Recreate Lost WWI Records

REDISCOVERING YOUR VETERAN'S WWI EXPERIENCE

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Types of Military Records



- y Newspapers
- War Histories
- **8** County Histories
- § Soldier & Regiment Lists
- **8** County Courthouse Records
- Military Service Records

Places to Find Military Records

- y Historical Societies/Libraries
- 8 Military Service Organization
- 8 Courthouse
- § Archives/Universities/Museums
- § State/National Archives
- Military Bases/Camps

Start Locally for Veteran's Records



- Your Ancestor did not serve in a vacuum
- Many towns have monuments listing the soldiers who served
- The local library can help point you in the right direction
- Newspapers are full of information regarding troop movements, returning soldiers, casualties, furloughs and more!

Society Collections

- Dedications/Parades/Programs
- Diaries
- Letters
- Oral Histories
- Photos
- Uniforms and Souvenirs



Public Library Collections

- Cemetery Indexes
- County Histories
- Military History Books
- Newspapers
- Photographs
- Unit Histories



MARRIED AFTER DRAFT LAW: WIN EXEMPTION

Eight Aurora registered men who married after the draft law went into effect May 18, lant, have been exempted from military service by the district appeal board in Chicago. The decisions were received by the local draft board last night.

The cases of the eight were appealed from the Aurora board by the government. They were given deferred classification here but by an order of the provost marrhal were appealed. In all 50 Aurora cases—of

order of the provest marshal appealed. In all 50 Aurora case men married since the draft law went into effect-were appealed by the

government.

The following decisions were received from the district board last

Edward Newton-Appeal ' denied,

stays in Class 2.

Albert M. Gerdan—Industrial de-nied, stays in Class 2.

Leslie K. Lippitt—Industrial sin-nied, stays in Class 2.

Arthur Nicholson—Appeal allowed placed in Class 4. Floyd Lee—Appeal allowed, placed in Class 4. Fred S. Goodell--industrial denied,

stays in Class 4, Paul J. Dumont—Industrial allow-ed, stays in Class 4.

Fred G. Lester-Industrial denied.

More Enlist

The roll of honor for Plainfield in response to our county is call for soldiers has been sweller to a week by the following volunteers:

David Fairweather, Cay McCulley, Charles S. Green, Et et C. Craig, Os-car Schwanke and Labord Country C. Craig, Osman.

Raymond Powell an Myron Sellainfield boys, fridge, of Jollet, former have also enlisted.

Ralton Sillar was reje ed on account of his eyes.

DIES AT CAMP GRANT

Rockford, April 5 .- Peter Hage private in Company C, 344th infante died at the Camp Grant base hospits this morning of pneumonia. His hor was in Polo, III. Thomas Lynch, Pardeeville, Wis, a private in the 318 field artillery, succumbed to pact monia yesterday afternoon. Henr Christianson, private in Company 32nd engineers, died at the camp he pital this forenoon. His home w in Carliele, Ill. C

HISTORY OF WILL COUNTY

the subject of this sketch. 2. Henry J., deceased, buried in dery, Watervliet, Mich. 3. Joseph H., Cicero, Ill. 4. Lawren world War veteran, served in France, Joliet. 5. Albert P., served wind the 2nd Engineers in France; was gassed and shell shocked during war Served in five battles, lives at Joliet. 6. Theresa J., at home. 7. Leo M., Joliet, World War veteran, served in France with 2nd Engineers. He was in five battles and was wounded. Also was with the Army of Occuation. 8. Delphina A., at home. 9. George E. Joliet. 10. Marie, marrie tarles J. Myler, Joliet. 11. Celia J., at home.

Ab. A. Offerman was reared on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Joliet Township and St. John's Parachian School. During his summer vacations he learned telegraphy in the Santa Fe Railroad offices, at which he worked later as an operator before entering college. He graduated from DePaul Preparatory College in 1915, and from the Law School of DePaul University in 1918 with the degree

ed at 414 Joliet National Bank Building. In 1918 Mr. Offerman enlisted in the U. S. Army and served in the Officers Training School at DePaul University until December 16, 1918, when he was discharged.

A. Offerman married, July 29, 1924, Miss Mary F. and Theresa (Dwyer) McGowan. Mr. McGowan was born in Wilton Township and followed agriculture until he retired. Mrs. McGowan was born in Braidwood, Ill. They now reside in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Offerman have a son, Donald A., born March 26, 1926, and a daughter, Mary Frances, born April 13, 1928.

Mr. Offerman is a member of the Will County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. Joliet Council. 382; B. P. O. Elks, 296; American Legion, Harwood Post, No. 5; and the Chamber of Commerce. He takes an active interest in all civic affairs He was elected to the Board of School Inspectors in 1922, and reelected in 1925; again in 1928, and is now president of the Joliet City School Board. The family are members of St. John's Catholic Church

"Lawrence A... Served with the 2nd Engineers in France; was gassed and shell shocked during war."

"Leo M., Joliet.... served in France with 2nd Engineers. He was in five battles and was wounded."

Library of Congress

The Library of Congress is a public library!

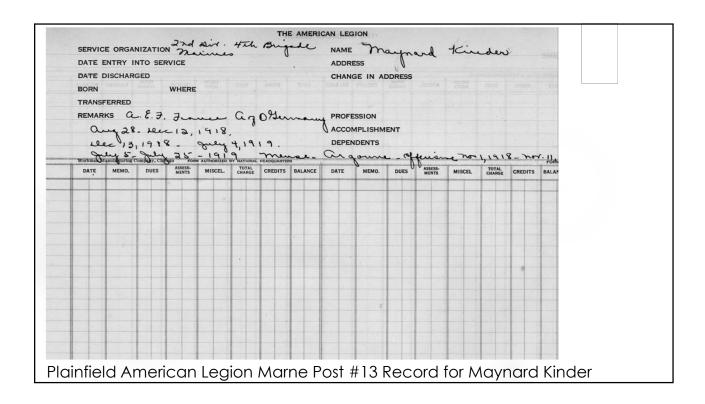
- Books can be borrowed
- · Downloadable digital images
- Veterans Oral History Project
- In-house research includes hundreds of camp and unit newspapers!
- · www.loc.gov/topics/world-war-i

Infantry School News (Fort Benning, GA)	Nov. 15, 1919 - Dec. 20, 1919 D501.I52			
Kelly Field Eagle (Kelly Field, TX)	May 2, 1918 - May 22, 1919	D501.K4 Folio		
Langley Field Propeller (Langley, VA)	May 4, 1918 - Nov. 30, 1918	D501.L3 Folio		
Liaison (Fort Monroe, VA)	Nov. 8, 1918 - Dec. 27, 1919	D501.L5		
The Listening Post (San Francisco, CA)	Feb. 18, 1919 - Nov. 28, 1919	PMIP (not available)		
Lorraine Cross (France)	Feb. 26, 1919 - Feb. 27, 1919	D501.L78		
Navy Life (Norfolk, VA)	July 1919 - Jan. 1920	D501.N35		
Newport Recruit (Newport, RI)	Aug. 1918 - May 1919	D501.N65		
Northwest Warriors Magazine (Minneapolis, MN)	Aug. 1919 - March 1920	D501.N665		
Oscillator (Cambridge, MA)	Oct. 22, 1917 - Mar. 5, 1919	D501.065 Folio		
Oteen (Oteen, N.C.)	Feb. 1, 1919 - Nov. 29, 1919	D501.O7		
Overseas (Paris, France)	Aug. 1, 1918 - Sept. 1, 1918	D501.O8		
Panorama (Paris, France)	Oct. 5, 1916 - Oct. 20, 1917	D501.P15 Folio		
Pass in Review (Fort Worth, TX)	March 15, 1918 - Nov. 9, 1918	D501.P3		
Picatinny Magazine (Dover, NJ)	April 12, 1919 - July 5, 1919	D501.P45 Folio		
Propeller (Camp Greene, NC)	April 13, 1918 - July 6, 1918	D501.P7		
Radiator (Army Ambulance Service, France)	May 30, 1918 - March 27, 1919	D501.R17 Folio		
Rainbow Reveille (Columbus, OH)	Sept. 1920 - Apr. 1921; Nov/Dec. 1934 - Jan. 1945	D501.R2		
Rapid Fire (Aberdeen, MD)	May 6, 1918 - Feb. 27, 1919	D501.R35 Folio		
Reconnaissance (Camp Bowie, TX)	Jan. 5, 1918 - June 1, 1918	D501.R42 Folio		
Red Triangle Overseas (Paris, France)	Aug. 3, 1918 - June 11, 1919	D501.R43		
Reveille (Fort Snelling, MN)	Apr. 26, 1919 - July 24, 1919	D501.R55		
Sentinel (New York, NY)	Dec. 1918 - June 1919 (monthly)	D501.S35		
Sheridan Reveille (Fort Sheridan, III.)	Dec. 5, 1917 - Feb. 27, 1918	D501.S47 Folio		
Silver Chev (Camp Grant, III.)	Apr. 1, 1919 - Aug. 5, 1919	D501.S55		
Sol (Giévres, France)	Apr. 25, 1919 - July 28, 1919	D501.S6		
Soldiers-Sailors-Marines National Weekly News (Washington, DC)	Apr. 5, 1919 - Dec. 1919	D501.S67 Folio		
Stars and Stripes	See <u>Stars & Stripes: WWI Editions</u> for more information. Also available <u>full-text online</u> . Feb. 8, 1918 - June 13, 1919			
The Steering Wheel (Army Transport Corps, France)	Dec. 25, 1918	D501.S74		
The Steering Wheel (Army Transport Corps, France)	March 22, 1919 - May 17, 1919	D501.S74 Folio		
Sub-Chaser (Seattle, WA)	Sept. 1, 1917 - Feb. 18, 1919	PMIP (not available)		
Tenshun (Denver, CO)	Apr. 19, 1919 - Oct. 31, 1919 D501.T4 Folio			
Trojan Journal	June 23, 1919 - August 19, 1919	D501.T82		
Trouble Buster (Fort McHenry, MD)	April 27, 1918 - April 24, 1920	D501.T83		
Treat 'Em Rough (Gettysburg, PA)	July 1918 - July 1919	D501.U4		
The Up-Grade (Carlisle, PA)	May 3, 1919 - September 17, 1919	D501.U67		

Veteran's Service Organizations

- American Legion
 - Application Cards
 - Member Rosters
 - American Legion Magazine began as a weekly publication in 1919
 https://archive.org/details/americanlegionhq
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
 - Application Cards
 - VFW Magazine begun in 1904 free online back to 2009



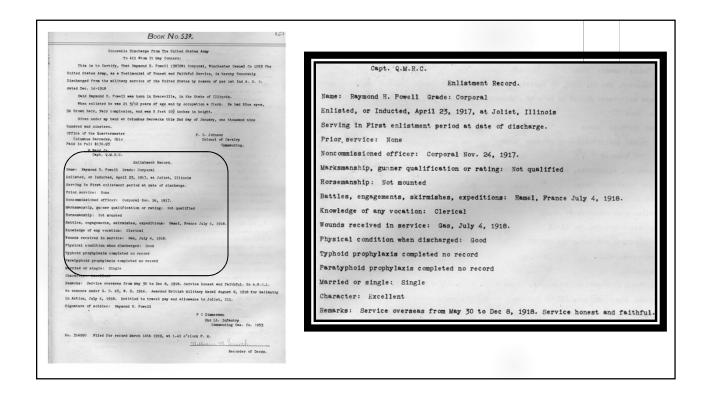


County Courthouse Records

County courthouses may have the following types of information:

- Records of enlistments and discharges
- Bonuses paid to soldiers, parents and widows
- Pension records for disabled veterans and widows

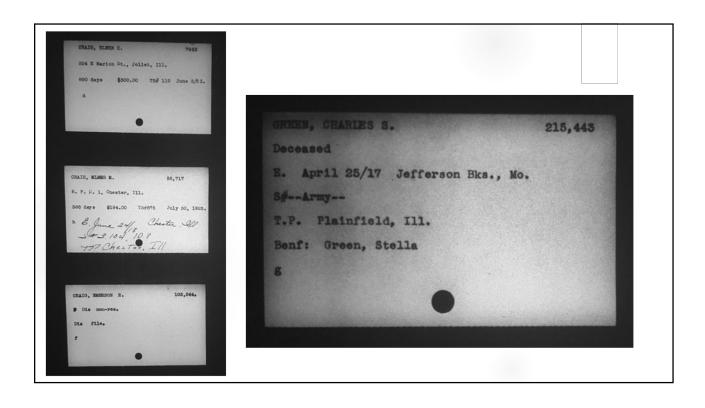
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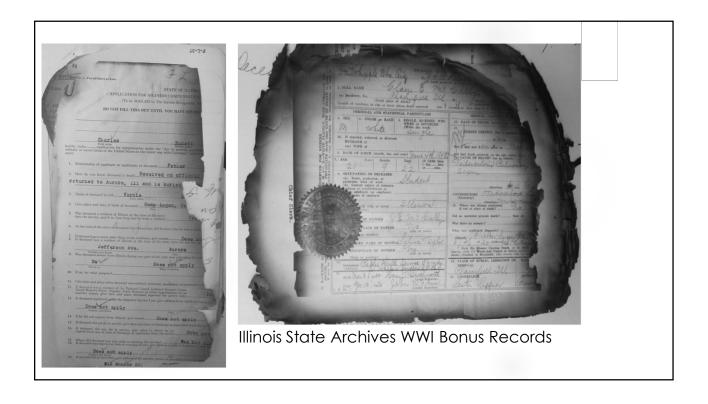


State Military Resources

- State Libraries often have books and publications available to borrow with information about local units and troops
- For Illinois the Adjutant General's Office has WWI records, but only for Federalized Guard units
- State Archives (and regional archives) will have state-generated paperwork on soldiers including Soldier's and Sailor's Home records
 - Danville records are in Springfield up to the 1930s

Illinois Designation	Presidential Callup	U.S. Army Redesignation	Division	Demob. Date	
1st Infantry Brigade HQ	3-Jul-17	66th Inf Brigade	33rd Div	5-Jun-19	
2nd Infantry Brigade HQ		65th Inf Brigade	33rd Div	28-May-19	
1st Infantry	25-Mar-17	131st Infantry	33rd Div	6-Jun-19	
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5th Infantry	25-Mar-17				Federalized during V
HQ Co.	"	129th Infantry	33rd Div	6-Jun-19	•
Supply Co.	и	130th Inf Supply Co.	33rd Div	29-May-19	
Co. A		108th Ammunition Train	33rd Div	5-Jun-19	
Co. B and H	"	108th HQ & Military Police	33rd Div	"	
Co. C, D and L	*	124th MG Battalion	33rd Div	30-May-19	
Co. E. I and K		122nd MG Battalion	33rd Div	29-May-19	
Co. F. G and MG Co.	"	123rd MG Battalion	33rd Div	30-May-19	
Co. M		108th Engineer Train	33rd Div	9-Jun-19	
Band		304th CAV Band	US Army	13-Feb-19	
6th Infantry	25-Mar-17	123rd Field Artillery	33rd Div	9-Jun-19	
MG Co.	н	108th Trench Mortar Battery	33rd Div	31-Mar-19	
7th Infantry	3-Jul-17				
MG Co.	"	122nd MG Battalion	33rd Div	6-Jun-19	
Co. A, B, C, D, E and F		108th Ammunition Train	33rd Div	5-Jun-19	
Co. G. H. I. K. L and M	"	108th Supply Train	33rd Div		
HQ Co.	11	132nd Infantry	33rd Div	30-May-19	
Supply Co.	"	131st Infantry Supply Co.	33rd Div		
Band	u .	305th CAV Band	US Army	17-Feb-19	
8th Infantry (Colored)		370th Infantry	93rd Div.	11-Mar-19	
1st Field Artillery	25-Jun-17	149th Field Artillery	42nd Div.	12-May-19	
2nd Field Artillery	3-Jul-17	122nd Field Artillery	33rd Div	10-Jun-19	
3rd Field Artillery		124th Field Artillery	33rd Div	8-Jun-19	
Co. A. Signal Corps	н	108th Signal Battalion	33rd Div	30-Jun-19	
1st Engineers		108th Engineers	33rd Div	9-Jun-19	
Field Hosp. 1, 2, 3 and 4	"	Field Hosp, 129-132 Inf	33rd Div	8-Jun-19	
Ambulance Co. 1, 2, 3 and 4	н	Amb. Co. 129-132 Inf	33rd Div	0	
Administrative Staff	individual	HQ, 33rd Division	33rd Div	6-Jun-19	
Quartermaster Corps	individual	Quartermaster Detachment	33rd Div	30-Apr-19	
Det. Ordnance Dept.	individual	Ordnance Dept. Co.	33rd Div	15-Mar-19	
Illinois Naval Militia	6-Apr-17		US Navy	individual	

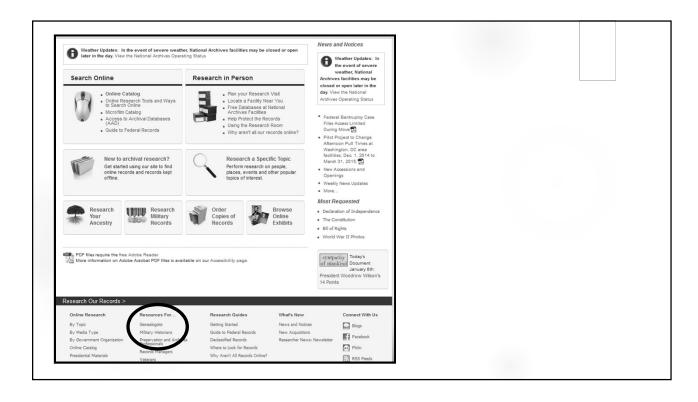




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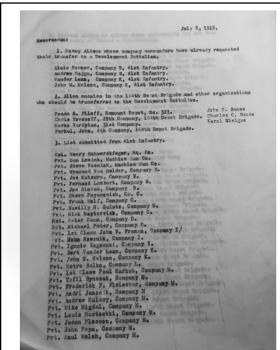
- National Archives have regional campuses housing federal records for all 50 states.
- Veteran's service records can be obtained online through Evetrecs for free if you are next-of-kin http://archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records



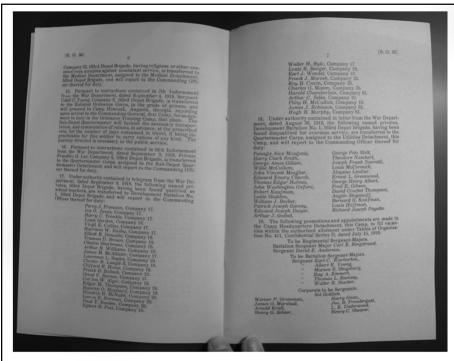


National Archives Military Records

- The National Archives "Archives I" in Washington D.C. has 'stateside' WWI records pertaining to U.S. Army Commands
- Record Group 393 which includes WWI records pertaining to U.S. Army of the Continental Command (camps and bases), Engineering Corps Districts and Quartermaster records, etc.
 - Alien Registration & Naturalizations (by station & unit)
 - Special Orders (by station)
 - Burial Orders



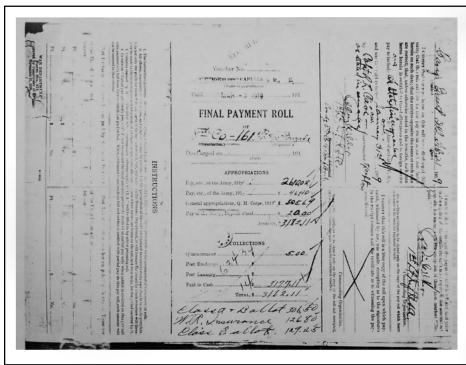




Special Order #56 for Camp Dodge, IA Listing All Men Disqualified for Overseas Duty and Their Reassignments

National Records Personnel Center

- The National Archives and the NRPC are open to the public
- An appointment is necessary in St. Louis, so plan ahead to secure a date (expect to wait 6-8 weeks for response)
- All records before September 23,1955 are open to the public
- The fire affected 70% of Army records. Navy records are intact
- Scanning & photography is allowed at no charge (restrictions apply). Copies available for .75 cents per page



National Records Personnel Center in St. Louis Houses Military Records from WWI-Present.

National Archives II College Park, MD

- Records Group 120 American Expeditionary Forces
 - Embarkation lists by ship naming all passengers to and from Europe. These records have been digitized by Ancestry.com U.S. Army Transportation Lists 1910-1927.
 - Casualty Reports and Cablegrams
 - Hospital/Nursing Staff Records
 - Soldier Qualification Cards

Charley P Hartsell 51,509 and George Smith 51,575 privates Company I 25 Infantry October 5nd-6th; Joe Kelley 106,327 private 1st class Company B 3 Machine Gun Battalion and Frank M MoIntyre 2,405,147 private Machine Gun Company 147 Infantry October 6th; Willia L Glemmons 172,955 private Company B 5 Machine Gun Battalion, Harry E Downs 48,877 private 1st class and Leland C Downey 82,710 private Headquarters Company 25 Infantry, Emanuel M Lucas 465,755 and Curl W Escover 2,661,112 privates Company B 47 Infantry October 7th; Charles G Cockerham 1,564,730 private 1st class and Frank T Miller 49,005 private Headquarters Company 25 Infantry, Harry & Liliard 79,918 private 1st class Company C 5 Machine Gun Battalion, Frank Dufka 50,438 corporal and Walter T Shanaham 50,475 private 1st class Company E 16 Machine Gun Battalion, Frank Dufka 50,438 corporal and Walter T Shanaham 50,475 private Company E 25 Infantry, Henry Hill 1,307,856 Taylor D Hill 1,307,952, Carl Herrington 2,155,568 and Charles L Jackson 1,307,558 privates Company E 117 Infantry, Walt Bowers 1,306,429 privates Company B 117 Infantry, Gust Engstrom 2,154,570, Wm. B Bush 1,308,998, John M Jacoups 1,308,557 William Holmss 1,308,743 and William Williamson 1,308,591 privates Company H 117 Infantry, Gust Engstrom 2,154,570, Wm. B Bush 1,308,998, John M Jacoups 1,316,555 and John I Wall 1,316,435 privates Company I 119 Infantry October Sta; Cornelius O'Neill 1,657,361 private Company G 3 Machine Gun Battalion, Harold Wilkinson 1,356,427 private Company A 107 Machine Gun Battalion, David S Smith 1,320,552 private Company F 120 Infantry, Simon Soterskopulos 1,390,085 private Company F 120 Infantry, Simon Soterskopulos 1,390,085 private Company F 120 Infantry, Shafter Wykle 1,306,148 privates Company A 59 Infantry, Shafter Wykle 1,306,148 private Company F 119 Infantry, Charlie W Hoffer 1,315,346 private Company F 119 Infantry, Dee D Palmer 2,158,815 private Company F 119 Infantry, Dee D Palmer 2,158,81 private Company F 119 Infantry, Henry Gossman 1,994,262 pr

Casualty Reports A.E.F. September 1918

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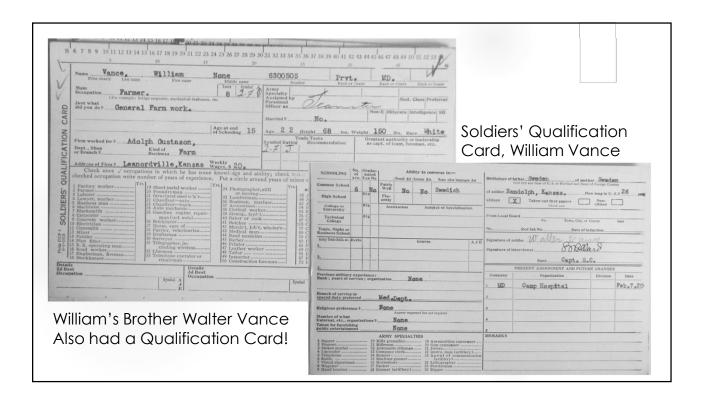
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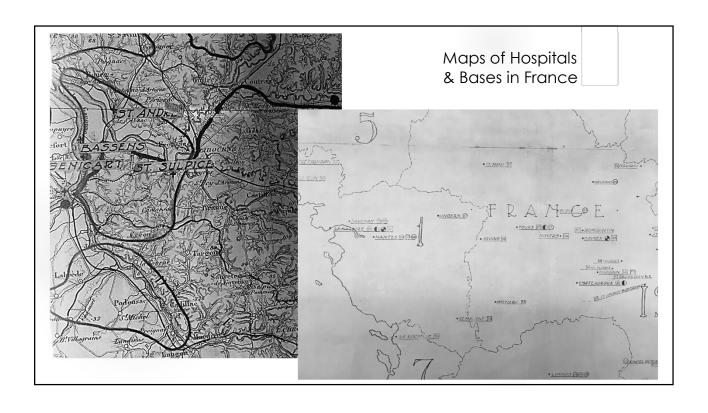
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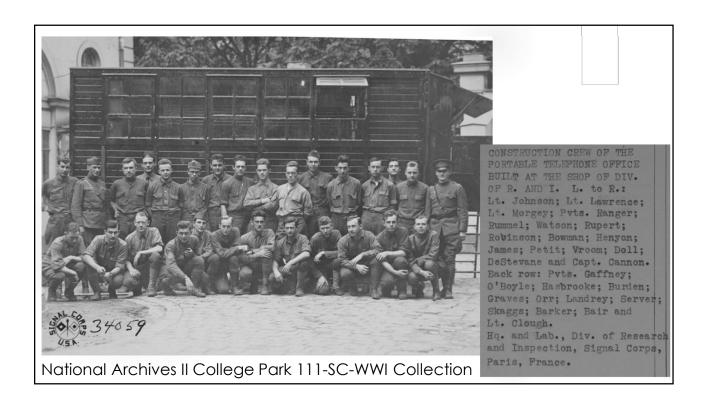
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National Archives II College Park, MD

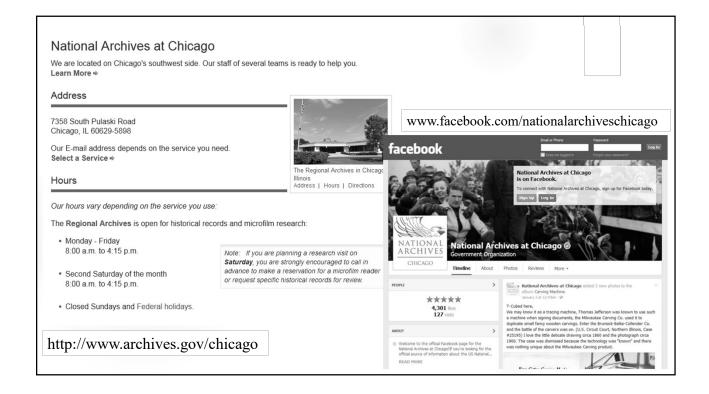
- Archives II has an extensive WWI map collection covering every aspect of the war in Europe.
- Images of WWI are housed on the 4th Floor
 - Indexed by subject, then box number
 - Many WWI boxes have been digitized but <u>ARE NOT YET</u> available online. Collection numbers include:
 - 111-SC
 - 165-WW





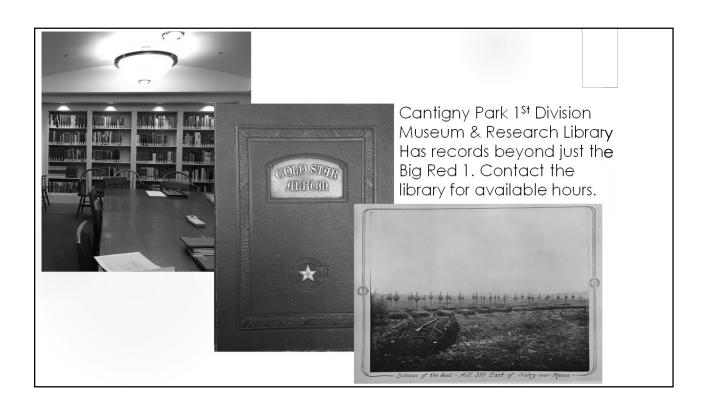
National Archives: Great Lakes

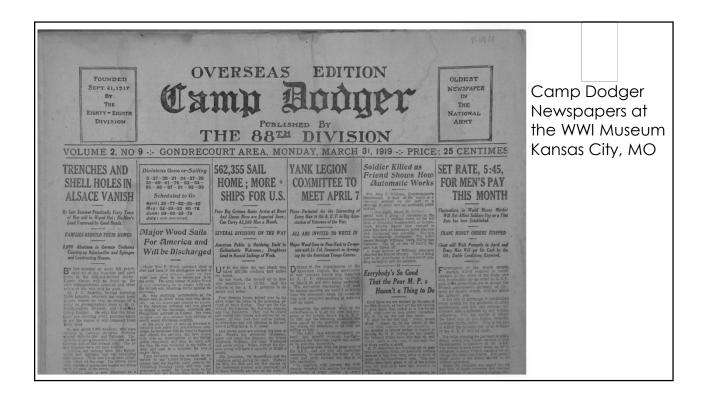
- The Great Lakes campus is located at 7358 s. Pulaski Rd. in Chicago and houses federal records for the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Minnesota: www.archives.gov/chicago/archives
- Records for Great Lakes Naval Base, Fort Sheridan and other military camps and stations are located here.
- A numerical Record Group list for the Great Lakes campus is available here: www.archives.gov/chicago/holdings/numeric-list.html



World War I Museums

- National World War I Museum and memorial, Kansas City, MO www.theworldwar.org
- Cantigny Park First Division Museum and Archives Wheaton, IL www.cantigny.org/museums/Pages/First%20Division%20Museu m.aspx
- Pritzker Military Museum and Library, Chicago, IL www.pritzkermilitary.org
- Joliet Area History Museum, Joliet, IL www.jolietmuseum.org





WWI Digital Collections

- Ancestry Library Edition
 - WWI Draft Cards 1917-1918
 - U.S. Army Transport Service Passenger Lists
 - U.S. War Mother's Pilgrimage 1930
- Fold3
 - Naturalizations for WWI Soldiers
 - U.S. Veteran's Pension Payment Cards
- Internet Archives Military Collections

WWI Digital Collections

- American Battle Monuments Commission <u>www.abmc.gov</u>
- Europeana <u>www.europeana.eu</u>
- Flanders Field Museum Project www.inflandersfields.be
- Prisoners of the First World War https://grandeguerre.icrc.org
- U.S. National World War I <u>www.worldwar1centennial.org</u>
- Veteran's Oral History Project <u>www.loc.gov/vets</u>

WWI Digital Collections

- Library of Congress WWI Collection <u>www.loc.gov/topics/world-war-i</u>
- Brigham Young University WWI Links Index http://bit.ly/2wEJ869
- Polar Bear Expedition WWI (U.S. Troops in Russia) http://bit.ly/2wEZQTe
- British Library Digital Collections <u>www.bl.uk/world-war-one</u>
- War Diaries of the First World War (Archives of Canada) http://bit.ly/2jHRLf2