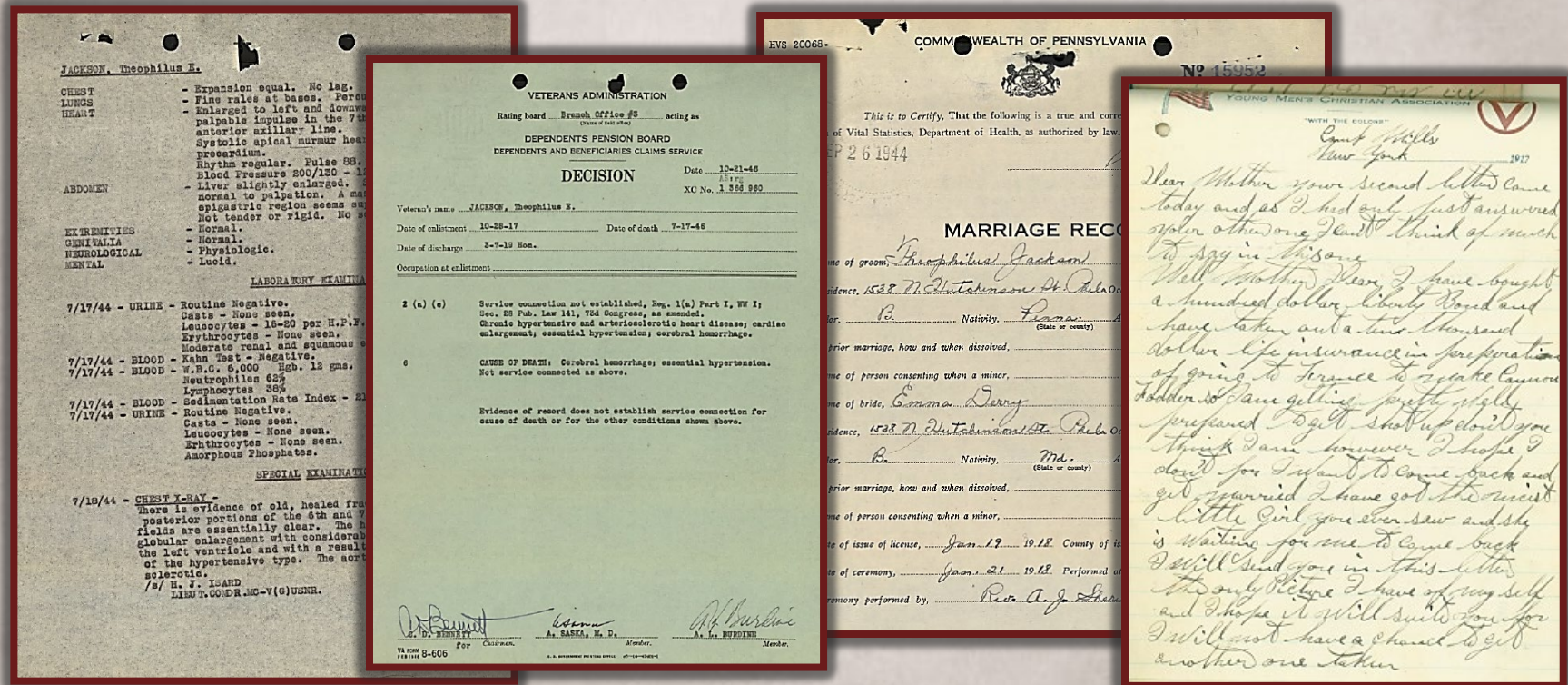
SILVER STAR CITATIONS

In many instances, crucial documents from the veteran's service record (the honorable discharge for example) would have been duplicated and placed within the pension claim file as a way to verify the veteran's eligibility for benefits.

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THE XC PENSION CLAIM FILE

The XC Pension Claim Files often contain a treasure trove of documents pertaining to medical treatment, civilian occupations and disability payments. It is also common to find correspondence both official and handwritten within the pension files.



THE XC PENSION CLAIM FILE

This page from an XC Pension file actually contains a statement from the individual veteran describing how he was wounded in action during the Great War.



RE Simeon J. Clukey.
Dexter, Maine.
Enlisted March 7-1917
Disch. April 28-1919
Serial No. 66934

I, Simeon J. Clukey living in Dexter, Maine being duly sworn depose and say that I entered the U.S. Army at Dexter, Maine on Mar 7 1917, that I went overseas in Company "A" 103rd Inf. until date of discharge April 28, 1919 that while on duty with my organization at Raiville, France on Sept. 28, 1918 I received a machine gun bullet in my left ankle and was confined to various army hospital for three months, that I was slightly gassed several times during my term of service but did not report at the hospital, that I suffered often from exposure, that since my discharge my health has been poor. I have been losing weight, cough at night and have spit blood several times during the last two ^{weeks}, that I filed a claim for compensation and medical treatment with the local examiner in October 1920 but have never received any acknowledgement of same that I am in immediate need of medical treatment, that I feel sure my disability was incurred in the U.S. Army and so make claim for medical treatment and compensation from the Government.

Simeon J. Clukey

Sworn and subscribed to this 5 day of October 1921
at Dexter, Maine.

ORIGINAL MAILED CENTRAL OFFICE

Clukey H. Hastin

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WWI AFTER ACTION REPORTS AND UNIT HISTORIES

After action reports and unit histories are normally maintained at the battalion or regimental level. The after action reports provide a detailed account of the combat actions of the unit to which a veteran was assigned.

Report on Battles-----2

II. Vesle Sector- August 11 to August 18, 1918.

A. Defense of sector including Outpost Zone position on river near Ville Savoye and support position on RED LINE north of Chery Chartreuse on east and west line with Mont St. Martin.

Companies A, B, C and D, 1st Bn. in support position on RED LINE, under constant bombardment from gas and high explosive shells, casualties occurring daily. After one bombardment from mustard gas, 48 men and 1 officer from B Company were evacuated. Companies worked by night under direction of 302nd Engineers constructing trenches on defense of RED LINE.

Companies E, F, G and H, 2nd Bn. moved on August 12 from reserve position in woods near MAURILL-RE-BOULE to support position near Ville Savoye and on the following day relieved units of the 205th Infantry in the Outpost Zone. In the next few days all companies suffered constantly to bombardment which the enemy used of the Vesle river.

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B. Attack by enemy August 23, 1918.

From August 19 to August 23, the 3rd Bn. was holding the Outpost Zone, having relieved the 2nd Bn. Companies I and K were in forward position across the Vesle and along the railroad cut; Company H was in support and Company L was in reserve near Battalion F.C.

On morning of August 23 the Germans attacked in force driving back the outposts of Companies I and K and inflicting casualties in our ranks. Company A, 1st Bn. was sent to reinforce the 3rd Bn.

C O 18 Inf.

P.C.

4-5-18 2330

General Duncan, C.G., 1st Brigade

Casualties reported evacuated up to 6 pm. this date covering previous 24 hrs. were 234; since that hour 214 other cases have been evacuated, a total of 452. These 214 men are suffering from the effects of mustard gas received during the bombardment last night. They have just begun to become affected. It is believed that there are very few new cases.

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1st Brigade

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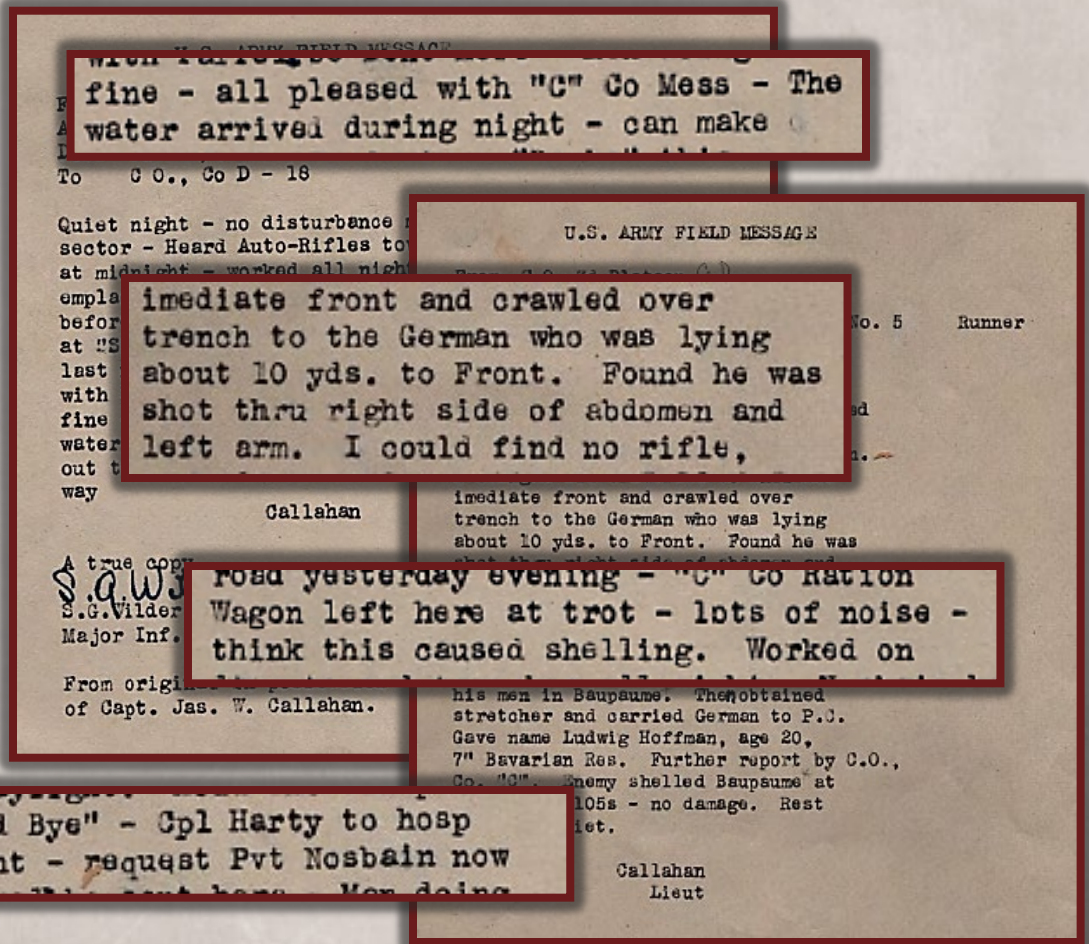
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WWI AFTER ACTION REPORTS AND UNIT HISTORIES

Unit histories can provide more detail on the activity of support units which were not in combat. These records can help us to gain a better understanding of the wartime activities of individual WWI army veterans.





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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