



## Minnesota War Records Commission. World War I Military Service Lists.

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October 14, 1924

Franklin F. Holbrook, Esq., Director,  
Minnesota War Records Commission, Historical Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

We are sending you 34 more copies of war service records of men from your State who served, during the World War, in the Armies and Navies of the Allies, and we hope they will prove of value to you.

We should be very grateful for any similar war records, with which you may, at any time, be able to furnish us. We would point out that our list is limited to those who were American citizens at the time of their enlistment; we do not include foreigners who were merely residents of this country, nor men, born in the United States, who had become naturalized abroad, before 1914.

We have underlined on the records, any facts of especial interest, such as enlistment in the early days of the War, or the extreme youth or age of the soldier.

While we believe that all the records which we are sending you are those of men who were American citizens, yet we do not guarantee this, as some ignorant persons are rather vague as to their nationality. We have simply copied the facts supplied by the soldiers themselves. Our questionnaire forms contain the words "If naturalized give date and place of naturalization" and, to secure more explicit information, we have lately added the words, "Was he an American citizen at time of enlistment?"

Wishing you all success in your task of preserving the memory of American fighting men,

believe me,

Very truly yours,

L. S. M. Robinson

Secretary of Department No. 6

Wor. & J. J. and  
Field and Individual

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MINNESOTA

McNAUGHTON, DONALD ROBERT

Born at Minnesota

Enlisted at Woolwich, England

26th Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment,) British Army

Promoted to Acting-Quartermaster Sergeant

Rank: Acting Quartermaster Sgt. #19468

Served in France and Flanders

Killed in action June 19, 1917

Received Nov 30, 1920  
from L. S. M. Robertson, Secy.  
Dept. No. 6, Navy League of the U. S.,  
13a 1133 Middle City Station,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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LINDER, CHARLES PARAVISS

Born at DULUTH, Minnesota

Enlisted at Liverpool, England

19th Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment, British Army

Rank: Private #17415

Served in France and Flanders

Died of wounds July 1, 1916

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OLIVER, ROBERT

Born at Minnesota

Enlisted at Stirling, Scotland

Gordon Highlanders, British Army, Machine Gun Corps, British Army

Rank: Private #2906 Gordon Highlanders #12958 Machine Gun Corps

Served in France and Flanders

Killed in action July 6, 1916

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ROGERS, E.

Home Town: GRAND MARAIS, Minn.

Born at Superior, Wisconsin, May 14, 1900

Enlisted at Duluth, Minn, May 8, 1918

Royal Army Service Corps, British Army

Rank: Private #444090

Returned to the United States on S. S. "Vedic"

Next of kin: (grandmother) Mrs. Heffy, Box 77 Grand Marais

Address: Box 77, Grand Marais, Minn.

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CUMMINGS, J

Home Town: DULUTH, Minn.

Born at June 18, 1888

American citizen

Enlisted at Alberta, Canada, January 17, 1917

Royal Fusiliers, British Army

Rank: Private #313956

Returned to the United States on S. S. "Saturnia"

Worked for Frank Kemalley, at Edmonton, Canada, for two years

Address: 313 East 5th Street, Duluth, Minn.,

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GARDNER, S.

Son of F. Gardner, Richelon Hotel, Superior, Wisconsin  
Home Town: DULUTH, Minn.,  
Born at Duluth, August 21, 1898  
Enlisted at Chicago, May 25, 1918  
Inland Water Transport, Royal Engineers, British Army  
Rank: Private #601725  
Returned to the United States on S. S. "Royal George"  
Employed by the Canadian Steamship Company  
Address: 2204 Vermillion Road, Duluth, Minn.,

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YOULD, FRANCIS

Born in MINNESOTA  
Enlisted at Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland  
Connaught Rangers, British Army, later 2nd. Battalion, The Leinster Regiment,  
British Army  
Rank: Private #1053 Connaught Rangers #3009 Leinster Regiment  
Killed in action in France or Flanders August 11, 1916

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BRILL, L. J.

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.,  
Born in the United States, June 21, 1901  
Jew  
Enlisted at Chicago, March 23, 1918  
Royal "usiliers, British Army  
Rank: Private #3111  
Returned to the United States on S. S. "Saturnia"  
Address, 2712 Detroit Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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BELMONT, J. H.

Home Town: CALEDONIA, Minnesota  
Born August 2nd. 1893  
Enlisted at Bristol, England, February 22, 1915  
Royal "isiliers, British Army  
Rank: Private #1007  
Returned to the United States on S. S. "Adriatic" about January 20, 1920  
Worked for himself at the International Garage, New York City, for one year  
Address: c/o Miss E. Thompson, Caledonia, Minnesota

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O'BRIEN, M. J.

Home Town: NORTH MANKOTO, Minnesota  
American  
Enlisted 1916  
97th Battalion Canadian Infantry ("American Legion)  
Rank: Private #26170  
Killed in action at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917  
Address: (prior to enlistment) 410 Necollet Ave., North Mankoto, Minn

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CAMPBELL, JOHN ALEXANDER

Born at Maple Lake, Minnesota, August 13, 1888

Enlisted November 14th, 1914

31st Battalion, Canadian Infantry

Rank: Corporal #80017

Killed in action at Courcelette, September 15, 1916

Next of kin: (brother) George Wellington Campbell, 901 13th

Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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MINNESOTA

PHELPS, EDMUND J., Jr.

Son of Edmund J. Phelps and Louisa A. Richardson  
Home Town: Minneapolis.

Born at Minneapolis December 11, 1891.

Enlisted April 21, 1917.

American Field Service, Section 26.

Transferred to the 2nd Battery, 17th Regiment, French Field Artillery.

Rank: Sous-Lieutenant

Awarded the Croix de Guerre with Divisional Citation for conduct in  
the action of July 23, 1918 near Montdidier.

Took part in the following battles: July 23, 1918, attacked north  
of Montdidier; August 8, Anglo French push toward St. Quentin;  
September 26 and following day fighting in Champagne at left of  
the Argonne.

Discharged February 11, 1919.

Address: 2323 Park Ave., Minneapolis, or McKnight Blfg., Minneapolis.

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McEACHRAN, JOHN DUNCAN

Son of Duncan McEachran and Rachel---

Born at Esquesing, Ont., Canada, November 19, 1875.

American citizen at time of enlistment. His father had become a  
naturalized citizen of the United States before this soldier  
became of age. Believed to have taken out his first papers  
at Grafton, N. Dak. in 1880, and the second papers in 1892.  
The family moved to Forest River, N. Dak. in 1889 and lived  
in North Dakota until 1912.

Enlisted at Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, January 17, 1916.

151st Battalion Canadian Infantry. Transferred to the 218th  
Battalion Canadian Infantry June 1916.

Went overseas February 1917.

Transferred to No. 3 Company 8th Canadian Railway Troops, April 1917.

Rank: Corporal. #624467

Discharged April 17, 1919;

Address: 3232 Lyndale St., Minneapolis, or c/o Perfection Mfg. Co.,  
2125 East Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis.

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BERGQUIST, HENRY P.

Son of John Bergquist and Martha Olson

Born at Brunswick, Minn. June 12, 1899.

American citizen at time of enlistment.

Enlisted about June 1916.

152nd Battalion Canadian Infantry. #925497

Killed in action April 29, 1917. Buried in France.

Next of kin (father) John Bergquist, Brunswick, Minn.

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## MCKEEGAN, JAMES

Son of James McKeegan and Mary Ellen Thomson Craig

Born at Crookston, Minn. November 20, 1890

Moved to Canada when 7 years old.

Enlisted at Montreal, Canada August 1914

14th Battalion Canadian Infantry. Royal Canadian Regiment.

Rank: Private #26099

Slightly wounded near St. Julien September 1916.

Took part in the following battles: Ypres February 1915, 2nd battle of Ypres April 22-24, 1915, St. Julien and Festubert June 1916.

Killed in action March 31, 1916, at the head of a platoon of snipers

Buried in the Zeebruge Military Cemetery, Belgium

Next of Kin (father) James McKeegan, Box 191, Ormstown, Chateauguy County, Quebec, Canada.

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## VAUDRIN, ELDAGE E.

Son of Alfred Vaudrin and Sophie Moquin

Home Town: Gentilly, Minn.

Born at Gentilly December 1, 1896

Enlisted May 25, 1916.

209th Battalion Canadian Infantry. Transferred to 49th Battalion Canadian Infantry.

Rank: Corporal

Rank at time of discharge: Private #253018

Wounded at the battle of Lens 1917.

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge 1916, Somme 1917, Paschendaele, 1917.

Address: Verwood, Saskatchewan, Canada.

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## BERVEN, JACOB OSCAR

Son of Kristian Berven and Engaborg Saxe

Born at Red Wing, Minn.

American citizen at time of enlistment

Enlisted March 13, 1916.

202nd Battalion Canadian Infantry. Transferred in 1917 to the 49th Battalion Canadian Infantry.

Rank: Private #231176

Took part in the following battles: Paschendaele, Amiens, Cambrai, Mons,

Discharged March 22, 1919.

Address: St. Paul, Alberta, Canada.

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## FAUDE, FRANK C.

Son of John J. Faude and Florence Holland

Home Town: Minneapolis, Minn.

Born at Plymouth, Ind. August 28, 1877.

Enlisted September 22, 1917.

11th Canadian Railway Troops.

Rank: Sapper #2503008

Discharged March 29, 1919.

Address: 832 W. 17th St., Los Angeles, Calif. (editor of Los Angeles "Examiner")

## MINNESOTA

ANDERSON, JOHN HENRY

Son of August Anderson and Albertina ---

Home Town: Duluth, Minn.

Born at Duluth January 26, 1892.

Believed to have been an American citizen at time of enlistment  
Enlisted at Revelstoke, B. C., Canada, May 28, 1915.

Seventh Battalion Canadian Infantry, Machine Gun Section

Rank: Corporal #442007

Killed in action at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917.

Buried in the Arras Road Cemetery, Roclincourt, France

Next of kin (father) August Anderson, Malakwa, B. C., Canada.

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FUNKLEY, GEORGE

Son of Peter H. Funkley

Born at Otter Tail County, Minn., June 1, 1885.

Enlisted January 5, 1915

Fourth Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to First Canadian Tunnelling Company

Transferred to First Battalion Canadian Engineers

Rank: Private #436213

Wounded April 12, 1916 near Hill 60, again wounded September 6, 1918  
at Canal du Nord near Arras.

Took part in the following battles: Taking Messines Ridge 1917.

Battle of Amiens, 1918. Advanced from Arras 1918.

Discharged February 4, 1919.

His father is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Address: Paddle River, Alberta, Canada.

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PAPENFUS, CLEMENCE ANTHONY

Son of George Papenfus and Mary Latzka

Home Town: Foley, Minn.

Born at Vilman, Benton Co., Minn. June 13, 1893

Enlisted August 3, 1915.

65th Battalion Canadian Infantry.

Transferred to 46th Battalion Canadian Infantry, with which he served  
in France.

Rank: Private #472174

Wounded at Ypres August 1916, again at Vimy Ridge April 1917.

Took part in the following battles: 2nd battle of Ypres 1916, Somme  
1916, Vimy Ridge 1917.

Discharged April 15, 1918.

Address: Lock Box 31, Annaheim, Saskatchewan, Canada.

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## PURDY, WALTER

Son of Edwin B. Purdy and Julia Lendig  
Home Town: Rushford, Minn.

Born at Fort Snelling, August 8, 1890.  
American citizen at time of enlistment.

Enlisted August 21, 1914

5th Battalion Canadian Infantry. 2nd Brigade, 1st Contingent.

Rank: Corporal #13674

Wounded at Ypres June 1915.

Killed in action at Vimy Ridge April 9, 1917.

Buried in Arras Cemetery, France

Next of kin (father) Edwin B. Purdy, Monitor, Alberta, Canada.

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## BOEDECKER, CHARLES

Home Town: St. Paul, Minn.

Born at St. Paul March 15, 1888.

American citizen at time of enlistment.

Enlisted at Wayburn, Saskatchewan, Canada, June 1, 1916.

152nd Battalion Canadian Infantry. Transferred in England to the  
5th Battalion Canadian Infantry.

Rank: Private. #925891

Reported ill at Vimy Ridge February 1916 with swollen tubercular  
glands under his left arm. Discharged July 31, 1918.

Address: Fort Qui Apple, Saskatchewan, Canada.

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## BOWE, JOHN

Son of William Bowe and Henrietta ---

Home Town: Camby, Minnesota.

Born at Bassenthwaite, Cumberlandshire, England, December 2, 1869.

American citizen at time of enlistment. Became a naturalized

American citizen at Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine County, Minn.  
Enlisted in Paris, France April 1915.

2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, French Foreign Legion.

Transferred to the 170th French Regiment of the Line.

Transferred to the 163rd French Regiment of the Line.

Transferred to the 93rd French Territorial Regiment.

Transferred to the 1st Regiment, French Foreign Legion.

Rank: Private. #11436

Wounded by bursting of a shell at Ferme Navarin beyond Souain and  
in front of Somme-Pye, October 20, 1915.

Took part in the following battles: Served from May until wounded,  
on the front along the line; at the Champagne attack of September  
25th, the 2nd Regiment of the Foreign Legion was wiped out; changed  
on the front to the 170th Regiment and inside of 8 days was wounded;  
served in 1916 in Alsace and the Vosges with the 163rd Regiment;  
Discharged for disability September 1918.

Saw the first American Ambulances going out, six unpainted Ford trucks,  
upper part made out of packing boxes, Saw the first repatriated  
English prisoners at Lyons, where they had come through Switzerland  
to France. Received permission on the 4th of July, 1915 and 1916

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BOWE, JOHN (Cont'd)

to go from the front line to Paris to celebrate our Independence Day. There were a good many Americans in the 2nd Regiment of the Foreign Legion, about 20 in the 170th Regiment of the Line, but Bowe was the only American in the 163rd Regiment and in the 93rd Regiment. When he came back to the United States he went to the Adjutant General's office at Washington to try to enlist in the American Army, but was told that he was too old. Went to Minnesota and gave his services to the American Red Cross, lecturing in that state and in North and South Dakota, in addition to speaking in two of the counties of the state for Liberty Loan drives.

Awarded the Serbian Silver Medal for Bravery, May 18, 1917. (French General Order #8, Foreign Decorations). The Serbian Medal followed him through several hospitals and was finally presented to him at Bourg, France. This medal had been placed at the disposition of the French Government by the Prince Regent of Serbia for distribution for distinguished services or brilliant conduct under fire. Two were awarded to Bowe's regiment, one to an officer and the other to an enlisted man and he was chosen for the latter honor. Awarded the Croix de Guerre, Order of the Regiment #144 with the following Citation: "John Bowe, an American Citizen, engaged in the Active Army, who in spite of his age, (past the limit for military service) has given an expression of the most absolute devotion. Upon the front since the 9th of May, 1915, he has always volunteered for the dangerous missions and the most perilous posts." This decoration was presented to him about 200 yards from the German trenches, in the Vosges Mountains in a snow-storm, on a sheltered mountain top, so steep that the shells could not depress quick enough.

Was Senior-Vice-Commander of the American Legion for the Department of Minnesota the first year. Was Department-Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the State of Minnesota the following year.

Author of a book: "A Soldier of the Legion".

Address: 3208 - 17th Ave. South, Minneapolis, or c/o Council of Administrations, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

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WILLIAMS, GILBERT LEE

Son of Gilbert A. Williams and Edna R. Hardy

Home Town: Laverne, Minn.

Born at Hardwick, Minn. July 15, 1895.

Enlisted October 21, 1915.

66th Battalion Canadian Infantry.

Transferred to the Canadian Engineers. Rank: Mounted driver (in Engineers). #101460.

Had trench fever in Germany and was sent back to England. There he contracted influenza and died at Ipswich, England, February 19, 1919.

Buried in the Field of Honor at Ipswich, England, with all military honors.

The Field of Honor was established by the Women's Guild.

Next of kin (mother) Mrs. E. R. Williams, Ranfurley, Alberta, Canada.

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MCLEAN, ERNEST BALDWIN

Son of Donald Hector McLean and Felicia Baldwin

Home Town: St. Vincent, Minn.

Born at St. Vincent March 8, 1883.

Enlisted February 21, 1916.

103rd Battalion Canadian Infantry. Transferred to the 2nd Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles.

Rank: Private. #706990.

Wounded October 12, 1917.

Served in France from April to October.

Discharged June 4, 1919.

Address: 980 Tolmis Ave., Victoria, B. C., Canada.

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SMITHSON, DWIGHT

Son of Robert Smithson and Laura---

Home Town: Stillwater, Minn.

Born at Stillwater August 18, 1890.

American citizen at time of enlistment.

Enlisted January 1916.

96th Battalion Canadian Highlanders, attached to the 92nd Battalion Canadian Highlanders.

Transferred to the 15th Battalion Canadian Infantry.

Rank: Corporal of the Band, but reduced to the rank of private in order to go to the front. #204117.

Served at the front April, May and June, 1917.

Killed in action June 30, 1917. He with 7 others were operating a machine gun which was defective. It back-fired and killed them all.

Next of kin (sister) Mrs. S. B. Biehn, 1025 Avenue B, N., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. His brother Robert Smithson lives at Warland, Montana.

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KRUGER, CARL JOSEPH

Son of William C. Kruger and Hattie Herman

Home town: Morehead, Minn.

Born at Maynard, Minn. February 5, 1897.

Enlisted November 10, 1915. Canadian Army.

Rank: Private. #183123

Took part in the fighting on the Somme, 1915 and 1916.

Killed in action January 30, 1917. Buried at Tranchee, de Mecknes Cemetery, France, plot 1, row M, grave 13.

Next of kin (mother) Mrs. Hattie Kruger, 213 - 8th St. N.E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

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SHERMAN, WALTER D.

Son of Daniel Sherman and Grace Conforth

Home town: Clinton, Minn.

Born at Clinton August 11, 1894.

American citizen at time of enlistment.

Enlisted January 1, 1917. 8th Battalion Canadian Infantry.

Rank: Private. #892666.

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SHERMAN, WALTER D. (Cont'd)

Wounded at Paschendaele, November 12, 1917.  
 Took part in the following battles: Paschendaele 1917, last drive  
 at Cambrai, October 1918.  
 Discharged August 8, 1919.  
 Address: Birch River, Manitoba, Canada.

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 CAVANAGH, JAMES R.

Son of William Cavanagh and Bridget---

Home Town: Minneapolis, Minn.

Born at Ripon, Wis. November 20, 1875.

American citizen at time of enlistment.

Enlisted February 10, 1916. 107th Battalion Canadian Infantry. (nick-named "The Manitoba Timber Wools").

Rank: Private. #718487

Was in Bramshott Hospital, England when the last German Zeppelin raid took place. Suffered from shell-shock up to time of discharge, not being fit for further service.

Discharged July 15, 1917.

Address: 247 Graham Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

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 PRUDDEN, EARL DeWITT

Son of George H. Prudden and Annie Bywater.

Home Town: St. Paul, Minn.

Born at Duluth, Minn. April 6, 1895.

Enlisted in Paris June 19, 1917. American Field Service. As there was a scarcity at that time of ambulances, he was placed in the truck service and was sent to a French Motor Unit known as the Reserve Mallet. Later in the summer, when the American Army began to arrive in larger numbers, these men were given an opportunity to re-enlist under the American flag and yet remain in the same Reserve Mallet and continue to work under French control serving the French Army. This he did, and on October 1, 1917, enlisted as a private in the American Army at Soissons, France. In December 1917, he was sent to a French Training School for French Officers at Meaux, and on May 2, 1918, received a commission from the American Army as Second Lieutenant, U. S. Motor Transport Corps. In June 1918 he was placed in command of Motor Transport Company 367, which had formerly been a part of M. P. S. 408, but which was now serving with the French Army in the Reserve Mallet. There was probably no more complete amalgamation of the French-American Army to be found anywhere than in this Motor Unit. Officer and man by both French and Americans, it did more actual hauling of ammunition, troops and supplies than any other similar outfit in either the French or American armies.

Took part in the following battles: Chemin des Dames Offensive, October 23-27, 1917; Cambrai Offensive, November 25-December 2, 1917; Somme Defensive March 21-April 6, 1918; Aisne Defensive, May 27-June 5, 1918; Montdidier-Noyon Defensive June 9-13, 1918; Champagne-Marne Defensive

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PRUDEN, EARL DeWITT (Cont'd)

July 15-18, 1918; Aisne-Marne Offensive, July 18-August 6, 1918; Somme Offensive August 8-September 17, 1918; Oise-Aisne Offensive September 18-29, 1918; Meuse-Argonne Offensive, October 1-November 11, 1918.

Present address: 206 Pingree Ave., Detroit, Mich. (formerly of St. Paul, Minn.).

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COOK, EARL A.

Son of Edward Cook and Florence--

Home Town: Duluth, Minn.

Born at Two Harbors, Minn. November 26, 1897.

Enlisted September 8, 1917.

Royal Flying Corps of Canada.

Rank: First Lieutenant. #74812

Died at Amesbury, England, March 22, 1918.

Next of kin (step-mother) Mrs. Grace Cook, South Range, Wis.

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PLOIEN, JOHN J.

Son of Jorgen Ericson Nyhus Ploien and Anna Skerstad

Home town: Madison, Minn.

Born August 6, 1886.

American citizen at time of enlistment.

Enlisted July 12, 1916.

212th Battalion Canadian Infantry ("American Legion"). Transferred in France to the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Rank: Private. #261667

Awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Wounded at Vimy Ridge while on a raiding party December 26, 1916.

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917; Ypres, Paschendaele, March 1917; Amiens, Hill 70, Cambrai, Arras, and Mons.

Discharged May 17, 1919.

Address: 4275 Highland Ave. East, San Diego, Calif.

He writes that his Colonel once said about the Canadian Battalions known as the "American Legion": "Give me all the American Legion men there are enlisted, none better in the world, hard to tame but willing to go."

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GREGG, JESSE ASHTON

Son of Henry S. Gregg and Estella Moore

Home town: Minneapolis, Minn.

Born at St. Paul, Minn. March 30, 1892. Enlisted February 7, 1917.

Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps, Section 7.

Discharged October 30, 1917.

Enlisted in the French Army November 22, 1917. Trained at the Artillery School at Fontainebleau, France. Assigned to the 221st Regiment French Field Artillery, February 1918.

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GREGG, JESSE ASHTON (Cont'd)

Rank: Promoted Aspirant February 1918. Second Lieutenant November 10, 1918.

Wounded by a highly explosive shell during the Offensive on the Vesle River August 10, 1918.

Took part in the following battles: Defensive from March 24, 1918 to April 15; Noyon-Lassigny Offensive July 22 to August 10; fighting from Fere-en-Tardenois to the Vesle.

Awarded the Croix de Guerre with Silver Star with the following Citation: "General Order #275 of the 62nd Division of Infantry of August 15, 1918. General Girard, commanding the 62nd Division of Infantry, cites in the Orders of the Division: Aspirant, Foreigner, Gregg, (Jesse Ashton), of the 27th Battery, 221st Regiment of Artillery. Came to the front in the month of February 1917 with an American Ambulance section, then voluntarily enlisted in the French Artillery November 1917, has given, as Chief of Section, and as Observer, during the Defensive Combats of March and April at Roye-sur-Matz, later during the Offensive of July on the Oise, a fine example of calm courage, coolness and energy. Severely wounded the 9th of August, 1918 at the observatory of the group."

Discharged March 10, 1919.

Address: 2128 Girard Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn.

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BAKER, JAMES HENRY

Son of James Heaton Baker and Zula Bartlett  
Home Town: Minneapolis

Born at Rapidan, Blue Earth County, Minn.,  
Enlisted July 6, 1917.

Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps, Section 60.

Discharged October 25, 1917.

Joined the American Red Cross Italian Service November 12, 1917.  
Discharged October 23, 1918.

Joined the French Army November 8, 1918.

5th Battery, -10th Regiment, French Field Artillery.

Rank: Aspirant December 31, 1918. Promoted Sous-Lieutenant July 1, 1919.

Took part in the following battles: Second Battle of Verdun (in ambulance service attached to the 25th French Division) August 20 to September 1, 1917; Austrian Offensive of June 16 to July 2 1918, attached to the Italian 9th Army Corps.

Awarded the Croix de Guerre with the following Citations: "The Chief of Squadron Duval, temporarily commanding the 10/270 Regiment, French Field Artillery, cites in the orders of the Regiment: Aspirant Baker, James Henry, of the 5th Battery. American Citizen enlisted at an early date in the French Army. Especially distinguished himself during the summer of 1917 at Verdun. Given charge of the evacuation of wounded from the quarries of Haudromont along roads constantly harried by enemy artillery, he has shown splendid bravery and a great spirit of sacrifice. Since his arrival in the Regiment he has not failed to win the appreciation of everyone by his dash and devotion." Awarded the Italian War Cross by the Commander of the 11th Army Corps for services with the 18th Division at the hill of Galla and the Valley of San Lorenzo where

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BAKER, JAMES HENRY (Cont'd)

he showed great courage, calm, scorn of danger and spirit of unselfishness while transporting the sick and wounded in a zone violently bombarded by enemy artillery.

Discharged at Vincennes, France, September 26, 1919.  
Address: 116 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis, Minn.

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MOTT, EDWIN HENRY

Son of Lorenzo Mott and Sarah --

Home town: Austin, Minn.

Born at Elyota, Olmstead County, Minn. January 4, 1873.  
Canadian Army.

His father Lorenzo Mott of Austin can give no more information about him, as he has not heard from him since he was up in Canada with a surveying party in 1913.

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VOGEL, F. B.

Born in Minnesota

Canadian Army

Killed in action at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917.

Next of kin (brother) John E. Vogel, R.F.D. 1, Comox, B.C., Canada.  
(We understand that J. E. Vogel has already sent you this record).

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HALL, EDWARD RICHARD  
Son of Richard Hall and Annie Gustafson  
Home town: Grand Forks, Minn.  
Born at Grand Forks, April 5, 1898  
Enlisted March 28, 1916.  
203rd Battalion Canadian Infantry  
Rank: Private. #234560  
Discharged: March 31, 1919  
Address: 178 Goulet St., Norwood, Manitoba, Canada.

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STANTONxxWELLIAMxxx

## ✓ HENRY FORD HEALD

Son of John Wesley Heald and Julia Ford  
Born in St Paul, Minn. August 4, 1893

Home Town: ST PAUL, Minn.

Enlisted November 1, 1914

28th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to 2nd Motor Transport Company, Canadian Army

Rank: Private

Number: 73908

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, Vimy, Amiens, Bourlon Wood, Cambrai, Mons

Discharged August 16, 1919

Address: 238 Balmoral Street, Fort William, Ontario, Canada

## FRANK EDWARD EMERY

Son of Charles Emery and Minnie Porrington ( or Parrington)

Home Town: CHATFIELD, Minn.

Born in Chatfield, April 2, 1881

Enlisted December 1915

101st Battalion Canadian Infantry

Promoted to Lieutenant, to Captain, to Major

Wounded in front of Messines, Belgium, June 1, 1917

Took part in the following battles: Messines 1917, Paschendaele 1917, Cambrai 1917, through 1918 to the end of the war.

Discharged April 1919

Address: 1724 Twelfth Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

## WILLIAM MATRON

Son of Mats Matron and Betsy Jorson

Home Town: Detroit ( he has written Minn. but probably means Mich.)

Born in CORMORANT TOWNSHIP, Becker County, Minn. November 3, 1896

Enlisted February 19, 1916

175th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to 31st Battalion Canadian Infantry, 2nd Division, December 1916

Rank: Private

Number: 696256

Wounded at Fresnoy, May 3, 1917; again in the Arras Sector May 22, 1918;

Again at Amiens, August 9, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Lens and Vimy Ridge December 1916- May 3, 1917, Lens and Arras front November 1917 to May 22, 1918, Somme August 1918

Discharged February 1919

At Vimy on May 3rd, he was wounded early in the morning while preparing an attack on the enemy lines at Fresnoy. Served between Arras and Albert 1918 when the Germans started their offensive in March until wounded in a raid behind the enemy's lines, May 22, 1918

Address: Whitla, Alberta, Canada

## WALTER MARTIN LARSEN

Son of John E. Larsen and Clara Tew

Home Town: BADGER, Minn.

Born in Badger July 4, 1899

Enlisted January 1, 1917

50th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 895534

Wounded at Paschendaele, November 15, 1917; again at Cambrai, September 27, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Lens, August 1917, Paschendaele November

W.M. Larsen continued

Cambrai September 1918  
 Discharged September 19, 1919  
 Address: Strome, Alberta, Canada

MOISE JAMES PRENEVOST  
 Son of Henry Prenevost and Rosanna Tibbert  
 Home Town: RED LAKE FALLS, Minn.  
 Born in Terrebonne, Minn. February 27, 1901  
Enlisted November 19, 1915

"C" Company, 5th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 198202 (or 1916 ?)

Wounded at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917, and at the Somme April 21, 1916  
 Took part in the following battles: Somme, Vimy Ridge, 2nd Battle of Vimy,  
 Hill 70 and Baschendaele  
 Discharged February 15, 1918  
 Address: Willowvale, Saskatchewan, Canada

JAMES JOSEPH MATTHEWS

Son of John Matthews and Mary ----  
 Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.  
 Born in Minneapolis, March 11, 1894

Enlisted July 1917

79th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 44th Battalion Canadian Infantry in which he served as  
 Scout

Rank: Private

Number: 2378343

Awarded the British Military Medal

Took part in the following battles: Cambrai, Vimy Ridge, Hindenburg Line

Discharged July 1919

Accidentally killed February 20, 1921

A newspaper account says of him: "A smile was natural to him. In personal contact our lamented friend was genial, whole-souled and courteous, endearing himself to the whole membership of Giantvalley Post. \*\*\*\* Passing strange it is that he, who was one of six in the fighting line to survive in a Canadian Infantry battalion, one who felt the touch of a Hun's bullets three times, but never to injure him, in the two years he served in France, should meet his death beneath a car on the streets of Minneapolis, a year and a half after he returned from the war. Previous to the entry of the United States into the war, Matthews was an artist on the Minneapolis Tribune, and he got tired of drawing borders and pieces to go with warlike scenes, and went to Winnipeg to enlist. He was in the Highland 'Camerons' first and then went across with the 44th Bn, C.E.F. Between Verdun and Ypres, there is a stretch that one can imagine must still be wet with British blood, and that is around Arras, Cambrai, Vimy Ridge and that section. That is where Matthews did his fighting with what came to be called the 'Suicide Battalion'. It had 900 men at full strength but during its existence swallowed up 20,206 replacements. Of these 46 survived, but 40 of the 46 were clerks and others behind the line, so that only six fighters survived and of these, Matthews was one. He was struck on the heel by a piece of shrapnel once, but the missile only took a part of the shoe. Another time a bullet barely drew blood from his upper lip, and at another time his helmet was nearly smashed over his ears, leaving him unhurt. For his service in the war, Matthews was awarded the British Military Medal, but he never was induced to tell how he got it. 'There was so many of those medals among the fellows' he said, 'that we guessed they came in with the rations. We called them Maconachie Medals. A man named McConachie put up rations in tins that contained so many things that we thought it quite likely the medals came in that way too.' Matthews would not talk much about his own participation but he had a great

J.J. Matthews continued

deal to say about the battalion and about the fire-eating major in command. After his return home in July 1919, he returned to his desk at the Tribune". Next of K'n, mother: Mrs Mary Matthews, 2207 Twenty-first Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota

CHARLES NATHANIEL SCRIBNER

Son of William Scribner and Carrie Steele

Home Town: CLOQUET, Minn.

Born in Carolton, Michigan, 1884

Enlisted December 7, 1916

230th Battalion Canadian Forestry Corps. On arrival in England it was split up into several different companies. Served, in France, in the 34th Company

Rank: Private

Number: 1013000

Was one of the sawyers on the forestry mills. They had a little portable 50 horse-power mill and made timber for the line, standard ties and road planking to get artillery through the mud. Cut oak, beech and cherry.

Discharged May 1919

Address: Fort Francis, Ontario, Canada

RICHARD FELIX RANDALL

Son of William Randall ( a Civil War veteran) and Ruth ----

Home Town: FRAZEE, Minn.

Born at Le Seur Minn, August 18, 1874

Enlisted April 19, 1916

192nd Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 898414

Discharged October 19, 1916, as medically unfit, owing to rheumatism contracted in Sarcee Camp, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Address: Prosser, State of Washington

CLARENCE EVERETT BRATTON

Son of Irra Nuten Bratton and Minnie Louise Brown

Home Town: ALEXANDRIA, Minn.

Born at Elma, Otter Tail County, Minn. March 15, 1888

Became a naturalized Canadian at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada, April 1, 1920

Enlisted August 16, 1915

50th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 435543

Lost his right eye at Oppy Woods on the right of Vimy Ridge

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, August 16, 1916, Dickebusch, Somme September 12 to November 26, 1916, Vimy Ridge, December 1916 to August 1917, Paschendaele, September to December 1917, from then until June 26, Vimy Ridge

Discharged March 11, 1918

Address: Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada

FRANK MILLARD WILLFORD

Son of Clinton D. Willford and Mary Edwards

Home Town: MARSHALL, Minn.

Born in Lyon County, Minn. March 8, 1887

Enlisted December 27, 1916

"A" Company 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles

Rank: Private

Number: 1010281

F.M.Willford continued

Wounded at Walley Woods July 12, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Lens, Arras, Amiens, Cambrai, Valenciennes and Mons

Discharged April 13, 1919

Both his grandfathers served in the Civil War, Thomas Edwards in a Wisconsin regiment and Daniel Willford in a Minnesota regiment.

F.M.Willford writes: "The first night we were marched into the trenches was on Vimy Ridge; it was after dusk, of course, and we could not tell the difference between German shells bursting and our own guns firing. Had the experience of being buried in the trench the first night but managed to dig way out, not hurt but somewhat shaken up. Was in the line continuously until July 12, when I received a piece of shrapnel. Was out only three weeks and back again as escort of prisoners of war and guiding traffic to different parts of the line".

Address: Luella, Saskatchewan, Canada

GRANT HUY MC KEAN

Son of Elias McKean and Marcia Smith

Home Town: STILLWATER, Minn.

Born in Stillwater, May 26, 1860

Enlisted October 26, 1915

Company "A", 54th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 443158

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, Somme 1916

Discharged June 3, 1917

Address: Proter, British Columbia, Canada

CLARENCE ANTHONY PAPPENFUS

Son of George Pappenfus and Mary Latzka

Home Town: FOLEY, Minn.

Born in Gilman, Benton County, Minn. June 13, 1893

Enlisted August 3, 1915

65th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 46th Battalion Canadian Light Infantry with which he served in France

Rank: Private

Number: 472174

Wounded in the Ypres Salient, August 1916, again at Vimy Ridge, April 1917

Took part in the following battles: 2nd Battle of Ypres, 1916, Somme 1916, Vimy Ridge 1917

Discharged April 15, 1918

Address: Lock Box 31, Annaheim, Saskatchewan, Canada

ALBERT FRED WELCK

Son of Frank Welck and Catherine Niggemann

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Born in Minneapolis, March 13, 1885

American citizen at time of enlistment

Enlisted early in 1916

1st Canadian Mounted Rifles

Rank: Private

Killed in action at Moquet Farm, Somme Front, France September 15, 1916

Mother: Mrs Frank Welck, 3104 Oliver Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota

LEAROYD CHESTER TAYLOR

Son of M.L.Taylor and Mary E. Fawcett

Home Town: DULUTH, Minn.

Born at Duluth

L.C.Taylor continued

Enlisted March 14, 1916  
 100th Battalion Canadian Infantry  
 Rank: Private  
 Number: 216713  
 Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge 1917, Hill 70 1917, Somme 1918  
 and a great many other important ones until the end of the war  
 Discharged July 1919  
 Address: Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada

LEON FRANK LYON  
 Son of Frank Lyon and Isabelle Conrad  
 Home Town: AUSTIN, Minn.  
 Born at Austin, March 18 ----  
 Enlisted May 24, 1916  
 209th Battalion Canadian Infantry  
 Transferred to 49th Battalion Canadian Infantry, with which he served in  
 France  
 Took part in the following battles: Vimy, Hooge, and Paschendaele  
 Killed in action at Paschendaele, Belgium, October 30, 1917  
 Buried north of Paschendaele  
 Father: Frank Lyon, Box 146, Admiral, Saskatchewan, Canada

HANS GUDVANGEN  
 Son of Hans Gudvangen and ---- Kpersti  
 Born at FERULE, Minn. June 11, 1891  
 46th Battalion Canadian Infantry .Transferred to this from the 65th Battalion  
 Canadian Infantry in which he first enlisted.  
 Rank: Private  
 Discharged April 6, 1919  
 Wounded three times  
 Record furnished by Hans Gudvangen ( probably father) , Ferule, Minnesota

JESSE GARNER MAKLUM  
 Son of Halvor Maklum and Mathilda Johnson  
 Home Town: BAGLEY, Minn.  
 Born at Sacred Heart, Minn. January 11, 1887  
 Enlisted January 19, 1916  
 "D" Company, 5th Battalion Canadian Infantry  
 Rank: Private  
 Number: 267105  
 Wounded at the Battle of Arras, September 2, 1918  
 Took part in the following battles: Amiens, Arras  
 Discharged at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, February 8, 1918

CARL CLAYTON FINCH  
 Son of George Finch and Nettie Tracy  
 Home Town: Clinton Falls, Minn.  
 Born at Clinton Falls, September 1, 1893  
 Enlisted January 13, 1917  
 107th Battalion Canadian Infantry  
 Transferred to the 3rd Canadian Engineers, 1st Canadian Division  
 Rank: Private; Driver  
 Number: 913836  
 Wounded at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917  
 Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge April 9, 1917, Hill 70 August  
 1917, Paschendaele, 1917, Somme 1918, Cambrai 1918  
 Discharged July 8, 1919  
 Address: Mulvihill, Manitoba, Canada

## JAMES WATSON

Son of Brodie Watson and Jean Chardon  
 Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.  
 Born at Minneapolis, July 31, 1894

Enlisted October 1914

31st Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 183333

Killed by a heavy shell at Paschendaele, November 7, 1918 ( There may be some mistake as to this date as the record says "killed at the Battle of Paschendaele, and the fight there that is generally known as the "battle" occurred in 1917)

Buried about 30 yards in front of Paschendaele Church

Father: Brodie Watson, Big Valley, Alberta, Canada

## LEON A. HUBBARD

Son of Arthur Hubbard and Anna Koons

Home Town: NEW AUBURN, Minn.

Born in New Auburn, June 5, 1894

Enlisted April 27, 1916

229th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to Canadian Forestry Corps

Promoted to Sergeant, February 1, 1919

Number: 1009975

Went to England in April 1917. Badly injured there in training. After 11 months in hospital, rated unfit for any but sedentary duties. Transferred to Canadian Forestry Corps and served with that force at various places in England as "Forestry Sergeant"

Discharged July 19, 1919

Address: New Auburn, Minnesota

## GUST GOODRICH

Son of Albert Goodrich and Maris Norby

Home Town: FAITH, Minn.

Born at Faith about February 1894

Enlisted December 1915 .102nd Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Sharpshooter or Sniper

Number: 703065

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, Somme, 1916, Vimy, Paschendaele

Killed in action at the Battle of the Somme, September 8, 1916

Buried in Reninghelst Cemetery, Belgium,

Also fought at Amiens, Canal du Nord, Cambrai and Valenciennes

Brother: Elmer Goodrich, Compeer, Alberta, Canada

## EDMOND O. PERRY

Son of Abraham Perry and Marince Cardinal

Home Town: CENTREVILLE, Minn.

Born at Centreville, March 24, 1900

American citizen up to time of enlistment

Enlisted at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, February 22, 1916

138th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred the same year to the 233rd Battalion Canadian Infantry

When this Battalion was about to leave for overseas, he was discharged for an unknown reason

Re-enlisted in the 118th Battalion Irish Guards (of Canada ?)

Left for France February 1917

In France he was transferred several times, but the names of his units are unknown to his father

Served in No. 1 Company, 3rd Battalion Canadian Railway Troops

Rank: Sapper

Number: 811995

Wounded May 17, 1918 while serving with the Canadian Railway Troops  
 Died of wounds May 18, 1918

The following is a copy of a letter received by his father:

" France

19/5/18

Dear Mr Perry:-

I am presuming that you are the father of # 811995 Perry, E.O. who was killed by enemy fire yesterday, and of whose death you will have been notified long before this letter can reach you. Your boy and eight other men of this company were hit at the same time. Edmond received a wound in his forehead from a shell splinter and never regained consciousness. The wounded were in an A.D.S. a few minutes after they were hit, but your poor brave boy was past all medical aid. He was buried this afternoon by Capt. M.C. McVeigh, R.C. Padre, at 1.15 P.M. Our O.C. and myself with 35 other ranks attended the funeral and paid our last tribute to a brave boy and a good soldier.\*\*\*\*\* I was in a position to know your son very well and I found him a sterling young man, and one very keen and enthusiastic to do his bit. He made application for a transfer to the R.A.F. but was not accepted as there were no vacancies at that time. This in itself shows the stuff the lad was made of and we all admired him for this. You have the small comfort of knowing that his death was painless and that he gave his life willingly that our dear ones at home may never be subjected to what the people of France have suffered and are still suffering. I know it will be a severe blow to you and the loss of such a son is indeed a great blow. You have the deepest sympathy of all ranks in this company and your loss is our country's as well.

Again expressing my own personal sympathy for you and yours, I am,

Very sincerely,  
 M.M. Churchill, Captain "

Father: Abraham Perry, Legal P.O., Alberta, Canada

ROBERT BURNS MCPHERSON MANLY

Son of Robert C. Manly and Clara McPherson

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Born in Alameda, California, October 13, 1895

Enlisted April 19, 1917

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Rank: Signaller

Number: 2193326

Wounded by shrapnel at Paschendaele Ridge, November 17, 1907

Discharged May 1919

Address: 303 Ross Block, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

ALMOND LUDVIG COLBIORNSEN

Son of K.S. Colbiornsen and Jennie-----

Home Town: BELGRADE, Minn.

Born in Belgrade, Minn. April 3, 1896

Enlisted April 28, 1917

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 2193338

Hit 10 times by enemy bullets. At the Battle of Arras struck on the side of the head by the dirt from a shell which landed and exploded completely about 11 inches from his head. Was hit in several places by machine gun bullets, and was even hit in the heel of his boot by a German machine gun explosive bullet and in the haversack by a tracer bullet shot from a German aeroplane. But was never wounded!!

Took part in the following battles: Paschendaele, Amines, Arras, Cambrai

Discharged June 5, 1919

Address: Maidstone, Saskatchewan, Canada. Occupation: Barrister, Solicitor.

## EDWARD HENRY JOHN ORTLOFF

Son of Carl Ortloff and Dorothy Schuft  
Home Town: HECTOR, Minn.

Born at Hector October 28, 1895

Enlisted May 11, 1915

4th Canadian Mounted Rifles, Signal Section

Promoted to Lance Corporal, October 29, 1918, to Corporal November 16, 1918

Number: 440860

Wounded at the Battle of Cambrai, September 29, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Somme 1916, Vimy Ridge 1917, Paschendaele 1917, Hill 70, 1917, Amiens 1918, Arras 1918, Cambrai 1918

Discharged January 29, 1919

Address: C/o North Star Lumber Company, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada

## LEWIS HARRINGTON BAKER

Son of Lewis Baker Jr and Louise L. Kittson

Home Town: Wheeling, West Virginia

Born in ST PAUL, Minnesota, June 9, 1891

Enlisted February 3, 1916

51st Battery, 13th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery

Promoted to Bombardier, to Sergeant, reverted to Gunner to go overseas; rank at time of discharge, Bombardier.

Number: 319853

Mentioned in despatches, recommended for a commission

Took part in the following battles: Somme 1916, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Paschendaele, Lens 1917, Lens, 1st Battle of Arras, Amiens, 2nd Battle of Arras, Monchy, Canal du Nord, Bourlon Wood, Cambrai, Valenciennes, Mons 1918, First British Army of Occupation 1918-19

Discharged June 26, 1919

Address: C/o Mr Louis Kittson, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania

## JOHN ROBERT KEIL

Son of Gustav Keil and Helen Johnson

Home Town: BRECKENRIDGE, Minn.

Born at Breckenridge, Wilken County

Enlisted July 8, 1916

212th Battalion ("American Legion"), Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 261656

Served six months in France. Took part in the battles near Arras

Discharged August 25, 1919

Address: 1409 Jennie Avenue, Grand Forks, North Dakota

## FRANCIS COLEMAN

Son of F.C. Coleman and Catherine McDonald

Home Town: COHASSET, Minn.

Born at Grand Rapids, Minn.

Canadian Army

Was wounded

Discharged May 16, 1919

Record furnished by Mrs F.C. Coleman, Box 42, Cohasset, Minn. who knows very little about his war service as he ran away from home and enlisted without her knowledge

W.H. COMSTOCK

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Son of Orrin V. Comstock and Sarah B. ----

Home Town: FERGUS FALLS, Minn.

Born at Fergus Falls, November 21, 1893

Enlisted November 21, 1914

1st Canadian Mounted Rifles

W. H. Comstock continued

Rank: Private

Number: 106147

Killed in action May 6, 1916 at Hooge

Mother: Mrs B. Comstock, Kincaid, Saskatchewan, Canada

O.J. COMSTOCK

Son of Orrin V. Comstock and Sara B. ----

Home Town: FERGUS FALLS, Minn.

Born in Fergus Falls, December 2, 1895

Enlisted May 18, 1915

1st Canadian Mounted Rifles

Rank: Private

Number: 106148

Gassed

Discharged March 1, 1919

Died from effects of gas, January 9, 1922

Mother: Mrs B. Comstock, Kincaid, Saskatchewan, Canada

PAUL R. PIERCE

Home Town: AUSTIN, Minnesota

Born at Pleasant Valley, Mower County, Minnesota

Enlisted in the Chinese Labor Corps, British Army, at Pekin, China, April, 1917

33rd Battalion Chinese Labor Corps

Rank: Company Commander

Joined the British Royal Flying Corps in England September, 1917, Wireless Air Squadron

Address to: #2 School of Navigation and Bombing, dropping at Andover, Hants, England

Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant; to Lieutenant, to Flying Officer (Observer)

Discharged March, 1919

Address: 308 Washington Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa

MILES WILLSEY

Son of Lewis Willsey and Gertrude Miller

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Born at Heron Lake, Minnesota, April 1, 1896

Enlisted in Paris, France, July 5, 1917

American Field Service, Section 59,

Attached to the 17th Division, 9th Corps, 8th French Army

Took part in local actions at Badouville, Montigny and St. Martin

Discharged in Paris October 20, 1917

Transferred to the United States Air Service

Served in the American Army as Pilot de Chasse; was Flight Commander "A", Flight Spad 638,

5th Pursuit Group, stationed at Pagny-sur-Meuse. Flying training received from the  
branch at Tours and Chateau Roux; advanced training at Issoudun

Address: 2415 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota

MILO SIDNEY FREDERICK

Son of Henry Jerold Frederick and Kate May

Father born in Ohio, Mother in Michigan

Home Town: Hood River, Oregon

Born at: FELICAN RAPIDS, Ottertail county, Minnesota, May 2, 1894

Enlisted August 20, 1917

"C" Battery, 102nd Brigade, 23rd Division Royal Field Artillery, British Army

Rank: Gunner

Promoted to Gunlayer

No. 265280

Wounded at Asiago, Italy, June 15, 1918

Took part in all battles on the Italian front from the time the British troops went to Italy.

The heaviest fighting started on the Piave October 26, 1918, and continued until the enemy  
was driven back to the Tagamento River November 3, 1918, when they signed the Armistice.

## MILIO SIDNEY FREDERICK (Continued)

Discharged by the British Consul in New York on landing from the S/S "Adnatic" March 13, 1920  
Address: 1215 Sherman Avenue, Hood River, Oregon

He writes that he was unable to enlist in the American Army on account of having bad teeth and being anxious to do his bit enlisted in the British Army in Portland, Oregon, August 1, 1917. Was sent to New York and reached there August 20, 1917; was sent to Montreal, Canada, that night and was in uniform on the 21st, and drilling on September 3rd, 1917. They embarked for England on a cattle boat, each two men having about forty horses to attend to; they were supposed to have been chased by a submarine and took nineteen days to cross. On September 23rd taken to Stonor Camp at Sandwich, Kent, England, and were put through drills for some time. Three weeks after they landed four of the men got a pass until midnight on Sunday to go to Margate seven miles away. Three of his comrades, all Americans, never returned for about 7 P.M. an air raid came over. The four of them started to cover, but it was too far away. They started to run one way while Frederick jumped over the seawall. A bomb fell in their midst and blew them to pieces.

## SOREN WILLIAM SWENSON

Son of William Swenson

Home Town: HAWLEY, Minnesota

Born at Rollo, Clay County, Minnesota, October 19, 1881

Enlisted at Edmonton, Canada, June 12, 1915

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Transferred to the 51st Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 15th Battalion, 48th Highlanders of Canada "D" Company, First Canadian

Rank: Corporal

Division

No. 437425

Was Special Engineer at Armory at Edmonton, Canada; was Musketry Instructor at Bramshott, Hampshire, England. May, 1916, Sniper Trench Mortar Battery, Lewis Gun Section

Killed in action on the Somme November 28, 1916

Buried at Villiers-au-Bois Military Cemetery

Had previously served as Private in Company G, 2nd Infantry, from March 2, October 8, 1906; as Private Battery "B", First Field Artillery, Minnesota National Guard from May 30, 1907, to November 25, 1910; Sergeant and Chief Sergeant July 3, 1907; Corporal April 22, 1910; was Captain 2nd Infantry, Montana National Guard, 1912; served in the Spanish-American War in the Philippines

Widow: Mrs. Gladys H. Swenson, The Bungalow, Llandefaelog, Brecon, South Wales, Great Britain.



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Minnesota War Records Commission

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believe me,

Very truly yours,

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Secretary of Department No. 6.

MINNESOTA. |

H. STEPHENS.

Home Town: Duluth, Minnesota.

American Citizen.

Enlisted at Liverpool, England, June 1st, 1915.

542nd Employment Company, British Army.

Rank: Private. No. 416780.

Next of Kin: Father, W. D. Stephens, Hornell, N. Y.

Returned to the United States on S. S. "Scotian."

Address: General Post Office, Duluth, Minn.

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E. GAW.

Home Town: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Born in Clinton, Mass., Aug. 1, 1897.

American Citizen.

Enlisted at Buffalo, New York, May 21, 1918.

Royal Garrison Artillery, British Army.

Rank: Private. No. 226233.

Next of Kin: Sister: Mrs. Warren, 6 Bury St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Returned to the United States on S.S. "Ulua", May 1919.

Employed by Nettleton Shoe Mfrg. Co., Syracuse, New York.

Address: Eagle Hotel, 7th Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

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J. McCARTHY.

Home Town: Duluth, Minn.

Born, Providence, Rhode Island, 1869.

Nationality American.

Labour Corps, British Army.

Rank: Private. No. 674174.

Returned to the United States on S.S. "Minnedosa", May 9, 1919.  
Discharged at Winchester, England, Dec. 5, 1918.  
Passed thru the Winchester Repatriation Camp.

Address: 268 West Lake Street, Chicago, Ill.

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C. MOSS.

Home Town: Everdell, Minnesota.

American Citizen

Enlister at Limerick, February 26, 1917.

2nd Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, British Army.

Rank: Private. No. 4517.

Returned to the United States on S.S. "Cedric".

Address: Everdell, Minnesota.

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Secretary of Department No. 6.

MINNESOTA

WILLIAM W.GRANDIN

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Born at Mayville, North Dakota

Enlisted April, 1917

Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps, Section #62

Took part in the fight at the left of Verdun during the Summer and Autumn of 1917

Discharged in November, 1917

Turned down by United States Coast Artillery and the Canadian Artillery after returning to America in December, 1917

In August, 1917, the new draft bill prevented him from enlisting, but before the Armistice he had been accepted in the Motor Transport Tank and Officers School at Camp Zachary Taylor at Louisville, Kentucky

The signing of the Armistice prevented him from entraining for any of the Camps

Address: 2407 Irving Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota

ROBERT P.HALL

Home State: MINNESOTA,

Enlisted 1917

Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corp, Section #62

Killed in action in the Forest of Hesse in the Summer of 1917

Buried in the Cemetery at Brocourt, France

HENRY S.KINGMAN

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Born at Minneapolis

Enlisted May 14, 1917

Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps

Discharged October, 1917

Enlisted in the French Artillery May, 1918

Graduated from the Artillery School at Fontainebleau

Assigned to the 10th Regiment, French Field Artillery, 9th Battery, September, 1918

Served with the second group Headquarters of the same regiment

Promoted to aspirant, to 2nd lieutenant

Cited by the 10th Regiment for the Croix de Guerre

Took part in the following battles: Verdun, August 29, 1917; Italian front November, 1917, to May, 1918

Discharged July 7, 1919

Address: 225 Ridgewood Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota

WILLIAM BARRETT

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Born at Denver, Colorado

Enlisted December, 1917

54th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Died of wounds not received in action October 6, 1918

Next of kin: Mrs. James Barrett, 537 Oliver Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota

CHARLES W.COLE

Son of W.R.Cole and Elizabeth Fisher

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Born at Waterloo, Iowa

Enlisted August 17, 1918

32nd Regiment French Field Artillery

## CHARLES W. COLE (Continued)

Transferred to the 31st Battery, 4th Regiment, French Field Artillery  
Promoted Aspirant December 30, 1918

Passed through the Artillery School at Fontainebleau

Discharged March 25, 1919

Went to Warsaw as guard on an American Red Cross train which was held up in Germany for  
several days by the German Communists

Address: Munsingwear Corporation, Minneapolis, or c/o W.R. Cole, Waterloo, Iowa

## CHARLES BAILEY, Jr.

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Enlisted before the United States entered the war

Served in the Ambulance Corps and in the French Field Artillery

Rank: Sous-Lieutenant, 3rd Regiment French Field Artillery

## JOSEPH BURT PRATT

Home Town: VIRGINIA, Minnesota

Born at Stanton, Michigan, April 14, 1881

Enlisted August, 1914

9th Battalion Canadian Army

"B" Company, 3rd Brigade, 1st Division

Afterwards transferred several times

At the time of his death was in 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, Canadian Contingent

Rank: Sergeant

No. 18229

Received a gun shot in his scalp May 24, 1915

Wounded by shrapnel in the leg June 15, 1915

Took part in the fighting around Arras

Was in England until early in May, 1915

Served as cook in a Base Regiment until the Canadians were decimated at Ypres

Was taken and transferred to the 1st Battalion to fill the ranks.

Died of wounds in Boulogne Hospital June 21, 1915

Next of kin: Harriet Pratt Lerch, 104 Sellers Street, Hibbing, Minnesota

## WILLIAM JOHN IRWIN

Son of Draper Irwin and Emma Olsen

Home Town: HACKENSACK, Minnesota

Born at Hackensack, April 13, 1901

Enlisted March 20, 1916

172nd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Rocky Mountain Rangers)

Transferred to the 7th Battalion Canadian Infantry with which he served in France

Rank: Private

Was on orders for promotion twice, but was not promoted owing to being under age

No. 688024

Wounded on the Arras front May, 1919

Took part in all battles which his Battalion fought from June, 1918, until the Armistice  
Stationed at Cologne in Army of Occupation

Discharged April 26, 1919

Is the youngest returned soldier from Quesnel, B.C.

Enlisted at the age of fifteen; discharged at the age of eighteen

Address: Dragon Lake, Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada

## LEWIS BERG

Son of Gunnar Berg

Home Town: CANBY, Minnesota

Born at North Cape, Wisconsin

Enlisted at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, Canada, December 23, 1914

9th Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles

Transferred to Canadian Army Service Corps

Transferred to Canadian Light Horse

Transferred to Canadian Motor Machine Gun Corps

Rank: Private

No. 114791

Gassed at Ypres and again at Vimy Ridge

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, Somme, Arras, Lens, Hill 70, Paschendaele, Vimy Ridge, Cambrai

Discharged April 29, 1919

He writes: "I just want to tell you this, so you can see what a poor shot they were.

There were six of us sent out one morning on our horses to get in touch with the enemy. It was very foggy this morning and we could not see very far ahead. We were to go through our own front lines and carry on until we found them, it seems we went through a gap in our lines and did not know we were in the enemy lines and did not see any of the enemy or our own men. We went in about two miles and the fog started to lift, and just at that time we ran right into a German machine-gun nest. They started to shoot point blank. The corporal's horse went down in the mud, but jumped up and left the corporal. The horse was badly hurt; I caught the horse and took it back to him. By this time the fog was all gone, and they were shooting from all sides. We went through a real hailstorm for two miles back to our own lines and only lost two horses. They were in front of us and all around, we got the men out O.K. and I think that was about the most excitement I had for a few months. The rest was almost every-day stuff, the trench life and battles, only when we would bomb out a machine gun or something like that"

Address: Ingebright, Saskatchewan, Canada

## JOHN ROBT. McCANN

Son of Michael McCann and Jennie .....

Home Town: STEVEN, Minnesota

Born in Marshall County, Minnesota, August 23, 1899

American citizen at time of enlistment

Enlisted June 15, 1916

226th Battalion, Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 16th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Canadian Scottish)

Rank: Private

No. 1001262

Wounded at Lens, October 11, 1917; again at Cambrai October 1, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge April, 1917; Lens, August to October, 1917; Amiens, August, 1918; Cambrai, 1918

Discharged February 21, 1919

Address: Box 312, Rush Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada

## JOHN WENNEBOLD

Son of Lars Wennebold and Berit Larsom Haugdahl

Home Town: KENYON, Minnesota

Born at Kenyon, Goodhue County, Minnesota, June 29, 1885

Enlisted November, 1914, at Winnipeg, Canada

10th Battalion, Canadian Infantry

Promoted to Corporal, to sergeant

No. 19791

Wounded in the right side at Ypres, Belgium, May 4, 1915

## JOHN WENNEBOLD (Continued)

Taken to the Third West Central Hospital at Cardiff, Wales

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal

Killed in action September 28, 1918

(Was instantly killed by enemy machine gun bullets while taking part in the military operations in the neighborhood of Apinoy)

Next of kin: Mrs. B.Wennebold, Kenyon, Minnesota

## EARL DeWITT PRUDDEN

Son of George H.Prudden and Annie Bywater

Home Town: ST. PAUL, Minnesota

Born at Duluth, Minnesota, April 6, 1895

Enlisted July 19, 1917

American Field Service, Camion Service, (Reserve Mallet)

Transferred to Motor Transport Corps, U.S.A.

Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant, May 2, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Chemin des Dames Offensive October 23 to 27, 1917; Cambrai Offensive, November 25 to December 2, 1917; Somme Defensive March 21 to April 6, 1918; Aisne Defensive May 27 to June 5, 1918; Montdidier-Noyon Defensive June 9 to 13, 1918; Champagne-Marns Defensive July 15 to 18, 1918; Aisne-Marne Offensive July 18 to August 6, 1918; Somme August 8 to September 17, 1918; Ois-Aisne Offensive September 18-29, 1918; Meuse-Argonne Offensive October 1 to November 11, 1918

Discharged April 29, 1919

He writes: In April, 1917, I made application with the American Field Service to go as a volunteer with their Ambulance Service, serving with the French Armies in France. My acceptance was not received until the last of June, and on July 9, 1917, I sailed from New York. I arrived in Paris on July 19, 1917, and on that day was formally signed for service in the American Field Service in the French Armies. As there was a scarcity at that time of ambulances, I was placed in the Camion Truck Service and sent with other American volunteers to a French motor unit, known as the Reserve Mallet. Later in that Summer when the American Army began to arrive in larger numbers, we were given an opportunity to re-enlist under the American flag and yet remain in the same Reserve Mallet, and to continue to work under French control serving with the French Armies. This I did and on October 1, 1917, at Soissons, France, I enlisted as a private in the American Army. In December, 1917, I was sent to a French Training School for French Officers at Meaux, and on May 2, 1918, received a commission from the American Army as 2nd Lieutenant, Motor Transport Corps. In June, 1918, I was placed in command of Motor Transport Company #367 which had formerly been a part of Motor Transport Section #408, but which was now serving with the French Armies in the Reserve Mallet, and remained there until April, 1919. There was probably no more complete amalgamation of the French-American Armies to be found anywhere than was in this French Motor Unit known as the Reserve Mallet. Officered and manned by both French and Americans, it did more actual hauling of ammunition, troops, and supplies than any other similar outfit in either the French or American Armies".

Address: 206 Pingree Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

## EDWARD JOSEPH PHELPS, Jr.

Son of E.J.Phelps and Louisa A.Richardson

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Born at Minneapolis, Decmeber 11, 1891

Enlisted April 16, 1917

American Field Service, Section 26

Later enlisted in the French Army, 2nd Battery, 17th Regiment, French Field Artillery

Rank: Sous-Lieutenant

Awarded the Croix de Guerre with Divisional Citation after the action of July 23, 1918, near Montdidier

EDWARD JOSEPH PHELPS, Jr. (Continued)

Took part in the following battles: Attack North of Montdidier July 23; Anglo-French Push towards St. Quentin in Champagne at the left of Argonne September 26 and following days, Discharged February 11, 1919

1918

Address: McKnight Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota

EIMER DAVID McDONOUGH

Son of Daniel McDonough and Emma Shoewiler

Home Town: MADISON, Minneapolis

Born at Madison, January 25, 1885

Enlisted April 11, 1916, in Canadian Army

Rank: Private

No. 228172

Took part in the following battles: Somme, 1916; Vimy Ridge, 1917; Paschendaele, 1917; Amiens, 1918, Cambrai, 1918

Discharged March 19, 1919

Address: 11101 - 80th Avenue, Edmonton South, Alberta, Canada

JAMES MERLES ROBINSON

Son of Bert Robinson and Rena .....

Home Town: RICHLVILLE, Minnesota

Born at Kent, Minnesota, August 27, 1897

Enlisted August 27, 1915

44th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Sergeant Major

No. 461153

Mentioned in despatches

Wounded at Vimy Ridge April 9, 1917

Gassed at Lens, 1917

Wounded at Amiens, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, 1916; Somme, 1916; Vimy Ridge, 1917; Lens 1917; Paschendaele 1918, Amiens 1918, Cambrai, 1918

Discharged June 10, 1919

Address: 20 North Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois

HORACE RANSOM BIGELOW

Son of Horace Erastus Bigelow and Grace Upham

Home Town: ST. PAUL, Minnesota

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, March 6, 1898

Enlisted about August, 1917

American Field Service, Headquarters Unit

Discharged October 16, 1917

Enlisted in the United States Army October 14, 1917

First-class interpreter, Intelligence Section, American General Headquarters, France

Transferred to Intelligence Section, American Military Mission to Italy

Recommended twice for second lieutenancy, but refused promotion because of youth

Served for one year in the Italian War Zone

Discharged May, 1919

Address: c/o Brown, Shipley & Company, 123 Pall Mall, London, England, or Balliol College, Oxford, England

CARL JOHN HANSON

Son of Fred. Hanson and Signa .....

Home Town: SHERBURNE, Minnesota

Born at Des Moines, Iowa, June 13, 1895

His father was a foreigner, but had taken out papers of naturalization in the United States before his birth

Enlisted April 4, 1916

49th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Edmonton Regiment)

Rank: Corporal

**CARL JOHN HANSON (Continued)**

No. 231312

Wounded October 30, 1917 at Paschendaele

Took part in the following battles: Paschendaele, Amiens, Cambrai, Mons

Discharged June 7, 1919

Address: P.O. Box 37, New Norway, Alberta, Canada

Has lived in the United States since the Autumn of 1912

**FRANK A. GONYEA**

Son of Lorence Gonyea and Louis Cloutier

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Born in Minneapolis, March 29, 1864

American citizen at time of enlistment

Enlisted May 29, 1917

71st Company, 230th Battalion Canadian Forestry Corps with which he served in France

Rank: Sargeant

No. 1013607

Discharged February 29, 1919

Address: c/o Mrs. M. Dunning, Box 95, Route 1, Osseo, Minnesota

**FRANK DIBBLE**

Home Town: FAIRMOUNT, Minnesota

Born at Fairmount, Minnesota

American citizen at time of enlistment

Enlisted January 31, 1916

6th Platoon, 98th Battalion, Canadian Infantry

Transferred to 58th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

No. 211049

Killed or died in France, October 8, 1916

Next of kin: Mrs. Reba Dibble, 431 Ferguson Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

**WILLIAM DAVID HOWE**

Son of William Howe and Jane Coutts

Home Town: STEPHEN, Minnesota

Born in Wyanger, Minnesota, September, 1888

American citizen at time of enlistment

Enlisted about January, 1916

226th Battalion, Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 14th Reserve Battalion, Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 36th Company, Canadian Forestry Corps

Rank: Lance Corporal

No. 1000687

Discharged March 29, 1919

Address: Toutes Aides, Manitoba, Canada

**MARK P.P. TONER**

Son of Charles J. Toner and Margaret Ellen Dosey

Home Town: BARRY, Minnesota

Born at Barry

Enlisted February 15, 1916

87th Battalion Canadian Grenadier Guards

Rank: Private

No. 887452

Gassed at Paschendaele November 15, 1917

Served at the front three years and eleven months

Discharged February 3, 1919

Address: 217--25th Street, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

**J. RUSSELL FLETCHER**

Son of J.W. Fletcher and Colita Summers

Home Town: NORTHFIELD, Minnesota

Born at Fairbolt, Minnesota, April 14th

American citizen at time of enlistment

Enlisted March 15, 1917

Canadian Forestry Corps

Transferred to 47th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

No. 2208395

Discharged June 10, 1919

Address: Box 997, Nelson, British Columbia

**EARL H. CARLISLE**

Son of Henry Wood Carlisle who was a direct descendant of the Carlisle who was Grover Cleveland's Secretary during his Presidency. H.W. Carlisle's grandfather was related to Thomas Carlyle, the English historian. Mother, Jennie Florence Brown, daughter of Captain Joseph A. Brown who fought with the Mississippi Flotilla during the Civil War.

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Born at Stanley, Wisconsin, September 9, 1900

Enlisted at Toronto, Canada, September 1st, 1916

British Royal Air Force, attached to the 61st Squadron, a coastal defense squadron along the Dover Coast

Transferred to the 82nd Squadron, doing bombing work from Dunkirk to Ostend, Bruges, Zeebrugge.

Later went back to the 61st Squadron and was stationed near St. Quentin where they carried

out aerial trench fighting with machine guns and light bombs. This was during the Paschendaele offensive and later the Somme offensive, during which every member of the squadron was hit. During a fight over an enemy trench he was shot down, suffering a broken right ankle and right collar bone. After the signing of the Armistice he went to Russia and served as aerial instructor to members of the White Army who were anxious to be England's allies at that time. While training in Canada he had set a new endurance record, remaining with his plane in the air for six hours and five minutes, thereby breaking a record of four hours which had prevailed before his feat

Discharged June 15, 1920

On his way back to Minneapolis, he stopped at Toronto where he was a guest of the Mayor.

While in that city he piloted a huge seaplane

Address: 3935 Clinton Avenue Minneapolis, Minnesota

**NEAL OLIVER HANDEGORD**

Son of Lars Handegord and Guro Augestad

Home Town: LAKE PARK, Minnesota

Born at Lake Park, December 12, 1890

Enlisted at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, June 21, 1916

128th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, Headquarters Company

Transferred Headquarters Company, 46th Battalion, Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private; headquarters scout

No. 782019

Wounded in the hip by a shell at Lens August 21, 1917; again wounded; lost his arm at Canal du Nord, September 2, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Loos, Hill 70, Lens, 1917; Arleaux, Amiens, August, 1918; 2nd Battle of Arras, Queant-Drocourt and Canal du Nord

Address: 1152 Rae Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

December 15, 1924

Mr. L. S. M. Robinson, Secretary,  
Department No. 6, Navy League of the U. S.,  
Box 2133 Middle City Station,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

I am rather later in acknowledging the receipt of a number of war service records of Minnesotans who served in foreign armies and navies during the World War.

We are very grateful indeed for the information with which, without return, you have taken the trouble to supply us.

Ultimately, we hope to be able to reciprocate, but it will be some time before we can segregate our data on men in foreign service from the mass of material on Minnesota men in general. We are working on a very comprehensive state war history and roster, and for a while our main efforts will be devoted to the writing of the narrative history.

Very truly yours,

Secretary



Navy League of the United States

DEPARTMENT NO. 6

L. S. M. ROBINSON, SECRETARY

BOX 2133 MIDDLE CITY STATION

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

U. S. A.

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1923

Franklin F. Holbrook Esq., Director  
Minnesota War Records Commission

Dear Sir:

I enclose the war records of some Americans from Minnesota, who fought in the armies of the Allies, that we have obtained in the course of our work of listing such men throughout the country. I am sorry not to have sent them sooner but our limited funds do not permit us to employ special persons to copy this data and, naturally, our chief attention must be devoted to securing new records and acknowledging the receipt of those received. If you have on your own lists the names of any Americans who served, during the war, in the armies of the Allies and who were American citizens at the time of their enlistment, we should be most grateful if you would send them to us.

Very truly yours,  
L. S. M. Robinson  
Secretary of Department 6

## MINNESOTA 1

K/A

## JOHN WENNEVOLD

✓ Son of Lars Wennevold and Berit Larson Haugdahl  
 Born at KENYON, Goodhue County, Minnesota, June 29 1885  
 Enlisted November 1914 at Winnipeg, Canada  
 10th Battalion, Canadian Infantry  
 Promoted to Corporal, to sergeant  
 Number 19991

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal

Wounded at Ypres, Belgium, about May 1915, in the right side. Was at 3rd West Central Hospital, Cardiff, Wales  
 Killed in action, September 28, 1918

Next of kin: mother Mrs Berit Larson Wennevold, Kenyon, Minnesota

## ROBERT G. YOUNG

Son of Edson H. Young and Elizabeth Gordon  
 Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Born at Buffalo, New York, February 11, 1895  
 Enlisted May 12, 1917

American Field Service

Section 15

Transferred to United States Army Ambulance Service

Section 633

Promoted from Private to Corporal

Number 9913

Gassed in the Champagne Sector, December 1917

Took part in the following battles: Verdun, August 20, 1917, Champagne October 28, 1917 to September 10, 1918 (German offensive region of the Mounts, July 14-18, 1918), Aisne - Marne defensive, Argonne- Ardennes offensive, October 1 to November 11, 1918. Army of Occupation  
 Discharged April 26, 1919

Awarded the Croix de Guerre, with Divisional Citation, as follows:

"124e D.I. Q.G. le 18 Avril, 1918

Estat-Major

1 er Bureau

Ordre Général No.184

Le Général Commandant la 124e Division d'Infanterie cite à l'Ordre de la Division les Officier et Hommes de troupe dont les noms suivent:

Section Sanitaire Américaine 633

Young, Gordon

"Engagé volontaire américain a toujours fait preuve de plus grand courage, toujours volontaire pour effectuer les évacuations les plus perilleuses, s'est distingué notamment : le 20 Aout 1917 au Poste 232, le 19 Decembre 1917 en se portant volontairement au secours d'un de ses camarades atteint par les gaz et dont la voiture était tombée dans un trou d'obus et pendant le bombardement du secteur par obus toxiques les 12 et 23 Mars 1918, a assuré pendant ces deux jours le plus grand nombre d'évacuations"

(signed) Le Général Commandant le 124e D.I.

Général Tatin

Address: 633 Seventeenth Street, Brooklyn, New York

## EDMUND JOSEPH PHELPS JR

Son of E.J. Phelps and Louisa Ann Richardson  
 Born in MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. December 11, 1891

Enlisted April 21, 1917

American Field Service

Section 26

Later enlisted in the French Army

2nd Battery, 17th Regiment French Field Artillery

E.J. Phelps continued

Rank: Second-Lieutenant

Awarded the Croix de Guerre, with Divisional Citation, July 23, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Somme, Champagne, Verdun

Discharged February 13, 1919

Address: 2323 Park Avenue, Minneapolis

JESSE ASHTON GREGG

Son of Henry S. Gregg and Estella Moore

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS

Born in St Paul, Minn., March 30, 1892

Enlisted February 7, 1917

Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps, Section 7

Discharged October 30, 1917

November 1917 enlisted in the French Army

Sent to the Artillery School at Fontainebleau

Graduated as Aspirant, February 1918 and went to the front

221st Regiment French Field Artillery

Promoted 2nd Lieutenant November 10, 1918

Wounded by high explosive, August 10, 1918, during the offensive on the Vesle River

Took part in the following battles: Noyon and Lassigny, defensive, March 24-April 15, 1918, Fere-en-Tardenois to the Vesle, offensive, July 22-August 10, 1918

Discharged March 10, 1919

Address: Croix de Guerre with silver star, with the following citation:

62e Division d'infanterie

Artillerie de Campagne

221e Régiment

Extrait de l'Ordre Général No. 275 de la 62e Division d'Infanterie du 15 Août 1918

Le Général Girard Commandant la 62e Division d'Infanterie, cite à l'Ordre de la Division: L'Aspirant a titre étranger Gregg (Jesse Ashton) de la 27e Batterie du 221e Régiment d'Artillerie:

"enu sur le front dès le mois de Février 1917 avec une Section Sanitaire Américaine, puis engagé volontaire dans l'Artillerie Française en Novembre 1917, a donné comme Chef de Section et comme Observateur, pendant les combats défensifs de Mars-Avril, à Roye-s/Matz, puis pendant l'offensive de Juillet sur l'O-- un bel exemple de calme courage, de sang-froid et d'énergie. Blessé grièvement le 9 Août 1918 à l'observatoire du Groupe

Le Général Commandant la 62e D.I.

(signed) Girard

Address: 2128 Girard Avenue South, Minneapolis

ROBERT A. MAC LENNAN

Home Town: GRAND RAPIDS, Minnesota

Born in Grand Rapids

Enlisted May 26, 1916

467th Battalion (South Saskatchewan Battalion) Canadian Infantry, "C" Company

Went overseas April 1917

Rank: Private

Number: 255733

Wounded at Cambrai September 27, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Lens, Passchendaele, Arras, Cambrai

Discharged July 7, 1919

Address: Ste Anne, Manitoba, Canada

## ERNEST PERKINS

Son of Frank Louis Perkins and Delphine Baurossa

Home Town: ST PAUL, Minn.

Born in St Paul, September 9, 1890

Enlisted August 28, 1914

1st Heavy Battery Canadian Artillery

Rank: Gunner

Number: 43174

Took part in the following battles: La Bassée, Ypres, Somme

Discharged March 23, 1916

Address 40 Bld De Larache Street, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada

## HARRY GARDNER WOOD M.D.

Son of William C. Wood and Fannie Seelye

Home Town: FARIBAULT, Minn.

Born at Faribault

Enlisted March 10, 1916

Canadian Army Medical Corps

Commissioned Captain on enlistment

Attached to No. 3 General Hospital, Boulogne, May to November 1916

Medical Officer, 52nd Battalion Canadian Infantry, 3rd Canadian

Division, November 1916 to March 1917

Attached to No. 10 Canadian Field Ambulance March 1917 to May 1918

Officer in Charge Medicine No. 3 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station  
from May 1918 to February 1918On Medical Board under A.D. Medical Service, Canadians, London, England  
February to April 1919Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge April 1917, Passchendaele  
November 1917, Arras April 1918

Discharged May 17, 1919

Address: 1119 Lowry Building, St Paul, Minnesota

## GEORGE WILLIAM SUTHERBY

Son of John Sutherby and Sarah Carroll

Home Town: DULUTH, Minn.

Born at Duluth, December 6, 1890

Enlisted 1916

146th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to 38th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 838900

Wounded October 30, 1917

Took part in the Battle of Passchendaele

Died of wounds, received at Passchendaele, October 30, 1917

Next of Kin: father, John Sutherby, Point Anne, via Belleville, Canada

## WILLIAM LEROY GILPIN

Son of William Gilpin and Maria Neval

Home Town: STAPLES, Minn.

Born at Staples 1889

Enlisted at Brandon, Manitoba, August 1, 1915

1st Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles

Transferred to 79th Battalion, to 3rd Canadian Machine Gun Corps (It is  
hard to make out from the record whether the 79th was an infantry  
battalion or was part of the C.M.G. Corps)

Rank: Private

Number: 152427

Wounded, August 1917 at Ypres, at Hill 60

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, Somme, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70,

Discharged at Toronto, April 23, 1919

Address: Nesbitt, Manitoba, Canada

## JAMES GILBERT MALONE

Son of James A. Malone and Bessie Vandegrift  
Home Town: AUSTIN., Minn.

Born in Austin, Mower County, August 13, 1899  
Enlisted March 13, 1917

Company "A", 44th Battalion Canadian Infantry  
Rank: Private

Number: 821122

Instantly killed by shrapnel, at Green Crassiers near Lens, while  
engaged as a bomber, August 23, 1917

"The first young man, not only in Mower County but also in Austin, Minn.  
to make the supreme sacrifice in the Great World War"

Next of Kin: mother Mrs W.D. Baker, Stacy, Chisago County, Minnesota

## ALLAN EDWARD CROUTER

Son of Edward Crouter and Mabel Collins  
Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Born in Minneapolis June 6, 1896  
Enlisted January 20, 1916

47th Battalion Canadian Light Infantry

Promoted to Lance-Corporal August 31, 1917, to Corporal November 14, 1917,  
to Sergeant February 25, 1918

Number: 790470

Recommended for a commission

Wounded (gunshot wound in left wrist) September 4, 1918, in front of  
Canal du Nord

Took part in the following battles: Vimy La Coulotte, Aviōn, Lens,  
Passchendaele, Amiens, Triangle, Arras, Cambrai

Discharged February 4, 1919

Address: P.O. Box 238, Huntington, British Columbia, Canada

J.W.

## HOWARD N. WALTERS

Son of Eugene Walters and Eva Needham

Home Town: Winnipeg, Canada

Born in MONTICELLO, Minn., 1892

Enlisted August 4, 1914

8th Battalion (90th Rifles) Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 144th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to Staff Duty

Promoted Lieutenant 1915, Captain, 1916, Staff Captain

Wounded April 24, 1915 at the 2nd Battle of Ypres

Took part in the following battles: Neuve Chapelle 1915, 2nd Battle of Ypres 1915; as Staff Captain employed at Third Eschelon accredited with all actions in latter part of 1918

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, while Private (Scout) with the 8th Battalion in connection with the 2nd Battle of Ypres, April 1915, "by continuing in action after being wounded, he materially assisted in holding in check the Germans by the splendid use of his rifle". He was the first Canadian soldier to be awarded and receive the D.C.M. medal.

Discharged on general demobilisation

Address: C/o 791 Mc Millan Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

## HENRY W. MUEDEKING

Son of George Muedeking and Amelia ----

Home Town: TRACY, Minn.

Born at Tracy, April 28, 1894

Enlisted April 17, 1916

183rd Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to 44th Battalion Canadian Infantry, with which he served on active service

Promoted to Lance Corporal. Rank at time of discharge: Private

Number: 871790

Awarded the Military Medal, August 8, 1919, for bravery in the field.

Severely wounded at the Battle of Amiens, August 8, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge, Avion, Amiens, Arras

Discharged February 4, 1919

His Battalion left for overseas in the summer of 1916 and when they landed in England they were trained for active service until March 1917, when they were sent to France to take part in the Battle of Vimy Ridge which they did. They lost quite a few men, but gained their objective and also took several hundred prisoners. In 1918 his Battalion formed the first waves for the attack on Warvillers, which is due east of Amiens. After gaining their objectives, they found out that there was a platoon of their adjoining Battalion, surrounded by Germans. His company commander told him to pick out six of the best men in his company and rescue this platoon, which they did, they had a hard fight but got the men out. They also ran into a German machine gun section and killed them and brought their gun back. For this deed he was awarded the Military Medal.

Address: East Bay, Manitoba, Canada

## WALTER EIKREM

Son of Chris Eikrem and Annie Daley

Home Town: TOWER, Minn.

Born at Tower, May 28, 1892

Enlisted August 22, 1914

8th Battalion Canadian Infantry ("Little Black Devils")

Rank: Private

Number: 838

Wounded at the Battle of Ypres, April 24, 1915; gunshot wound in right hip and touched by the first gas used by the German Army

Discharged August 1918

Address: Tower, Minnesota

## LAWRENCE ANDERSON

Son of Nelson Anderson and Agnes Burk

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS

Born at Minneapolis, December 27, 1877

Enlisted August 1915

Instructor in drills, in the Canadian Army, in Canada and England. Sent to France on escort duty

Rank: Sergeant

Number: 4355

Returned to Canada and discharged, April 19, 1918, as medically unfit for war service

Address: 56 McDonald Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

## OLIVER NORMAN ANDERSON

Son of Nelson Anderson and Agnes Burk

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS

Born in Minneapolis, July 17, 1888

Enlisted August 14, 1914

"B" Company, 8th Battalion ("Little Black Devils"), Canadian Infantry, 1st Canadian Contingent

Rank: Private

Number: 224

Took part in all battles from 1915 to date of death

Reported missing then killed, in the Battle of the Somme, September 26, 1916

Brother: Lawrence Anderson, 56 McDonald Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

## JOSEPH BURT PRATT

Son of W.B. Pratt and Nellie J. Burt

Home Town: VIRGINIA, Minnesota

Born at Stanton, Michigan, April 14, 1881

Enlisted August 1914

101st E.F., 9th Battalion Canadian Infantry, 3rd Brigade

Afterwards transferred several times.

Was in England until early in May 1915. He had been put in the cook house and wrote that he did not have to drill any more but was staying there as part of a base regiment, but after the Canadians were decimated at Ypres, he was taken over and transferred to the 1st Battalion Canadian Infantry 3rd Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Canadian Contingent, to fill the ranks.

Rank: Sergeant

Number: 18229

Received a gunshot wound in the scalp, May 24, 1915, was sent to hospital but returned to action.

Took part in the fighting around Arras

Mortally wounded, June 15, 1915. Died of wounds in Boulogne Hospital, June 21, 1915

Record furnished by: Harriet Pratt Lerch, 104 Sellers Street, Hibbing, Minnesota

## LEWIS BERG

Son of Gunnar Berg

Home Town: CANBY, Minn.

Born at North Cape, Wisconsin, April 10, 1890

Enlisted at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, Canada, December 23, 1914

9th Canadian Mounted Rifles

Transferred to the Canadian Army Service Corps

Transferred to the Canadian Light Horse

Transferred to the Canadian Motor Machine Gun Section (or Corps)

Rank: Private

Number: 114791

Gassed at Ypres, and again at Vimy

## L. Berg Continued

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, Somme, Arras, Lens, Hill 70, Paschendaele, Vimy Ridge, Cambrai.

Discharged April 29, 1919

He writes: "I just want to tell you this so you can see what poor shots they were. There were six of us sent out one morning on our horses to get in touch with the enemy. It was very foggy this morning and we couldn't see very far ahead. We were to go through our own front lines and carry on until we found them. It seems we went through a gap in our line and didn't know we were in the enemy lines and didn't see any of the enemy or our own men. We went in about two miles and the fog started to lift and just at that time we ran right into a German machine gun nest. They started to shoot point blank. The corporal's horse went down in the mud but jumped up and left the corporal. The horse was badly hurt. I caught the horse and took it back to him. By this time the fog was all gone and they were shooting from all sides. We went through a real hailstorm for two miles back to our own lines and only lost two horses. They were in front of us and all around. We got all the men out O.K. That was about the most excitement I had for a few minutes. The rest was almost everyday stuff. The trench life and battles, only when we would bomb out a machine gun or something like that."

Address: Ingebright, Saskatchewan, Canada

## P. NORMAN PEDERSON

Son of A.O. Pederson and O. Norgaard

Home Town: ST JAMES, Minn.

Born at Decorah, Iowa

Enlisted at Saskatoon, Canada, August 15, 1916.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 489831

Wounded at Paschendaele, November 15, 1917

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917, Paschendaele Ridge, October 30, 1917

Discharged January 13, 1919

Address: 323 Third Avenue North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

## CARL HJALMER GOODMAN

Son of Gudmundsen Goodman and Josephine Lenvig

Home Town: RUSHFORD, Fillmore County, Minn.

Born at Rushford, 1885

Enlisted August 21, 1914

5th Battalion Canadian Infantry, 1st C.E.F.

Rank: Private

Number: 13635

Wounded April 25, 1915 at Ypres (gunshot wound in left leg, loss of right leg above the knee)

Discharged March 19, 1919

Had previously served in the United States Army, three years, from December 13, 1909 to December 12, 1912

Address: Monitor, Alberta, Canada

## WALTER PURDY

Son of E.B. Purdy and Julia ----

American citizen. Born at FORT SNELLING, Minn.

Enlisted August 21, 1914

5th Battalion Canadian Infantry, 1st Contingent

Killed in action at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917

Father E.B. Purdy, Monitor, Alberta, Canada

## PAUL E. HUFF

Son of James D. Huff and Katherin -----  
Home Town: EAGLE BEND, Minn.

Born at Carlisle, Iowa, April 23, 1889  
Enlisted about March 1916

"B" Company, 128th Battalion Canadian Infantry  
transferred to 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles

Rank: Private

Number: 781992

Killed in action at Vimy Ridge, March 31, 1917

Father: James D. Huff, Pravo, South Dakota

## ROY TINKERS

Son of Levi W. Tinkers and Isabella V. Brown  
Home Town: HUBBARD, Minn.

Born at Hubbard, April 23, 1895  
Enlisted September 1914

Not known whether or not he had become a naturalized Canadian before  
enlistment

21st Battalion Canadian Infantry, 4th Brigade  
11th Machine Gun Section, 2nd Canadian Division

Rank: Private

Number: 59988

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, Hill 60, St Eloi

Wounded by a gunshot wound in the abdomen, April 9, 1916. Died of wounds  
April 11, 1916. Buried in Lyssenthoek Military Cemetery, nearest railway  
station, at Poperinghe, Belgium

Record furnished by: Mrs L.W.Tinkers, Avenmore, Ontario, Canada

## FRANK JAMES DUMAS

Son of Edward Dumas and Christine Duplissa  
Home Town: STILLWATER, Minn.

Born at Stillwater, July 9, 1888  
Enlisted October 23, 1915

Never naturalized

54th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 443575

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge, April 11, 1917

Discharged April 1, 1919

Address: Ainsworth, British Columbia, Canada

## WILLIAM ERNEST MC KEGNEY

Son of Adam McKegney and Mary Watt  
Home Town: ST PAUL, Minn.

Born at St Paul, May 11, 1894

Enlisted January 1915

20th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 404903

Wounded at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917, and at the Battle of the Somme, September 1916

Took part in the following battles: Battle of the Somme, 1916, Battle of Vimy Ridge 1917, operations southeast of Amiens, August 8th and following days, 1918, advance along the Arras-Cambrai Road, August 26, 1918

Killed in action at Vis-en-Artois, August 28, 1918

Buried in Vis-en-Artois Military Cemetery

Record furnished by: S.E.McKegney, Diocesan Synod Office, London, Ontario  
Canada

## GEORGE MARCUS MILES

Son of George S. Miles and Mary Craig

Home Town: ST PAUL, Minn.

Born at Taylor's Falls, Minn., June 7, 1877

Enlisted February 1, 1915

Wadena, Saskatchewan, Independent Company of Infantry

Transferred to 214th Battalion Canadian Infantry (or absorbed in it)

Transferred to 15th Canadian Reserve Battalion at Bramsgott, England

In France, attached to 350th Company, Royal Engineers

Served until July 18, 1918

Attached to the 7th Canadian Area Employment Company as Electrician and  
EngineerPromoted from Private to Corporal; rank at time of discharge: Lance  
Corporal

Number: 267126

Recommended for Military Medal for carrying out a wounded French girl  
at Hearson, France, under shell fire

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Amiens, Paschendaele

Address: Lake View Farm, Lake Lenore, Saskatchewan, Canada

## OSCAR BARRETT

Son of Edward Barrett and Marie Kittleson

Home Town: NEW RICHLAND, Minn.

Born at New Richland, November 20, 1894

Enlisted at Calgary, Canada, November 24, 1916

Canadian Army Service Corps

Transferred to the 31st Battalion Canadian Infantry, in England, with  
which he served in France

Rank: Private

Number: 5218

Took part in the following battles: Arras, Amiens, Cambrai, 1918

Discharged at Quebec, Canada, September 10, 1919

Address: Blackfoot P.O., Alberta, Canada

## JOHN OLIVER NORDIN

Son of Charlie Nordin and Nellie Boresan

Home Town: Churchbridge, Saskatchewan, Canada

Born at NORWAY LAKE, Minnesota, November 15, 1897

Enlisted April 1916

American citizen at time of enlistment

27th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 294157

Killed in action in the neighbourhood of Cherissy, France, August 27, 1918

Buried five and a quarter miles southeast of Arras, France

He was with his Platoon, advancing against enemy positions in the neighbourhood of Cherissy, on August 27, 1918, when he was hit by a bullet from the rifle of an enemy sniper and instantly killed.

Mother: Mrs Nellie Nordin, Sultcoats, Saskatchewan, Canada

## AARON THOMAS SCRIBNER

Son of William Scribner and Caroline -----

Home Town: CLOQUET, Minn.

Born at Carlton, Minn.

Enlisted November 15, 1915

43rd Cameron Highlanders of Canada

Rank: Private

Number: 198276

Wounded October 3, 1916 on the Somme, again wounded August 26, 1918, at

Arras

Took part in the following battles: Somme 1916, Paschendaele 1917, second

## A.T.Scribner continued

Battle of Amiens 1918, Arras 1918  
 Discharged June 20, 1919  
 Address: Box 376, Norman, Ontario, Canada

LUDVIK GEORGE LARSON  
 Son of Peder Larson and Ragnel D. Olson  
 Home Town: Brookings, South Dakota  
 Born in GOODHUE COUNTY, Minnesota, June 12, 1879  
 Enlisted March 6, 1916  
 218th Battalion Irish Guards Canadian Infantry  
 Transferred to 1st Canadian Railway Transport, with which he served in France and Belgium  
 Rank: Sapper  
 Number: 279308  
 Took part in the following battles: Paschendaele Ridge 1917, was with the advance on the Somme at Amiens, Mont St Quentin, Peronne, St Quentin  
 Discharged February 19, 1919  
 Address: Gwynne, Alberta, Canada

ASA GILBERT TAYLOR  
 Son of Isaac Taylor and Pauline Bissard  
 Home Town: FERGUS FALLS, Minn.  
 Born at Butler, Minn., June 21, 1887  
 Enlisted April 1, 1916  
 50th Battalion Canadian Infantry, "A" Company, 4th Division  
 Rank: Lance Corporal  
 Number: 782316  
 Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge 1917, Amiens 1918, St Quentin 1918, Valenciennes 1918  
 Discharged June 9, 1919  
 Address: Box 315, Assinboia, Saskatchewan, Canada

RALPH SANDERSON  
 Son of H. Sanderson and Hilma -----  
 Home Town: LITTLE FALLS, Minn.  
 Born at Little Falls, August 31, 1896  
 American citizen at time of enlistment  
 Enlisted May 12, 1916  
 1st Battalion, 232nd Canadian Infantry  
 Transferred to 5th Battalion Canadian Infantry in France April 1917  
 Rank: Private  
 Number 1018268  
 Disabled by effects of poisonous gas and malaria, August 8, 1918  
 Took part in the following battles: Paschendaele, Hill 70  
 Discharged December 31, 1918  
 Address: Spruce Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada

WILLIAM JOHN IRWIN  
 Son of Draper Irwin and Emma Olson  
 Home Town: HACKENSACK, Minn.  
 Born in Hackensack, April 13, 1901  
 Enlisted March 20, 1916 in Canada  
 172nd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Rocky Mountain Rangers)  
 Transferred to 7th Battalion Canadian Infantry, with which he served in France  
 Under orders for promotion twice but not promoted because of age  
 Rank: Private  
 Number: 688024  
 Wounded on the Arras front, May 1918

W.J.Irwin continued

Took part in all battles in which the 7th fought from June 1918 until the armistice. Went with the Battalion into Germany

Discharged April 26, 1919

Was the youngest returned soldier from Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada, enlisted at the age of 15 years, discharged at 18 years of age.

Address: Dragon Lake, Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada

JAMES THOMAS KENNEDY

Son of Patrick Joseph Kennedy and Margaret Quinn

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS

Born at Racine, Wisconsin, July 21, 1883

Enlisted January 6, 1917 at Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada

141st Battalion Canadian Infantry, Company No. B 41, Bayonet No. 613

Rank: Private

Number: 821085

Killed in action in France, November 10, 1917

Record supplied by: John William Kennedy, 3106 Eleventh Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota

ALBERT PROCTER

Son of William George Procter and Hannah -----

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Born at BARNVILLE, Minnesota

Enlisted February 22, 1916

"D" Company, 172nd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Rocky Mountain Rangers)

Transferred at Bramshott, England to Canadian Forestry Company No. 115

Served in England

Rank: Private

Number: 687782

Discharged at Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada, May 20, 1919

Address: Mabel Lake, via Vernon, British Columbia, Canada

OSCAR OLSON

Son of John J. Olson and Cora T. Simoness

Home Town: INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minn.

Born at Corrall, Minn., April 2, 1893

Enlisted March 31, 1916

No. 1 Company, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Rank: Corporal

Number: 261098

Awarded the Military Medal

Wounded at Avion, July 3, 1917, again at Arras, August 26, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Hill 70, Paschendaele, Amiens, Arras

Discharged May 19, 1919

Address: International Falls, Minnesota

LEWIS HARRINGTON BAKER

Son of Lewis Baker Jr and Louise L. Kittson

Home Town: Wheeling, West Virginia

Born at ST PAUL, Minnesota, June 9, 1891

Enlisted February 3, 1916

51st Battery, 13th Brigade Canadian Field Artillery

Promoted to Bombardier, later to Sergeant, reverted to Gunner to go overseas; rank at time of discharge; Bombardier

Number: 319853

Mentioned in despatches; recommended for a commission

Took part in the following battles: Somme 1916, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70,

Paschendaele, Lens, 1917; Lens first Battle of Arras, Amiens, second

Battle of Arras, Monchy, Canal du Nord, Bourlon Wood, Cambrai, Valenciennes,

Records furnished by Department No 6, Navy League of the United States, L.S. M. Robinson, Secretary, Box 2133 Middle City Station, Philadelphia, Penn. MINNESOTA 1

EDWARD THEOPHILE LAMBERT

Son of Theophile Edward Lambert and Emma Augusta Alm

Home Town: HOWARD LAKE, Minn.

Born at Clontarf, Swift County, Minn., December 3, 1897

Enlisted January 26, 1916

151st Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to 50th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to Alberta Regimental Depot

Rank: Private

Number: 624625

Wounded at the Triangle, near Lens, June 3, 1917

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge, Lens

Discharged, as medically unfit for further war service, April 17, 1918

Address: Box 106, Camrose, Alberta, Canada

ALVIN GODFRED NELSON

Son of Peter Nelson and Ingeborg Markusén

Home Town: MIDDLE RIVER, Minn.

Born at Ware, Minn., March 13, 1897

Enlisted at Rainy River, Ontario, Canada, April 2, 1916

141st Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 8th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 820514

Took part in the Battle of Passchendaele

Reported missing after the Battle of Passchendaele, November 10, 1917, later presumed killed in action

Father: Peter Nelson, Box 33, Bergland, Ontario, Canada

G.M. PAISNEAU Jr

Son of G.M. Paisneau sr and J.M. Britton

Home Town: ST CLOUD, Minn.

Born at St Cloud, April 30, 1896

Enlisted at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, February 22, 1916

128th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Moose Jaw's Own), "D" Company

Promoted to Lance Corporal

Rank at close of war: Private

Number: 782147

Wounded at Passchendaele Ridge October 26, 1917, again at Canal du Nord, September 27, 1918

Took part in the following battles: Hill 70 1917, Passchendaele 1917,

Amiens 1918, Canal du Nord 1918

Discharged February 19, 1919

Box 344, Mortlach, Saskatchewan, Canada

CLIFFORD CLARK COFFMAN

Son of R.C. Coffman and H. Moon

Home Town: GARDEN CITY, Minn.

Born at Garden City

Enlisted January 29, 1917

200th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to 27th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 922811

Took part in the following battles: Lens, Hill 70

Discharged February 15, 1918

Address: Ashern, Manitoba, Canada

HENRY DUNCAN CHEESEMAN

Son of Henry Cheeseman and Marion M. Duncan

Home Town: OWATONNA, Minn.

## H.D.Cheeseman continued

Born at Clinton Falls, Steele County, Minn., August 12, 1896  
 Enlisted at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, January 28, 1916

138th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 50th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 811845

Wounded August 1917 when going up the line

Took part in the 2nd Battle of Amiens and much trench warfare

Killed in action at Amiens, August 10, 1918, while operating a Lewis machine gun in the front of his platoon, who were engaging a battery of 77m.m. guns

Buried in Fouquescourt British Cemetery at Roys, France

Father: Henry Cheeseman, 11525 Ninety-fourth Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

## MAGNUS BERG

Son of Gunnar Berg and Johannah Amalia (last word rather illegible, may be spelt differently)

Home Town: CANBY, Minn.

Born at Canby, July 25, 1893

Enlisted June 9, 1915

5th Battalion Canadian Engineers, 2nd Canadian Division

Rank: Driver

Number: 500010

Took part in the following battles: Somme 1916, Vimy Ridge 1917, Hill 70 1917, Passchendaele 1918, Arras 1918, Drive at Amiens 1918, Drive for Cambrai, Valenciennes and capture of Mons, 1918

Received the 1914-15 Star

Discharged May 22, 1919

Address: Ingebright P.O., Saskatchewan, Canada

## ALBERT OLIVER GUDIM

Son of Alfred C. Gudim and Emma Bakken

Home Town: FARIBAULT, Minn.

Born at Faribault, January 16, 1892

Enlisted February 15, 1916

10th Battalion Canadian Infantry, "C", Company, No. 9 Platoon, 2nd Brigade, 1st Canadian Division

Rank: Private

Number: 624876

Received a gunshot wound at Arras, September 3, 1918. Has two pieces of shrapnel still under the skin

Took part in the following battles: Amiens, 1918, Arras, 1918

Was a Battalion Signaller in England, went to France as a Private but made two separate trips to the line as a Signaller. Made Company Runner. Received a knife wound in his knee, but stayed with the Battalion until three weeks later, when the wound turned into an abscess and had to be excised. When he returned to the Battalion, was placed in charge of a Bombing Section without rank.

Discharged March 22, 1919

Address: Moniter, Alberta, Canada

## ROLF VIKING RHODE

Son of Severin Andeas Elias Rhode and Laura Stokke

Home Town: ST. PAUL, Minn.

Born in St Paul, November 22, 1890

Enlisted at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, December 8, 1915

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R.V.Rhode continued

44th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Acting Lance Corporal

Number: 829753

Wounded March 17, 1917, died of wound March 18, 1917

Father: S.A.E.Rhode, 111 Twelfth Avenue West, Duluth, Minnesota

FLOYD BERNARD HANSEN

Son of Nicholas Martin Hansen and Martha Erickson

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Born in Minneapolis

Enlisted January 4, 1916

144th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 44th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 18th Reserve Battalion Canadian Infantry

Promoted Lance Corporal, April 4, 1917, Acting Corporal, December 11, 1917

Number: 830451

Wounded at Triangle, in front of Lens, April 10, 1917

Served on the Vimy Front from January 4, 1917 to April 11, 1917

Discharged January 21, 1919

Address: 896 Dudley Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

MARTIN EMANUEL HEDLUND

Son of Gustof Hedlund and Jennie Pederson

Home Town: ROSEAU CITY, Minn.

Born at Roseau City, November 13, 1894

Enlisted February 1916

151st Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 7th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Sergeant

Number: 624446

Killed in action September 27, 1918

Next of kin: Gust. Hedlund, Wainwright, Alberta, Canada

WILLIAM MACK ENGLISH

Son of Walter S. English and Bertha M. Parker

Home Town: SAUK CENTER, Minn.

Born at Cando, North Dakota, September 9, 1897

Enlisted March 14, 1916

78th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 625205

Gassed at Ypres, October 29, 1917

Took part in the following battles: Passchendaele, Cambrai

Killed in action at Cambrai, September 27, 1918

Father: W.S. English, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada

~~GEORGE P. GRANDBOIS~~

~~Son of P. Grandbois and V.M. Bedreau~~

~~Home Town: RED LAKE FALLS, Minn.~~

~~Born at Red Lake Falls, 1884~~

PETER NORD

Son of Martin Persson Nord and Brita Erickdatter

Home Town: ST LOUIS COUNTY, Minn.

Born at Roden, Sweden, 1882

Naturalized at Duluth, Minn. March 3, 1911

Enlisted August 1914

101st Regiment Edmonton Fusiliers, Canadian Army

P. Nord continued

Transferred to the 9th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Rank: Private

Number: 18779

Wounded at Ypres April 1915

Killed in action at Ypres

Record furnished by his uncle: Feder Erickson, Canyon, Minnesota

JOHN HENRY KIRK

Son of Robert Kirk and Susan Turner

Born at GRAND FORKS, Minn.

Enlisted December 28, 1915

138th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 31st Battalion Canadian Infantry, in France, December 1916

Rank: Private

Number: 811540

Wounded during a local attack near Fresnoy, east of Vimy Ridge, May 3, 1917

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge April 9, 1917, including several local attacks

Discharged, because of loss of left arm, May 6, 1918, at Toronto, Canada

Address: 12032 Ninety-fifth A. Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

WILMER JUDKINS

Son of Joseph Judkins and Melissa Swift

Born at WESTPORT, Pope County, Minn., October 10, 1879

Enlisted December 1915

128th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 7th Canadian Machine Gun Company

Transferred in the spring of 1918 to No. 1 Company, 3rd Canadian Machine Gun Battalion

Rank: Private

Number: 781603

Gassed at Lens, August 1917, wounded at Passchendaele, November 1917, gassed at Cambrai, October 1918

Took part in the following battles: Somme 1916, Vimy Ridge April 1917, Capture of Lens 1917, Passchendaele 1917, Amiens 1918, Monchy Hill 1918, Cambrai 1918, Capture of Mons 1918

Discharged March 29, 1919

Address: 1143 Third Avenue, North East, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada

HENRY STUART

Son of George W. Stuart and Agnes Ritchie

Home Town: GLENWOOD, Minn.

Born at Glenwood, May 22, 1887

Enlisted April 3, 1916

128th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Trained at Camp Hughes, Manitoba, Canada

Rank: Private

Killed in action at Vimy Ridge, April 10, 1917

Buried at Egira Cemetery, Mt St Eloi

Mother: Mrs Agnes Stuart, Sisseton, South Dakota

SEVEREN ANDERSON

Son of John Fredric Anderson and Jennie Mary Lundale

Home Town: SPOONER, Minn.

Born at Barnum, Minn. July 23, 1895

Enlisted April 24, 1916

44th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to 141st Battalion Canadian Infantry

S.Anderson continued

Transferred to 4th Battalion Canadian Machine Gun Corps  
Promoted to Corporal, to Sergeant

Number: 820634

Recommended for the British Military Medal by 1st Lieutenant Curr, 44th  
Battalion but recommendation lost

Gassed November 12, 1917 at Passchendaele

Took part in the following battles: Lens, August 1917, Mericourt October  
1917, Passchendaele, November 1917, Valenciennes, October and November  
1918

Discharged June 16, 1919

Address: Spooner, Minnesota

LUCIEN PORTER WETHERBY

Son of H.V. Wetherby and Rosina Mae Nider

Home Town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Born at Bismarck, North Dakota

Enlisted April 1915

15th Battalion Australian Imperial Forces

In action from July to August 6, 1915; last battle known, Lone Pine, Gallipoli

Killed in action at Gallipoli, August 6, 1915

He removed from North Dakota to Minneapolis in 1890.

Graduated from Public Schools of Minneapolis, attended the University of  
Wisconsin, member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Moved to the State of  
Washington and engaged in engineering and concrete bridge work. In November  
1914, left for Australia and was engaged in Government engineering work  
until war was declared in Australia. Called in to Brisbane, Australia and  
volunteered. Was accepted and placed in the 15th Battalion A.I.F. Shipped  
to Alexandria, Egypt. After two months training, was sent with his Battalion  
to Gallipoli.

Father: H.V. Wetherby, 1940 Sheridan Avenue South. Minneapolis, Minn.

JOHN MORRIS DIGNAN

Son of Laurence Dignan and Ellen Lehy

Home Town: AUSTIN, Minn.

Born at Austin, March 13, 1871

Enlisted February 1, 1916

172nd Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 72nd Battalion Canadian Infantry, in which he served  
in France

Rank: Private

Number: 687516

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, Amiens,  
Arras, Cambrai, Valenciennes, Mons

Discharged April 4, 1919

Address: Princeton, British Columbia, Canada

HENRY ODIN ISBERG

Son of O.M. Isberg and Augusta Nohr

Home Town: PELICAN RAPIDS, Minn.

Born at Fort Abercrombie, North Dakota February 9, 1894

Enlisted April 1916

52nd Battalion Canadian Infantry, "D" Company

Rank: Private

Number: 820629

Wounded, in the vicinity of Hourges, (gunshot wound in head), August 8,  
1918

Took part in the following battles: Amiens, Passchendaele

Died of wounds at No. 5 Casualty Clearing Station, August 8, 1918

Mother: Mrs O.M. Isberg, Sleeman, Ontario, Canada

## JOHN WILLARD RIELY

Son of James W. Riely and Clara Barewise  
Home Town: LITTLE FALLS, Minn.

Born at Minneapolis, Minn., August 15, 1887

Enlisted January 13, 1917

8th Battalion Canadian Infantry ("Little Black Devils")

Sniper in "D" Company

Number : 821090

Wounded at Cité St Pierre, February 16, 1918

Took part in the following battles: On and around Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele Ridge, up and down the line from Arras to Ypres

Discharged April 4, 1919

He writes: " Was put on #8 Post at Cité St Pierre to quiet some new men who were making their first trip in and had their wind up. Calmed men and stayed with them there three nights; was taken off post to go on sniping, a good friend taking my place, an hour later the entire post was cleaned out. At 2 A.M. that morning, I got mine; was in hospital about eight months and never saw the front line again. It was with pleasure I met the great many Americans in the Canadian Army that were trying to show the world that an American was not too proud to fight".

Address: Little Falls, Minnesota

## ALBERT NEWTON

Son of Louis Newton and Felia Ducharme  
Home Town: DULUTH, Minn.

Born at Duluth, August 30, 1896

Enlisted February 14, 1916

138th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 175th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to the 2nd Battalion Canadian Labour Battalion, which was afterwards organised as the 12th Canadian Railway Troops

Landed in France February 1917, left January 1919

Rank: Private

Number: 811944

Discharged March 18, 1919

Address: Oroway, Alberta, Canada

## JAMES POOLEY ARMSTRONG

Son of M. T. Armstrong and E. Brown  
Home Town: RUSSELL, Minn.

Born at Montezuma, Colorado, December 13, 1883

Enlisted August 6, 1914

102nd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Rocky Mountain Rangers)

Transferred to the 172nd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Rocky Mountain Rangers)

Transferred to the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles

Transferred to the 102nd Company, Canadian Forestry Corps

Rank: Corporal

Number: 687008

Discharged July 14, 1919

Address: Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada

## ASA GILBERT TAYLOR

Son of Isaac Taylor and Pauline Bissard  
Home Town: FERGUS FALLS, Minn.

Born at Butler, Minn., June 21, 1887

Enlisted April 1, 1916

50th Battalion Canadian Infantry, "A" Company, 4th Division

Rank: Lance Corporal

Number: 782316

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge 1917, Amiens 1918, Arras 1918, St Quentin 1918, Valenciennes 1918

## DETAILS

Please give any interesting items of service, acts for which rewards were received, etc. (Add other pages if space is insufficient.)

To help this work, please give information in regard to other Americans who served with the armies of our allies prior to April 6th, 1917. Also those who enlisted at a later date through inability to enter the American service on account of age, health, etc.

L. S. M. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Write additional details on back of sheet.

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NAME: .....

Name of FATHER and maiden name of MOTHER: .....

HOME TOWN & STATE where record should be kept: .....

Date and place of Birth: .....

If NATURALIZED give date and place of naturalization: .....

DATE OF ENLISTMENT: .....

NAME OR NUMBER OF REGIMENT AND BATTALION, COMPANY OR BATTERY, AMBULANCE

SECTION OR AIR SQUADRON: .....

PROMOTIONS: .....

RANK at time of discharge: .....

Regimental number .....

CITATIONS, MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES, DECORATIONS or other REWARDS received for gallant conduct (Details on Back): .....

IF WOUNDED give date and in what action received: .....

TOOK PART IN THE FOLLOWING BATTLES: .....

DATE OF DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY OR NAVY .....

OR DATE, CAUSE, AND PLACE

OF DEATH: .....

Signature, .....

Permanent address, .....

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April 20th 1922

Mr Franklin F. Holbrook, Director  
Minnesota War Records Commission  
Historical Building  
St Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

I am sending you under separate cover, some more war records of Minnesota men. We should be very grateful if when, in the course of your researches, you come across Americans who served in the armies or navies of the Allies, if you would send us their names and addresses, or if it is not too much trouble, their war records. We mean those who were American citizens at the time of their enlistment.

Wishing you all success in your work,

believe me,

Yours truly,

*L. S. M. Robinson*  
Secretary of Department No. 6

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Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook, Director,  
Minnesota War Records Commission,  
Historical Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose copies of records of several Americans from Minnesota, who served during the war in the armies of the Allies, and hope they may be of use to you.

I should be very glad if you would send me the names, regiments and addresses of any Americans from your State who served in the late war that you may come across in the course of your researches.

I may point out that I only wish the names of men who were born in the United States, or naturalized in this country prior to their enlistment.

Very truly yours,

*L. S. M. Robinson*

Secretary of Department No. 6

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PAUL R. PIERCE, born at Pleasant Valley Town, Mower Co., Minn. Home town where record should be kept, Austin, Minn. Enlisted in the Chinese Labor Corps, Peking, China, April 1917. Transferred to Royal Flying Corps, England, Sept. 1917. Was in the 33rd Battalion, Chinese Labor Corps B.E.F. (Co. Comd'r) In R.F.C. Wireless Air Squadron #2 School Nor. and Bomb dropping, at Andover, Hants, Eng. Promoted to 2nd Lieut in R. F. C. then to Lieut. and Flying Officer. Discharged March 1919. Permanent address, 308 Washington Ave., Waterloo, Iowa. Graduate of the University of Chicago.

ARTHUR P. FOSTER, born Dec. 23, 1893, at Detroit, Minn. Name of father, George A. Foster, maiden name of mother, Bessie McDougall. Home town where record should be kept, DETROIT, MINNESOTA. Enlisted Feb. 23, 1917 at Chicago, Ill. in the American Ambulance Field Service with the 97th Div. of Infantry of 3rd French Army. Enlisted Sept. 19, 1917 in U.S. Air Service H.Q. then in Paris, France. While in the U.S. Army promoted to 1st Lieut. pilot. At time of discharge in the U.S. Army was Lieut. Awarded Divisional citation of Croix de Guerre while in Ambulance Service, & Medal for volunteers. Discharged from French Army Sept. 12, 1917. From U.S. enlistment Mar. 23, 1918. As officer discharged Nov. 1918. Took part in the battles of Argonne at front, Bois d'Avoncourt from April 1917 until Sept. 1917. Permanent address, Equitable des Etats Unis, 23 rue de la Paix, Paris, France.

CARLISLE MAX HEIMBACH, born Aug. 31, 1890 at Duluth, Minn. Name of father, William Philip Heimbach. Home town where record should be kept, DULUTH, MINN. Enlisted May 1, 1917, in Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps S.S.U.60. Enlisted in Engineer corps U.S. Army Nov. 25, 1917 at Paris, France. Commissioned 2nd Lieut. March 15, 1918. Took part in the battle of Avoncourt August 1917. Discharged Feb. 13, 1919. Permanent address, 1123 E. First St., Duluth, Minn.



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FRANK STEPHEN KELLY, Jr., Born Nov. 5, 1893 at Duluth, Minn. Name of father, Frank Stephen Kelly, maiden name of mother, Bridget McHugh. Home town where record should be kept, DULUTH, MINN. Enlisted May 12, 1917 in Norton-Harjes Ambulance Unit No.62, 4th Div. 2nd Army. Awarded Croix de Guerre for conspicuous bravery under shell fire evacuating wounded. Wounded at Verdun Sept. 25, 1917. Served at Verdun. Received the Croix de Guerre in the offensive between Avoncourt and Hill 304 on the Verdun Sector Sept. 25-26, 1917. At the time his section was decorated with the Croix de Guerre it was a most unique distinction. The reason for the decoration was not for general efficiency, but rather for bravery under shell fire. We lost one man in action, and several gassed and wounded. We not only received commendation from the French, but one of the highest personal letters of praise ever given by Mr. Norton to one of his sections. Rank at time of discharge, June 2, 1919, Conducteur. Permanent address, 414 East 3rd St., Duluth, Minn.

STEWART GARDNER, born August 21, 1902. Name of father, Frank Gardner, maiden name of mother, Mary Simpson. Home town where record should be kept, DULUTH, MINN. Enlisted Feb. 1, 1916 at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the First Canadian General Hospital and discharged on March 23, 1916 and re-enlisted in 71st Field Co. Royal Engineers. Wounded March 11, 1918, at Dapuam Sector. Took part in the 2nd battle of Cambrai 1917, Retreat of Mervill, March 11, 1918, re-capture of Mervill, August 16, 1918, Muckey Farm, Somme Frontier, Sept. 11, 1917, attached to the 3rd French Army Corps at that time. At time of demobilization at Winchester, Eng. Sept. 2, 1919, was Sapper-miner. Regimental number, 601725. Received Intelligence Medal (French) Recommended for Distinguished Conduct Medal (British). Permanent address, 407 2nd St. East, Ashland, Wisconsin.

THEODORE F. GREEN, born August 19, 1878, Murray Co. Minn. Name of father, C.F.O. Green, maiden name of mother, Mary. Home town where record should be kept, Florence, Minn. Enlisted Dec. 1916, In Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps, S.S.M. 21. Discharged August 1, 1917 because of illness. Permanent address, Florence, Minn.



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LUTHER NELSON, born June 9, 1894, at Lanesboro, Minn. Name of father, Hon. Samuel A. Nelson, maiden name of mother, Julia Skarie. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted July 1, 1916 as ambulance driver at American Hospital, Neuilly s/s, Paris, 1st Sept. as ambulance driver in the Legion Etrangere of the French Army, Norton-Harjes Unit, Section Sanitaire American No.5 attached to 6th Div. of 2nd Army Corps (French). On leaving the ambulance service in the spring of 1917 he worked for a short time with Morgan Harjes & Cie, Paris, while I was waiting to see what course United States was going to follow with regard to the war. About the middle of July 1917 I made application in Paris at 45 Avenue Montaigne to the American Aviation Hqts. for entrance as a flyer in the U. S. Air Service, and while waiting for my application to go thru, worked at this office as a civilian clerk. On advice of officers stationed at this post decided to take my flying training in America and so came home in Sept. 1917. Enlisted in the U.S. Air Service on Nov. 10, 1918, at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. I continued my training at various fields and was at the Air service concentration Camp at Garden City, New York with over-seas orders at the time of the signing of the Armistice. U.S. Service record is filed with the War Dept. at Washington. The section was awarded the citation of Croix de Guerre with Palm. Served in the offensive attack before Verdun on Dec. 15, 1916, and worked in this sector from Dec. 14, 1916 until Jan. 16, 1917. Discharged April 1, 1917. Permanent address, % International Banking Corp. HonKong, China.

MARSHALL BARTLETT, born Feb. 14, 1898 at Minneapolis, Minn. Name of father, Wm. W. Bartlett, maiden name of mother, Nellie Wills. Home Town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted May 31, 1917 in Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps, S.S.U.62 attached to French Army. Section cited as a Unit for Croix de Guerre. Took part in the French offensive west of Verdun on Sept. and Oct. 1917. Discharged Oct. 29, 1917. Permanent address, 3046 Irving Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn.



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FRANK BROOKES HUBACHEK, born Aug. 10, 1894 at Minneapolis, Minn. Name of father Hubachek, maiden name of mother Brookes. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted about March 1917 in Norton-Harjes Ambulance Service S.S.U. 62. Awarded Croix de Guerre at Verdun Aug. 4, 1917 for continued service of a trying nature and with particular reference to the night of the 4th of Aug. 1917. Upon this night, during the French attack at Verdun, the Germans threw over a little gas and the writer became stalled in a road under bombardment. Served on the Verdun front, 1917. Discharged Nov. 1917. Permanent address, 2900 5th Ave. So, Minneapolis, Minn.

GRANT R. WILLARD, born Dec. 28, 1892 at Mankato, Minn. Name of father, Wm. D. Willard, maiden name of mother, Louise Robbins. Home town where record should be kept, Mankato, Minn. Enlisted May 5, 1917 in Norton-Harjes Volunteer Ambulance Corps with the French Army Section 61. Enlisted in the U. S. Army Sept. 26, 1917 U.S.A.A.S. 647. Wounded April 19, 1918 at Schieseprey, France. Served in the battles of Verdun Aug. 1917 with 42nd French Div. Schieseprey and Zivry with 26th American Div. St. Mihiel with American 82nd Div. Meuse-Argonne with 82nd American Div. Discharged June 4, 1919. Permanent address, 628 S. 2nd St. So, Mankato, Minn.

HOWARD RADCLIFFE COAN, born May 13, 1898 at Urumia, Persia. Name of father Frederick G. Coan, Maiden name of mother, Ida J. Speer. Home town where record should be kept, Minneapolis, Minn. Enlisted April 13, 1917 in American Ambulance Field Service, S.S.U.27. Served in the advance of Champagne, June 1917, also in sectors from Mont Corullet to Souain. Served with this section until broken up Nov. 1917. Served from Nov. 12, 1917 to August 4, 1918 in Foyers du Soldat (French). Enlisted Oct. 1, 1918 in U.S. Army, discharged as officer candidate 27th Co. C.O.T.S. Camp Gordon, Ga. Dec. 24, 1919. Permanent address, 156 5th Ave., New York City



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FREDERICK PETER LA PLANT, born June 26, 1894, at Minneapolis, Minn. Name of father, William Peter La Plant, maiden name of mother, Elizabeth Black. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Volunteered May 1, 1917, sailed May 19, enlisted at Paris, France June 1, 1917, in Ambulance Section S.S.U.63 attached to 2nd Army. Took part in the French drive on Hill 304, Mort Homme and Avoncourt, drive commenced in August 1917. These places are to the left of Verdun. Discharged October 11th, 1917 when the U. S. Forces took command of the ambulance work done by the Americans with the French. After being discharged from the French Army I was refused by the American Army, Air Service at Paris on physical grounds. Was then informed that I was unfit according to the standards of the army for any military service. Permanent address, 2915 No. 3rd St., Minneapolis, Minn.

✓JESSE ASHTON GREGG, born March 30, 1892, at St. Paul, Minn. Name of father, Henry S. Gregg; maiden name of mother, Estella Moore. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted Feb. 7, 1917 in Ambulance Service (Norton-Harjes) Section 7 and served until Oct. 30, 1917. Enlisted in French Army, 221st Regt. d'Artillerie de Campagn, Nov. 22, 1917. Sent to the artillery school at Fontainebleau. Was graduated as "Aspirant" in Feb. 1918 and went to front. Promoted to 2nd Lieut. Nov. 10, 1918. Awarded Croix de Guerre with Silver Star. Wounded by high explosives Aug. 10, 1918 in offensive on Vesle River. Took part in the Defensive of March 24, 1918 to April 15, Noyon and Hassigny; offensive July 22, to Aug. 10, Fere en Tardenois to the Vesle. Discharged March 10, 1919. Permanent address, 2128 Girard Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

JOSEPH C. McDERMOTT, born Oct. 28, 1886 at Clontarf, Minn. Name of father, D.F. McDermott; maiden name of mother, Rose Broderick. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted March 1917 in Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps S.S.U.21, attached to 26th and 6th divisions of the French Army. Took part in the action on St. Quentin-Cambrai sector with both divisions. Was discharged from French Army Oct. 20, 1917 after the entrance of U. S. in the war. Returned to America and enlisted as private in artillery. Attended O.T.C. and was commissioned 2nd Lieut. in machine gun on Oct. 14, 1918 and was discharged there Dec. 20, 1918. Was conducteur in French Army. Permanent address, Rogers Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.



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RUFUS R. RAND, JR., born at Minneapolis, Minn. Name of father, Rufus R. Rand, maiden name of mother, Suzanne Mealey. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted in Franco-American Ambulance May 1, 1917 in Section 21, Norton-Harjes. In July 1917 transferred to Foreign Legion Air Service, Nieuport, Morane and Spad 158 of 1st Foreign Regt. French Army. Promoted from 2nd Class Private to Corporal Sergeant, Adjutant. Awarded citation Order LIIrd Army June 1918, Citation 34th Corps Aug. 1918. Proposed citation (never received it) Feb. 1918. Took part in the Retreat on Somme 2nd battle 1918, Aisne 1918, Montdidier 1918, advance Flanders 1918. Released from French Army (honorably) Jan. 22, 1919. Permanent address, Minneapolis Gas Light Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

IVAN RECORDS, born Jan. 6, 1897 at Waseca, Minn. Name of father, Thomas F. Records; maiden name of mother, Lizzie Ullrich. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted Nov. 16, 1917, in 13th Battalion Canadian Railway Troops, No. 1 Co. Number 3105644. Rank at time of discharge May 24, 1919, Sapper. Permanent address, 807 Third Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

EDMUND JOSEPH PHELPS, JR., born Dec. 11, 1891 at Minneapolis, Minn. Name of father, E.J. Phelps; maiden name of mother, Louisa Ann Richardson. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted April 21, 1917 in American Ambulance Section #26, transferred to 2nd Battery, 17th Regt. Field Artillery, French Army. Awarded divisional citation Croix de Guerre July 23, 1918. Took part in the battles of the Somme, Champagne, Verdun at various times. Promoted to 2nd Lieut. At time of discharge Feb. 13, 1919 was Sous-Lieut. Permanent address, 2323 Park Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

CHARLES RICHARDSON PARK, born Jan. 29, 1888 at Pepperell, Mass. Name of father Wishner Irving Park; maiden name of mother Ida Richardson. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Joined French Army in Paris, France, April 27, 1917. Entered U. S. Naval Aviation Service at Brest, France, Sept. 25, 1917. Was with French Army with Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps until Sept. 20, 1917. In U.S. Naval Aviation attached to U.S.N. Air Station, Moutchie, France then U.S. Naval Aviation Hqtrs at Brest France. Promoted to Ensign U.S.N.R.F. (A) to Lt. (JG) U.S.N.R.F.C. Served five months at front (St. Quentin) with Norton-Harjes. Placed on inactive duty list on Feb. 20, 1919. Permanent address, 510 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.



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✓ ROBERT DEAN CLARK, born April 21, 1897 at St. Paul, Minn. Name of father, Charles A. Clark, maiden name of mother, Georgia Dean. Home town where record should be kept, ST. PAUL, MINN. Enlisted May 26, 1917, in Reserve Mallet, T.M.U. 133 (ammunition train) French Army. The section was awarded a citation by General Maistre of the 11th Corps d'Armee, 6th Armee, Croix de Guree painted on trucks. Served at Chemin des Dames. Discharged Oct. 1, 1917 and enlisted in American Army on the same date. Permanent address, 96 Virginia Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

✓ DONALD W. DE COSTER, born Nov. 3, 1894 at St. Paul, Minn. Name of father, Cyrus Cole De Coster; maiden name of mother, Julia Williams. Home town where record should be kept, ST. PAUL, MINN. Enlisted June 2, 1917 in 184th Section T.M. French Army. Served at Mal a maison, Chemin des Dames, Californie Plateau. Discharged Dec. 2, 1917. Permanent address, 611 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

✓ VIDIAN B. VGE, born Sept. 16, 1897 at St. Paul, Minn. Name of father, John A Vge; maiden name of mother Mary A. Pendergast. Home town where record should be kept, ST. PAUL, MINN. Enlisted June 1, 1917 in S.S.U. 63 and served as staff car driver attached to British Ex. Forces for Major Strong of A.R.C. Gassed Feb. 22, on Arras Front. Saw service on Hill 304. Discharged March 13, 1918. Permanent address, 1449 Cleveland Ave. N, St. Paul, Minn.

✓ THOMAS AKEY, born at Stillwater, Minn. Home town where record should be kept, STILLWATER, MINN. Enlisted March 12, 1918 in 1st Man Depot Battalion, of Canada. Served in the 43rd Canadian Scottish and 8th Canadian Inf. Wounded on 28th of Sept. 1918. Wounded Sept. 28, 1918 in right shoulder at Cambrai, North France. Took part in the battle of Cambrai. Discharged Feb. 18, 1919. Permanent address, 8149 Burnham Ave., So. Chicago, Ill.

✓ JESSE O. YOUNG, born in Culver, St. Louis Co., Minn., 1896. Served 31 months in the Canadian Army. Address Box 76 Fort Francis, Ont. Canada.



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H. S. JOHNSON, born at Blair, Wisconsin. Tried to enlist in the United States Army, but was turned down because of weak lungs. Enlisted in the Canadian Army on the 5th of June 1916. Sailed to England with the 221st battalion Canadian Infantry April 16, 1917. Went to France June 7, 1917. Transferred to the 78th battalion. Regimental number 288735. Rank; Lance Corporal. Wounded on Aug. 8th, 1918 at Amiens. Gun powder wounds and compound fracture of the tibia of the left leg which has left his leg short and crooked. Taken to hospital in England Aug. 16, remained there until April 15, 1919, when he returned to Canada. Discharged as medically unfit for further service June 18, 1919. Is in receipt of a pension. Address, 453 Spence Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. At present living at Bertha, Minnesota, which I presume should be considered his home town.



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DAVID RITTENHOUSE, born June 16, 1894 at St. Paul, Minn. Name of father, Charles Edwin Rittenhouse; maiden name of mother Grace. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted March 30, 1917 at Paris, France, in Norton-Harjes Ambulance Section No.7, attached to 21st Division, French Army. Enlisted in Naval Aviation Nov. 5, 1917 in Minneapolis, Minn. Began elementary flying May 1, 1918. Commissioned Ensign at Pensacola Sept. 6, 1918. Instructed in Aerial Gunnery at Pensacola until May 12, 1919. Attached to fleet Aeronautic May 1st, and sent to Langley Field, Hampton, Va. for training scouts. Joined Pacific Fleet July 1, 1919 and came to Pacific Coast aboard U.S.S. Wyoming. Sept. 1, ordered to U.S.S. Idaho and remain attached to it at the present date. Took part in action on Chemin des Dames, April-July, St. Quentin July-August, Chemin des Dames August-October. Discharged from Ambulance Oct. 1, 1917. Permanent address, 2208 W. 21st St., Minneapolis, Minn.

IRVING J. ROTH, born Jan. 1, 1895 at Minneapolis, Minn. Name of father, Wm. Ogden Roth; maiden name of mother, Constance Armstrong. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted May 1, 1917 in 49th Aero Squadron, 2nd Pursuit Group. Sailed for France May 19, 1917. Promoted to 1st Lieut. Was killed Sept. 26, 1917. He went in a patrol at 12:50 was attacked by enemy fokkers was shot down and he fell a half mile in the French lines. He was buried at Souilly Meuse Section A, plot 1, grave 48. Address of mother, Minneapolis, Minn.

DONALD S. SMITH, born at Shakopee, Minn. Name of father, Herbert O. Smith, maiden name of mother, Addie Meachem. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted May 9, 1917 in S.S.U.61 of the Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps and attached to the 42nd Div. of the French Army. Slightly gassed in the attack of August 21, 1917 at Verdun. Served at Verdun and Chemin des Dames. Received discharge from the French Army on November 13, 1917 and re-enlisted in the American Army on Dec. 10, 1917. Received discharge from American Army on July 31, 1919. Permanent address, 416 Harvard St. S.E., Minneapolis, Minn.

FREDERICK P. WHEELER, born March 5, 1892, at Minneapolis, Minn. Name of father, William H. Wheeler; maiden name of mother, Harriet L. Whallon. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted May 15, 1917 in Section Sanitaire U. 61, Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps attached to the French Army. Took part in the battle of Verdun August 20, 1917. Discharged Oct. 16, 1917. Permanent address, 2014 Blaisdell Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.



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BYRON WADE VAN NESS, born Nov. 18, 1894 at Spokane, Wash. Name of father, J. F. Van Ness; maiden name of mother, Wilhelmina Wade. Home town where record should be kept, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Enlisted Feb. 8, 1917 with American Ambulance Service with French Army, Norton-Harjes Unit, Section Sanitaire Americaine No.11. Saw first service at Verdun as ambulance driver. Was there during last real German attack on morning of March 4, 1917. In July 1917 was on the Chemin des Dames. August 8, 1917 enlisted in U. S. Army in Paris, France. Sept. 28, 1917 assigned to Co. 1, 18th Infantry, 1st Div. Served in U.S.A. until August 5, 1919. Serial number 47926. Wounded by fragment of H.E. on April 27, 1918 at Villiers-Fournelle (near Montdidier). Saw ordinary duty at Verdun in the Maison-Champagne and Champagne with French. With 1st Div. U.S.A. at Sommevilliers, N.E. of Toul and Montdidier. Spent 8 months in hospital from wounds. Then did some office work in S.O.S. Returned as casual to Camp Dodge, Iowa for discharge which took place April 5, 1919. Permanent address, 923 Eighth St. S.E., Minneapolis, Minn.

LORENZ KISOR, born Jan. 18, 1898 at Morristown, Minn. Name of father, H.D. Kisor; maiden name of mother, Rebecca Stegner. Home town where record should be kept, MORRISTOWN, MINN. Enlisted May, 1917 in Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps S.S.U. Sec. 62, While with N-H received citation - Croix de Guerre. Saw service on Verdun front during summer and fall of 1917 near hill 304 and Mort Homme. Aug. 5, 1918 enlisted in Coast (heavy) Artillery Corps Co.N, Ft. Monroe, Va. Promoted to 2nd Lieut. Discharged Feb. 7, 1919. Permanent address, 1018 University Ave., Morristown, Minn.

LUMAN H. TENNEY, born June 6, 1897 at Oberlin, Ohio. Name of father, Bernard F. Tenney; maiden name of mother, Sadie Arletta. Home town where record should be kept, ADA, MINN. Enlisted Feb. 10, 1917 with French Army, American Ambulance Section 12. Saw service on Champagne and Verdun fronts from Feb. to July 1917, and on Balkan front near Monaster from July to Dec. 1917. Enlisted in American Army Jan. 1, 1918 in Hdqtrs. Co. 5th F.A. 1st Div. of A.E.F. Promoted from Corporal to 2nd Lieut in American Army. Served in Toul Sector and Montdidier, Cantigny Sector while in American Army. Discharged Aug. 16, 1919. Permanent address, 178 No. Prof. St., Oberlin, Ohio.



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WILLARD E. SICKNER, born June 23, 1899 at Aitkin, Minn. Name of father, William Sickner; maiden name of mother Reddick. Home town where record should be kept, DULUTH, MINN. Enlisted Jan. 11, 1916 in 16th Canadian Scottish Battalion, 1st Division, 3rd Brigade. Serial number 292022. Wounded at Arras Sept. 5, 1918 and severely wounded at Cambrai Oct. 1, 1918; scar on face and scar on right leg. Took part in the following battles, Arras, Amiens, Neville, Vitasse, Telegraph Hill, 2nd battle of Arras, Cherisy, Bourbon Wood Marquon, Cambrai and the Strand E.C. London, Eng. Not yet discharged. Still in hospital recuperating from wounds. Present address, Manitoba Military Hospital, Tuxedo Park, Winnipeg, Canada.

RAYMOND WESLEY ANDERSON, born Sept. 14, 1894, at Merrill, Wisc. Name of father, John P. Anderson; maiden name of mother, Ella Sherman. Home town where record should be kept, ST. PAUL, MINN. Enlisted Dec. 1916 in French Ambulance Section Sanitarie Etranger, Norton-Harjes. Aug. 1917 enlisted in the Fifth Field Artillery, U.S. Army, 1st Div. In French Army promoted to Corporal, Sergeant. In American Army from 2nd Lieut to 1st Lieut. Took part in the battles of Oise, Mar-Apr 1917, Luneville Sector Oct. 1917. Vosges Sector May 1917 Argonne, then in Army of Occupation. Discharged June 5, 1919. Permanent address, 1832 Carroll St., St. Paul, Minn.

DAVID HASKINS BACKUS, born March 7, 1893 at St. Paul, Minn. Name of father, Clinton J. Backus, maiden name of mother, Carrie Haskins. Home town where record should be kept, ST. PAUL, MINN. Enlisted March 26, 1917 Norton-Harjes Ambulance Section S.S.U.#5. Aug. 1917 enlisted in French Aviation Service #21, Spad #112 and transferred to American Aero Squadron 49th Div. While serving with French Escadrille was awarded Croix de Guerre and D.S.C. with Oak Leaf. While serving with #112 the ambulance unit was decorated with the fourragere, for attacking eleven enemy planes, seven combats, three planes official and one more confirmed, but not official as Armistice had been signed. The Unit was awarded the Medaille Militaire Nov. 15, 1919 at Metropolitan Museum, New York City. Took part in the following battles, Chemin des Dames, with the Ambulance Corps; Chateau-Thierry with Escadrille #112; Amiens, Montdidier, French and English; St. Mihiel, Argonne with American 49th Aero Squadron. Discharged Feb. 3, 1919. Permanent address, 578 Holly Ave., St. Paul, Minn.



# Navy League of the United States

DEPARTMENT NO. 6

L. S. M. ROBINSON, SECRETARY

1519 WALNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

U. S. A.

August 6th 1919

Franklin F. Holbrook Esq, Director  
Minnesota War Records Commission:

Dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in replying to your kind letter of July 1st in regard to obtaining the war records of Americans from Minnesota who served during the War in the armies of the Allies.

In accordance with your suggestion I have been trying to form some plan by which representatives of the Navy League in Minnesota might copy from your records the data that we desire and cooperate with you in obtaining for us a complete list. So far I have not been able to arrange it, but if I can do so, I will write to you in the future.

I quite appreciate your difficulties and think you very wise to devote your attention to the men now being discharged from the United States forces, in order to secure as much information as possible before they become scattered and difficult to trace. We find speed of great importance in this work, as we have lost many clues through not following them up immediately, and owing to constant changes of address have found it very hard to get in touch with men after they had been demobilised.

I send you the names of three men from Minnesota who have come to our notice.

JOHN B. HOAG JR  
Born in Minneapolis  
Age 20

Enlisted January 24th 1918  
Brigade of Royal Air Force Canada, 84th Squadron  
Rank at close of War: Lieutenant  
Took part in no battles  
Address: 3625 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis

WILLIAM BARRETT  
Private  
54th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force  
Died of wounds  
Address: of Next of Kin: Mrs James Barrett, 537 Oliver Avenue North, Minneapolis.  
( Further information contained in our files will be sent later)



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### H. WALTERS

Born and lived at Monticello, Wright County, Minnesota  
Went to Winnipeg Canada and joined the 8th Canadian Battalion (90th  
Rifles), known as the "Little Black Devils", as a private in August 1914  
Landed in England September 1914  
Landed in France February 8th 1915  
Wounded (at duty) March 10th 1915  
Wounded and gassed April 22nd 1915 (Second Battle of Ypres)  
Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal April 23rd 1915  
Mentioned in despatches April 23rd 1915  
Promoted Lieutenant May 1915  
Promoted Captain March 1916  
Staff Captain at Seaford Divisional Headquarters in England December  
1916 to September 1917  
Went back to France as Staff Captain at Canadian Branch, General  
Headquarters, British Expeditionary Force September 1917 until May 1918  
Attached to Headquarters Overseas Military Forces of Canada May 1918  
Still acting in that capacity June 10th 1919  
Mentioned in despatches June 1918  
Present address: Headquarters Overseas Military Forces of Canada  
246 Regent Street, London, England

Assuring you of our appreciation of your cooperation in our very  
difficult task, and wishing you success in your own undertaking,

believe me,

Yours truly,

L. S. M. Robinson  
Secretary of Department No. 6

October 30, 1919.

Mr. L. S. M. Robinson, Secretary,  
Navy League of the United States,  
1519 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

You welcome letter of October 15th, with the list of three additional names received. Our plans for securing military service records as outlined in a previous letter is working splendidly. We have been informed by the Bonus Board that no application has been received without an accompanying military service record. By this means we feel sure that the entire state will be covered within a very short time.

With regard to your inquiry concerning the payment of the state bonus of \$15.00 per month to each man in the service. I have taken the matter up with the Chief Clerk of the Bonus Board and find that so far no hard and fast roll concerning Americans who served in the armies of the Allies has yet been formulated. Each case is being considered individually by the Bonus Board. The feeling on the part of all members of the Bonus Board is that every man who is a boni fida resident of the state of Minnesota before he enlisted is certainly entitled to the bonus and upon that theory they expect to authorize the payment of numerous of these claims.

I took up the case of the three men whose records you sent me. The feeling was that they certainly would be entitled to the state aid but a definite answer could not be given until action upon each case would be taken by the Bonus Board. They gave me application forms for each of these three men with instructions that if these men called to apply they should be furnished an affidavit certifying to their residence before enlistment and reasons for enlisting in a foreign army. Also certifying whether or not they had sworn allegiance to a foreign government. I am sending these application blanks along so that in case you wish to give these boys a chance to apply you can do so. I can secure other forms in case you find other Minnesota boys you think are entitled to the bonus.

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Very truly yours,

FFH\*MW  
ENC.

Secretary.



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October 15, 1919.

Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook, Director,  
Historical Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I am greatly interested in the plan described in your letter of October 10th, whereby you hope to get individual service records of all the men who are in the military or naval service from Minnesota. Could you tell me whether the cash bonus of \$15.00 a month during service is to be awarded to Americans who served in the armies of the Allies either before or after the entrance of this country into the war, or whether it is limited to those who were in the forces of the United States.

I enclose several more records of Minnesota men who have lately come to our attention. I hope they may be of use to you.

Very truly yours,

*L. S. M. Robinson*

Secretary of Department No. 6

LSMR/T

John Edward Walsh, born at Fairbault, Co. Rice, Minn. Enlisted Aug. 8, 1916, in the Canadian Army. Served in the 239th Battalion in Canadian and with the 3rd Canadian Railway Troops in France. Private up to Jan. 7, 1917, Corporal until Nov. 15, 1917, Sergeant at time of discharge. Won D. C. M. Medal at Lens Nov. 1917, and won a bar to the D. C. M. on the Arras front in Aug. 1918. Gassed on the Lens front but stayed on duty. Slightly wounded at Vimy but stayed on duty. Took part in the battles of Vimy, Hill 70, Cambrai, Passchendaele, Arras, Forbus Woods, Oppy Wood, discharged March 21, 1919. He writes. "I won my D. C. M. for building and keeping a light railroad in repair so that we could give the Huns their own back in shape of gass and they sure got all that was coming to them and some more. I must say that the Huns made it good and hot for my men and myself every night. As all our work was at night. I won my bar on the Arras front for keeping a line repaired under unbearable shell fire and getting the wounded out and feeding our guns and men at the same time. We kept the line up with our advance push, we called it over there. I must say for the twenty-three months I was in France I was very lucky and under shell fire all the time. They say a nigger for luck, that is my nick-name "Nigger Walsh". Address Box 762, Lethbridge, Alta, Canada.

Henry S. Kingman, Graduate of Amherst College, born in Minneapolis, Minn. Enlisted May 14, 1917 in Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps. Served as Ambulance driver until Oct. 1917. Present at the battle of Verdun Aug. 20, 1917, served on Italian front Nov. 1917 to May 1918. Joined the French Artillery May 1918. Graduated from a military school at Fontainebleau assigned to the 10th Field Artillery in French Army Sept. 1918. Served with the 9th Battery and 2nd Group Headquarters as aspirant - promoted to 2nd Lieut. Cited before the 10th Regiment Field Artillery for the Croix de Guerre. Address 225 Ridgewood Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.

Raphael Louis Zengel, Born at Fairbault, Minn. Enlisted Dec. 19, 1914, in the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion A Co. Promoted Sgt. took part in the battles of Hill 60, Somme, 3rd battle of Ypres, Cambrai, Passachendaele, Amiens, Arras, Canal-du-Nord. Wounded the 26th of Sept. 1916, and the 27th of Sept. 1918. Received the Victoria Cross and the Military Medal. Address #3 Fire Hall, Calgary, Alta. Canada.



ck  
Joe

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~~1519 WALNUT STREET~~ BOX 2133  
MIDDLE CITY STATION  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

U. S. A.

November 26th 1921

Franklin F. Holbrook Esq, Director  
Minnesota War Records Commission  
Historical Building  
St Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose some more records of Americans who served in the armies of the Allies and hope they may be of use to you. I have not tried to arrange them but have given them in the form in which I received them.

Yours truly,

*L. S. M. Robinson*  
Secretary of Department No. 6

MINNESOTA

EMIL ALBIN PETERSON

Son of C.F. Peterson and J. Peterson

Born in Massachusetts, probably at Brookston, May 13, 1895

Home town where record should be kept: CLARKS GROVE, or ALBERT LEA, Minnesota

Enlisted February 23, 1916

212th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to 97th Battalion Canadian Infantry

Transferred to Royal Canadian Regiment in France

Refused promotion when it was offered.

Rank: Private

Number: 261367

Wounded at Vimy Ridge April 9, 1917

Took part in the following battles: Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, Amiens

Discharged February 26, 1919

Address: Box 5, Clarks Grove, Minnesota. Present address: Eldred Saskatchewan, Canada

LEON HOLMES

Son of B. Holmes and Margaret Agnew

Born at BRAINERD, Minnesota, September 17, 1891

His parents do not know the date of his enlistment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Rank: Private

Number 207958

Killed at Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917

Next of Kin: Mrs B. Holmes, Roblin, Manitoba, Canada

FAMES (probably misprint for James) R. FLYNN

Son of Thomas Flynn and Annie Lynn

Born in MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota, December 23, 1897

Enlisted June 26, 1915

Royal Canadian Regiment

Rank: Private

Wounded at Vimy Ridge April 10, 1916

Took part in the following battles: Ypres, Somme, Vimy Ridge

Discharged June 26, 1918

CLARENCE MORE

Son of Lyman More and Laura Augusta Comstock

Born at MAPLETON, Minnesota, January 28, 1872

Enlisted May 2, 1916

212th Battalion Canadian Infantry ("American Legion")

Later amalgamated with the 97th Battalion Canadian Infantry ("American Legion")

Served in France and England in the 30th Company Canadian Forestry Corps  
as, on arrival, he was turned down, on account of age, for trench warfare.

Rank: Private

Number: 261342

Sometimes he had to move half of 60 tons of standard ties a distance  
through to forty feet and piling them fourteen feet high before the

German drive of 1918

Discharged November 1, 1919

Address: Hatton, Saskatchewan, Canada

MINNESOTA 2

ABRAHAM HARDER

Son of Peter Harder and Mary (surname not given)

Born at MOUNTAIN LAKE, Minnesota, 1882

Enlisted March 29, 1916

Company "A", Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Number : 261066

Rank: Private

Gassed at Vimy Ridge April 1917

Discharged November 28, 1918

Address: Old Soldiers Home, Minneapolis (Letter sent there returned  
"unclaimed")

ARTHUR HARRISON WILSON

Son of Edward Wilson and Sarah Harrison

Born at CLOQUET, Carlton County, Minnesota December 3, 1899

Home town: CLOQUET

Enlisted August 4, 1916

97th Battalion Canadian Infantry, ("American Legion")

Rank: Private

Number: 261683

Took part in the following battles: Somme, Lens, Vimy Ridge, Avion, Passchendaele

Discharged December 5, 1918 at Victoria, British Columbia

Address: 1224 Windsor Boulevard, Los Angeles, California

WILLIAM W. GRANDIN

Born at Mayville, North Dakota

Home town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Enlisted April 1917

Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps with the French Army

Section 62

Sectional citation (divisional), Croix de Guerre for work during the

capture of Hill 304 and counter-attacks on that hill

Took part in the general fighting on the left of Verdun during the summer

and autumn of 1917

Discharged November 1917

2407 Irving Avenue, South, Minneapolis

EMERY BONNEVILLE

Born in DULUTH WEST, St Louis County, Minnesota

Enlisted August 7, 1917

Canadian Army

Discharged May 23, 1919

Address: 507 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (wrote for further  
particulars but received no reply)

## ✓ FLOYD CLIFTON FREEMAN

Son of Samuel Freeman and Betty Boynton  
Born in Medford, Minnesota, June 9, 1882

Home town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Company "C", Royal Canadian Regiment, 7th Brigade

Killed in action somewhere in France, March 12, 1918.

Record furnished by: Mrs George N. Carlson, 4820 Nikomis Avenue, Minneapolis

## ✓ WALTER BARTLETT

Son of William Wallace Bartlett and Nellie Wills

Home town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Born at Deephaven, Minn., May 7, 1896

Enlisted May 30, 1917

Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps

Section 62

The Section was cited as a unit for the Croix de Guerre

Took part in the following battles: French Offensives west of Verdun, July 1917 and September and October 1917

Enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve Force, April 24, 1918

Promoted from Seaman 2nd Class to Quartermaster 3rd Class, to Ensign

Discharged November 15, 1919

Address: 3046 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

## ✓ HAROLD E. PURDY

Son of Charles E. Purdy and Rosamund Von S. (surname not given)

Home town MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Born in Minneapolis, January 22, 1899

Enlisted March 10, 1917

American Ambulance Field Service

Section 1

Transferred to the United States Army

United States Army Ambulance Service

Section 625

Rank: Private 1st Class

Took part in the following battles: Verdun Offensive August 1917, Toul Sector 1918, Seicheprey Offensive 19-20 April 1918, Noyon-Montdidier Offensive 1918,

Soissons Offensive July 1918, Army of Occupation November 1918 - March 1919

Awarded the Croix de Guerre with two Citations for work at Verdun during the Offensives of August 20 and September 6, 1917. Letter of Commendation from General Pershing for stretcher-bearer work under fire at Seicheprey, April 20 1918

Discharged March 18, 1919

Address: 3100 West Lake Street, Minneapolis

## ✓ GERALD ROSS PETERSON

Son of Swan S. Peterson and Evelyn M. Ross

Home town: PRINCETON, Minn.

Born at Princeton, July 3, 1894

Enlisted June 2, 1917

American Field Service

Section 67

Discharged September 5, 1917

Enlisted in the United States Army Ambulance Service, September 5, 1917

Section 624

Rank: Private 1st Class

MINNESOTA 2

Gerald Ross Peterson continued

Took part in the following battles: Craonne July 10- Augstut 1, 1917, Malmaison Offensive September 1917, Somme Défensive March 21-April 6, 1918, Montdidier Defensive June 9-13, 1918, Noyon-Oise-Aisne Offensive October 11-November 11, 1918 Discharged May 7, 1919

Address: Princeton, Minnesota

✓ PERCY THOMAS PETERSON

Son of G.A. Peterson and Anna Laision  
Home town: WINDOM, Minn.

Born at Windom, October 29, 1892

Enlisted in Paris, France, January 1, 1917

American Field Service

Camion Service, (Mallet Reserve)

T.M.U. 133 .Discharged in Paris, December 1, 1917

Enlisted later in the United States Aviation Service

Took part in the following battles: Soissons, Aisne Offensive, Chemin des Dames

Address: Windon, Minn.

✓ ROLAND C. SCHMID

Son of Charles Schmid and Mathilda Meyer  
Home town :MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Born in Peoria, Illinois, March 31, 1895

Enlisted April 1, 1917

Norton -Harjes Ambulance Corps

Section 62, attached to the 4th Division of the 2nd French Army

Transferred later to the United States Coast Artillery Corps

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant C.A.C.

Mentioned twice for Croix de Guerre, received Sectional Citation for Croix de Guerre

Took part in the following battles: Verdun , 9, 7, Attacks between Hill 304 and Mort Homme , August, and at Avocourt , September, 1917

Discharged December 6, 1918

Address: 521 Sixth Street S.E., Minneapolis, Minn.

"Probably the most interesting experience of all was my first visit to the front. My partner Don Best and myself received orders to drive our ambulance up to a poste de secours behind Hill 304. We were given a map of the roads and posts just before we left Recicourt and told to make it snappy. This was at 11 o'clock at night and everything was dark and mysterious along the way. When we got up between the "75" batteries, which were firing flames into the air, we began to question our whereabouts and the position of this poste de secours to which we were ordered. Our French was very meagre and our understanding less but we carried on ,driving through shell holes, across fallen trees, asking questions all along from any poilu who happened to be stirring at that time of night. We were bewildered all of a sudden by two forms jumping up in front of the car. We stopped instantly and found these two Frenchmen , who were digging, way out in "No Man's Land" had saved us from driving right into the hands of the Germans, whose lines were only about 30 yards away. Our hearts were jumping wildly as we turned and went back but very grateful that we had not made ourselves prisoners of Germany on our first trip to the front".

✓ STEWART A. SEARLE

Son of Augustus A. Searle and Elizabeth Finkler  
Home town:MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Born at Duluth, Minn., August 24, 1897

Enlsited May 26, 1917

American Field Service

Section 33

Stewart A. Searle continued  
 Promoted from Private to Corporal, to Sergeant  
 Awarded the Croix de Guerre (Order of the Division)  
 Took part in the following battles: Argonne September -December 1917, Verdun  
 February -July 1918, Soissons, August and September 1918, Aisne September -  
 November 1918  
 Discharged April 25, 1919  
 Address: 1917 Logan Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

GILBERT S. SINCLAIR ✓  
 Son of Charles E. Sinclair and Mary Hughes ( He has written Cas. perhaps he  
 means it to stand for Caspar instead of meaning it for Chas.)  
 Home town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.  
 Born in Minneapolis, July 17, 1894  
 Enlisted March 1917  
 American Ambulance Field Service  
 Sections 12 and 3  
 Enlisted in the United States Army December 1917  
 U.S. Air Service  
 Rank: 2nd Lieutenant A.S.A.  
 Took part in the following battles: French Spring Offensive of 1917, with the  
 French Army of the Orient near Monastir, Serbia in the autumn of 1917  
 Discharged March 6, 1920  
 Address: 3151 Aldrich Avenue South, Minneapolis

JOHN ROBERT KEIL  
 Son of Gustav Keil and Helen Johnson  
 Home town: BRECKENRIDGE, Minn.  
 Born in Breckenridge, Wilkes County,  
 Enlisted July 8, 1916  
 212th Battalion Canadian Infantry ("American Legion")  
 Rank: Private  
 Number: 261656  
 Took part in two battles near Arras and saw six months service in France  
 Discharged August 25, 1919  
 Address: 1409 Jennie Avenue, Grand Forks, Northern Ontario, Canada

CHARLES W. COLE  
 Son of W.R. Cole and Elizabeth Fisher  
 Home town: MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.  
 Born at Waterloo, Iowa  
 Enlisted August 17, 1918  
 Foreign Legion, French Army, 32nd Regiment of French Field Artillery, later  
 3rd Battery, 4th Regiment French Field Artillery  
 Unable to enlist in the American Army for physical reasons  
 Went to France and after many attempts for aviation, joined the Foreign Legion  
 for the artillery  
 Promoted Aspirant December 30, 1918  
 Discharged March 25, 1919  
 Went to Warsaw as guard on the American Red Cross Train that was held up in  
 Germany for several days by the German Communists  
 Address: C/o W.R. Cole, Waterloo, Iowa or C/o Munsingwear Corporation, Minneapolis

August 13, 1920

Mr. L. S. M. Robinson, Sec'y,  
Navy League of the United States,  
1519 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

Want of time for the doing of many  
worth while things must be my excuse for not having kept  
in closer touch with you and for not keeping you posted  
on matters in which I know you are interested.

It is true, as Mr. Phelps wrote, that  
it has been held illegal for the state to pay bonuses to  
men who served in foreign armies. Of course if a man  
served also with the United States forces, as some of them  
did, he is entitled to a bonus for the period of his ser-  
vice with the latter, as I understand it.

Should you desire more direct informa-  
tion on this or any other point relating to the bonus,  
write to the Soldiers' Bonus Board, State Capitol, St. Paul.

In our work we are just getting to  
the point where we can begin digesting some of the material  
to the acquisition of which we have hitherto devoted most  
of our time. Just now we are trying to get our service  
records, which number about 90,000, in order so that we  
can discover and supply omissions.

We have appreciated your generous  
contributions of data, and we are hoping against hope that  
we shall be in a position to reciprocate while there is  
yet need and time for it.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.



## Navy League of the United States

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

U. S. A.

August 5th 1920

Franklin F. Holbrook Esq., Director,  
Minnesota War Records Commission,  
Historical Building, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you last autumn to ask whether Americans who fought during the World War, in the armies of the Allies, were entitled to the bonus given by the state of Minnesota to ex-soldiers. You replied on October 20th 1919 as follows:

"With regard to your inquiry concerning the payment of the state bonus of \$15.00 per month to each man in the service, I have taken the matter up with the Chief Clerk of the Bonus Board and find that so far no hard and fast rule concerning Americans who served in the armies of the Allies has yet been formulated. Each case is being considered individually by the Bonus Board. The feeling on the part of the members of the Bonus Board is that every man who is a bona fide resident of the state of Minnesota before he enlisted is certainly entitled to the bonus and upon that theory they expect to authorize the payment of numerous of these claims. I took up the case of the three men whose records you sent me. The feeling was that they certainly would be entitled to the state aid but a definite answer could not be given until action upon each case would be taken by the Bonus Board. They gave me application forms for each of these three men with instructions that if these men called to apply they should be furnished with an affidavit certifying to their residence before enlistment and reasons for enlistment in a foreign army. Also certifying whether or not they had sworn allegiance to a foreign government. I am sending these application blanks along so that in case you wish to give these boys a chance to apply you can do so. I can secure other forms in case you find other Minnesota boys you think are entitled to the bonus".

On November 24th you wrote that you had asked the Bonus Board to send me the blanks direct and on the same day they did so. I forwarded them to all the Minnesota men on my list at the time. About two months ago I sent five or six more forms to other Minnesota men who had come to my notice in the course of my subsequent researches during the compiling of our record of the Americans who served in the armies of the Allies. I have received a letter from Mr. E. J. Phelps Jr. of Minneapolis, dated July 15th 1920, in which he says: "I applied for a bonus in October 1919, giving as full a set of papers and affidavits

as I could muster regarding all my service. Shortly after that it was announced that a decision of the Supreme Court stated that it would be unconstitutional to appropriate the state's funds for the purpose of paying men who had served in foreign armies."

As you wrote as late as November 24th and made no mention of this legal decision, I feel there may be some mistake about the matter and, therefore, write to inquire as I do not want to send bonus application blanks to Americans who served in the armies of the Allies if none of them are entitled to any compensation. I should be very grateful if you would let me know how the question stands at present.

Thanking you for your past help,

believe me,

Yours truly,

*L. S. M. Robinson*  
Secretary of Department No. 6

October 10, 1919.

Mr. L. S. M. Robinson, Secretary,  
Department No. 6,  
1519 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

I have had to delay acknowledgement of your letter of August 5th because of matters of greater local importance. I wish now to thank you for sending me this very valuable data upon the war service of three of our Minnesota men. I wish we could reciprocate in kind but there seems to be no immediate prospect in so doing!

You will be interested to know of a plan whereby we hope to get individual service records of practically all of the men who were in the military or naval service from this state whether as volunteers or as selective service men. Our state has granted its men a cash bonus of fifteen dollars a month during the service. This Commission made an arrangement with the Board distributing this bonus whereby each applicant for the bonus is asked to fill out one of our service records as one of the blanks and forms which he must send in as proof of his eligibility to the bonus. These service records are now coming in to the Bonus Board and in the course of a few weeks we will have them all in our files. I am not certain whether all data will be in such shape as to be of any use for your purposes but the records will be available and we should be glad to place them at the disposal of any representative of your organization whom you might designate to consult them.

Very truly yours,

FFH\*MW

Secretary.

July 1, 1919

Mr. L. S. M. Robinson, Secretary,  
Navy League of the United States,  
1519 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of June 19 suggesting cooperation in the matter of compiling the war records of Minnesotans who served with the armed forces of the Allies both before and during American participation in the war, would say that the collection of such data is a part of our program and we shall be glad to cooperate in the matter to the extent of our ability.

As our work is very broad in its scope, however, and is being done for the most part by volunteer local committees nothing like complete returns upon any single phase of the work will be made for some time to come. Of course the organization might devote special attention to the limited class in which you are interested, and it may do so, but it is not thought advisable to do this at present when so many of our men are being discharged from the United States forces. We are further limited by reason of the fact that we have not the office assistance necessary for copy or statistical work on a large scale, and this state of affairs will obtain for at least two years at the end of which time the legislature may see fit to make more adequate provision for our work.

I wonder if we could not work out some plan for accomplishing the particular job in question with representatives of the Navy League in this state. We have a supply of military service record forms (a sample of which I am enclosing under separate cover) which are designed for men in the U.S. service but which might easily be used for men in the service of the Allies. I shall, in any event, keep the subject in mind, and will welcome any opportunity for service in this direction.

Very truly yours,

FFH

Director.



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U. S. A.

June 19, 1919.

War History Commission of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:

The Navy League of the United States, finding that no other organization has undertaken the task, wishes to collect the information necessary to compile the war record of: The Americans who entered the armies of the Allies before the date when war was declared by the United States against Germany. The men who, after the entrance of this country in the war, tried to enlist in the United States army and were rejected by the recruiting officers on medical grounds because they were too young or too old, but who were enabled, by reason of less stringent regulations abroad, to fight for America in the ranks of the Allies. Military doctors and ambulance drivers are to be included.

It is felt that these men have an equal right with those in the service of the United States to have their names and the record of their deeds preserved for future generations. Department No. 6 of the Navy League has been established for this purpose.

The men who fought in the forces of the United States are on the official lists in Washington, but the names of those who fought for the same cause in the armies of the Allies are unknown to their fellow countrymen and their home towns have neglected to honor them. It seems but justice that these men should have a place in the War History in their native state and on the war memorials. The War History of Pennsylvania is cooperating with us and we send them such names as we discover and they give us for our files such information as they can procure. We would like very much to make this same arrangement with you if you are willing to do so. We are including only men born or naturalized in the United States.

Very truly yours,

*L. S. M. Robinson*  
Secretary.

LSMR.T

November 24, 1919.

Mr. L. S. M. Robinson, Secretary,  
Navy League of the United States,  
Department No. 6.  
1519 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

Instead of sending you bonus application  
blanks for the three men you mention in yours of the 11th, I  
have asked the Bonus Board to mail you these direct together  
with a few extra copies of each blank in case of further need.

Among the material that you will receive  
from the Bonus Board will probably be some literature covering  
your questions relating to the bonus. I may say in answer to  
your last question, however, that widows of deceased service  
men are the only relatives entitled to the bonus.

Very truly yours,

FFH\*MW

Secretary.

November 24, 1919

War Records Commission suggests Bonus Board mail supplies  
to

Mr. L. S. M. Robinson, Sec'y,  
Department No. 6, Navy League of the U. S.,  
1519 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

as follows:

- 50 bonus application blanks.
- 25 cards of printed instructions.
- 50 copies of Bonus Law.
- 25 army discharge blanks.
- 10 each of other discharge papers.
- 25 military service records.



## Navy League of the United States

DEPARTMENT NO. 6

L. S. M. ROBINSON, SECRETARY

1519 WALNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

U. S. A.

November 11, 1919.

Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook,  
Minnesota War Records Commission,  
Historical Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Great pressure of work has prevented me replying to your interesting letter of October 20th. I am glad to know that your plans for securing military service records through the bonus board is working so well.

I am very grateful to you for taking up the question of the state bonus of \$15.00 a month for the Americans from Minnesota who served in the armies of the Allies. I have sent the application blanks to the three men whose records I sent you, and I would be very much obliged if you would send me three other forms for other Minnesota boys whom I think are entitled to the bonus, in order that I may forward them. Can you tell me whether the next of kin of those who are dead are entitled to the same bonus as is given to living soldiers?

It was very good of you to take so much trouble and to see that these Americans who fought for the United States under a foreign flag, are placed on the same footing as those who served in our own army.

Thanking you for your assistance, believe me

Very truly yours,

L. S. M. Robinson  
Secretary of Department No. 6

LSMR/T



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DEPARTMENT NO. 6

L. S. M. ROBINSON, SECRETARY

1519 WALNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

U. S. A.

July 12, 1920

Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook, Director,  
Minnesota War Records Commission,  
Historical Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We enclose a few more records of men from your  
state, to be included in your history.

Very truly yours,

*L. S. M. Robinson*  
Secretary of Department No. 6

LSMR.T

BYRL E. SYLVESTER

Son of Edwin L. Sylvester and Hettie L. Dillon  
Born at PLAINVIEW, Minnesota, October 28th 1892  
Home town : Plainview, Wabasha County  
Enlisted April 24th 1917  
Norton-Harjes Ambulance (American Red Cross)

Section 62

Wounded September 12th 1917 in the Verdun Sector

Invalidized Home

Enlisted November 10th 1917 in the Naval Air Service at Minneapolis,  
(first squadron from Dunwoody, Minneapolis)

Rank Chief-Quartermaster

Killed by an accidental collision of hydro-airplanes at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, June 19th 1918. "It appears the pilots of both planes were intent upon following the leader and probably did not see each other until just before the crash. The planes immediately locked wings and swung around into a head-on collision and instantly fell to the water".

Buried at Plainview.

Awarded the Croix de Guerre, by the French Government with the following citation:

2e Corps d'Armée

Direction du Service de Santé

No. 1719/P

Extrait de l'ordre No. 65

Le Médecin Principal de la Classe PETIT, Directeur du Service de Santé du 2e Corps d'Armée accorde une citation assimilable à l'Ordre du Régiment à:

La Section Américaine No. 62, commandée par le Lieutenant Français Pierre Revennait et le Chef Adjoint Américain

H. Ronald Pearce, pour s'être fait remarquer par son indefatigable entrain, son mépris absolu du danger, assurant son service avec un sang froid et un courage digne de tous les éloges, dans un secteur soumis à un bombardement continue, au cours des attaques du 31 juillet au 2 aout et des premiers jours de septembre 1917 où elle a eu un conducteur tué et trois blessés dans un poste avancé.

Hall R.P. -- Conducteur Américain de la S.S.U.62, Mle 2969.

'Très courageux et dévoué, tué à son poste le 12 septembre 1917'

Sylvester B.E. Conducteur Américain de la S.S.U.62, Mle 2974

'Plein d'entraîn de courage et de dévouement, blessé à son poste le 12 spetembre 1917'

Au Q.G. le 17 septembre 1917

Le Médecin Principal de la Classe PETIT

Directeur du Service de Santé du 2e Corps d'Armée

(Signed) Dedeu

Byrl Sylvester was educated in the Plainview public schools and the University of Minnesota.

He was the first Plainview boy to cross to France, the first to be wounded, the first to receive the Croix de Guerre and the second to die for the flag.

Next of Kin: Edwin L. Sylvester, Plainview

ROBERT A. MACLENNAN

Son of Roderick MacLennan and Lavina Van Sickler

Born at GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

Enlisted May 26th 1916

"C" Company, 46th South Saskatchewan Battalion, Canadian Infantry

Rank:Private  
Number 255733

Wounded September 27th 1918 at Cambrai  
Took part in the following battles :Lens, Passchendaele, Amiens, Arras,  
Cambrai.

Discharged: July 7th 1919

Address: Sainte Anne, Manitoba, Canada