

# RESEARCHING A WWII ARMY VETERAN

Army, Army Air Corps, & Army Air Forces



REGULAR ARMY

BEORN (Last name) 13 02241 (Army serial No.)

JOHN (First name) (Middle Initial)

86TH INFANTRY, PLATTSBURG BARRACKS, NEW YORK, (Arm or service for which enlisted or inducted)

Color or race WHITE

3415

SERVICE RECORD

covering period

From 12-4-1940 to 7-15-1945

For instructions see AR 345-125

W. D. & A. G. O. Form No. 24  
December 1, 1938

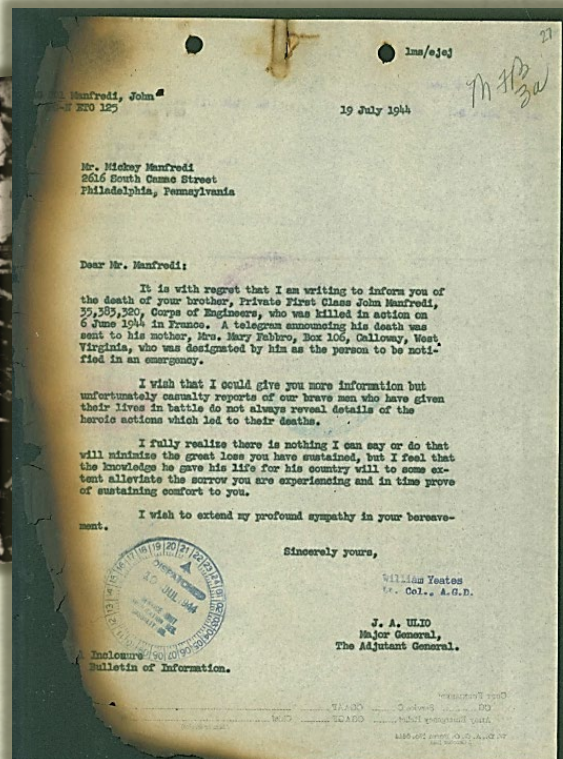
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This presentation explains how to reconstruct the service history of individual WWII Army veterans whose official military personnel files were lost in the 1973 archives fire.





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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.

**AIR MEDAL DECORATION**

HITCHCOCK, ROBERT B., O-664598, 2nd Lt., Air Corps

General Orders No. 4, Hqs. Ninth Fighter Command, July 25, 1943

OIC - GO #35, Hq. XII ASC, October 4, 1943  
OIC - GO #39, Hq. XII ASC, October 23, 1943  
3rd OIC - GO #9, Hq. XII ASC, January 31, 1944

Columbia, S.C.

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Street & No. or RFD) \_\_\_\_\_  
2. General Data:  
a. Does the officer recommending this award...  
or was he an eyewitness of the act or service upon which it is based?

**REPORT OF INDUCTION OF SELECTIVE SERVICE MAN**

Name: Margaret J. Gallows (Last name) J. Ya. (First name)  
Address: Gallows, W. Ya. (City or town)  
Birth date: Dec. 28, 1918 (Month day year)  
Sex: Female Race: White  
If an applicant for citizenship, how does and must in which application was made: None  
If not a citizen, give country of birth: None  
Civic training in program school: 8 yrs. High school: 3 yrs. College or university: 0 duty with CCC: 0  
Civilian trade or occupation: Grain Elevator Man-Saw Yard, years as employer: 8 yrs. weekly wage: \$35.00  
Marital status: Single Dependence: Partial support 2 (Mother and Step-father)  
Previous service in United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Guard in an active, inactive, or reserve capacity: May (4 yrs.) Honorable Discharge.

**SERVICE NUMBER: 36639091**

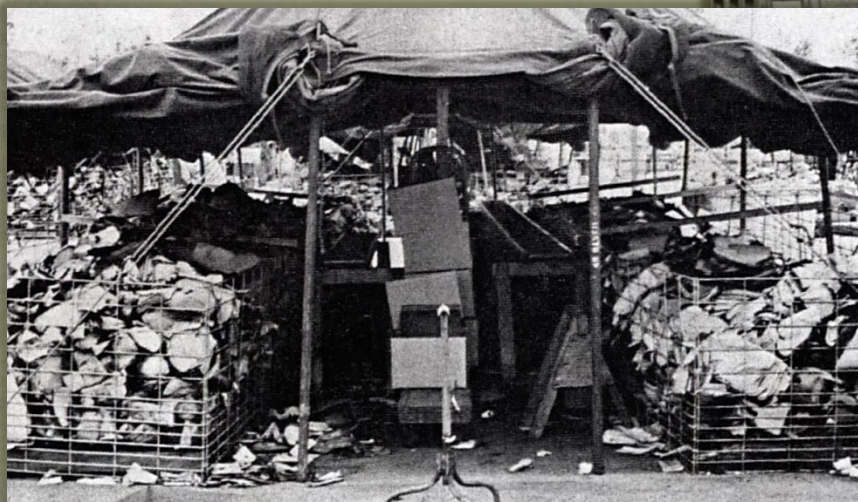
CATEGORY:	CODE:	EXPLANATION:
RANK:	2	Enlisted Man
ARM OF SERVICE:	20	Infantry, General or Unspecified
AGE:	31	1 White, includes Mexican
RACE:	1	1 Year(s), 4 Month(s)
YEARS OF SVC:	14	May 1944
MOYR OF ADMISSION:	054	European Area
STATION OF ADMISSION:	-3	Day of Admission
DAY OF ADMISSION:	12	Admission (Bn. or Regt.)
FINAL TRMT FACILITY:	1	Not a special classification
INVALIDATED IN PRISON:	0	Casualty, battle
TYPE OF CASE:	1	New
	1	Sole diagnosis, no history of prior disease, injury or battle casualty
	1	In line of duty
0110		Wounds; penetrating (point of entrance only: includes incised, puncture or stab wound) with no nerve or artery involvement
5952		Back, generally
		Not Found
		Not Found
		Not Found
		Not Found
203		Artillery Shell, Fragments, Abroad or unspecified
		Not Found
6		Duty
		Not death nor discharge (incl cases remaining in hospital at end of 1944)
054		May 1944
000	000	"000" = case incl
000	000	for statistical
000	000	purposes only
UNSPECIFIED FIELD:	9	Not found
UNSPECIFIED FIELD:	350	Not found
SAMPLE SIZE:	5	Unknown



# SAFEGUARDED MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS

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

**Paper Drying Pens**



**Crates of dried records**



# SAFEGUARDED MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS

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.

APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, AUTHORITY	
Grade	Date
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2nd Lt	10/10/40
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47th Lt 10/10/40



# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE (IDPF)

The IDPF was a separate personnel file created for Army and Army Air Forces veterans who died in the service during WWII. The focus of these files is primarily on the death and burial of the individual veteran.



**INVENTORY OF EFFECTS**  
(Use AR 600-550)

Andes, Paul D. 33751508  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a. Pvt Co. C, 34th Infantry  
(Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the 28 day of Dec., 19 44

CLASS I—Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLES	PACKAGE NUMBER
1	Bible	
1	Pipe, Briar	
1	Razor, safety, Gillette, and	
1	Plastic case.	
13	Razor blades	
1	Pocket knife.	

\*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
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W.D. A.G.O. Form No. 54  
July 1, 1953

**RESTRICTED** 14701

WELSHING FORM 1042  
(Rev. 1-1-53)  
(Supersedes GHS Form 1)

**REPORT OF INTERMENT**  
(AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)

DATE OF REPORT 31 Mar 48

STOPPAGE

Important Identification Tag If Possible, DO NOT TYPE

Section I—IDENTIFICATION

NAME (Last, first, middle initial) ANDRES, Paul D

SERIAL NO. 33 751 508

GRADE Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co C, 34th Inf Regt

BRANCH OF SERVICE Army

RACE

RELIGION Protestant

IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY

PLACE OF DEATH San Isidro, Leyte, P. I. KIA, GSW

CAUSE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH 28 Dec 44

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Unknown

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY (U. S. or none) Yes (1)

IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unknown, fill in section 2 on reverse)

WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED (Yes or no) Yes (See Remarks)

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME:

None

Section II—BURIAL. If other than church cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinate on reverse.

NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY

AGRS MAUSOLEUM, MANILA, P. I.

DATE OF BURIAL 26 Jan 48

MARKED IN (If ground, blanket, or none of other) Casket

TYPE OF GRAVE None

NOT NO. 813

HOW NO. 4993

WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (If so, give date of previous interment) Yes

IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE

USAF Cem. #1 Leyte, P. I.

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEMETERY

PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES

IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CIRCUMSTANCES BURIED WITH BODY

IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) Yes

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) REEDMAN, Ernest H

RANK S/Sgt

SERIAL NO. 32093027

ORGANIZATION 48F, 34 Inf

BRANCH OF SERVICE Army

GRAVE NO. 4554

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) HORTON, Donald L

RANK Sgt

SERIAL NO. 38100276

ORGANIZATION Co F, 24th Div

BRANCH OF SERVICE Army

GRAVE NO. 4592

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT V. S. FANFAO

SIGNATURE OF GRAVE OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT V. S. FANFAO, 1st Lt., INF

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U. S. and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters OAS Office. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.

**RESTRICTED**



# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE (IDPF)

However, the Individual Deceased Personnel File can also provide valuable information about the service history of the veteran as well.

QMG

Q.M.G. Form 1 - cns  
SOS NATOUSSA  
June 1, 1943

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CONFIDENTIAL

CORBETT, GLENN W  
33689326 143  
ISABELLE CORBETT  
R.F.D. 1  
McKEES ROCKS, PA.

REPORT OF BURIAL  
AR 30-1815 & TM 10-630

MAR 6 1944 108

7 February 1944  
Date Report Filled On

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Initial)	(Serial No.)	(Race)
Corbett	Glen	W.	33689326	White
(Rank)	(Organization)	(Branch)	(Country)	
PVT.	15th Inf, 3d Div	Co 4	Army	USA
(Place)				

TESTAMENTS  
U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

James G. Hubert  
56227024 Pvt 5 Apr 45  
7 purple Heart w/ Ribbon  
Purple B. H.

ES SHIPPED  
5/1/45

Any additional pertinent information:

other

All/personal effects pertaining to the above EM were destroyed by fire. Fire was started by enemy shelling.

I can readily understand your desire to learn more of the circumstances surrounding your son's death. Additional records now available show that his death occurred in the vicinity of Grezzano, while participating in the Italian Campaign. It is extremely difficult under battle conditions to record all details concerning casualties and I regret that no further information regarding your son's death has been received.



# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE (IDPF)

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

WESTERN UNION  
WUY144 73/72 GOVT COLLECT RF DALLAS TEX 9 332P  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
PHILADELPHIA QMD DEPOT PHILA  
1948 AUG 10 AM 8:00  
A.G.R. DIVISION  
PHILA: QM DEPOT

IT IS MY DESIRE TO HAVE THE REMAINS OF MY HUSBAND PVT  
PAUL D ANDES 33751503 WHOSE BODY IS NOW ENROUTE TO THE U.S.  
BE DELIVERED TO POOLE FUNERAL HOME 437 EAST// WEST JEFFERSON S  
DALLAS TEXAS INSTEAD OF TO J WILLIAM LEE FUNERAL HOME  
4TH & MASSACHUSETTS AVE WASHINGTON DC. I HAVE ARRANGED  
FOR A MILITARY FUNERAL FOR MY HUSBANDS REMAINS. MY  
CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS IS 2211 BOYD ST DALLAS  
TEXAS.  
MRS LETTIE R ANDES.

D ANDES 33751503 U S 437 J LEE & DC 2211 LETTIE.  
600P

RECEIVED  
9 AUG 1948  
PHILADELPHIA  
Q. M. DEPOT

LOL2 Effects Found On Body  
INVENTORY OF EFFECTS  
(See AR 600-340)

BARNES, H. D. (TO) 36677713  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle Initial) (Army serial number)  
late a S/Sgt. Co. 88th 248th Engr. Bn.  
(Grade) (Organization or arm or service)  
who died on the 3 day of Jan., 1945  
CLASS I—Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLES	PACKAGE NUMBER
1	Wrist Watch (Pecanis, Ser# 625, Unk.	

\*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
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W.D.-, A.G.O. Form No. 54  
July 1, 1923

Dr. XXXXX  
DPX 293.8  
11 August 1948  
SF-113-R  
Mrs. Lettie R. Andes  
2211 Boyd Street  
Dallas, Texas  
Dear Mrs. Andes:  
Your request for delivery of the remains of the late Pvt. Paul D Andes to the Poole Funeral Home, 437 W. Jefferson Street, Dallas, Texas instead of the J. William Lee Funeral Home, Washington, D. C. as originally specified, has been approved.  
The American Graves Registration North Quartermaster Depot, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, has requested,

R-247  
Timberville, Va  
Oct 4th 1948  
Army Service Forces  
Washington 25 D.C.  
Dear sis.  
Will the body of our son  
Private Paul D. Andes  
S.S. 33751503 be among  
those being brought  
from the Pacific?  
If so where will he be  
buried? We want him buried  
in our family plot in the  
Andes cemetery. Please let  
us hear from you  
Yours truly,  
Mr + Mrs Emanuel Andes



# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE (IDPF)

This single page from a WWII Individual Deceased Personnel File shows us the veteran's unit, how he was killed in action, his place of death, burial location, personal effects and more.

Graves Registration Form No. 1 (Revised May 11, 1943)		REPORT OF INTERMENT (TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815)		Pvt Co C, 34 Inf, 24th	
(Last name)		(Initial)		(Rank)	
San Isidro, Leyte, P.I.		D. 28 December 44		Co C, 34 Inf, 24th	
(Place of death)		(Date of death)		(Organization)	
(Time and date of burial)		USAF Cem. Carigara #1, Leyte P.I.		Div.	
(Name of cemetery)		(Name of co-organizer)		KIA-GSW	
(Cause of death)		Disinterred from isolated grave Calubian, Leyte, P.I.		(Cause of death)	
302		Reg. Cross			
Disinterred from isolated grave Calubian, Leyte, P.I.		No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Religion Protestant		CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:			
Paul J. Tonn		(If no identification tags, what name)		USAF Cem. Carigara #1, Leyte P.I.	
Captain, GIC		(If no identification tags, but name)		(Name of cemetery)	
personal effects FOUND ON BODY		mer G.		(Serial number)	
Incl. #1		50 Holbrook		(Rank)	
		Terrace NE, Washington, D.C.		(Organization)	
		(Name and address of LEGAL NEXT OF KIN)		(Grave number)	
List only personal effects FOUND ON BODY and disposition of same:		None		89-13-45	
(21) Incl. #1				43	



# 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'.

Most commonly these files consist of material which was sent to the archives after the fire as a way for the veteran or the veteran's family to verify eligibility for certain benefits.

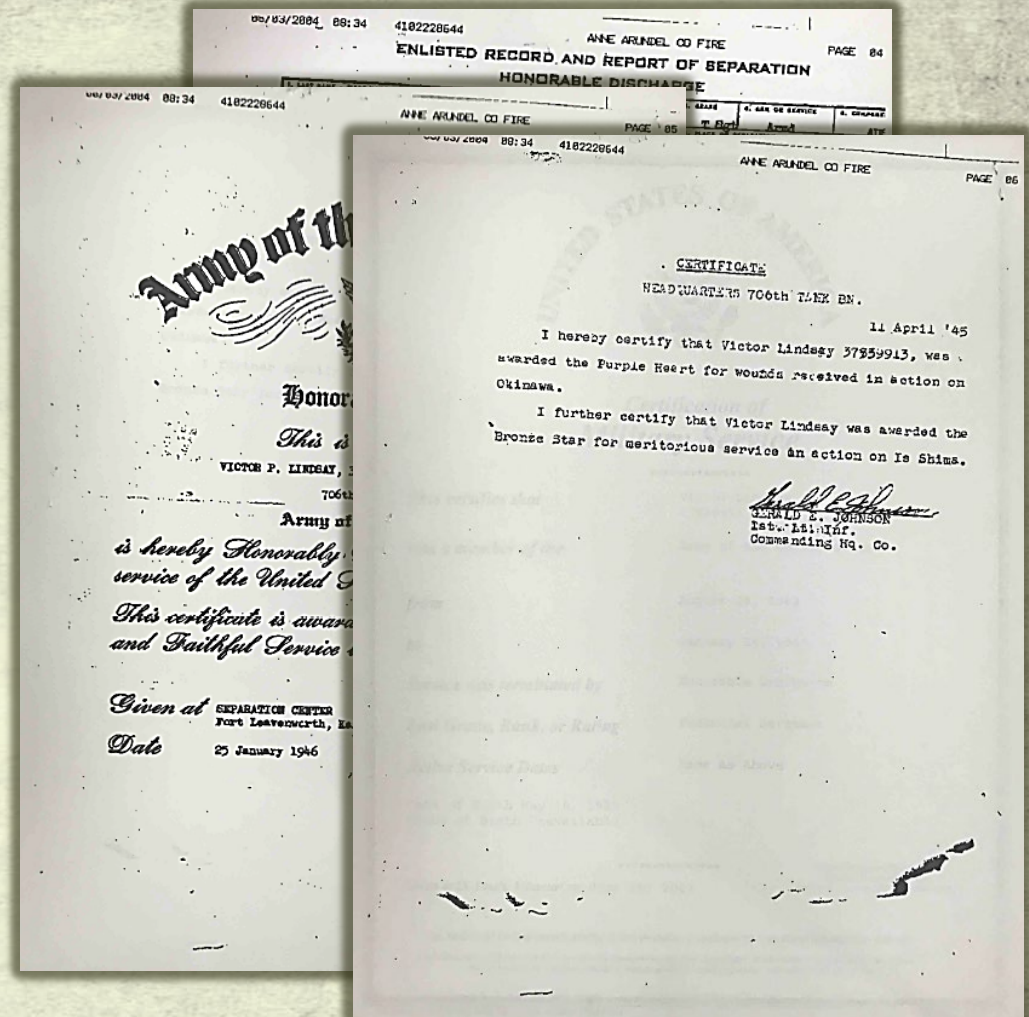
1. LAST NAME FIRST NAME & MIDDLE INITIAL		2. ARMY SERVICE NO.	3. GRADE	4. PAY OR SERVICE	5. COMPONENT
BILLINGTON, Joseph D		31292526	Pfc	Inf	SS
6. PLACE OF ORIGIN		7. DATE OF DEPARTURE		8. PLACE OF DISCHARGE	
Co D, 358th Infantry		11 June 1945		Hospital Camp Edwards Mass	
9. REMARKS (REMARKS FOR RECORDING PURPOSES)		10. DATE OF BIRTH		11. PLACE OF BIRTH	
27 Scott Road, Manville R.I.		12 Aug 1924		Providence R.I.	
See 9					
12. DATE OF ENTRY 13. DATE OF ENTRY					
7 April 43					
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# RECONSTRUCTED SERVICE RECORDS

This particular veteran's paperwork was faxed to the National Archives in 2002, at which point the archives created a 'reconstructed service file'.

This file stands in place of his original records which were lost in the fire.





# 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 most cases the auxiliary file is nothing more than a final pay voucher.

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# AUXILIARY SERVICE RECORDS

Although sparse in detail, these records do provide helpful clues. Notice that the final pay voucher can show us the date that the veteran arrived in the United States after serving overseas, the date of discharge, the place of discharge, his rank, serial number, home address and previous station.

ARMY COMPONENT										FINAL PAYMENT—WORK SHEET										06000	
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# ARMY MEDICAL RECORDS FROM WWII

Hospital admission records are organized by serial number and they document the medical treatment of WWII veterans. The information contained on the medical extracts come directly from the original medical records of the veteran before those records were lost in the 1973 fire.

INFORMATION FROM THE HOSPITAL ADMISSION CARD BY THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL THE ARMY (1942-1945) AND (1946-1947) INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR 1944			
<b>SERVICE NUMBER: 36639091</b>		and Army Serial Number <b>3583320</b>	
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>CODE:</b>	<b>EXPLANATION:</b>	
RANK:	2	Enlisted Man	
ARM OF SERVICE:	30	Infantry, General or Unspecified	
AGE:	21	21	
RACE:	1	White, includes Mexican	
YEARS OF SVC:	14	1 Year(s), 4 Month(s)	
MO/YR OF ADMISSION:	054	May 1944	
STATION OF ADMISSION:	-3	European Area	
DAY OF ADMISSION:	12	12	
FINAL TRMT FACILITY:	1	Aid Station (Bn. or Regt.)	
INVALID/DIED IN PRSN:	0	Not a special classification	
TYPE OF CASE:	4	Casualty, battle	
TYPE OF ADMISSION:	1	New	
TYPE OF DIAGNOSIS:	1	Sole diagnosis, no history of prior disease	
LINE OF DUTY:	1	In line of duty	
FIRST DIAGNOSIS:	0110	Wound(s), penetrating (point of entrance with no nerve or artery involvement)	
LOCATION:	5952	Back, generally	
OPERATION:	-	Not Found	
SECOND DIAGNOSIS:	-	Not Found	
LOCATION:	-	Not Found	
OPERATION:	-	Not Found	
THIRD DIAGNOSIS:	-	Not Found	
CAUSATIVE AGENT:	203	Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or un	
FINAL RESULT:	-	Not Found	
DISPOSITION:	6	Duty	
FIELD OF CAUSE OF DEATH OR DISCHARGE:	0	Not death nor discharge (incl cases remaining in hosp at end of	
DISPOSITION DATE:	054	May 1944	
<b>NON-EFFECTIVE DAYS</b>			
Total Days:	000	000	*000 = case incl
Hospital Days:	000	000	for statistical
Cur Yr/GenHosp OS:	000	000	purposes only
UNSPECIFIED FIELD:	9	Not found	
UNSPECIFIED FIELD:	350	Not found	
SAMPLE SIZE:	5	Unknown	

Manfredi, John (M1) 3583320			
Grade	Company	Regiment and Arm or Serv.	
Cpl	B	121 Bngr Bn (c)	
Div	Corps	Army	Age
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			W
			W.V.A.
			8/12
Station where Tagged:		Date	Hour
Disp 121 Bngr Bn (c)		March	0800
		4/43	
Diagnosis: If injury, state how, when, where incurred. by first			
Wound, lacerated, moderate, nose			
Line of Duty Yes			
Treatment Stitches			
Antitetanic Ser			
Morphine			
Disposition			
Duty Mar			
Signature, with			

MANFREDI, JOHN, 3583320			
10 5 Grade	6 Category	7 Regiment and Arm or Service	8 Age
W.V.A.	121 Bngr	121 Bngr	24
10 9 Race	10 Nativity	11 Service	12 Date of admission
W	W.V.A.	121 Bngr	8/12/44
13 Source of admission			
14 Registered numbers or hospital namecards:			
<p>Feel on nose 6 mos. ago.</p> <p>- Dr. then said it was a fracture. Had tube checked in 5 months. No trouble breathing. No obstruction to nasal breathing. No slight keloid over bridge of nose. Soldier would like to have it removed. Don't see any indication for any surgery.</p> <p>Capl J. Simons</p>			
15 Name of Hospital			

Form 42a  
Medical Department, U. S. A.  
(Revised March 15, 1948)

Hq 505 USAFP(6-43)100W/9992



# ARMY MEDICAL RECORDS FROM WWII

From this particular medical extract we can see that the veteran was in the infantry and was wounded in action on May 12th, 1944 as the result of enemy artillery fire. His medical diagnosis indicates that he took artillery shrapnel to his back.

INFORMATION FROM THE HOSPITAL ADMISSION CARDS CREATED 01/11/2017  
BY THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF  
THE ARMY (1942-1945) AND (1950-1954)  
INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR 1944

**SERVICE NUMBER: 36639091**

CATEGORY:	CODE:	EXPLANATION:
RANK:	2	Enlisted Man
ARM OF SERVICE:	30	Infantry, General or Unspecified
AGE:	21	14 Year (3), 4 Month (3)
RACE:		
YEARS OF SVC:		
MO/YR OF ADMISSION:	054	May 1944
STATION OF ADMISSION:	-3	European Area
DAY OF ADMISSION:	12	12
FINAL TRMT FACILITY:		
INVALID/DIED IN PRSN:	0	Not a special classification
TYPE OF CASE:	4	Casualty, battle
TYPE OF ADMISSION:	1	New
TYPE OF DIAGNOSIS:	1	Sole diagnosis, no history of prior disease, injury or battle casualty
LINE OF DUTY:	1	In line of duty

only; includes incised, puncture or stab wound)

Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified  
Not Found  
Duty

OPERATION: - Not Found

THIRD DIAGNOSIS: - Not Found

CAUSATIVE AGENT: 203 Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified

FINAL RESULT: - Not Found

DISPOSITION: 6 Duty

FIELD OF CAUSE OF

Wound(s), penetrating (point of entrance only; includes incised, puncture or stab wound)  
with no nerve or artery involvement  
Back, generally  
Not Found

UNSPECIFIED FIELD: 9 Not found

UNSPECIFIED FIELD: 350 Not found

SAMPLE SIZE: 5 Unknown



# 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. These records document important details such as: combat participation, military duties, promotions, ranks, dates and locations where a veteran was wounded, injured or killed in action, and map coordinates where an Army veteran was stationed on a given date.

The image shows three overlapping Morning Report forms. The top form is dated 2 Oct 53 and is for the 913th FA Bn, PA, located in Gorizia, Italy. It contains a 'RECORD OF EVENTS' section with handwritten entries: 'Left Verona, Italy 0640B travelled 210 miles to Gorizia, Italy arrived at 1600B and relieved B Btry of 175th FA Bn. Travelled by motor.' Below this is a 'PERSONNEL' table with columns for 'NAME', 'RANK', 'GRADE', 'MOS', and 'CODE'. The table lists several soldiers and their details. The bottom form is dated 7 Nov 53 and is for the 913th FA Bn, PA, located in Gorizia, Italy. It contains a 'RECORD OF EVENTS' section with handwritten entries: 'Above 3 PM promoted to Col per Par 1 SO #146 Hq 913th FA Bn dtd 6 Nov 45 Date of rank 6 Nov 45.' Below this is a 'PERSONNEL' table with columns for 'NAME', 'RANK', 'GRADE', 'MOS', and 'CODE'. The table lists several soldiers and their details. The forms are organized into sections for 'RECORD OF EVENTS', 'PERSONNEL', and 'OCCUPATION'.



# MORNING REPORTS

The military abbreviations which are used on the morning reports are essentially a form of military shorthand. The unit designation, date and geographical location are listed at the top of each page allowing us to determine the exact locations the veteran visited.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D  
**MORNING REPORT** ENDING 3 APR 1945  
 ORGANIZATION Co C 379th Inf Hqpt  
 STATION OR LOCATION Lippborg Germany R2041 Nord de  
 GRADES NAME SERIAL NUMBER GRADE MOB. CODE  
 No Change  
 No limited asst Officers or EM

RECORD OF EVENTS

3 APR 45: Moved from Neubekum Germany R2055 to Lippborg Germany R2041 by foot and motor. Left Neubekum at 0900. Arrived Lippborg at 1300. Distance 15 mi.  
 R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

TIME	DATE	FROM	TO	MILEAGE	DIRECTION	MODE	REMARKS	INITIALS	TIME	DATE	FROM	TO	MILEAGE	DIRECTION	MODE	REMARKS	INITIALS
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R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D  
**MORNING REPORT** ENDING 3 APR 1945  
 ORGANIZATION Co C 379th Inf Hqpt  
 STATION OR LOCATION Lippborg Germany R2041 Nord de  
 GRADES NAME SERIAL NUMBER GRADE MOB. CODE  
 No Change

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D  
 RAYMOND E. WARD  
 Captain  
 100-100-100-100



# MORNING REPORTS

Note the incredible amount of detail on just this one page:

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1944 John R Patterson who is a Staff Sergeant with duty code 653 (meaning that he was a non-commissioned officer) was lightly injured in action, dislocating his shoulder. He was subsequently sent to the 91st Evacuation Hospital for treatment.

The image shows three overlapping 'Morning Report' forms from the US Army. The top form is a 'MORNING REPORT' for John R. Patterson, a Staff Sergeant (Duty Code 653) in the 379th Infantry, 9th Army, 1st AF, 1st AF, 1st AF. It details his injury on April 4, 1944, near Berwiche, Germany, where he was dislocated in the left shoulder. He was sent to the 91st Evacuation Hospital for treatment. The middle form is a duplicate of the top one. The bottom form is a 'MORNING REPORT' for John R. Patterson, a Staff Sergeant (Duty Code 653) in the 379th Infantry, 9th Army, 1st AF, 1st AF, 1st AF. It details his injury on April 4, 1944, near Berwiche, Germany, where he was dislocated in the left shoulder. He was sent to the 91st Evacuation Hospital for treatment. The bottom form also includes a section for 'MORNING REPORT' with a grid for recording injuries and a signature section for the reporting officer, Raymond P. Ward, Captain, 1st AF, 1st AF, 1st AF.

NAME	GRADE	COMP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INJURY	TREATMENT	REMARKS
Patterson, John R.	S/Sgt	653	4	1944	near Berwiche, Germany	Dislocated left shoulder	Sent to 91st Evac Hosp	Loss to 91st Evac Hosp per Sec 2 Cir 69 Ho EKUSA. 1944. Entitled to additional pay for qualifications and awards.



# MORNING REPORTS

Likewise, his fellow C Company companion Adam John Owczarsak with duty code 604 (meaning that he was a heavy machine-gunner) was SWA (or seriously wounded in action) due to artillery fire on the same date. He was also sent to the 91st Evacuation Hospital for treatment.

**MORNING REPORT** R-E-G-I-S-T-E-R

ORGANIZATION Co C 379th Inf 80th Div 1st Ar

STATION OR LOCATION Service Company RR2036 Nord 26

NAME RANK SERIAL NUMBER GRADE MOS CODE

PATERSON, John E. 36251252 S/Sgt 653 M2

Dyn 653 LIA 4 Apr 45 near Berviche,  
Germany. Dislocated left shoulder. Loss to  
91st Evac Hosp per Sec 2 Cir 69 Hq EXUSA, 19hh.  
Entitled to additional pay for  
qualifications and awards.

Owczarsak, Adam J. 36359319 Pfc 604 M2

Dyn 604 SWA 4 Apr 45 near Berviche  
Germany. Shell fragment wounds (Artillery)  
Lacerated wound left elbow. Loss to 91st  
Evac Hosp per Sec 2 Cir 69 Hq EXUSA, 19hh.

qualifications and awards.

Owczarsak, Adam J. 36359319 Pfc 604 M2

Dyn 604 SWA 4 Apr 45 near Berviche  
Germany. Shell fragment wounds (Artillery)  
Lacerated wound left elbow. Loss to 91st  
Evac Hosp per Sec 2 Cir 69 Hq EXUSA, 19hh.  
Entitled to additional pay for qualifica-  
tions and awards.

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105	105	103	2	
38	38	36		2
193	193	189	2	2

REPORTER'S SIGNATURE Raymond P. Ward PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

REPORTER'S NAME RAYMOND P. WARD

REPORTER'S GRADE Captain

REPORTER'S SIGNATURE Raymond P. Ward



# GENERAL ORDERS & MEDAL CITATIONS

Many WWII army veterans were awarded medals for heroic actions performed in battle. The army created a permanent copy of the citation for these medals which is known as a 'general order'. The general orders often provide a detailed explanation of the gallantry exhibited by the veteran while under fire.



Captain James J. Morris, 01295563, 394th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945, in Germany. A force of 200 Germans were infiltrating up through an exposed draw to the south and west of Company "I"'s positions. Captain Morris, without thought of personal safety crawled forward through heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire and contacted the reserve platoon of Company "A". He led the platoon to the exposed draw and then located the artillery observer who directed artillery on the enemy, breaking the enemy's attack. The courage and leadership displayed by Captain Morris merits the highest praise. Entered military service from California.

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HEADQUARTERS 99TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
-FO 449  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
20 July 1945  
GENERAL ORDER  
NUMBER 86  
SECTION

Circular 6, Headquarters, Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1945, the following officers and enlisted men are awarded the Silver Star Medal:

Captain James J. Morris, 01295563, 394th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 14 March 1945, in Germany. A force of 200 Germans were infiltrating up through an exposed draw to the south and west of Company "I"'s positions. Captain Morris, without thought of personal safety crawled forward through heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire and contacted the reserve platoon of Company "A". He led the platoon to the exposed draw and then located the artillery observer who directed artillery on the enemy, breaking the enemy's attack. The courage and leadership displayed by Captain Morris merits the highest praise. Entered military service from California.

Captain William H. Smith, 01290012, 394th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 12 March 1945, in Germany. While proceeding through dense woods in front of the town, Captain Smith's men received heavy machine gun and mortar fire. With no thought of his own safety, he went forward, located the enemy positions, and directed their liquidation by flanking action. He then made the reconnaissance for the assault on the town, which was held by an SS Company, and personally led his men in the successful attack which took the town. The courage and leadership displayed by Captain Smith merits the highest praise. Entered military service from North Carolina.

First Lieutenant William F. Holcomb, 01297196, 395th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Germany. When the Battalion's position was threatened by a coordinated infantry-tank attack, supported by very heavy mortar, artillery and rocket fire, Lieutenant Holcomb led his platoon in the face of this fire to wipe out the attackers. After his platoon eliminated the attackers, he personally supervised the setting up of defensive positions, which meant crawling from CP to CP under enemy fire, and through shrapnel.

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# AIR FORCE PILOTS AND FLIGHT LOGS

Individual flight logs were maintained for WWII pilots, co-pilots and navigators.

Flight logs do not exist for enlisted flight crew members. However, their missions can be reconstructed as well if their assigned pilot can be determined.

WAS DEPARTMENT  
A.F. FORM NO. 6  
APPROVED DEC. 1, 1946

### INDIVIDUAL FLIGHT RECORD

(1) SERIAL No. 0758513 (2) NAME AXELSON, Max M. (3) RANK 2nd Lieut. (4) AGE 1921  
 (5) PERS. CLASS 18 (6) BRANCH 1st Lt. Air Corps (7) STATION APO 920  
 (8) ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED Fifth Y Bomber 42nd Bomb (H) (9) ORGANIZATION ATTACHED AIR FORCE COMMAND WING GROUP SQUADRON DETACHMENT  
 (10) PRESENT RATING & DATE Pilot 1st Lt. 1/1/45 (11) ORIGINAL RATING & DATE 2nd Lt. 1/1/42  
 (12) TRANSFERRED FROM (13) FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS  
 (14) TRANSFERRED TO (15) TRANSFERRED DATE

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(13) TOTAL STUDENT PILOT TIME (14) TOTAL FIRST PILOT TIME (15) TOTAL PILOT TIME

89125	92130
115120	119120
204115	211150
224150	36100
428135	852145

CARD No. 1 CARD No. 2 CARD No. 3

32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46



# AIR FORCE PILOTS AND FLIGHT LOGS

Notice how this pilot's flight logs show us the units to which he was assigned, dates and times that he was in the air, and the type of aircraft he flew.

This information can be used to pinpoint the exact combat missions flown by individual crew members during WWII.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
A-5, FORM No. 1  
APPROVED MAR. 7, 1928

# INDIVIDUAL - FLIGHT RECORD

(1) SERIAL No. 0758513 (7) NAME AXELSEN, Max M. (7) RANK 2nd Lieut. (4) AGE 1921  
(5) PERS. CLASS 18 (8) BRANCH 1st Air Force (7) STATION APO 920  
(9) ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED Fifth V Bomber 43rd Bomb (H) 40th ATTACHED FOR FLYING SQUADRON (H)  
(9) ORGANIZATION ATTACHED AIR FORCE COMMAND WING GROUP SQUADRON DETACHMENT  
(10) PRESENT RATING & DATE Pilot 3 Dec 43 WING GROUP SQUADRON  
(12) TRANSFERRED FROM (11) ORIGINAL RATING & DATE Same DETACHMENT  
(15) TRANSFERRED TO (13) FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS  
(14) TRANSFER DATE

DAY	AIRCRAFT TYPE, MODEL & SERIES	No. Landings	Flying last. (Incl. 1st Pil. Time) S	Comm'd. Pilot C CA	Co. Pilot CP	Qualified Pilot Dual QD	FIRST PILOT	
							Day P	Night P
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9	LT	0						
2	B-24J	1	CM				11:30	
6	"	1	CM				11:45	
8	"	1	CM				9:05	
1	LT	0						
14	B-24J	1	CM				9:20	
16	"	1	CM				11:30	

MONTH September 1944

## SPECIAL INFORMATION

High A	Flying (Incl. Pilot)	PILOT NON-MIL. AIRCRAFT	
		Over 100 H.P.	Over 400 H.P.
27	31	25	34

1:00

1:00

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

William H. Jones  
WILLIAM H. JONES  
2nd Lieut., Air Corps.  
Ass't, N-3.

COLUMN TOTALS

3:05

89:25

2:00

2:00

(3) TOTAL STUDENT PILOT TIME

(4) TOTAL FIRST PILOT TIME

(4) TOTAL PILOT TIME

(2) THIS MONTH

89:25

92:30

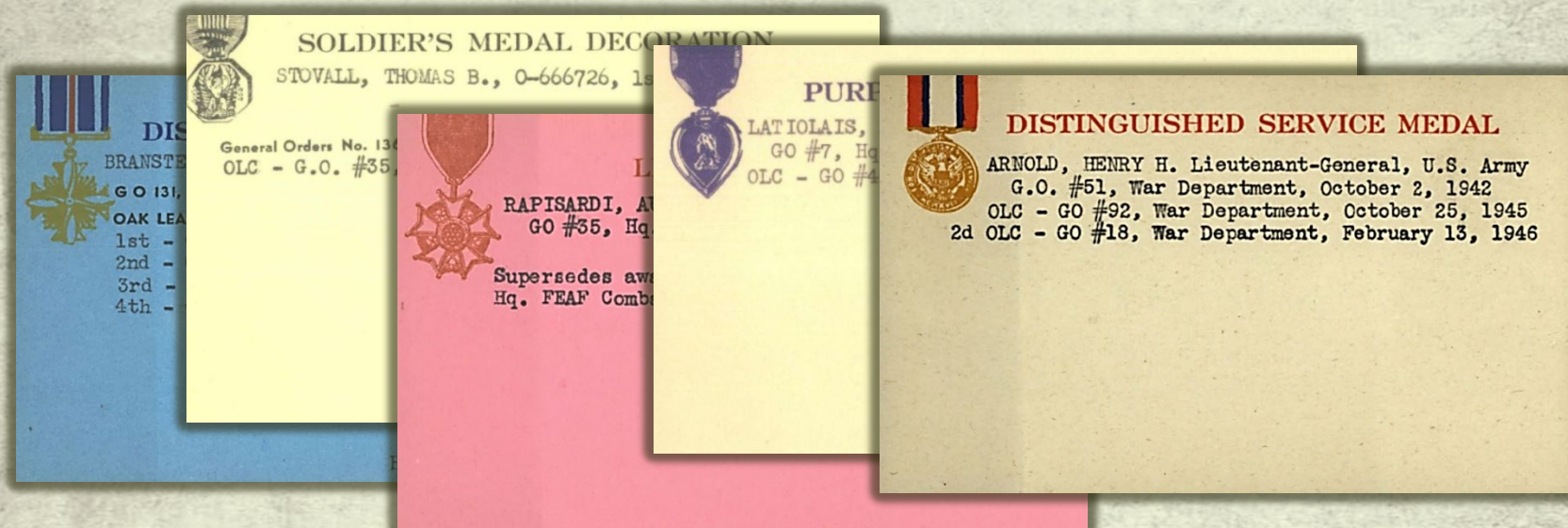
(7) STATION APO 920

5th V Bomber 43rd Bomb (H) 40th ATTACHED FOR FLYING SQUADRON (H)  
AIR FORCE COMMAND WING GROUP SQUADRON DETACHMENT  
AIR FORCE COMMAND



# AIR FORCE AWARD CARDS

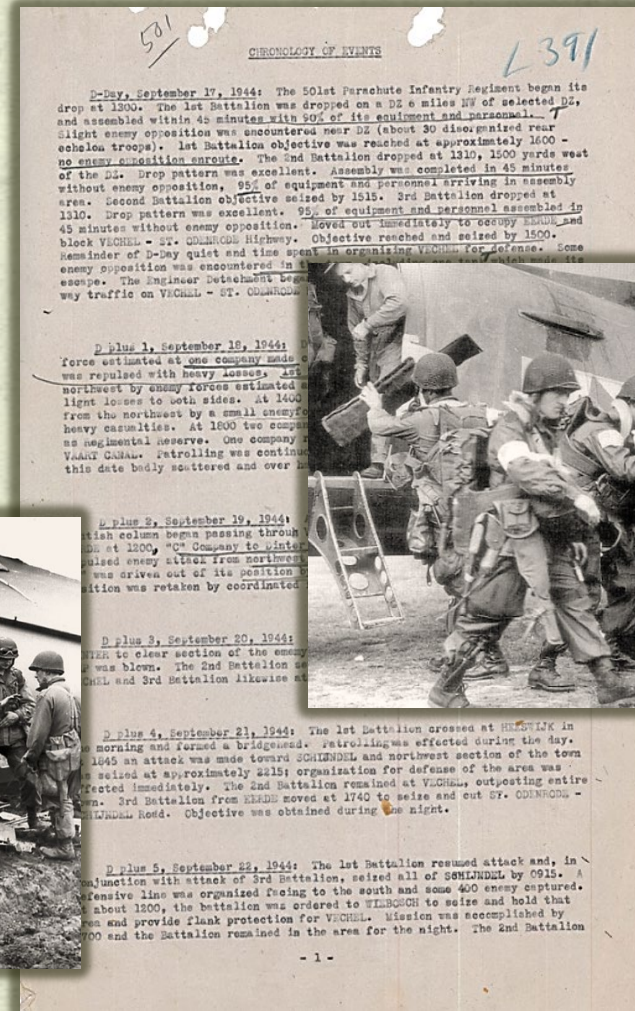
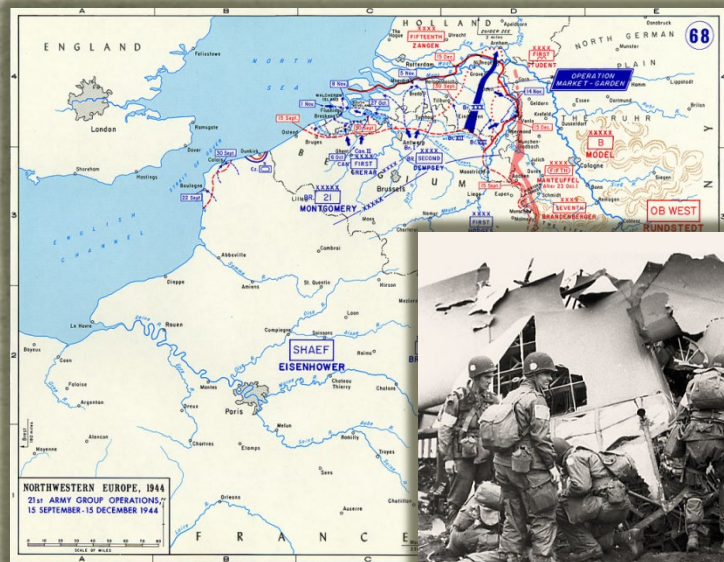
Air Force award cards show us the medals to which individual Air Force or Army Air Forces veterans were entitled. While the award cards typically do not provide a detailed citation, they do provide us with the general order number which can be used to find the actual citations for the medals.





# AFTER ACTION AND MISSION REPORTS

After action and mission reports are normally maintained at the squadron, battalion or regimental level.





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The after action reports provide a detailed account of the combat actions for the army unit to which a veteran was assigned.

Here is an after action report from the 101st Airborne Division, 501st Parachute Regiment during Operation Market Garden.

D plus 2, September 19, 1944: At 0645 on the morning of D plus 2, the British column began passing through VECHEL. The 3rd Battalion moved out to HARDE at 1200, "C" Company to Dinter - one platoon to HASSWICK. 2nd Battalion repulsed enemy attack from northwest by enemy forces estimated at 250. Company "A" was driven out of its position by German parachute night attack. Position was retaken by coordinated flanking attack by "E" and "F" Companies.

D plus 1, September 18, 1944: During early morning of D plus 1 an enemy force estimated at one company made counterattack on 2nd Battalion objective but was repulsed with heavy losses. 1st Battalion objective attacked from the northwest by enemy forces estimated at one company. Counterattack repulsed with light losses to both sides. At 1400 the 3rd Battalion objective was attacked

area. Second Battalion objective seized by 1515. 3rd Battalion dropped at 1310. Drop pattern was excellent. 95% of equipment and personnel assembled in 45 minutes without enemy opposition. Moved out immediately to occupy LAMUN and block VICHENI - ST. COMBORGHE Highway. Objective reached and seized by 1500. Remainder of D-Day quiet and time spent in organizing VICHENI for defense. Some enemy opposition was encountered in the town, including one tank which made its escape. The Engineer Detachment began building additional bridge to permit two-way traffic on VICHENI - ST. COMBORGHE Highway.

420 prisoners were captured.  
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which was badly beaten and suffered  
the 3rd Battalion moved into Vaucluse

VAART CANAL. Patrolling was continuous in all directions. Resupply mission on this date badly scattered and over half fell into enemy hands.

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D plus 5, September 22, 1944: The 1st Battalion resumed attack and, in conjunction with attack of 3rd Battalion, seized all of SCHIJNDEL by 0915. A defensive line was organized facing to the south and some 400 enemy captured. At about 1200, the battalion was ordered to WILBOSCH to seize and hold that position. This mission was accomplished by

the morning and formed a brigaded. Retreating was effected during the day. At 1645 an attack was made toward SCHENDEL and northwest section of the town was seized at approximately 2215; organization for defense of the area was established. The 2nd Battalion remained at VEGHEL, outposting entire platoon from READE moved at 1740 to seize and cut ST. ODENRODE - objective was obtained during the night.

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