

THE ARMY O.M.P.F.

STARTING RESEARCH *in*

MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS

USING *the*

OFFICIAL MILITARY PERSONNEL FILE



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This presentation provides an overview of the archival military service records of 20th Century Army veterans, also known as the official military personnel files or O.M.P.F.'s, which are maintained at the U.S. National Archives.

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SERVICES RECORD
covering period

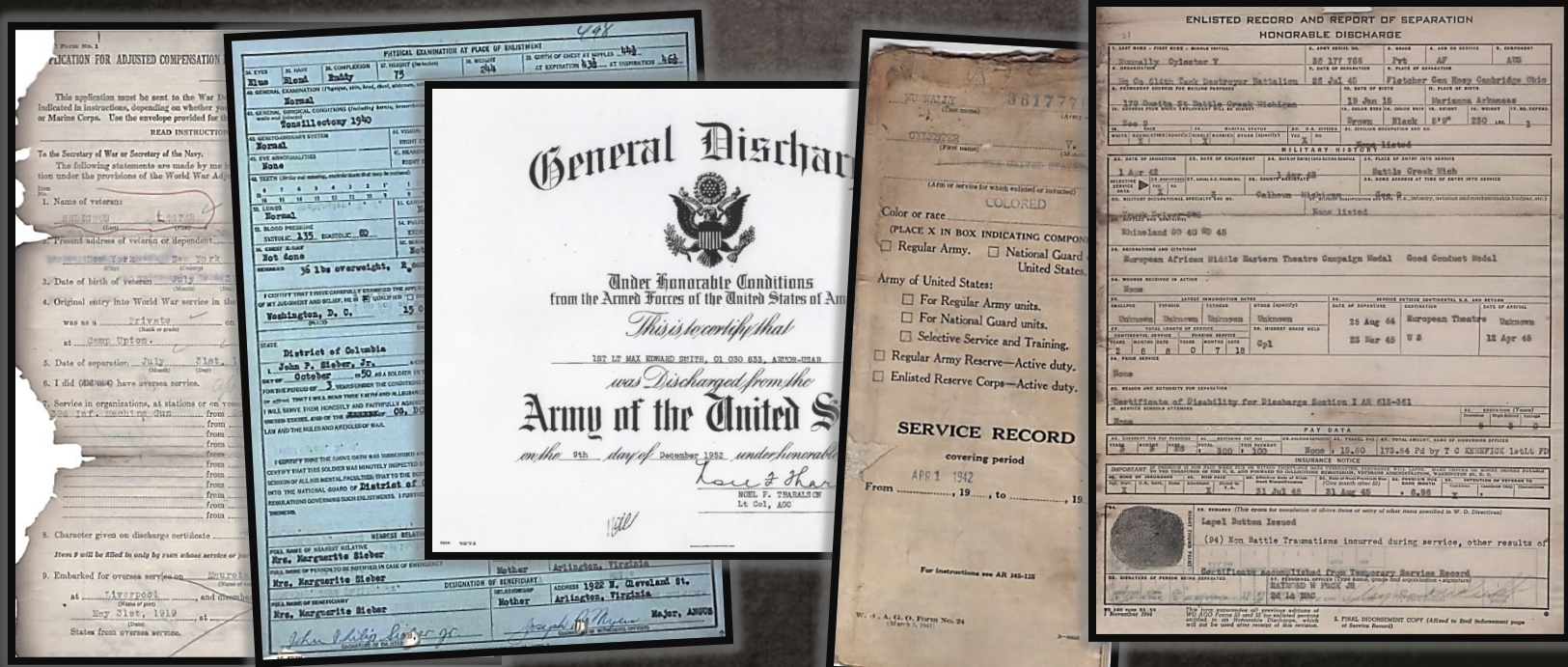
From APR 1 1942, 19... to ... 19...

For instructions see AR 345-125

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The military service records maintained within the Army O.M.P.F. are essentially a collection of administrative papers which document the service history of the individual Army veteran.



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For example, when an Army veteran enlisted, was promoted or died in the service, the paperwork pertaining to those events would have been filed away inside of the Army veteran's O.M.P.F.

ENLISTMENT RECORD REGULAR ARMY

Serial: 2509492
Grade: PVT
Date of enlistment: 16 Oct 1919
Date of discharge: 22 Oct 1919

1. When and where you were born: 16 Oct 1919, Newark, NJ
2. Are you a citizen of the United States: Yes
3. What is your race: White
4. What grade or post did you complete in Government school: High school
5. What grade or post did you complete in Army school: 1st Lt
6. Are you single, married, widowed, or divorced: Single
7. Have you ever been convicted of a civil or military offense: No
8. Have you ever served in the United States military or naval service: Yes
9. Have you ever previously applied for enlistment and been rejected: No
10. Do you know that if you are retained because of any classification known to you and concealed from the recruiting officer, you will not be furnished with ration cards, transportation, or other allowances: Yes
11. Have you ever been convicted of any offense involving moral turpitude: No
12. Do you know that if you secure your enlistment by means of any false statement, you will be liable for punishment as authorized by AR 600-730 or its successor: Yes

Signature: Thomas F. Costello, Corporal
Date: 12 Oct 1919

The Cavalry School

This is to certify that **ST SGT MAX E SMITH**
20743230, BR TR, 133TH CAVALRY

42375

has successfully completed the Course of Instruction
The War Department for the Officer Candidate
Cavalry.

Term: July 27, 1942 to October 17, 1942

Signature: William A. Leonard, Colonel, Secretary

Date: 16 Oct 1942

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

5. 4. 7.30 (Circle out those that are retained, may be retained)

5. 4. 11. 15. 20

6. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.



THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME

NAME: CORNER STANFORD OSCAR
AD: BAXTER SPRINGS KANSAS
GRADE: SGT
CORDES, STANFORD O
TYPE OF CASUALTY: MISSING IN ACTION
DATE: 6 DECEMBER 1950
NOTIFICATION WAS SO LONG

REMARKS: AG 704 / 6 JAN 51
MOTO C 52027 OLS MS 154 7
MEDI.

Signature: [Handwritten]

RESTRICTED CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF BURIAL

17 November 1944

Name: CORNER STANFORD OSCAR
Grade: SGT
Date of Death: 22 Oct 1944

Location of Burial: [Handwritten]

Identification Tags found on body: Yes (1), No ()
Complete fingerprint chart on reverse side of body: Yes (1), No ()
Complete tooth-chart on reverse side of body: Yes (1), No ()

Signature of Officer Reporting Burial: [Handwritten]

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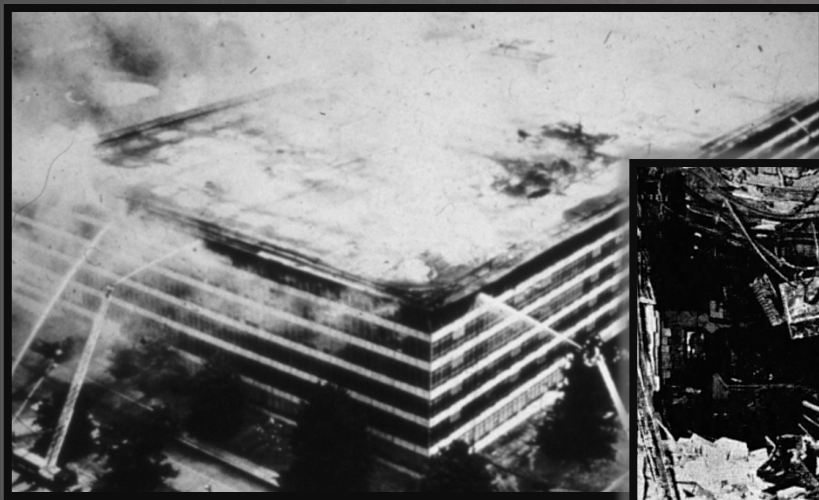
Today, these records can be viewed in person at the National Archives. Access to these military service records allow us to understand where an Army veteran was and what they were doing during the war.



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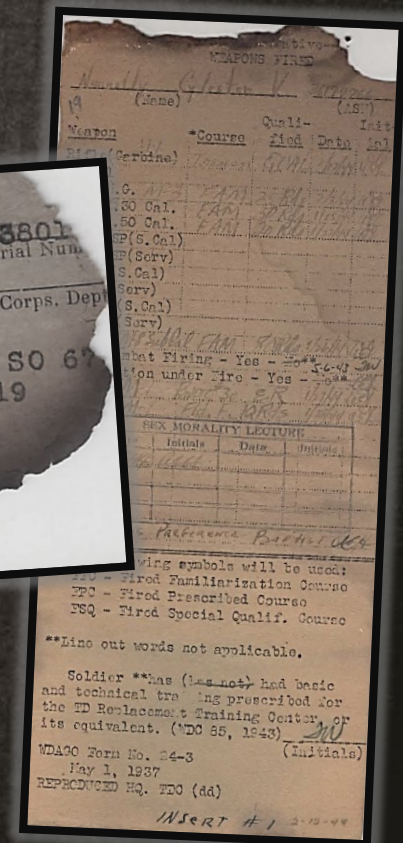
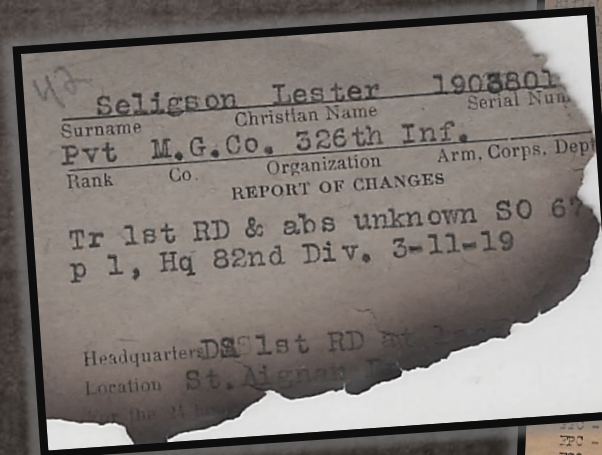
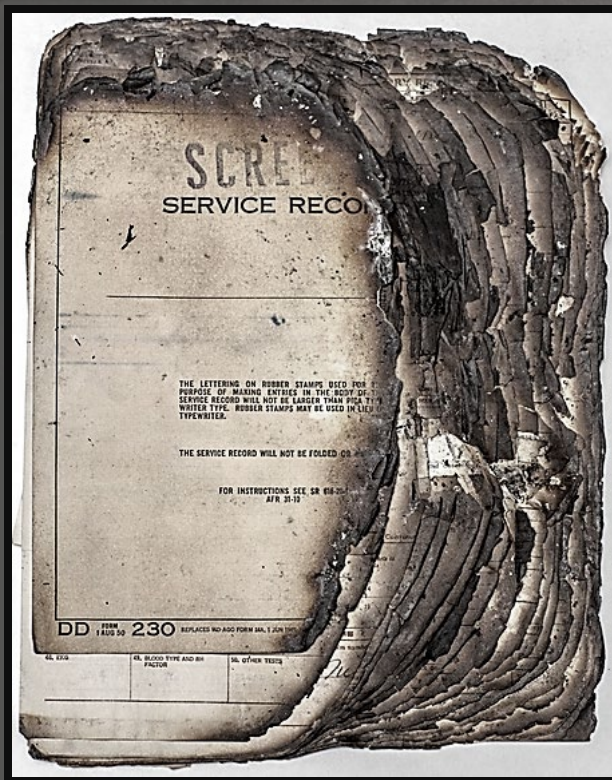
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It is important to note that roughly eighty percent of all Army and Air Force official military personnel files stored at the National Personnel Records Center were destroyed in a fire in 1973.



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The remaining twenty percent survived; however many of the surviving personnel files typically contain only fragments of the original personnel files.



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For this reason, it is often necessary to reconstruct the service history of individual 20th Century Army and Air Force veterans using other sources.

| FINAL PAYMENT—WORK SHEET | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| ARMY COMPONENT: | FIRST NAME: | MIDDLE NAME: | ARMY SERIAL NO.: |
| ASFC-F | MIGNOONA MICHAEL | | 32437383 |
| 1768 NORRIS ST
GARDEN NJ | | | 5 CO
CAMDEN N.J. |
| ARRIVED U.S.: | 11 JAN 46 | NO. OF SERVICE: | 3 |
| PREVIOUS ORGANIZATION (OR RACE): | FT. Monmouth NJ | NO. OF SERVICE: | 3 |
| DATE OF TRIP: | 12 JAN 46 | | |
| MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS | | PARTIAL PAYMENTS | |
| CLASS 8 | | DEBIT | 25.00 |
| CLASS 1 | | | |
| CLASS 7 | 387.00 | | |
| TOTAL | | | 55.00 |
| STOPAGES | | | |
| GOVERNOR'S BOND | | | |
| UNIFORMS | | | |
| TRAVEL | | | |
| UNIFORMS | | | |
| TRAVEL | | | |
| UNIFORMS | | | |
| TRAVEL | | | |

| MORNING REPORT | |
|---|--------|
| ORGANIZATION: | GRADE: |
| Co C 375th Inf 88th Div | S/Sgt |
| Company: 36251252 | 653 |
| Paterson, John R. | |
| Dys 653 LIA 4 Apr 45 near Berwiche, Germany. Dislocated left shoulder. | |
| 1st Lt. Kvas Hosp par Sec 2 Cir 69 Hq. Entitled to additional pay for qualifications and awards. | |
| Company: 36252319 | |
| Dys 604 SWA 4 Apr 45 near Berwiche, Germany. Shell fragment wounds. | |
| Dislocated wound left elbow. Loss of 1st Lt. Kvas Hosp par Sec 2 Cir 69 Hq. Entitled to additional pay for qualifications and awards. | |
| No limited agent Officers or Enlisted Personnel | |
| RECORD OF EVENTS | |
| 4 Apr 45. Company left Happers Germany 1900h in the attack at 0215. Sgt W. New CP at Berwiche, Germany RE2036. | |

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 heavy losses on both sides. At 1400 the 3rd Battalion objective was attacked.

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.

| NAME: | GRADE: | ARMY SERIAL NO.: | COMPONENT: |
|---|--------|------------------|------------|
| Paterson, John R. | S/Sgt | 36251252 | 653 |
| Dys 653 LIA 4 Apr 45 near Berwiche, Germany. Dislocated left shoulder. Loss to 1st Lt. Kvas Hosp par Sec 2 Cir 69 Hq. Entitled to additional pay for qualifications and awards. | | | |
| Company: 36252319 | | | 604 |

| MORNING REPORT | |
|--|--------|
| ORGANIZATION: | GRADE: |
| Company: 36251252 | S/Sgt |
| Paterson, John R. | |
| Dys 653 LIA 4 Apr 45 near Berwiche, Germany. Dislocated left shoulder. | |
| 1st Lt. Kvas Hosp par Sec 2 Cir 69 Hq. Entitled to additional pay for qualifications and awards. | |

| BIOGRAPHY OF EVENTS | |
|---------------------|---|
| DATE: | EVENTS: |
| September 17, 1944: | The 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment began its... The 1st Battalion was dropped on a 22 mile NW of selected DZ... 1st Battalion objective was reached at 1215, 1200 yards west of position. 2nd Battalion objective was reached at approximately 1400... 2nd Battalion objective was reached at 1215, 1200 yards west of position. 2nd Battalion objective was reached at 1215, 1200 yards west of position. 2nd Battalion objective was reached at 1215, 1200 yards west of position. |

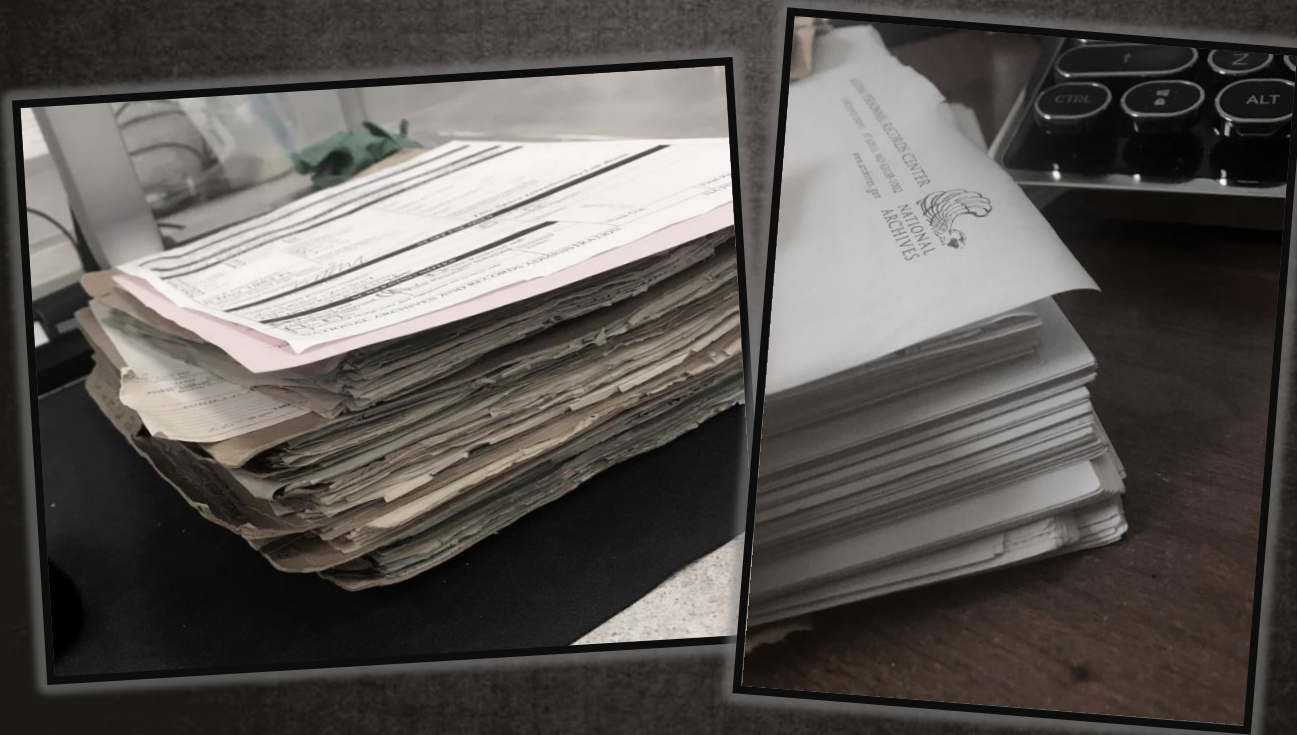
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Despite the devastating 1973 fire there are still millions of pages of military service records of individual Army veterans at the National Archives which were rescued and painstakingly assembled in the years after the fire.



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This rescue process is ongoing and material thought to be lost is identified daily. You may indeed find that your Army veteran's military service records are among those which survived at least partially intact.



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ARMY O.M.P.F.'S ARCHIVAL VS. NON-ARCHIVAL

When service records of military personnel become accessioned by the National Archives and are opened to the public they are considered to be 'archival' records. Currently, this process occurs 62 years after the final date the veteran separated from the service.

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 FBI, 170
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 OSI, 220C
 VALNO, 220D

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
OFFICE/SYMBOL

ARPC, Denver
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 HOUSSG, Wash, D.C.
 NMFC, Wash, D.C.
 USAFMPC, RAFB
 USARPCAC

DATE _____
CLERK'S INITIALS _____

BATCH 137N PAGE 0069
DATE 02/26/86

V 193 18 5285
ACT. CODE SERVICE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
FILE IDENT. NOT FOUND

62
YEARS

ARMY COMPONENT: AUS FINAL PAYMENT—WORK SHEET

LAST NAME: RIEBEL FIRST NAME: GERALD MIDDLE NAME: H ARMY SERIAL NO.: 33499117 GRADE: T/S

D. O. YOUNGER NO.: 35686 SUBVOUCHER NO.: 36

150 S CHAS ST BALLASTOWN PA BALLASTOWN PA
DISCHARGED ON: 20 NOV 45 PREVIOUS ORIGINATOR (OR PLACE): 15 NOV 45

MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS: 2.00 MONTHLY PAYMENTS: 2.00

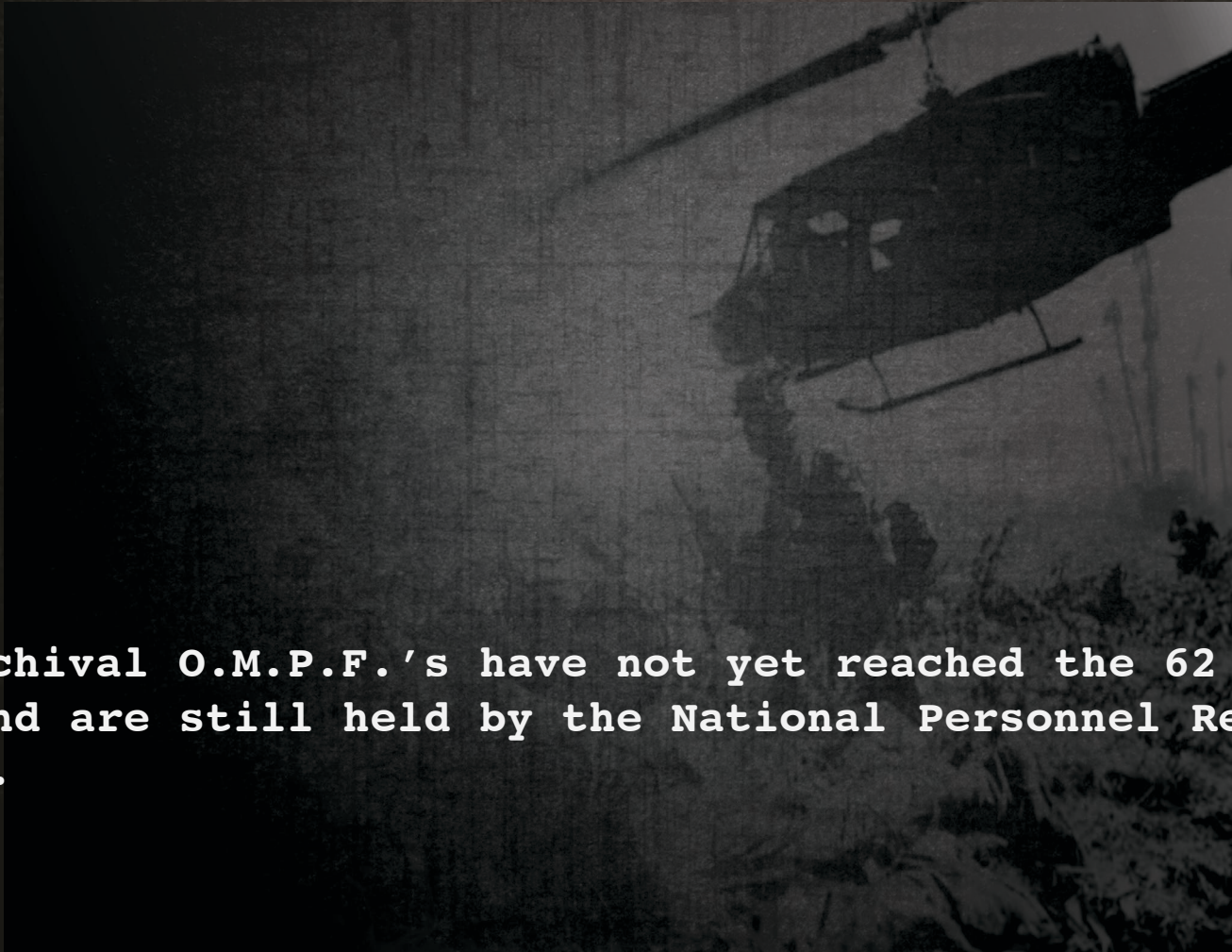
NET BALANCE PAID: 231.00

CHECK NO.: 196765 DATE: 1/28/76

SOLDIER'S SIGNATURE: Gerald Riebel

150 S CHAS ST
DISCHARGED ON
20 NOV 45
LAST PAID

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Non-Archival O.M.P.F.'s have not yet reached the 62 year mark and are still held by the National Personnel Records Center.

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For the purposes of this presentation we are going to focus on the historical military service records within the O.M.P.F.'s of Army veterans. These records are maintained at the National Archives and they are considered to be archival, or public domain records.

| | | |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| ACCEPTED for enlistment at <u>New York City</u>
<small>(Name of soldier.) (Rank.) (Company.) (Regiment.)</small>
<small>(See Instruction 6.)</small> Enlisted on <u>Oct 12, 1917</u> , 1917 | | 25 September 1945. |
| on <u>July 31, 1919</u> , 1919
HEADQUARTERS SEPARATION CENTER | | |
| FRANK W. SCHRUMBERG, LT. COL. M39.
Department of Surgery, M4385
Army Medical Center
Washington 12, D. C.
MAR 19, 1951
<small>(DATE OF REPORT)</small>
<small>(REPORT MADE BY—Initials)</small> | | |
| (Date of Commission)
#12 New York, N.Y. | | |
| (Date of Enlistment)
Oct 12, 1917 | | |
| PVT MCH GUN CO 326 INF 82 DIV
MAURETANIA APRIL 29, 1918 | | |
| FROM WHICH ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY
Fort Riley, Kansas. | | |
| SERVICE RECORD
covering period
From <u>10/2/41</u> , 19 <u>41</u> , to <u>MAR 7 1942</u> , 19 <u>42</u> | | |
| OVER
3 Years | 14. PAY PERIOD
2nd | 15. YEARS COMPLETED (d)
NUMBER 4 DATE COMPLETED 12 Jan 45 |

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The Army O.M.P.F. can provide an excellent resource for both genealogists and those who are interested in documenting the military service of individual 20th Century Army veterans.

ENLISTMENT

Galate, Daniel, J.
 (Last, first, middle initial)
 Born July 14, 1919, Newark, N.J.
 (Month, day, and year) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)
 Height 5 ft. 8 in. Weight 160 lb.
 (Measure in inches) (Measure in pounds)
 Complexion RUDDY Size of eyes
 Married or single SINGLE
 EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION
 8
 Years in: Grammar school High school
 Graduate work
 Speaks English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Yiddish, Other
 OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATION
 Student.
 Years 16 years (Occupation)
 Just what did he do?
 (Next best occupation)
 Years
 Just what did he do?
 HOME ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION
 Home address 631 Chestnut Street, Newark, N.J.
 (Number, street, or post office) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)
 Name and address of nearest relative
 Mother same as above
 (Relationship) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)
 Person to be notified in case of emergency
 Mother same as above
 (Relationship; if friend, no state) (Number and street, or usual route; if none, so state) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)
 DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY
 (To be entered only from W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 21 or 41)
 Lena Galate Mother
 (Name and degree of relationship of beneficiary)
 same as above
 Angelo Galate Father
 (Name and degree of relationship of alternate beneficiary)
 same as above
 (Address)
 None
 (Name and degree of relationship of alternate beneficiary)

City of Newark, N. J. 956

Certificate and Record of Birth

This Certifies that a certificate of birth has been filed for

 City Clerk of the City of Newark
 leaving the name of Joseph Galate who was born in _____
 at 503-10th St. of _____ Name of professional attendant _____
 Name of Father Angelo Galate Maiden name of Mother _____
 Recorded on Book BB Page 182

W. J. Egan
 City Clerk

CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION

ARMY
 SCHOOL

Each entry on this page will be initialed.
 PASTER FOR SERVICE RECORD.
 (Attach over "Convictions by Court-martial" page 5, present form).

Distinguished Service Cross awarded _____, 19____
 (State action, with date)

Distinguished Service Medal awarded _____, 19____
 (State nature of service, with date)

Wound Chevron authorized _____, 19____; _____, 19____;
 _____, 19____; _____, 19____; _____, 19____

War Service Chevron authorized Nov 25, 1918; Apr 25, 1919;
 _____, 19____; _____, 19____; _____, 19____; _____, 19____

OTHER MEDALS AND FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

Passed through gas yes, 19____, France.
 (Give designation of gas school)

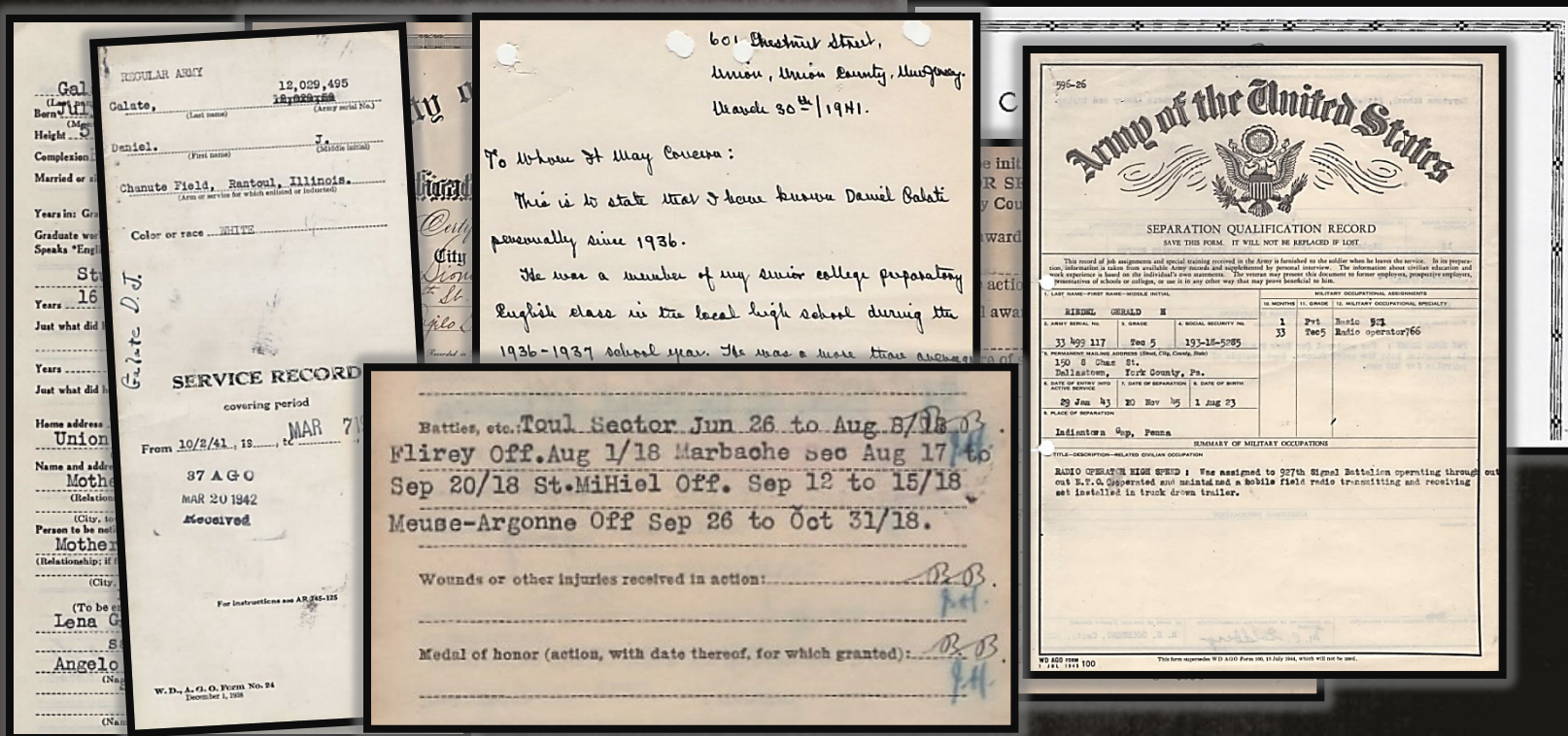
Recruit toilet outfit issued yes, 19____

Oversea shaving outfit issued yes, 19____

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Let's take a closer look at what records you can expect to find inside of the Army O.M.P.F. if your Army veteran's military service records are among those with portions which survived the fire.



ARMY O.M.P.F.'S ENLISTMENT DOCUMENTS

Military service records documenting the Army veteran's entry into the service were placed inside of the Army O.M.P.F. These records provide a wealth of information on the individual Army veteran at the time of enlistment including:

ENLISTMENT RECORD REGULAR ARMY

Name: Daniel Joseph White
Serial: 1202 CASI
Date of Enlistment: 2nd day of October 1952
Place of Enlistment: NEWARK, N.J.

My Address: 1202 CASI
My Service in: Regular Army
Last enlisted service in: Regular Army
Rank: Corporal
Grade: 1202 CASI

Declaration of Applicant:

1. When and where were you born? July 14, 1919 Newark, N.J.
 How old are you now? 32 years, 10 months
 2. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
 What is your race? White
 3. What grade or year did you complete in Grammar school? High school
 4. What is your civilian trade or occupation? Student How long did you work at it? 18 Mths. Woolly wagg
 5. What special military qualification or occupation have you? None
 6. Are you single, married, widowed, or divorced? Single Is anyone dependent on you for support? No State number and relationship
 7. Have you ever been convicted (a) of a felony? No (b) of any offense? No
 8. Have you ever been imprisoned under sentence of a civil court? No If so, where and when?
 9. Have you ever been discharged other than honorably from the United States military or naval service, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Guard in an active, inactive, or reserve status? No
 10. Have you ever been discharged other than honorably from the United States military or naval service, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Guard in an active, inactive, or reserve status? No
 11. Have you ever been previously applied for enlistment and been rejected? No If so, give date, place, and cause of rejection
 12. Do you know that if you are rejected because of any disqualification known to you and concealed from the accepting officer, you will not be furnished with return transportation to the place of acceptance? Yes
 13. Do you know that if you are rejected because of any disqualification known to you and concealed from the accepting officer, you will not be furnished with return transportation to the place of acceptance? Yes
 14. Have you ever used cocaine, heroin, morphine, methamphetamine, or any habit-forming drug or narcotic since childhood with the bad while sober, had gonorrhea, syphilis, or any venereal disease, or any other communicable disease, or any other disease, or injury that required treatment in a hospital or infirmary? No
 15. Do you know that if you receive your enlistment by means of any false statement, official misrepresentation, or concealment as to your qualifications for enlistment, you are liable to be discharged without pay?
 16. In consideration of being accepted for enlistment, I agree not to marry during the period of this enlistment except as authorized by AR 602-70 or not until I am serving in one of the first three grades. I understand that if I violate this agreement I will not be readmitted, even though I obtain a divorce.
 17. I declare that I am not now a member of the Army (Regular Army Reserve excepted), Navy, Marine Corps, National Guard, or Coast Guard in an active, inactive, reserve, or retired status that the frequency of my service has been made to me and that my services have been correctly recorded and are true in all respects and that I fully understand the conditions upon which I am enlisting.
 18. I further declare that no promises have been made to me that I would be assigned to a school or that I would be taught to fly or given any flying instruction that I have not been promised any unusual conditions and I understand that, if I am detailed to a special service school and complete the course, I will not be eligible for discharge by member during that enlistment except for dependency of my relatives.
 Given at NEWARK, N.J. this 2nd day of October 1952
 Witness: Daniel Joseph White
 Verified at NEWARK, N.J. by Thomas F. Costello
 Cause No. THOMAS F. Costello
 Rank: Corporal
 Grade: 1202 CASI

Remarks: Enlist as Aviation Cadet, Auth. per let. WD AGO, (File 221-19) dated 9/24/52

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Name: Daniel Joseph White
Serial: 1202 CASI
Date of Examination: 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Height: 68 in.
Weight: 169 lb.
Head: 20 in.
Arm: 20 in.
Forearm: 16 in.
Hand: 7 1/2 in.
Foot: 10 in.
Eye: Blue
Hair: Brown
Complexion: Ruddy
Build: Slender
Age: 32
After exercise: 100
Heart pressure: 80
Respirable: 122
Residual: 80
Urology: Normal
Spine: 1.024
Abdomen: Neg.
Rectum: Neg.
Micromicro: Neg.
Other data: None

Signature: Harry T. M.D.
Signature: Daniel Joseph White
Signature: Thomas F. Costello

IMPRESSIONS—RIGHT HAND
 A. MIDDLE B. RING C. RING
 D. MIDDLE E. RING F. RING

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Date and place of birth

Army serial No. 0
Born July 14, 1919, Newark, New Jersey.
(Month, day, and year) (City or town) (State or country)

Physical description

(Month, day, and year) (City or town) (State or country)
Height 5 ft. 8 in. Weight 168 lb. Eyes Bnm Hair Brn
Complexion RUDDY Size of gas mask _____ Size of shoe 7C

Education level

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
Years in: Grammar school 8 High school 47 College or university 4
Graduate work _____ Specialized in _____
Speaks *English, French, Spanish, German, X

Marital status

Married or single SINGLE

Prior civilian occupation

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
Student. \$ _____ (Weekly wages)
Years 16 years. as *apprentice, journeyman, expert.
Just what did he do? _____
(Next best occupation) \$ _____ (Weekly wages)
Years _____ as *apprentice, journeyman, expert.
Just what did he do? _____

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Race

Color or race WHITE

Citizenship

20. U.S. CITIZEN

Prior military service

PRIOR SERVICE

First show prior service in the Regular Army, then insert headings to show service in the United States Army, Volunteers, Navy, Marine Corps, and National Guard or Organized Militia, in the order named.

..... from 19..... to 19.....
(Co., regt., army, or service)

Discharged as : By reason of
(Grade) (Character)

(Data required by par. 8, AR 345-122)

..... from 19..... to 19.....
(Co., regt., army, or service)

(City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Next of kin

Just what did he do?

HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE

Home address 631 Chestnut Street,
(Number, street, or rural route; if none, so state)
Union, New Jersey. (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Name and address of nearest relative
Mother same as above. (Name)
(Relationship) same as above. (State or country)
(City, town, or post office)

Person to be notified in case of emergency Lena Galate
(Name)
Mother same as above. (Relationship; if friend, so state) (State or country)
(City, town, or post office)

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY
(To be entered only from W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 21 or 41)

Lena Galate Mother
(Name) (Relationship of beneficiary)
same as above. (City, town, or post office)

Angelo Galate Father
(Name) (Relationship of alternate beneficiary)
same as above. (City, town, or post office)

None
(Name and degree of relationship of alternate beneficiary)

Medical conditions

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Vision: Right eye 20/50 Left eye 20/20

Eye conditions Normal

Hearing: Right ear 20/20 Left ear 20/20

Ear, nose, and throat conditions Normal

Teeth [8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
(Strike out those that are missing; circle those that may be restored)

Mouth and gums Normal Class IV

General examination (physique, skin, head, chest, abdomen, extremities) Normal

General surgical conditions (including hernia, hemorrhoids, varicose veins, and state of abdominal wall and viscera) Normal

Organs of locomotion (including bones, joints, muscles, and tendons):

Normal
Pes planus 1st degree, bilateral, NS, ND,

Genito-urinary system (including functioning of kidneys)

Varicocele, moderate size.
Cardio-vascular system Normal

Lungs Normal

Nervous system Normal

I CERTIFY that the enlisted man named above has this date been given a careful physical examination as recorded above. It is found that he is physically and mentally sound with the exceptions noted above.

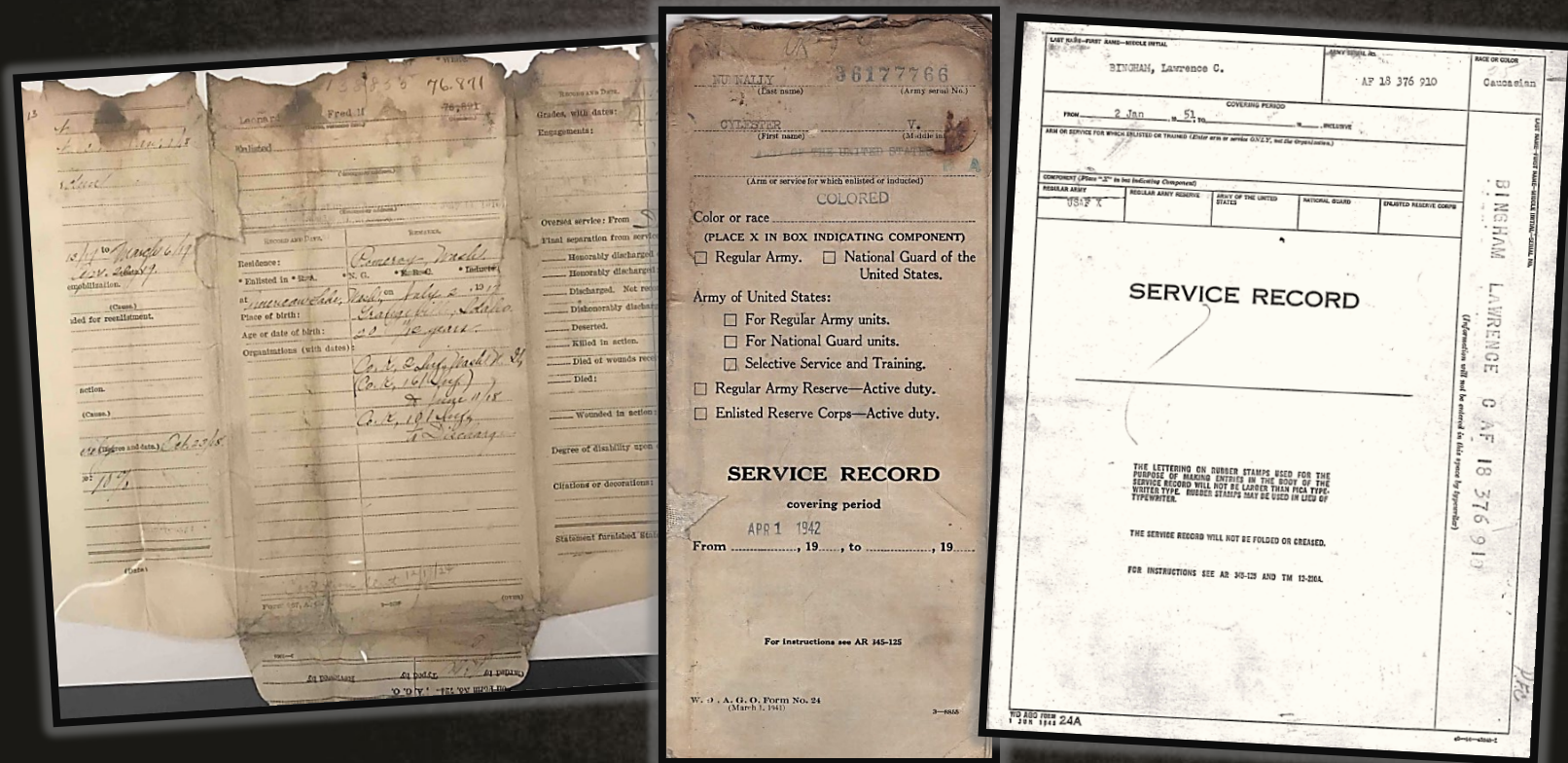
REMARKS: None

I. A. MATZNER, 1st Lt., M. C., U. S. Army.
Chanute field, MO, March 2, 1942
(Place and date)

*Strike out words not applicable. 16-14455 (2)

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S SERVICE RECORD BOOK

The Army service record book is the heart of the Army O.M.P.F. It condenses many important details on the military service of the individual Army veteran into a neatly compiled booklet.



ARMY O.M.P.F.'S SERVICE RECORD BOOK

The Army service record book was preformatted with sections containing elements of the individual Army veteran's military service including enlistment, ranks, basic training, units of assignment, qualifications, performance, medals, battles and campaigns among other events in the Army veteran's military career.

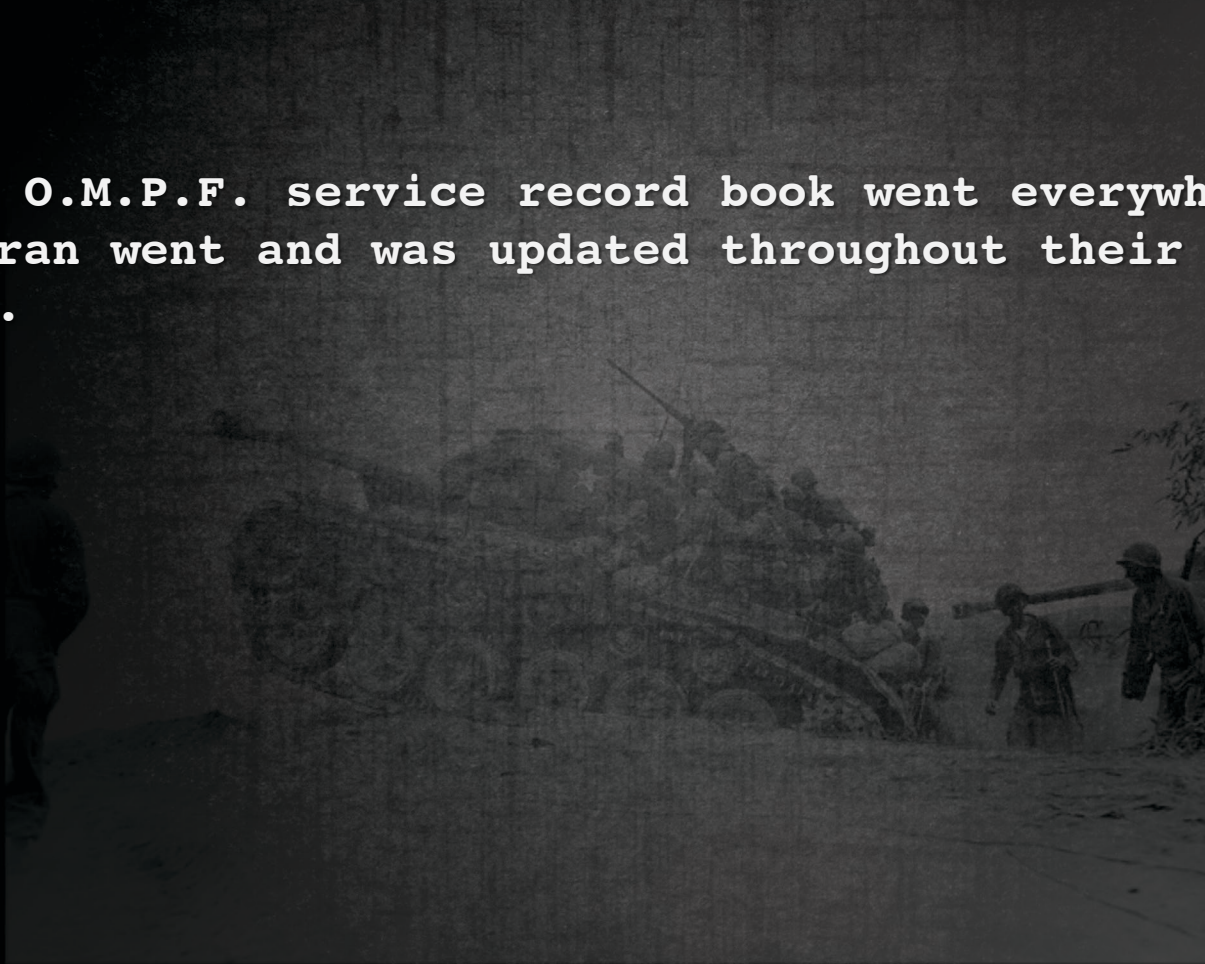
The image displays a collage of several pages from an Army O.M.P.F. Service Record Book, showing various sections and handwritten entries:

- PERSONAL RECORD:** Includes fields for name, rank, date of birth, and address.
- MILITARY RECORD:** A table with columns for Grade, Date, and Authority, listing assignments and promotions.
- WEAPONS:** Lists weapons issued to the soldier, such as Rifle (Carbine) and Pistol.
- DISCHARGE:** Contains information about the soldier's discharge, including the date and the authority.
- MILITARY QUALIFICATION:** Lists various military qualifications and specialties, such as Rifleman and Rifle Squad Leader.
- AWARDS:** Lists awards, decorations, and citations, including the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.
- CURRENT ENLISTMENT:** Contains information about the soldier's current enlistment, including the date and the authority.

Handwritten entries in blue and black ink are visible throughout the forms, providing specific details for each section.

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S SERVICE RECORD BOOK

The Army O.M.P.F. service record book went everywhere that the veteran went and was updated throughout their time in the Army.



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ARMY O.M.P.F.'S SERVICE RECORD BOOK

One of the most important features of the Army service book is the chronology of military occupational specialties, or MOS, which were awarded to the Army veteran throughout their career. The MOS is essentially a code for a specific military job and thus tells us exactly what the veteran was doing while in the service.

Served as _____ in the United States Army
(Highest grade held)

Holds commission as _____ in the Office
(Grade) (Section)

Graduate of _____
(Noncommissioned officers' or special service)

See Remarks **Army Specialty**

| Specialty | *Rating, with date |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Sanitary Techn 124 | |
| Medical Techn 499(B) | |

* Ex=Excellent; VG=Very good; G=Good; F=Fair.

SPECIAL DUTY

| As | At | From | To |
|---------|--------------|------|----|
| Student | AAF M&E Bldg | | |

MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

| 10. MONTHS | 11. GRADE | 12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Pvt. | Basic Tng. AAF (521) |
| 20 | Cpl. | Student (629) |
| 13 | Sgt. | Airplane Armorer-Gunner (612) |

INDEXED Newark R. O.
C#--/
Date--

| DESIGNATION | SPEC. SERIAL NO. | SEMI-SKILLED |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | |
| (P) Aprn Vehicle Opr | 60330 | SO/10
Jan 51 |
| (P) Aprn Firefighter | 95130 | SO/111
Jun 51 |
| | | |
| | | |

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S PROMOTION DOCUMENTS

Military service records detailing an advancement in rank were filed in the Army O.M.P.F. when a veteran was promoted. These records are important for tracking the advancement of the individual Army veteran during their military service.

BB

MILITARY RECORD
4 APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR REDUCTION
AUTHORITY THEREFOR

| Grade | Date | Authority | Initials |
|-------|------------|------------------------|----------|
| PVT | APR 1 1943 | INDUCTION | |
| REC | 1-7-43 | CO B#6, HQ CO 16th ORD | |
| T/5TH | 3-1-43 | SO #32, 19 614 T.D. | |
| PLT | | | |
| T.S. | | | |
| Pvt | 19 Aug 44 | SO #95, 19 614 T.D. Rm | ACTL |

11 May 1943: 1st Lt. CHARLES BRODER, Commanding Officer, appointed Capt. per par. 24, S.O. 129, HHD, dated 9 May 1943

17 April 1943: One (1) Officer assigned and joined from 16th Ordnance Battalion per par. 1, S.O. 24, Hq. 16th Ordnance Bn. dated 16 April 1943.

- At beginning of period: One hundred and two (102) enlisted men
Five (5) Officers
 - Net increase during Month of April 1943:
Thirty four (34) enlisted men
Three (3) Officers
 - Net decrease during Month of April 1943:
None
 - At end of period (April 1943):
One hundred thirty six (136) enlisted men
Eight (8) officers
- 3 May 1943: One (1) enlisted man assigned and joined from 16th Ord. Bn. per par. 4, S.O. 28, Hq. 16th Ord. Bn. dated 1 May 1943.
- 5 May 1943: Two (2) enlisted men transferred to Co. B, 16th Ord Bn per par. 3, S.O. 28, Hq. 16th Ord Bn, dated 1 May 1943.
- 8 May 1943: One (1) enlisted man transferred to Ordnance O.C.S. Aberdeen Md. per par. 19, S.O. 123, HHD, dated 3 May 1943.
- 9 May 1943: One (1) enlisted man assigned and joined from Schofield Replacement Depot, S.O. (Unknown).
- One (1) enlisted man transferred to Ord. Sec. H.A.D. per par. 27, S.O. 125, HHD, dated 6 May 1943.
- 10 May 1943: One (1) enlisted man transferred to Ordnance O.C.S. Aberdeen Md. per par. 19, S.O. 123, HHD, dated 3 May 1943.
- 11 May 1943: 1st Lt. CHARLES BRODER, Commanding Officer, appointed Capt. per par. 24, S.O. 129, HHD, dated 9 May 1943
- 21 May 1943: One (1) enlisted man transferred to 18th Fighter Squadron, per par. 30, S.O. 138, HHD, dated 18 May 1943.
- 26 May 1943: One (1) enlisted man assigned and joined from 16th Ord. Bn. per par. 1, S.O. 34, Hq. 16th Ord. Bn. dated 24 May 1943.

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S MEDALS, CITATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

Army veterans were awarded medals for conspicuous gallantry in combat as well as for meritorious service and good conduct.

MEDALS, DECORATIONS, AND CITATIONS

| Name of decoration | Authority and date |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| NAME | WD 1042 1991 |

Pvt. Co K, 101st Inf.

Rank. Organization. Division.

**INDIVIDUAL RECORD OF DECORATIONS
AND CITATIONS**

TO BE FILED WITH PERSONAL MILITARY RECORD.

2-8-33 CLF 8-2

Date. Initials of clerk and reviewer.

The following is a statement showing decorations in the case of the above named, together with citations pertaining thereto, compiled from records on file in The Adjutant General's Office: Awarded Purple Heart 2-8-33

of having been wounded 10-23-18.

Form No. 740, A. G. O. APPLICATION
April 6, 1929

Leonard, Fred 76871, Pvt
(Surname) (Christian name)

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

Major operations participated in (Instruction 2):

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

For The Adjutant General of the Army, Adjutant
Signature
To the Depot Officer, G. S. Depot, Phila., Pa. (Instr. 8)
Approved for Victory Medal.
With battle clasps:*

29. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL ASIATIC PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH 6 BRONZE STARS AND *

Date 11/20/83 (Instructions 7 and 9) (Rank and designation) * If none, so state.

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S MEDALS, CITATIONS, AND COMMENDATIONS

The Army created permanent citations for these awards and placed the original paperwork within the Army O.M.P.F. Medal citations often describe in detail what an Army veteran did to distinguish themselves on the battlefield.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION
A.P.O.#745, Am.E.F., France.
November 30th, 1918.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 77.

1. The following officers and
conduct in action:

Sergeant Jerry R. Hoge, Company C, 7th Engineers
On the afternoon of November 10th, 1918, when his platoon was caught in heavy artillery fire, causing a considerable number of casualties, although ordered to stay under cover as the shell fire continued very heavy, Sergeant Hoge, unmindful of personal safety, went out and gave splendid assistance until wounded had been cared for and evacuated.

Private 1st Class William F. Orr, Company C, 9th Field Signal Battalion
Displayed great courage and devotion to duty in making repairs on telephone line from nine o'clock in the morning until late in the evening, over a distance of three kilometers, working without food and under severe shell fire.

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S MEDICAL RECORDS

A wide array of medical records are found inside of the O.M.P.F.'s of individual Army veterans.

Co. Hq. 26th Inf.
1st Division

LAPLONT, Edward, Sgt., 55610

Killed on July 20, 1918, near Messey on Paris-Soissons road while taking cover from heavy shellfire by H. E. Buried near place of death.

Informant: Sandala, Mike, Cpl., 55796,
Co. Hq. 26th Inf.

Home: not given.

Signed: Westvelt, E. C.,
1st Lt., 26th Inf.

ND

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S MEDICAL RECORDS

It is common to find medical documents detailing routine medical examinations, service related injuries, wounds received in action, and dental records among many, many other types of medical records.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
Form 88 (Rev. 4-5-54) (Last revised May 11, 1955)
HRS 3rd Naval Dist
EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT

Name: GALAT, DANIEL J
Date: 27 Oct. 1943

Diagnosis:
Examination is requested as checked below:
 Acute
 Chronic
 Both

Symptoms referable to E. N. T.:
None

Examination:
None

Pharynx:
Larynx:
Eustachian:
Hearing: Low conversational
A. D.

Diagnosis:
Treatment and recommendation:
None

Fingerprints:
1. THUMB
2. INDEX

59727
1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL
KRONOWSKI, PAUL A.

2. RANK (3) COMPANY (4) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
Pvt. A. 122nd. Inf.

3. AGE, YRS. (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YRS.
26 W. Ill. 4/12

(10) REGISTER NO.
October 10-1918

(11) DATE OF ADMISSION
October 10-1918

(12) SOURCE OF ADMISSION
Command on Ship.

(13) CAUSE OF ADMISSION.
Influenza:

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

(16) DISPOSITION.
To duty (Command)

(17) DATE OF DISPOSITION. **10-19-18.**

(18) NAME OF HOSPITAL, ETC.
USS KROONLAND

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

(21) NO. OF DISPOSITION CLASSIFICATION

59727
1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL
Wedel, Walter J

2. RANK (3) COMPANY (4) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
59727 37 525 024 Tco 5

3. AGE, YRS. (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YRS.
20 W. 1-11/12 4 Nov 45

(10) REGISTER NO.
Pal Tr Fr Glennan GS, Camargo, Chn, reg no 16215, (a)

(11) DATE OF ADMISSION
(a) dated 10 August 45

(12) SOURCE OF ADMISSION
1. Found, penetrating, leg, left, proximal third, medial surface, severe, incurred in combat 9 February 45 on Luzon when patient was struck by shell fragments, healed
2. Foreign body, retained, posterior to distal end of left femur, moderate, secondary to diagnosis #1
3. Abscess, acute, suppurative, leg, left, proximal third, secondary to diagnoses #1 and #2, healed
4. Fistula, chronic, leg, left, proximal third, secondary to diagnosis #1, healed
5. Verruca, thumb, left, dorsum, moderate, cause undetermined, healed
6. Cystitis, acute, hemorrhagic, cause undetermined, improved 21 November 45
7. Myositis, chronic, leg, left, proximal third, recurrent, moderate, secondary to diagnosis #1 (b)

(13) CAUSE OF ADMISSION
1. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Ias GDB, per AR 615-361, due to diagnosis number 7 above
21 November 45

(14) NAME AND LOCATION OF REPORTING INSTALLATION
Hospital Center, Camp Carson, Colo.

(15) DATE OF DISPOSITION
20

(16) DISPOSITION CLASSIFICATION
20

(17) NAME OF HOSPITAL, ETC.
FIELD A. GLENNAN 1st Lt. MAC

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

(20) NO. OF DISPOSITION CLASSIFICATION

REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

RIGHT UPPER TEETH
RIGHT LOWER TEETH

CLASS II
CALCULUS SLIGHT

12-31-45
SIGNATURE OF DENTAL OFFICER
H. Abrams

REPLACED BY DENTURE (horizontal line)
REPLACED BY FIXED BRIDGE (to include abutments)

FORM 8-116
1944 (Revised 10-1-54)

1. REGISTER NO.
Mattingly, Charles E 15046335

2. LAST NAME
Mattingly

3. FIRST NAME AND MIDDLE INITIAL
Charles E

4. A. S. NO.

5. GRADE
T/5th

6. COMPANY
Unassgd

7. REGIMENT AND ARM OR SERVICE
Armored Infantry 17

8. RACE
W

9. NATIVITY
Ky

10. SERVICE
1-9/12

11. DATE OF ADMISSION
12 January 1943

12. SOURCE OF ADMISSION
Ir NYPE BAB Brooklyn NY OFIG adm 5th Gen Hosp 23 June 42 USAT unknown.

13. CAUSE OF ADMISSION
1. Wound, gunshot, leg, right, acute, severe, accidentally incurred while soldier was on outpost guard duty when his right hand over right shoulder to close bolt in his Springfield, 2315 hours, 23 June 1942, near Killeel, North Ireland.
2. Amputation, surgical, mid-third, right leg, as result of number 1, performed at 5th General Hospital, 23 June 1942. Condition on admission: As diagnosed.

14. PLACE OF TREATMENT
Hospital

15. DATE OF TREATMENT
9 February 1943-Excision of cicatrix, closure of skin over amputation stump (General anesthesia GOR). Time intervening: 7 months.
3 June 1943-Excision of scar tissue, distal end of stump (Spinal anesthesia, procaine 100mg, pontocaine 9mg). Time intervening: About 1 year.
Conversesent furlough-4 May 1943 to (b)

16. NAME OF HOSPITAL
Halloran General Hospital SI NY

17. DATE WITH REPORT OF S. & W. FOR MONTH OF (18) FROM
July, 1943

19. NAME OF HOSPITAL, ETC.
KENNETH M. KAHN Lt. Col Registrar

20. NO. OF DISPOSITION CLASSIFICATION
10-1001

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S MEDICAL RECORDS

Further medical documents (including inpatient clinical records) must be searched for within the separate military pension file of your Army veteran.

Guardsmen enlisted for organ...

14. Treated B.H.#4, Oct. 23, 1918
Treated B.H.#54, Oct. 24 to D
clinical record loaned herewith.
Treated B.H.#99, Dec. 23, 1918
clinical record, register #2480, loaned
Treated B.H.#120, Jan. 25 to 27, 1918
Treated B.H.#100, Feb. 1 to 10, 1918
of right hip joint and right arm.
Treated aboard U. S. S Leviathan
In 1st. No clinical record.
Treated B.H., Camp Merritt, N.J.
and hip, incurred while with AMF.
loaned herewith.
Treated U.S.A.C.H.#27, Fort Detrick
rt arm, lower third, and over right
1918. Inled. 2. Pharyngitis, acute
loaned herewith.

Duplicate copy of report of ...
Photostatic copy of report of ...
furnished herewith.

Standard Form 811
Prescribed August 1944
By Bureau of the Surgeon
Circular X-22

CLINICAL RECORD

DATE May 51

| | | TEMPERATURE-PULSE-RESPIRATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | | | | |
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| | | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 | 11:30 | | | | | | | |

STOOLS
INTAKE
OUTPUT
SPECIAL MEDICATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

DOCTOR'S PROGRESS NOTES

(Sign all notes)

(Wd. 15)
Wound removed in O.R.
w/ spinal anesthesia.
ambulatory. Wound still covered.
R. W. Angel
Wound removed from polio
region which is granulating in
Patient receiving dry heat to
15 min tid
Wound on left leg to well

REQUESTED BY Major Hughes DATE OF REQUEST 1 May 1951

| CHEK (Y) EXAM. REQUESTED | RESULTS | CHEK (Y) EXAM. REQUESTED | RESULTS | CHEK (Y) EXAM. REQUESTED | RESULTS |
|--|---------------|--|------------------|---|---------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H.C. | <u>10,000</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R.E.C. | <u>5,000,000</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> PLATELETS | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIFFERENTIAL COUNT | | <input type="checkbox"/> HEMOGLOBIN | <u>16.0-102</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> SEDIMENTATION RATE | |
| NEUTROPHILS <u>45</u> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLEEDING TIME | <u>2 min</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> HEMATOCRYT | |
| LYMPHOCYTES <u>50</u> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COAGULATION TIME | <u>4 min</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> BLOOD TYPE | |
| MONOCYTES <u>3</u> | | <input type="checkbox"/> BLOOD MORPHOLOGY | | <input type="checkbox"/> RH FACTOR | |
| EOSINOPHILS <u>1</u> | | <input type="checkbox"/> MALARIA SWEAR | | | |
| THROMBOPHILS <u>1</u> | | | | | |

OTHER TESTS OR EXAMINATIONS (Specify)

REMARKS: Fre Op.

DR. W. E. Swett, Jr.
Colonel, MC, USA
Major

REPORT MADE BY: W. E. Swett, Jr.
Major

Standard Form 510a
By Bureau of the Surgeon-General August 1948
HEMATOLOGY

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S CORRESPONDENCE

Official and handwritten correspondence is commonly found among the military service records of the Army O.M.P.F.

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FROM WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU A G O

TELEGRAM
OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

AG 201 MATTINGLY CHARLES E (6-26-42) SPXEB 42-500 JUNE 27 1942
ASN 15 046 335

MR RAY MATTINGLY
KIRK KENTUCKY

DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE COMMANDING GENERAL UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE BRITISH ISLES REPORTS YOUR SON CHARLES E MATTINGLY SERIOUSLY ILL PERIOD DIAGNOSIS GUNSHOT WOUND RIGHT THIGH AND LEG WITH RIGHT FRACTURE FEMUR AND TIBIA RIGHT HEMORRHAGE SEVERE OPERATION AMPUTATION OF RIGHT LEG PERIOD PROGRESS REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS RECEIVED

CASUALTY MESSAGE

Copies Furnished:
Miss McCall
Casualty Section.

NOT A BATTLE CASUALTY

ULIO
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

OFFICIAL:

COHE
CAS.
6-27

ADJUTANT GEN

To
The Adjutant General of the Army
Washington D. C.

Mr. McCall, Norway 14. Feb. 1942

48996
14837

With a letter from the office of the Chief Quartermaster
A. E. F. Graves Registration Service, I heard that
my son private Mike Pigg, who died Oct. 15, 1918
in France, is buried in American Cemetery,
St. Juvin, Ardennes, France.

I also heard that the bodies perhaps will be
returned after the conclusion of peace. As America
if so, I ask you for myself and my wife, to
send the body of our son home to us, if
possible.

Yours affectionately,
Chas. Pigg.

Mr. McCall, Norway.

RECORDED
INDEXED DIVISION

MAR 21 1919

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S CORRESPONDENCE

For example, if you are researching a WWII Army veteran who was killed in action you might find telegrams and letters from the war department to the Army veteran's family notifying them of their loved one's death.

AG 201 Simon, Cornelius M.
FC-N ETO 096

Mrs. Rose A. Simon
15 3rd Avenue
Mount Ephraim,

Dear Mrs. Simon:

This is in which you were notified that Private Cornelius M. Simon had been reported killed in action on 26 March 1945.

I received more information to assure you that this information is received at your home without delay. In the meantime, I will continue to make all necessary allotments shown in the enclosed.

Very truly yours,

1 Inclosure
Bulletin of

Re: SIMON, Cornelius M.
ASN 42 083 716

HEADQUARTERS THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Chaplain
A.P.O. #3

31 July 1945

Mrs. Rose A. Simon
15 Third Avenue
Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Simon:

By the time you receive this letter you will have been notified that the status of your son has been changed from Missing In Action to Killed In Action as of 26 March 1945.

Early in the morning of that date, your son's organization was attempting to cross the Rhine River. A very heavy enemy artillery barrage came in and around the vicinity where the company was assembling just prior to the time that it was to attempt the crossing. Many casualties were sustained; among them was your son.

After the crossing our unit moved rapidly forward and several of the casualties were listed as "missing in action" until definite proof of their deaths was established.

Your son was buried in the beautiful U. S. Military Cemetery at Bensheim, Germany; Plot T, Row 29 and Grave 2785.

I know that the loss of this son is keenly felt by you and that there now is a vacant spot in your life. However, we may rely on the promises of our Lord that He will comfort us and sustain us in the hour of our greatest need. May God give you such help.

Yours sincerely,

MARVIN E. UFFER
Chaplain (Capt.) USA
Assistant Division Chaplain

By command of Brigadier General SEXTON
Casualty Branch, WD AGO.
Casualty Branch, Hq 3ID.

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CASUALTY MESSAGE
TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES
GRADE SPXCN

FROM WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU A. G. O.
CNC, APPROPRIATION
FC-N

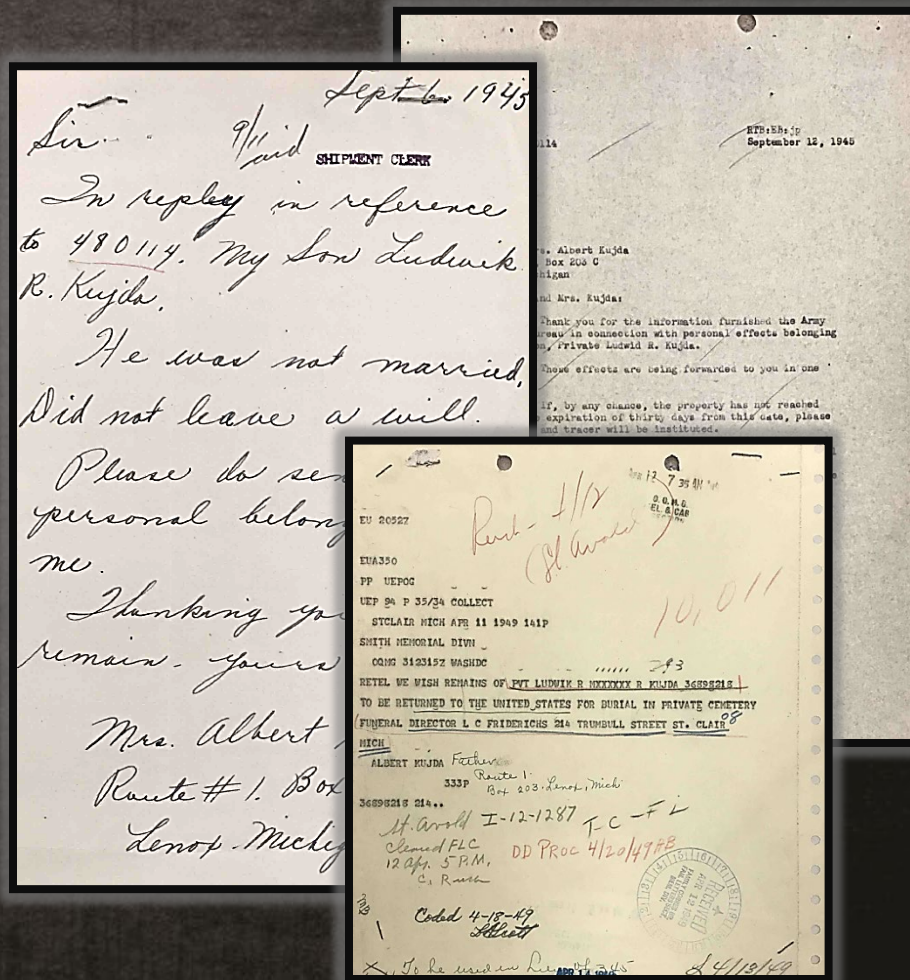
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|---------------------------|---|
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A. | MRS. ROSE A. SIMON
15 THIRD AVENUE
MOUNT EPHRAIM NEW JERSEY |
| NAME | SIMON, CORNELIUS M M |
| ASN | 42 083 710 |
| RYE | SGN |
| DATE | 29 JULY 1945 |
| OFFICIAL | D N WERNER |
| ADJUTANT GENERAL | |
| CASUALTY BRANCH | |

I AM DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO INFORM YOU CORRECTED REPORT JUST RECEIVED STATES YOUR SON PRIVATE CORNELIUS M SIMON WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION WAS KILLED IN ACTION ON TWENTY SIX MARCH PERIOD THE SECRETARY OF WAR ASKS THAT I EXPRESS HIS DEEP SYMPATHY IN YOUR LOSS AND HIS REGRET THAT UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES MADE NECESSARY THE UNUSUAL LAPSE OF TIME IN REPORTING YOUR SON'S DEATH. PLEASE ADVISE BY LETTER FOLLOWING

23 JUL 1945

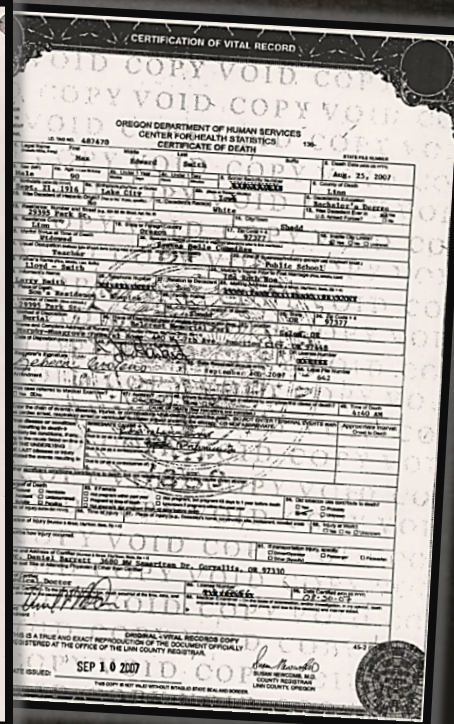
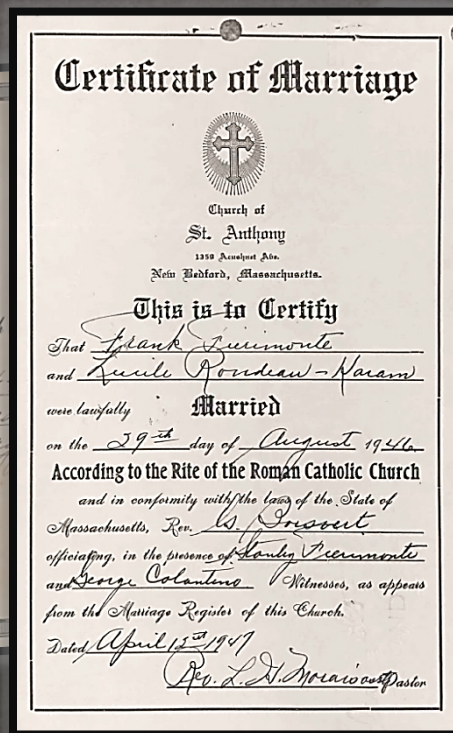
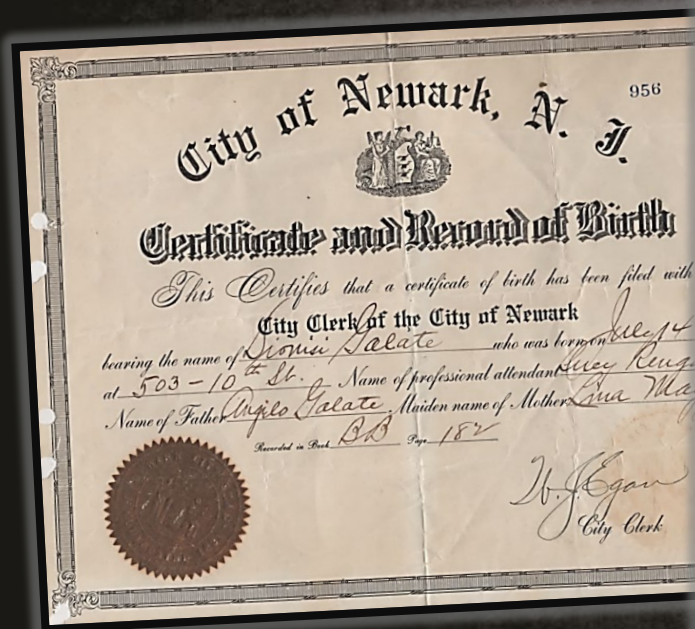
ARMY O.M.P.F.'S CORRESPONDENCE

If family members wrote back to the war department asking for the deceased veteran's belongings or inquiring about how exactly they died, these unofficial letters would have also been placed in the Army O.M.P.F. along with any response the family received. This is just one example of the various types of correspondence which can be found among the military service records of the Army O.M.P.F.'s.



ARMY O.M.P.F.'S VETERAN'S VITAL RECORDS

Proof was often required to determine benefits eligibility for both Army veterans and their beneficiaries. It is common to find marriage licenses and birth certificates among other vital records in the O.M.P.F.'s of Army veterans.



ARMY O.M.P.F.'S INSURANCE DOCUMENTS

Life insurance and beneficiary documents can highlight important details on the Army veteran's life outside of the Army.

These records typically include information about the veteran's next of kin, their dependents, their addresses, birthdates and more.

NEAREST RELATIVE AND PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Nearest relative Lena ESTAYEK Galate
(Other than wife or minor child) (Name in full)

Relationship Mother Address 631 Chestnut St., Union, NJ
(Number and street or rural route; if none, so state) (City, town, or post office)

Person to be notified in case of emergency Lena ESTAYEK Galate
(Name in full)

Relationship Mother Address 631 Chestnut St., Union, NJ
(If friend, so state) (Number and street or rural route; if none, so state) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 1938 (See 1938 Act)
1. None
(Full name of wife; if no wife, or if she is deceased)

* 2. None

* 3. None

Nearest relative Lena ESTAYEK Galate
(Other than wife or minor child)

Relationship Mother Address _____

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 1938 (See 1938 Act)

1. None
(Full name of wife; if no wife, or if she is deceased)

* 2. None

* 3. None

Address 631 Chestnut St., Union, NJ
(Number and street or rural route; if none, so state) (City, town, or post office)

PRINT OR TYPE ITEMS 1 TO 7

1. Colonel V William 36 177 266
(First name) (Initial) (Last name) (Serial number)

2. I hereby authorize a Class B Allowance from my pay for the purchase of _____
(Grade) (Company, position, or area of service) (Place or APO)

4. List as Co-owner Mr. William Nunnally
 my Beneficiary Mrs. _____
 Miss _____
(First name) (Initial) (Last name)

14. Lena Galate, Mother, 631 Chestnut St., Union, NJ
(If designation of beneficiary is declined, enlisted man must state in own handwriting "I decline.")

In the event of the death or disqualification of the last-named dependent relative before payment of the relative whose name, relationship, and address are shown below:

15. Angelo Galate, Father, 631 Chestnut St., Union, NJ
(If beneficiary is named in line 4 but naming of alternate is declined, enlisted man must state in own handwriting "I decline.")

Signature of enlisted man: Daniel
(First name) (Last name)

NEWARK, N. J.

Witnessed at _____
(Signature of witness attesting) (Name of witness)

5. * Mail Bonds to Mr. _____ (First name) (Last name)
 Mrs. _____
At 170 Omaha Street Battle Creek, Michigan
(Number and street or rural route) (City or post office) (State)

6. * Hold Bonds in safekeeping in Treasury Department at no expense to me and mail receipt to _____
(Number and street or rural route) (City or post office) (State)

7. Entered on service record or pay card 5 May 1945
(Date)

* Select delivery desired—use one, not both.
Whenever a last LI appears, it is essential that allotter indicate by check mark (✓) the appropriate plan, title, status, or designation. Mark not more than one box under each heading. Whenever the co-owner or beneficiary is a female, the given name must be used.

To: D. A. G. O. Form No. 296
Form approved by Comptroller General, U. S.
February 14, 1943

When born? July 14, 1919, Newark, NJ
(Date) (City, town, or county)

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S DISCIPLINARY DOCUMENTS

Many of the veterans who served during the major wars of the 20th Century were still in their teens. This means that immature hijinks and minor military infractions were common- and the punishments are normally well documented inside of the veteran's Army personnel file.

1. As a result of an investigation it has been ascertained to my satisfaction that offenses cognizable by me under the 104th Article of War have been committed by you.

2. The nature of such offenses is that you have committed serious traffic violations in the operation of a government vehicle.

3. I propose to impose punishment under the 104th Article of War for these offenses unless trial by court-martial for the same is demanded by you. Accordingly, you are directed to acknowledge receipt of this communication by indorsement through the proper channels and to include in your indorsement any demand for trial you wish to make.

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S DISCIPLINARY DOCUMENTS

Some of these are comical while others led to serious consequences for individual Army veterans.

The accused was taken to a dispensary and examined by Captain Sidney B. Cohen, Medical Corps, 1874th Engineer Aviation Battalion. The accused was drunk, in the opinion of Captain Cohen. (R. 12).

QUESTIONS BY THE COURT:

Q. If you don't remember anything that happened after you were drinking Tuba in the shack until the next morning, what brought you to plead "Guilty"? How do you know you did all these things?

Q. When did you regain your memory?

A. The next thing I remember I was in the Stockade.

- SENTENCE -

To be dishonorably discharged the service, to forfeit all pay and allowances due or to become due, and to be confined at hard labor, at such place as the reviewing authority may direct, for five years. (Two previous convictions considered).

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S DISCIPLINARY DOCUMENTS

Criminal offenses were tried before a military tribunal and while some details of these crimes may appear in the Army OMPF the official charges and transcript of trial were maintained in a separate courts martial folder. These courts martial trial transcripts are also available for research at the National Archives.

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DATE 08/02/2012 BY 60327
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

REVIEW OF THE TRIAL JUDGE'S
FINDINGS

USING STATES: Trial
VS: Date: 20 7/12
Defendant's Position: None
Defendant's Position: None
Date of Submittal: 3 August 1945
Prior Services: None
Conflicts: 20 September 1945

CHARGE

Charge I: Violation of the 61st Article of War.
Specifications see ~~XXXXXX~~, see, did with proper leave, absent himself from his assignment at Company, 1st Infantry, from about 15 April 1945 to about 2 September 1945.

Charge II: Violation of the 16th Article of War.
Specifications see ~~XXXXXX~~, see, did, at Naples, Italy, on or about 2 September 1945, wrongfully and fraudulently impersonated an officer of the United States Army, to wit: a First Lieutenant of First Infantry.

I. SYNOPSIS

Recommendation

Without objection by the Defense, a copy of the summary report of Company 3, 1st Infantry, which was introduced in the evidence, in the Prosecution and marked Prosecution's Sub-
by CP on 08/02/45 at 11

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The trial judge advised that he examined the trial transcript and advised:

Prosecution: The general nature of the above violation of the 61st Article of War, absence from assignment, and also a violation of the impersonating an officer. The charges were proper. First Lieutenant, First Infantry, was the Major, Infantry, and forwarded to this court for trial on 20 July 1945.

Defense: The members of the court will be a witness for records in this case since an order for the court is in issue of any facts which he holds large by a like side against any member, it is in such fact?

President: The court is aware of no such fact?

Prosecution: The prosecution does not desire of the court for cause and to introduce the right against any member of the court except the law to be the holding of any member of the court for trial.

Defense: He does not.

Prosecution: Does the accused desire to be court except the law member, paragraph 1?

Defense: He does not.

Prosecution: Does the accused object to be present?

Defense: He does not.

President: The court will be sworn.

The members of the court and the personal sworn?

Prosecution: Copies of the charges and specifications have been given to each member of the court and the evidence of the defense, the prosecution at this time.

Defense: The defense concurs.

President: The court approves.

Prosecution: The charges were carried on the 20 of December 1945. The affidavit and first issue to the trial judge advocate for trial appear to be:

Prosecution: The accused will be arrested.

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The court was closed, and upon court with the members present at the time the vote was taken to be dishonorably discharged the court's allowance due up to become due and to be certified place as the reviewing authority may direct for years.

The court was opened and the president announced:

At the court then, 2000 hours on 27 January 1946 business.

Investigation

Agnes S. Saunders
AGNES S. SAUNDERS,
1st Lieutenant, Infantry,
Trial Judge Advocate

I examined the record prior to authentication.

(In the presence of)

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RECORD OF TRIAL
OF
PRIVATE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

By
General Court - Martial
Appointed by the Commanding General
Resident Judge Advocate

Tried at
NAPLES, ITALY

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Prosecution - RECEIVED

Pl - Extract copy of Morning Report of Co. 3, 1st Infantry, introduced into evidence on 20 January 1946, introduced into evidence on 20 January 1946.

Pl - Photographs, introduced into evidence on 20 January 1946.

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Judge Advocate General's Office

See also file: _____

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ARMY O.M.P.F.'S REPORT OF SEPARATION

When an Army veteran was released from active duty they were provided with a separation document which summarized their military service. This document is often referred to as: the honorable discharge, report of separation or DD214.

MILITARY RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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| | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL
GALATE DANIEL J | 2. ARMY SERIAL NUMBER
0 441 191 | 3. GRADE
CAPT AC | 4. AFF OF SERVICE
ORC |
| 5. ORGANIZATION | 6. DATE OF BIRTH | 7. PLACE OF OPERATION | |

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
HONORABLE DISCHARGE

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| 8. DATE OF ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY | 9. UNKNOWN UNLION NEW JERSEY | SEE 9 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|

MILITARY RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| RELIEF FROM ACTIVE DUTY TWK AAF 1907 | 29 NOV 45 | U S A | 17 DEC 45 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|

DD FORM 1 NOV 55 214

REPLACES EDITION OF 1 JUL 52, WHICH IS OBSOLETE.

ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES
REPORT OF TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE

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LAPSEL BUTTON ISSUED

3-1-11
4-1-57
4-3-14

4a. SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL ISSUING COPY
Daniel Galate

4b. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization)
ROBERT WISSEIN
1ST LT INF ASST ADJ

4c. SERVICE COMMAND COPY

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S REPORT OF SEPARATION

This Army report of separation provided a basic overview of the veteran's service and signified honorable separation from the Army.

After the war when a veteran applied for military benefits they were expected to provide a copy of this document as proof of honorable service and discharge.

26. DATE OF ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY
7 MAR 42

31. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED
NONE
CHANUTE FIELD AIR CORPS
TECHNICAL SCHOOL PRATT AND WHITNEY
ARMY AND NAVY ENGINE TRAINING SCHOOL

6. ORGANIZATION
927 SIG BN

37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE

| CONTINENTAL SERVICE | | | FOREIGN SERVICE | | |
|---------------------|--------|------|-----------------|--------|------|
| YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS | YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS |
| 0 | 8 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 9 |

| 2. ARMY SERIAL NO. | 3. GRADE | 4. ARM OR SERVICE | 5. COMPONENT |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 6 272 940 | 1st Sgt | AG | BA |
| 7. DATE OF SEPARATION | | 8. PLACE OF SEPARATION | |
| 29 Oct 45 | | Sep Cen Camp Beale California | |

32. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN

| DATE OF DEPARTURE | DESTINATION | DATE OF ARRIVAL |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 2 NOV 42 | AP | 20 NOV 42 |
| 29 NOV 45 | U S A | 17 DEC 45 |

32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS
GO 33 AND 40 WD 45 CENTRAL EUROPE
NAPLES-FOGGIA ROME ARNO NORTHERN FRANCE SOUTHERN FRANCE RHINELAND

35. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or other information)
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ASR SCORE 2 SEP 45 84
*1 BRONZE ARROWHEAD

29. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS
AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL ASIATIC PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY O.M.P.F.'S

Keep in mind that in this presentation we have covered the most common military service records found in the Army O.M.P.F. Since every Army veteran's military service was unique to their experiences each Army personnel file will be unique as well. You may find that your Army veteran's O.M.P.F. contains much more than what we have featured here.



ARMY O.M.P.F.'S

The only way to discover exactly what military service records are contained in your veteran's Army O.M.P.F. is to order their records. Visit us at

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