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Class 5: World War I and World War II Veterans

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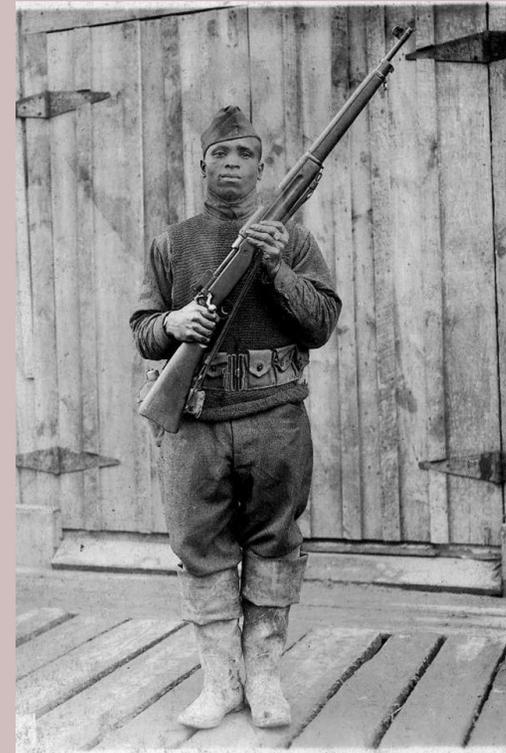
- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Eligibility for WWI
 - WWI Draft Registration and Records by Branch
 - Eligibility for WWII
 - WWII Draft Registration and Records by Branch
 - 1973 Fire at the NPRC
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



Voice of
Melanie McComb
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How old was your WWI soldier?

- Age range of typical soldier, 17-40
- Average birth year 1873-1900



1930 U.S. Federal Census

VETERANS	
Whether a veteran of the U.S. military or naval forces mobilized for any war or expedition	
Yes or No	What war or expedition
30	31

Connecticut Military Census of 1917

Military Census—Form No. 1

State of Connecticut
RECORDED
REC'D FEB 17 1917

By direction of an act of the Legislature of Connecticut, approved February 7th, 1917, I am required to procure certain information relative to the resources of the State. I therefore call upon you to answer the following questions.

114
MARCUS H. HOLCOMB,
Governor.

TOWN or CITY Hartford DATE Feb. 16. 17
 FULL NAME Harry A. Thrall
 POST OFFICE ADDRESS 303 Wethersfield Ave
(Special Number or State Fire Driving Number)

1. What is your present Trade, Occupation or Profession? Wethersfield Conn. Co
2. Have you experience in any other Trade, Occupation or Profession? No
3. What is your Age? 36 Height? 5' 10" Weight? 175
(State which.)
4. Are you Married? Single? or Widower? Married
5. How many persons are dependent on you for support? 1
6. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
7. If not a citizen of the United States have you taken out your first papers? ✓
8. If not a citizen of the United States, what is your nationality? —
9. Have you ever done any Military or Naval Service in this or any other Country? No
Where? — How Long? — What Branch? — Rank? —
10. Have you any serious physical disability? No If so, name it: —
11. Can you do any of the following: Ride a horse? Yes Handle a team? Yes Drive an automobile? No
 Ride a motorcycle? No Understand telegraphy? No Operate a wireless? No Any experience with a steam engine? No Any experience with electrical machinery? No Handle a boat, power or sail? No
 Any experience in simple coastwise navigation? No Any experience with High Speed Marine Gasoline Engines? No Are you a good swimmer? Yes

I hereby certify that I have personally interviewed the above mentioned person and that the answers to the questions enumerated are as he gave them to me.

Joseph E. Danvers
Military Census Agent.

Questions Asked

- Town or City
- Full Name
- P.O. Address
- What is your present Trade, Occupation or Profession?
- Have you experience in any other Trade ?
- Age - Height – Weight
- Married, Single or Widower
- How many dependents ?

Questions Asked ?

- Are you a citizen of the US?
- If not a citizen of the US have you taken out 1st papers?
- If not, what is your nationality?
- Military service in another country?
Duration & Branch
- Have you any physical disability?
- Can you ride a horse? Handle a team? Drive an Automobile?
Ride a Motorcycle?
- Do you understand Telegraphy?
- Can you operate a Wireless?
- Any experience with a Steam Engine?
- Any experience with Electrical Machinery?
- Handle a Boat, power or sail?
- Any experience in simple navigation?
- Experience in High Speed Marine Gasoline Engines ?

Home Resource Checklist

- ✓ Family papers
- ✓ War diaries
- ✓ Letters and postcards
- ✓ Military ephemera
- ✓ Newspaper articles and obituaries
- ✓ Oral traditions or interview older relatives



Military Photographs



Messengers of the Motorcycle Corps, 372nd
Headquarters, 1919, Wikimedia Commons

Cemetery Clues

- Is there a gravestone?
- Cemetery and Burial records
- Transcribed Gravestones
- Is there a flag marker?



WWI Draft Registration and Records by Branch

Did they enlist before April 6, 1917?

- **Canadian Army** “*The American Legion*” C.E.F.
97th Overseas Battalion
 - 1300 Black men volunteered
- **French Air Force** – ex. *Lafayette Escadrille*



Selective Service

- **1914:** U.S. Army consists of 127,588 active
- **1914:** National Guardsmen 181,620 active
- **May 18, 1917:** Selective Service Act was passed.
- **At the end of 1917** the Army had ½ million draftees and 233,000 volunteers.
- **1917-1918:** 24 million men born between 1873 and 1900 filled Draft registration cards.

Draft Registration Cards

Draft Registrations

- **First Registration - June 5, 1917:** For men aged 21 to 31 (born between June 6, 1886 and June 5, 1896).
- **Second Registration - June 5, 1918:** For men who had turned 21 since the previous registration (born between June 6, 1896 and June 5, 1897).
 - **August 1918** - An additional registration was done for men who turned 21 that year.

Draft Registrations

- **Third Registration - September 12, 1918:** For men aged 18 to 21 and 31 to 45 (born between Sept 11, 1872 and Sept 12, 1900).
- The Armistice occurs on November 11, 1918.

Draft Registration Questions

- Name and age in years
- Home address
- Date of birth
- Where were you born?
- What is your Nationality?
- Are you a Native of the United States ?
- Are you a Naturalized Citizen or Alien?

Draft Registration Questions

- Declared Intention
- Non citizen or citizen Indian
- If not a citizen which nation are you a citizen or subject?
- Father's birthplace
- Name and place of employment
- Name and address of nearest relative.
- Your race
- Signature

United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

Name index and images of draft registration cards for World War I. Three registrations occurred between 1917 and 1918. The 1st was held 5 Jun 1917 for men ages 21-31. The 2nd was held 5 Jun 1918 for men who turned 21 since the 1st registration. The 3rd started 12 Sep 1918 for men ages 18-45. The collection includes cards for 24 million men. The cards are arranged by state, by city or county, by local draft board, then alphabetical by surname. The draft registration cards are part of Record Group 163, Records of the Selective Service System (WWI), 1917-1939, and is National Archives Microfilm publication M1509.

First Names	Last Names
<input type="text" value="James Thomas"/>	<input type="text" value="Johnson"/>
Place	Year
<input type="text" value="📍 Millington, Kent, Maryland, United :"/>	<input type="text" value="Birth or Death Year"/>
<input type="button" value="🔍 SEARCH"/>	MORE OPTIONS

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Collection Sex Race Birth Other Residence

Name	Events	Relationships
James Thomas Johnson Principal United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918	Military Draft Registration from 1917 to 1918 Kent, Maryland, United States Birth United States	  
James Thomas Johnson Principal United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918	Military Draft Registration from 1917 to 1918 Todd, Kentucky, United States Birth 28 June 1875 United States	  
James Thomas Johnson Principal United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918	Military Draft Registration from 1917 to 1918 Washington, Georgia, United States Birth 2 August 1885 United States	 
James Thomas Johnson Principal United States World War I Draft	Military Draft Registration from 1917 to 1918 Angelina, Texas, United States	 

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER 135 ORDER NUMBER 325

1 James Thomas Johnson

2 Millington Md

Age in Years 43 Date of Birth _____

RACE

White	Negro	Oriental	Indian
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

U. S. CITIZEN

Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Birth	Alien	Non-descript
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a (State or subject)?

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION Lay Labor EMPLOYER'S NAME _____

17 NEAREST RELATIVE Name Wife Cora Johnson Address Millington Md

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

7. M. 45. 45. James Thomas Johnson

19-2-4 C REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Dark</u>

23 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.) _____

24 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows: _____

Date of Registration Sept 12, 1918

James J. Slaughter
Registrar

Local Board for
The County of Kent,
State of Maryland,
Chestertown, Md.

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

WWI Draft Registration Card, FamilySearch

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Even though they
registered for the Draft does
not mean they served

U.S. Army

National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)

- Fire of July 12, 1973
- Records Destroyed by fire and water:
 - Army
 - Enlisted men 1912-1960: Compiled service folders.
 - Officers 1917-1960: Compiled service folders.
 - Air Force
 - 1947-1964 Compiled service folders

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General's Office and State
Archives for WWI & WWII
Discharges

National Archives Washington, D.C.

U.S. Army Mobile Units – RG 391

- Infantry divisions and brigades
- Corps of Engineers Battalion and company records, muster rolls.
- 1st through 15th U.S. Cavalry Regiments
- Infantry divisions and brigades
- Field artillery regiments
- Coastal Artillery Units and Mine planters

U.S. Army Overseas Operations – RG 395

- U.S Army troops stationed in China 1912-1938
- A.E.F. troops in Siberia 1918-1920
- Troops stationed in Puerto Rico 1918-1919.

Overseas African American Regiments

- Many African Americans served in the Services of Supply section of the American Expeditionary Forces
 - Support and provide materials to other companies along the front lines.
- Under French command:
 - 93rd Infantry Division ("Blue Helmets")
 - all black division
 - 369th Infantry Regiment (Harlem Hellfighters)
 - 370th Infantry Regiment
 - Only unit commanded by black officers

Office of the Judge Advocate General – RG 153

- Ledgers of all A.E.F. Court Martial convictions, 1917-1919



Record Group 111 – Office of the Chief Signal Officer

- Includes information on the "Hello Girls", 223 women, who served as switchboard operators in England and France for the U.S. Army Signal Corps
- They were considered civilian contract employees and were not awarded veteran status until 1977
 - There are separate civilian personnel files at the National Archives in St. Louis, Missouri

Record Group 112 – Office of the Surgeon General

- U.S. Army Nurse Corps
- Personnel records (surgeons, medical officers)
- Hospital Records

U.S. Navy and Marines

National Personnel Records Center – St. Louis, MO

- Personnel records
- U.S. Navy Officers after 1902
- Enlisted men after 1885
- U.S. Marine Officers after 1895
- Enlisted men after 1904



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U.S. Merchant Marines

NARA – RG41

- Merchant seaman lost in WWI, 1914-19
- Recruit enrollment & application 1918-1921
- Applications to serve on Merchants Ships 1918-19
- Seamen's Protection Certificates, 1918-1919
- Merchant Marine Logbooks (RG 26 – Coast Guard)

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Birth **Day** **Month** **Year** **Location**

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Form 804 A APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL LICENSE FILE No. L 41616

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
STEAMBOAT-INSPECTION SERVICE

Number and Street, 669 8th Street
City or Town, San Pedro
State, Territory, or D. C., California

Oct. 4, 1917

TO THE U. S. LOCAL INSPECTORS, STEAMBOAT-INSPECTION SERVICE,
Port of LOS ANGELES, CAL.

GENTLEMEN: I hereby respectfully apply for license as
Second Mate
on the waters of Any Ocean

I am a Naturalized citizen of the United States, over 21 years of age, having been born on the 17th day of September, in the year 1885, at Braunschweig in Germany; (if foreign born) was naturalized in the Superior Court at San Francisco in the State of California, on the 23rd day of September, 1913; am now a resident of San Pedro, in the State of California.

On the opposite side of this sheet is a statement of my service on vessels, the service being of the kinds required by the General Rules and Regulations of the Board of Supervising Inspectors for the desired license. Documentary evidence of service (except for license as operator of motor boats) is submitted herewith, as required by the General Rules and Regulations. I have not made application to the inspectors of any other district and been rejected within twelve months of the date of this application.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me)*
this 4th day of October, 1917
John Russell
Local Inspector.

Otto Ferdinand Drager
(Applicant's signature in full)

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED DO CERTIFY, from personal knowledge of the applicant named Otto F. Drager, that he is a person of temperate habits and of good character, and recommend him as a suitable person to be intrusted with the duties of the station, as above, for which he makes application.

Issued No. 10208, 1, 1,
Oct. 12, 1917.

Chief Johnson
John Goddard Vanguard
Ferdinand Detmold
A. G. Raugkilde, H. Shute

Application for Merchant Marine License, Ancestry.com

U.S. Coast Guard

NARA – RG26

- Muster Rolls, 1833-1932
- Honorable Discharges, 1917-1919
- Personnel and Pay cards, 1917-1921
- Officer personnel files, 1915-1929
- Vessel logbooks, 1915-1947
- Casualty and wreck reports, 1913-1936

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RECORD OF THE MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS OF THE DAY.

Devonport, England,
Tuesday, January 1, 1918.

Mid. to 9 a.m.- Light NE breeze; overcast; hazy weather. Washed down decks. 7.00, W. Collins, watertender, absent 48 hours without leave.

Edward H. Smith, 3rd Lieutenant.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.- Gentle ENE breezes; overcast to mostly clear. Crew cleaning stations and at odd jobs. 2.05, J. A. Crocker, seaman, was brought back on board by patrol from this vessel, having been absent 67 hours 40 minutes without leave. He was pronounced by the surgeon attached to this vessel to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor: confined him in ship's prison for safe keeping. G. Savo ordinary seaman, sick and off duty. 2.15, U. S. destroyers "46" and "33" entered harbor. 2.55, C. W. Frew, fireman, and L. R. Macivor, machinist's mate 2nd class, U.S.Navy, returned on board having been absent 40 hours 55 minutes and 94 hours 55 minutes, respectively, without leave. 4.00, granted liberty to one watch of crew until midnight. Inspected magazines, temperatures forward 60°-58°; aft 63°-59°.

Wm. P. Wisner, 2nd Lieutenant.

Catalog.archives.gov



QUESTIONS?



How old was your WWII soldier?

- Age range 18-64
(as prescribed by drafts)
- Average age 26



Utilizing “Home Archives”

- ✓ Family papers
- ✓ War diaries
- ✓ Letters and postcards
- ✓ Military ephemera
- ✓ Newspaper articles and obituaries
- ✓ Oral traditions or interview older relatives



WWII Draft Registration and Records by Branch

Draft Registration Cards

Draft Registrations

- **1st Draft – Oct. 16, 1940:** Men born between Oct. 17, 1904 and Oct. 16, 1919.
- **2nd Draft – July 1, 1941:** Men born between Oct. 17, 1919 and July 12, 1920. Including those who forgot to register in 1940.
- **3rd Draft – Feb. 16, 1942:** Men born between Feb. 17, 1897 and Dec. 31, 1921.

Draft Registrations

- **4th Draft – Apr. 27, 1942:** Men born between Apr. 28, 1877 and Feb. 16, 1897 ("The Old Man's Draft")
- **5th Draft – June 30, 1942:** Men born between Jan. 1, 1922 and June 30, 1924.
- **6th Draft – Dec. 11-31, 1942:** Men born between July 1, 1924 and Dec. 31, 1924. And those reaching an 18th birthday on or after Jan. 1, 1943.
- **Special Draft – Nov. 16 to Dec. 31 1943.** Men born after Dec. 31, 1898 and before Jan. 1, 1926.



United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942

Description

Name index and images of cards for men, age 45-64 (born 1877-1897), included in the fourth draft conducted on April 27, 1942. The indexed portion of this publication currently includes the states of Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York Bronx, New York Kings, New York Manhattan, New York Queens, New York Staten Island, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. This collection is part of National Archives Record Group 147, Records of the Selective Service System, 1940-. Index and images for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington courtesy of Ancestry.com.

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WWII Draft Registration

- Full name
- Place of residence
- Age and date and place of birth
- Occupation
- Name of next of kin
- Employer's name and address
- Race
- Height
- Eye color
- Hair color
- Complexion
- Other physical characteristics
- Date and location of Draft registration
- Signature

U.S. Army



Dog Tag as a Clue



Phil P J Spellman

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Name	Phil P J Spellman
Marital Status	Single, without dependents
Event Type	Military Service
Event Date	12 Jan 1943
Event Place	Ft Bragg, North Carolina, United States
Term of Enlistment	Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law
Race	Negro
Citizenship Status	citizen
Birth Year	1921
Birthplace	NORTH CAROLINA

WWII Army Enlistment Record, FamilySearch

Birth Year	1921
Birthplace	NORTH CAROLINA
Education Level	1 year of high school
Civilian Occupation	Unskilled occupations in production of industrial chemicals
Military Rank	Private
Army Branch	Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA
Army Component	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
 Serial Number	34662295
Affiliate ARC Identifier	1263923
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WWII Army Enlistment Record, FamilySearch

Women's Army Corps

- Women's Army Auxiliary Corps started on May 15, 1942 for women between ages 21 and 45 years
 - Black women were admitted with a ten percent quota
- Women's Army Corps was created on July 1, 1943
 - Classified under the ranks of soldiers



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U.S., World War II Cadet Nursing Corps Card Files, 1942-1948

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First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

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Last Name

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MUSTER ROLL OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS			
COMPANY "A", CANDIDATES' CLASS, MCS, MB, QUANTICO, VA.			
FROM 1 April		TO 30 April, 1942, INCLUSIVE	
NO.	NAME AND RANK	ENLISTED	REMARKS
10	BALD, Le Roy	✓ 8May41	7, jd fr 5th ResDist, MB, NNYd, Portsmouth, Va. Assigned act d 7 Apr 42.
11	BASKETT, Ronald S.	✓ 14Mar42	3, jd by S/RS, fr RS, Moscow, Idaho. 7, jd in person. Assigned act d 3 Apr 42.
12	BASS, Jerome S.	✓ 17Mar42	6, jd in person. Assigned act d 4 Apr 42.
13	BATES, William L. Jr.	✓ 28Mar42	7, jd fr RS, Macon, Ga. Assigned act d 6 Apr 42.
14	BAUGH, Milton H.	✓ 19Mar42	2, jd by S/RS, fr RS, Ruston, La. 7, jd in person. Assigned act d 5 Apr 42.
15	BERGLUND, John W.	✓ 20Mar42	2, jd by S/RS, fr RS, New Brunswick, N.J. 6, jd in person. Assigned act d 6 Apr 42.
16	BIDWELL, Robert H.	✓ 10Mar42	2, jd by S/RS, fr RS, Harvard Univ. 6, jd in person. Assigned act d 6 Apr 42.
17	BILLINGS, Peter W.	✓ 28Mar42	3, jd by S/RS fr DHS, San Francisco, Calif. 7, jd in person. Assigned act d 4 Apr 42.
18	BOOKOUT, Luther A. Jr.	✓ 15May41	9, jd fr 8th ResDist, MB, NAS, Pensacola, Fla. Assigned act d 7 Apr 42. 14-19, ak USNH, Post.
19	BOOTH, Murphy B.	✓ 21Mar42	7, jd fr S & P ResDist, MBNY, Washington, D.C. Assigned act d 7 Apr 42.
20	BRANDON, Robert M.	✓ 13Mar42	7, jd in person. Assigned act d 6 Apr 42.
21	BRICKER, John L.	✓ 18Mar42	7, jd in person. Assigned act d 6 Apr 42.
22	BRIDE, Matthew J. Jr.	✓ 13May41	7, jd in person. Assigned act d 7 Apr 42.

Muster Roll, Marine Corps, 1942, Ancestry.com

U.S. Navy

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for the month ending 1st day of September, 19 45, date of sailing

from _____ to _____

	1 NAMES <small>(Alphabetically arranged without regard to ratings, with surname to the left and the first name written in full)</small>	2 SERVICE NUMBER <small>(The service number must under no condition be omitted)</small>	3 Rating at Dec. of Last Report	4 Date of Enlistment		5 Place of Enlistment
16	KUHAJDA, Andy (n)	949 66 40	F1c			
17	MAZZI, James Albert	378 60 52	S1c			
18	MENDELL, Frederick Braxton	612 82 73	S1c			
19	MONBORNE, Emil Jewels	252 27 26	S2c			
20	OLDHAM, Jimmie Ray	878 17 02	Cox.(T)			
21	PALMIERI, Fraincesco (n)	258 21 15	BM1c			
22	PARKS, Ray (n)	929 70 10	S2c			
23	SAPPENFIELD, Russell (n)	627 54 32	MoMM1c			
24	SAPPENFIELD, Russell (n)	627 54 32	MoMM1c			
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WWII Navy Muster Roll, 1945

6	7	8	9	
Branch of Service	Received, transferred, deserted, discharged, change of rating, death, or any other change of status	Date of Occurrence in column 7	Vessel or station from which received, to what vessel or station transferred, where discharged and character of discharge; where deserted, and amount due or overpaid. Where died, cause of death and where and when buried. If rated and authority for same. If deserted, give cause; if on detached duty, give place of duty. If passenger, give purpose of travel and final disposition.	
16	USNR	C. R.	1 Sept.	Adv. to MM3c(T). Auth: BuPers C/L No. 297-44.
17	USNR	Rec.	16 August	Received from Commander Service Division 104.
18	USNR	Rec.	16 August	Received from Commander Service Division 104.
19	USNR	Rec.	30 August	Received from Commander Service Division 104.
20	USNR	Rec.	16 August	Received from Commander Service Division 104.
21	USN	Tran.	19 August	Tran. to RecSta, Okinawa, FFT US for discharge under AlNav 196 by reason of exp. of enlistment.
22	USNR	Rec.	30 August	Received from Commander Service Division 104.
23	USNR	Rec.	16 August	Received from Commander Service Division 104.
24	USNR	Tran.	19 August	Tran. to RecSta, Okinawa, FFT US for discharge under AlNav 196.
25				

WWII Navy Muster Roll Cont'd, 1945

WAVES

- Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service was started on July 30, 1942 after President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Navy Women's Reserve Act
- Established the Women's Reserve as a branch of the U.S. Navy Reserve during WWII to fill shore duty roles so men could be sent for sea duty
- Women who served in the WAVES have Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF's) like male soldiers





QUESTIONS?

1973 Fire at the NPRC

National Personnel Records Center

- Holds the Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) for Army, Air Force, Marines, and Navy
- These files are the service records for a member of the military

The 1973 Fire



- Shortly after midnight on July 12, 1973, a fire was reported at the NPRC in St. Louis, Missouri.
- The fire was on the 6th floor and burned out of control for 22 hours.
- Fire was officially called out on July 16th.

Impact of the Fire

- Records destroyed include Army and Air Force:
 - Army: Enlisted men (1912-1960) and Officers (1917-1960) compiled service folders (80% destroyed)
 - Did not impact records for retirees and reservists who were alive on 12 July 1973.
 - Air Force: 1947-1964 compiled service folders (75% destroyed)
 - Surnames starting with “Hubbard” and through the end of the alphabet
- Navy and Marine service records survived!

Did Any of the Service Records Survive?

- Approximately 6.5 million burned and water damaged records were recovered
- The NPRC established a "B" registry file (Burned files) and "R" registry file (Reconstructed files)

What Other Records Survived the Fire?

- NPRC staff removed the following files for safekeeping:
 - Operating records
 - Computer Index for holdings
 - More than 100,000 reels of morning reports for Army (1912-1959) and Air Force (1947-1959)

Records to Reconstruct a Veteran Service Record

Types of Records

- Discharge Papers
- Military Service Abstracts
- Morning Reports
- Unit Rosters
- Final Pay Vouchers
- Award Citations
- Unit Histories

Discharge Papers

- Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214)
- Required to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment, and membership in veteran's organizations

Information on DD214

- Date and place of entry into active duty
- Home address at time of entry
- Date and place of release from active duty
- Home address after separation
- Last duty assignment and rank
- Military job specialty
- Military education
- Decorations, medals, badges, citations, and campaign awards
- Total creditable service
- Foreign service credited
- Separation information (type of separation, character of service, authority and reason for separation, separation and reenlistment eligibility codes)

Obtaining Copies of Discharge Papers

- Order a copy from the National Personnel Records Center
- Contact State Adjutant General's Office
- Contact County Clerk's Office (veterans were requested to file a copy locally)
- Contact State Archives (many WWI records already moved)

Military Service Abstracts

- Key details from a soldier's military including:
 - Muster in date
 - Engagements
 - Injuries
 - Discharge information
 - Birthplace
 - Occupation
 - Residence
- National World War I Museum and Memorial has a list of online World War I databases
- FamilySearch Wiki has a list of databases on FamilySearch/Ancestry/Fold3

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LEFT THE ORGANIZATION.												
HOW.	WHEN.			IN WHAT GRADE.	EXPLANATION.							
	DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.									
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REMARKS: *Pvt 1st cl Oct 1/17 -
Served overseas fr Oct 31/17 to Oct 22/18.
Engagements: Vimier Sector; Baccarat Sector; Champagne
Front; Blauwardes; Ourag; Rims; Chateau-Thierry;
Wounded in action severely July 17-18
Also wounded severely at Chateau-Thierry Sept 3/18*

Age *26* years; height _____ feet _____ inches; complexion _____; eyes _____; hair _____;
born *Ireland*; occupation _____; residence *Long Island City*
New York; married or single; name and address of wife or (if single) of parent or guardian _____;
relationship _____

NY National Guard Abstract, WWI,
Ancestry.com

Why Use Morning Reports?

- Track a soldier's movements from start to finish, when the soldier entered and exited the company.
- This can allow you to create a timeline of the different battles they served in overseas.

Accessing Morning Reports

- The original microfilm reels that were saved from the 1973 fire are held at the NPRC in St. Louis, Missouri
- There is a digitization project to add these records to Fold3. Currently these records are complete through 1939.
 - No current ETA on when WWII records will be added.
- For WWII records, you will need to visit or hire a researcher in NPRC to search the microfilm reels for the morning reports you need.

Where the Company
was stationed



Service Number and
listing for Michael
Doherty



COMPANY MORNING REPORT ISSUE 19 June 1944

STATION Vicinity of Anzio, Italy

ORGANIZATION Co I 179th Inf Inf

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
38920055 duty 745	Pritt Edward F	Pvt	A
42029187 duty 745	Meyer Glen W	Pvt	
35705386 42035500 duty 745	Sherrill Walter F	Pvt	
42035500 duty 745	Doherty Michael J	Pvt	
36835501 duty 745	Rigas John T	Pvt	
3688073 duty 745	Sheurek John E	Pvt	
35881387 duty 745	Orvets Robert E	Pvt	
3858898 duty 745	Eller Vachil (NMI)	Pvt	
31406792 duty 745	Cross Albert (NMI)	Pvt	

SI EM asgd & jd fr Mq Co 179th Inf 11 June 44

OFFICER STRENGTH	PLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		PLT G	
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ASSIGNED			2	2		3				
ATTACHED UNASSIGNED ATTACHED FR OTHER ORGS			2	1	2					
TOTAL			4	3	2	3				

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ASSIGNED			196	5	40	241
ATTACHED UNASSIGNED ATTACHED FR OTHER ORGS						
TOTAL			196	5	40	241

1. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR DAY OF WEEK DATE NUMBER

2. MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT TOTAL AVERAGE

3. BREAKFAST DINNER SUPPER

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5. MEN PRESENT LESS PLUS

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SIGNATURE: *Raymond J. ...*

Morning Report, 1944, NPRC, St. Louis,
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Day of month.	REMARKS.	RATIONS.			
		FOR MEN.		FOR ANIMALS.	
		Plus.	Minus.	Plus.	Minus.
6	Pvt. Grant from S. II. at Depot 2. M. to duty S. O. 241 N. Y. Div Nov. 4/16.				
7	Recruit Harris, transferred from Co. B to Co. F. at 6:00 a.m. R. O. 251 Nov. 6/16. Private Mc Bride transferred from Co. F. to Co. B at 8:00 P. M. R. O. 251 Nov. 6/16. Pvt. Dillon absent sick in Camp Hospital		24		25
8	no changes				
9	Privates Casquarelli, Frankenthal, Neumayer & Reilly from duty to sick in camp Hospital. at 8:00 A. M. Pvt. Powers fr. duty to sick in Camp Hosp. at 4:00 P. M. Cook B. P. Nash frs absent on furlough to A. H. C. S.		92		22
10	Capt. Frank J. Mc Coy from duty to S. II. Detailed as assistant to the chief of military Police and trains. G. O. 49, 6 th Div. Nov. 8/16.				

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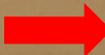
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Morning Report, Company B, 12th Infantry
NG, Nov. 1916, Fold3

Unit Rosters

- Monthly personnel rosters were created at the company level
- Rosters list the name of individual, service number, rank, and other grade information
- Copies of most monthly rosters can be found at the National Archives in St. Louis, Missouri
 - 1912-1943
 - 1947-1959
 - Records were destroyed for units serving in World War II from 1944-1946

COMPANY "I"			
T/Sgt Martin D Byerly	38051836	Cpl Charles R Shea	32958904
Cpl Graham Norrell	6996621	Pfc John A Anderson	36110340
Pfc Howard G Bond	33707252	Pfc Leo J Dionne	31415695
Pfc George W Dolliver	36670840	Pfc Harry L Dunn	33658575
Pfc William S Foster	12134525	Pfc Rufus Harris	34890487
Pfc Richard Z Kinkade	36767647	Pfc Clayton A Kritzer	33610340
Pfc Dexter E Lane	36831807	Pfc John M Lyons	37624728
Pfc Donald J Madison	36687562	Pfc Arthur W Mattson	36767552
Pfc Russell H Mayberry	33802574	Pfc Reginald P Miller	33609475
Pfc George M Nelson	36836548	Pfc Michael T Ostrowski	20109834
Pfc Anthony V Pettinato	33572672	Pfc Lawrence J Pross	36836855
Pfc Walter J Pydo	36833282	Pfc Gerhard Reethof	33796566
Pfc John T Rigas	36835501	Pfc Joseph H Schaefer	36819299
Pfc John G Sedlock Jr	35919823	Pfc Billy B Stokes	38516226
Pfc Ira D Ward	34892041	Pfc Kenneth W Wright	32945534
Pvt Clyde H Anderson	20732290	Pvt James T Bailey	34739059
Pvt Ramer W Baker	34374853	Pvt Roy J Barth	33684394
Pvt Raymond E Baugess	35776046	Pvt Jack Briskman	42044383
Pvt Morris Brodsky	32967964	Pvt Guy N Bugg	34571226
Pvt Harper Burdette	34892467	Pvt Herbert J Butcher	35877075
Pvt Albert Cross	31406792	Pvt Michael J Doherty	42035500
Pvt Howard L Dunn	12174621	Pvt John Fetzko	42018073
Pvt Richard K Lange	36689689	Pvt Chester A Majcher	36689967
Pvt Frank Melchiorri	36699723	Pvt Harry Mogensky	36759695
Pvt Thomas D Murphy	36632172	Pvt Phillip A Nelson	37578732
Pvt George A Nesbit	33464832	Pvt Frank H Payerl	42016385
Pvt Amos W Pike	37724336	Pvt Lewis P Poore	33801393
Pvt Henry L Prieur	42028576	Pvt Edward Racywolsky	42046136
Pvt Henry G Schmidt	42024230	Pvt Walton T Shearin	34900793
Pvt Guy N Sherrill	34493995	Pvt Johnie Slavey	34491824
Pvt Adolph E Snarski	36833025	Pvt Calvin C Whitney	36684903



Roster, Company I, 45th Infantry, NPRC, St. Louis, Missouri

Final Pay Vouchers

- Final payment made to soldier and/or family
- Alternative record for the DD214 (Report of Separation)
- This is usually the only surviving record of a soldier's personnel file

Information Provided on Final Pay Vouchers

- Name
- Serial number
- Grade or rank
- Home address (generally valid for three months following discharge)
- Unit assignment at discharge
- Place and date of entry
- Place and date of discharge
- Previous organization
- Character of service
- Discharge authority
- Years of service
- Signature of veteran.

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Final Pay Voucher, Alfred Schild, NPRC,
St. Louis, Missouri

Award Citations

- These were awarded for acts of gallantry in action
- Known as general orders
- Record Group 407 – Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1905-1981 – NARA Archives II (College Park, Maryland)

IV - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

MICHAEL J DOHERTY 42035500, Infantry, Private, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 August 1944 near Geres, France. Attacking across an open area before a town, Private Doherty's platoon encountered heavy machine gun fire, followed by an artillery and mortar concentration which stopped the advance. While the other members of his unit were pinned down, Private Doherty crawled toward the enemy machine gun position. He worked himself to within twenty yards of the enemy in spite of the sniper fire directed at him, and fired a rifle grenade into the emplacement which silenced the gun and killed or wounded four of the crew. He then made his way back to his platoon, now able to regroup and continue the attack and secure the town. Private Doherty's boldness and courage reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Long Island City, New York.

General Order - Award of the Silver Star
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- A record of the important events and activities of a military unit
- Highlight significant battles
- Specific soldiers who acted during certain engagements are named
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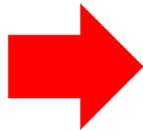
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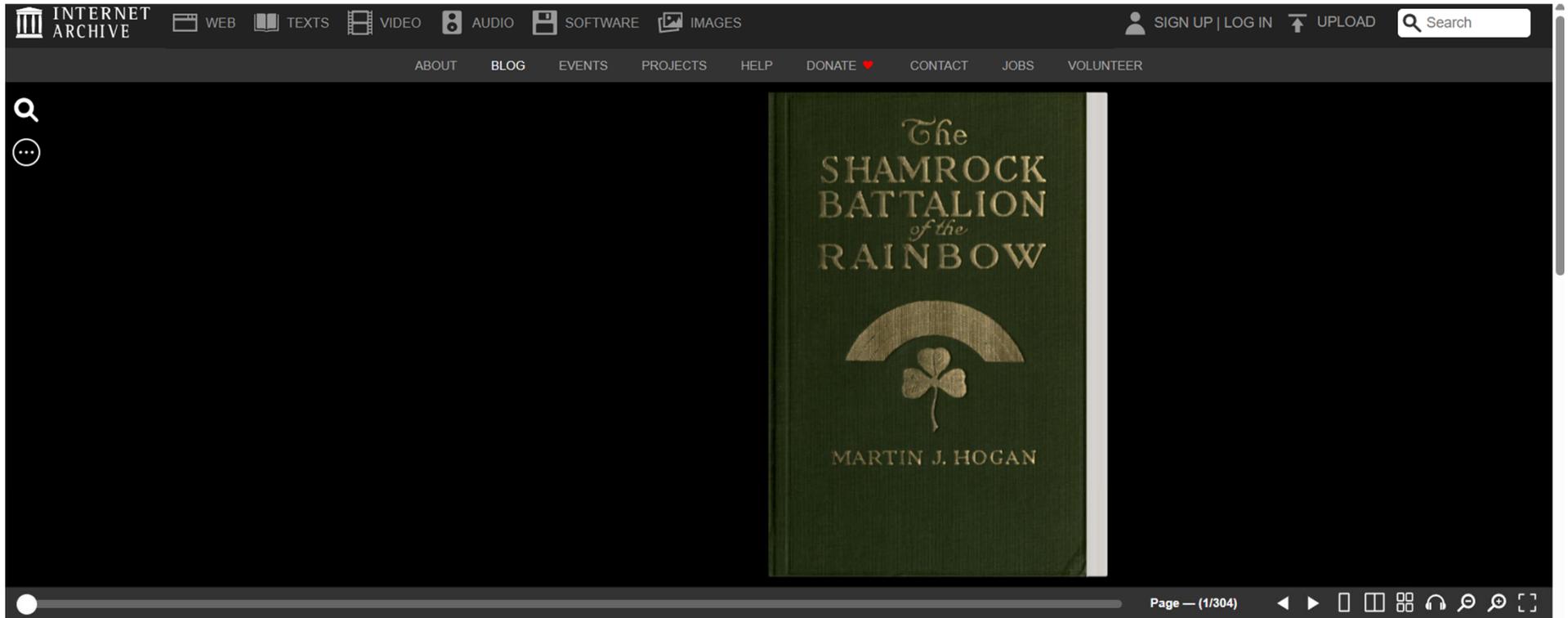
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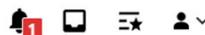
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The 45th Infantry Division ("Thunderbirds") was activated in 1924, its personnel including troops from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. It was inducted into Federal service on September 16, 1940, at Oklahoma City, and trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, until February 28, 1941. After moving to Camp Barkeley, Texas, it participated in the Texas maneuvers in June 1941 and the Louisiana maneuvers, August - October 1941. The Division moved to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, in April 1942, to Pine Camp, New York in November 1942, to Camp Pickett, Virginia in February 1943, and departed the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation for overseas duty on June 8, 1943.

The Division landed in North Africa on June 22, 1943, and trained at Arzew, French Morocco. It landed at Sicily on July 10 in its first major amphibious operation and moved inland under minor opposition. The enemy resisted fiercely at Motta Hill on July 26 before losing the four-day battle of "Bloody Ridge." On August 1 the Division withdrew for rest and patrols. On September 10, 1943, the second landing at Salerno occurred. Against stiff resistance, the 45th pushed to the Calore River, September 27, crossed the Volturno River, November 3, and took Venafro. Until January 9, 1944, the Division inched forward into the mountains, reaching St. Elia north of Cassino before moving to a rest area.

The Division landed at Anzio on January 22, 1944, and for four months stood its ground against violent assaults. It went over to the attack on May 23, and crossed the Tiber River on June 4, outflanking Rome, then withdrew for rest and training on the 16th. The 45th participated in its fourth assault landing on August 15, 1944, at Maxime in southern France. Against slight opposition, the Division spearheaded the drive for the Belfort Gap. It took the strongly defended city of Epinal on September 24, crossed the Moselle River, and entered the western foothills of the Vosges, taking Rambervillers on the 30th, and crossing the Mortagne River on October 23.

After a brief rest, the 45th cracked the forts north of Mutzig, an anchor of the Maginot Line, November 25, crossed the Zintzel River, and pushed through the Maginot defenses. From January 2, 1945, the Division fought defensively along the German border, withdrawing to the Moder River. On February 17, it went back for rest and training.

The 45th moved north to the Sarreguemines area and smashed at the Siegfried Line on March 17, 1945, taking Homburg on the 21st, and crossing the Rhine between Worms and Hamm on the 26th. The advance continued, Aschaffenburg falling on April 3, and Nurnberg on the 20th. As the 45th Infantry Division completed its drive on Munich, the unit was ordered to liberate the Dachau concentration camp. On April 29, 1945, three U.S. Army divisions converged on the camp: the 42nd Infantry, the 45th Infantry, and the 20th Armored. When the war ended the Division remained stationed near Dachau.

The Division departed for the United States on September 2, 1945, and returned to National Guard status

at Camp Bowie, Texas, on December 7, 1945.

In 1950, the 45th was called to action for the Korean War. It was one of two National Guard Divisions to see action in the war. (the other being the 40th Infantry Division of the California National Guard). Throughout 1950 and into 1951, the 45th brought in new troops to fill its ranks and was transferred to Japan to finish its training. Almost 70% of the Division had combat experience from World War II, mostly in leadership positions.

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**Former Islander
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WITH THE 45TH DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY IN FRANCE—Crawling to within 20 yards of a German machine-gun emplacement, Private Michael J. Doherty of 21-15 45th Avenue, Long Island City, knocked it out with a rifle grenade. The action occurred on the 45th "Thunderbird" Division's front in France when Doherty's company was halted in its advance by the "Kraut" gunners.

"We had been advancing through one of the most heavily-wooded sectors I have ever been through when the Jerry gun opened up and pinned us down," Doherty declared. "The layout of the front was such that we had to go through a break in a ridge right where the enemy gun was located.

"We all crawled around through the brush and tried to get a shot at the gun with our rifles. But the trees and bushes were too thick. Everybody took some shots but we could not stop it.

"As the bushes and trees were working entirely in favor of the Germans I decided they could serve to our advantage also," Doherty continued.

"So I worked my way over to one side of where we were pinned down and started to crawl in a wide circle which, if things came out okay, would bring me right up to where I could get the gun with a hand grenade or a rifle grenade.

"The only trouble was I didn't know exactly what else I would find in the underbrush as I circled around. However, as it was, things came out all right but I could only get within about 20 yards of the gun.

"It was too far to throw a hand grenade so I shot a rifle grenade at it, or rather where I thought it was. After the grenade exploded the gun didn't shoot any more.

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"In a little while we all worked our way to the position and found the grenade had done the work. The gun was finished," Doherty concluded.
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