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May 3–June 14 on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. ET

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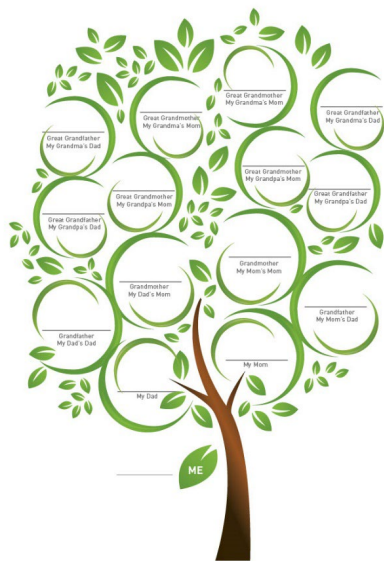
2023 Genealogy Series

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Welcome!

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is pleased to present this educational series of lectures on how to conduct family research.

As one of the nation's premier genealogy institutions, it is our mission to inform the public about National Archives holdings that relate to family history and to make those records available to you.





About the Sessions



Our presentations will demonstrate how to use federal resources at the National Archives and Records Administration for genealogical research. This year we focus on individuals who have served our nation in military or civilian service. We also have a session on how to preserve your own family collections.

National Archives presenters are broadcasting from Washington, DC; College Park, MD; Denver, CO; and St. Louis, MO. Sessions are intended for beginners to experienced family historians—all are welcome!



Join the conversation!



Participate with the presenters and other family historians during a session's premiere.

Live Chat on **You** 

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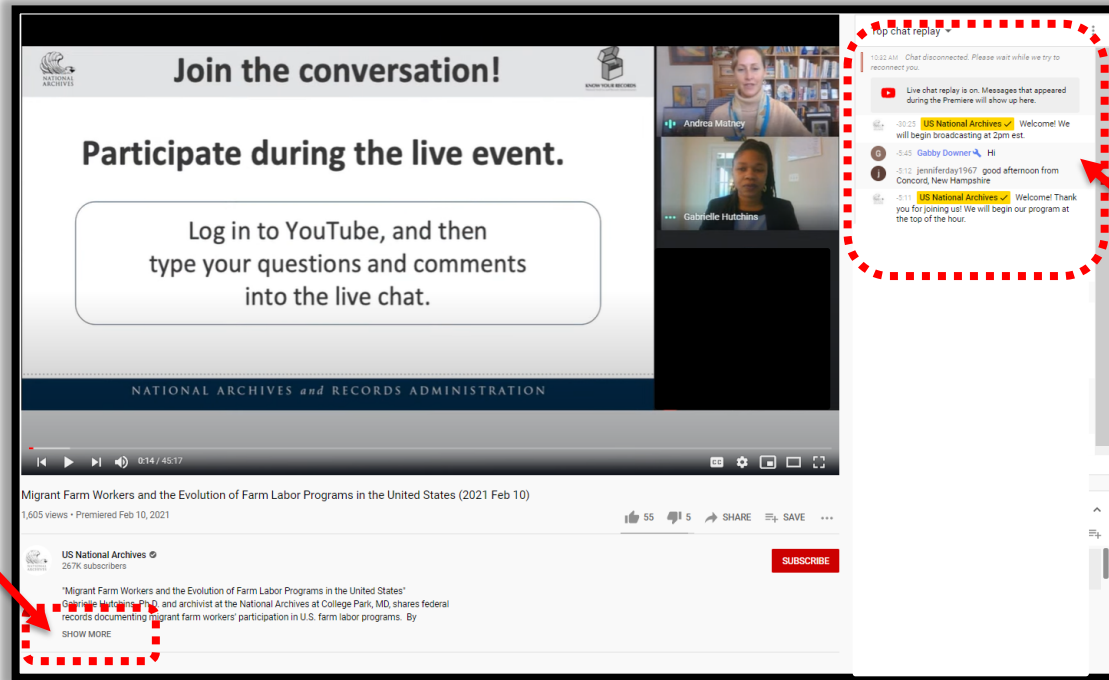
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and join the Genealogy Series conversation
using **#GenieSeries2023**.



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Chat

- log in
- participate
- ask questions

**Videos and presentation materials
remain available after the premiere date.**



Schedule: May 3–17



May 3
1 p.m. ET

Civilians at War: Records of Participation in U.S. Military Conflicts

May 3
1:05 p.m. ET

Claire Kluskens - Subject Matter Expert for Genealogy/Census Related Records and Digital Projects Archivist from the National Archives in Washington, DC

May 10
1 p.m. ET

Basic Military Records at the National Archives: Revolutionary War to 1917

John Deeben – Archivist from the National Archives in Washington, DC

May 17
1 p.m. ET

National Archives at St. Louis: Understanding the 1973 Fire and Its Impact on Genealogical Research

Eric Kilgore - Archives Specialist from the National Archives at St. Louis



Schedule: May 31–June 14



May 31

1 p.m. ET

Civilian Conservation Corps Indian Division on the Reservation

Cody White - Subject Matter Expert for Native American Related Records and an Archivist from the National Archives at Denver

June 7

1 p.m. ET

Accessing and Understanding Korean War Army Unit Records

Rachael Salyer - Subject Matter Expert in Modern Military Records and an Archivist from the National Archives at College Park, MD

June 14

1 p.m. ET

Creating Your Own Preservation Survey and Plan for Family Collections

Sara Holmes - Conservator in Preservation Programs from the National Archives at St. Louis

June 14

1:55 p.m. ET

Closing Remarks



Session



National Archives at St. Louis: Understanding the 1973 NPRC Fire and Its Impact on Genealogical Research

The catastrophic fire at the National Personnel Records Center in 1973 destroyed millions of military personnel records and presents a variety of challenges for researchers. This presentation will examine the fire, record losses, and common myths, and will provide guidance on how to research the records of veterans who were affected

by the fire. Part of overcoming these challenges is knowing about other records that are available to supplement information lost in the fire. This presentation will highlight those record series at the National Archives at St. Louis and their usefulness for unlocking information from the past.

Presenter Biography



Eric Kilgore

Eric Kilgore is an Archives Specialist with the National Archives and Records Administration. He has been with the National Archives at St. Louis since 2010, with the majority of that time working directly with the public in the research room. Eric holds a B.A. and an M.A. in History from the University of Missouri.



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*National Archives at St. Louis: Understanding the 1973 NPRC
Fire and Its Impact on Genealogical Research*

Presented by: Eric Kilgore, Archives Specialist



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National Personnel Records Center / National Archives at St. Louis





A Central Repository



The Department of Defense (DOD) Military Personnel Records Center at 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO, after completion in 1956.



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The Day that Changed Everything



July 12, 1973, fire at the DOD Military Personnel Records Center.

Sifting through the Ashes



Melted steel filing cabinets used for record storage.

Steel shelving being removed through
the collapsed ceiling.



Triage: Saving What Could be Saved

Employees sliding record boxes in tubs down the escalator rails.
(Notice the ash tray on wall.)



Men fogging the
bottom drawers of
record cabinets to
prohibit mold
growth.

Triage: Saving What Could be Saved (continued)



Workers attempting to salvage burned records and fragments from the floor and shelves prior to shelves being removed. They had to race to keep ahead of the clearance crew.

Employees squeegeeing water off the floor. They are on the 4th floor and are most likely Army employees.





Triage: Saving What Could be Saved (continued)



A portion of "tent city." Stacked rows of milk crates can be seen in the middle left. Several thousand crates were purchased for the salvage operation. The square columns of stacked crates were called "hog pens."



Estimated Losses

Estimated Number of Military Files on 6th Floor July 12, 1973

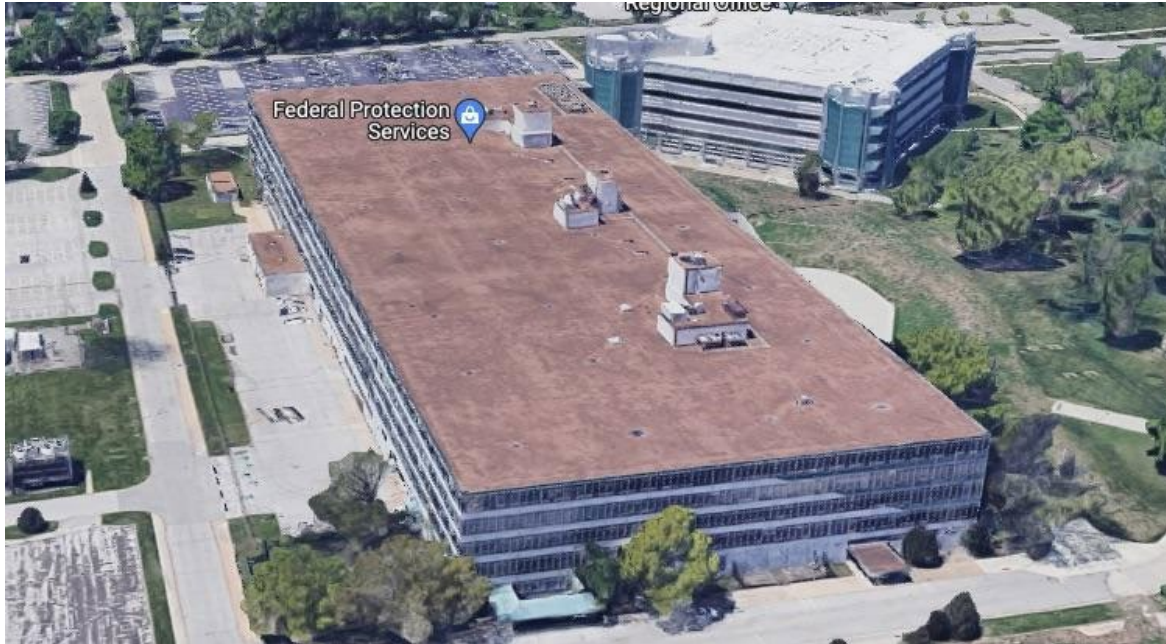
	<u>Estimated Number Stored</u>	<u>Number Recovered</u>
Army WWI	5,143,850	1,098,095
Army WWII	8,977,550	1,709,277
Army PWW	5,941,410	1,038,883
Army 1970s	317,857	314,400
Air Force	1,700,000	406,024
Navy Personnel	2,300	1,150
Navy/Marine Corps Medical	1,000	500
Marine Corps	300	150
Coast Guard	16	8
Vault	9,332	7,638
TOTAL:	22,093,615	4,576,125

Estimated Percentage of Files Lost: **79%**



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9700 Page Avenue (Post-Fire)





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1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO, 63138

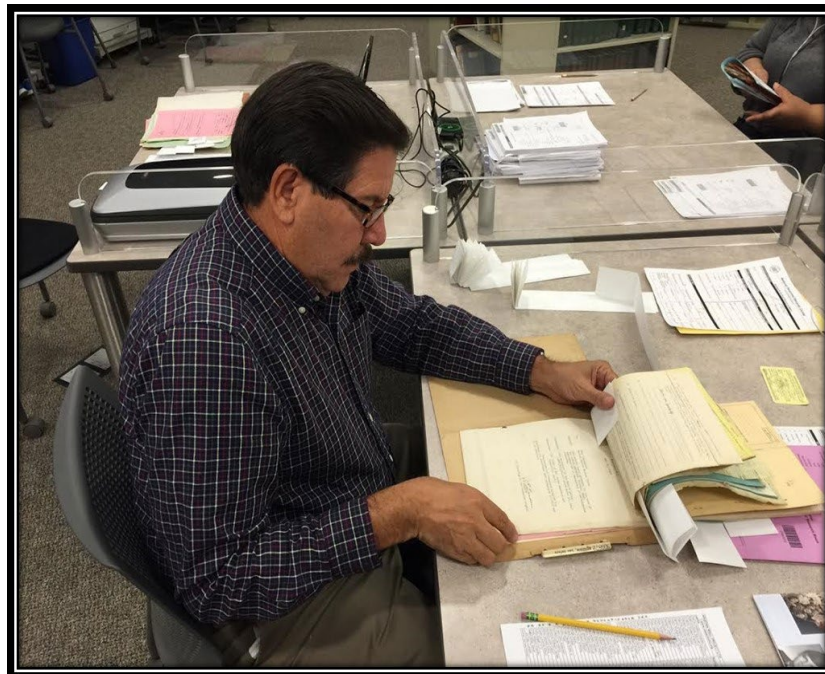


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Researching at the National Archives at St. Louis



Pearl Harbor National Memorial Chief Historian Daniel Martinez reviewing the OMPF of a U.S. Marine who served aboard the *USS Arizona*.



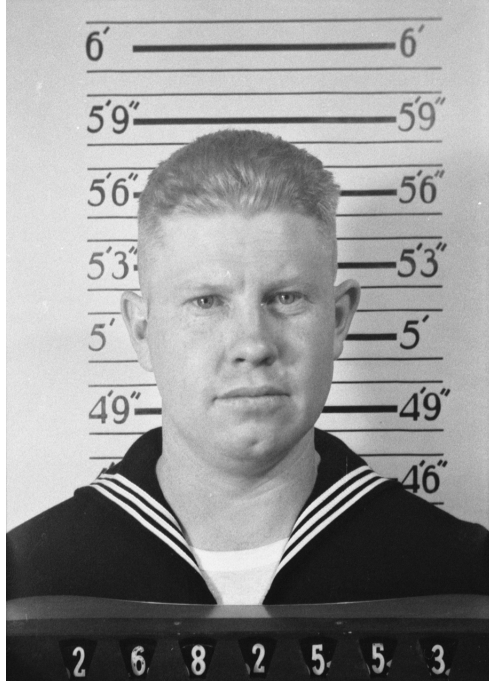
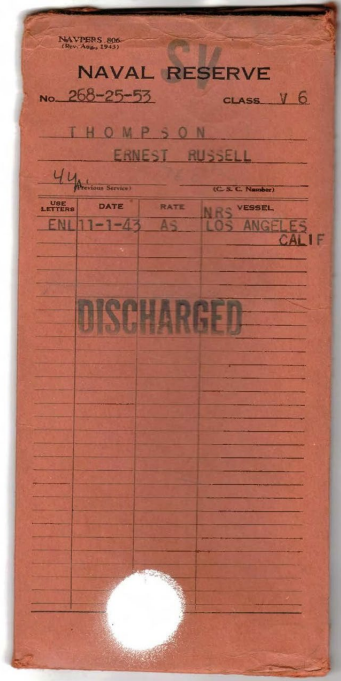
Addressing Common Misconceptions

- *Not all World War II records were destroyed in the fire.*
- *Military personnel records are un-classified.*
- *Any member of the public can request personnel records 62 years after the service member's separation from service.*



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United States Navy Record Group 24: Records of the Bureau of Naval Personnel



268 25 53

NAVPER Form No. 24 (Revised)

APPLICATION FOR ENLISTMENT

Education: Grade 11
 Language qualifications: English
 What is your trade: None
 Date of birth: December 26, 1917 Place of birth: Brooklyn, New York
 What is your race: White Are you a U.S. Citizen: Yes
 Home Address: 44 Seventh Street, Astoria, Oregon
 Where was your father born: England Where was your mother born: England
 Name and relationship of next of kin: Wife, Russell, Ernest Thompson
 Address of next of kin: 44 Seventh Street, Astoria, Oregon

Employer's Name	His Address	His Business	Length of Employment From	To	You Were Employed as
<u>Commercial Bank of Astoria, Inc.</u>	<u>Astoria, Ore.</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>1921</u>	<u>1926</u>	<u>Banker</u>
<u>W. E. Johnson</u>	<u>Astoria, Ore.</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>1927</u>	<u>1928</u>	<u>Agent</u>
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Accepted: _____ Cause of rejection: _____
 Date: _____

NAVPER-001 (9-40)

Name: THOMPSON, Ernest Russell
 Date reported aboard: 11 June 1944
 U.S.S. MISSOURI (BB63)
 RecSta, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Participated in the Two Line Operations (Fifth Fleet raids against Hoshu and Kasei Shoto) 15 February to 16 March 1945 and is authorized to wear one (1) star in Asiatic Pacific Area Ribbon, Ash: Cominch serial 5305 of 6/30/45.
 Participated in the Okinawa Outdo Operations during the period 17 March to 6 May 1945 while attached to Fifth Fleet and is authorized to wear one (1) star in Asiatic Pacific Area Ribbon, Ash: Cincpac des 130103/573 of August 1945.
 Participated in the Third Fleet Carrier and Bombardment Operations against the Japanese Home Islands during the period 10 July to 15 August 1945.
 SERVING OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES
 By direction of C.O.
 J. J. Malone
 L. T. MALONE, Major
 Commander, U.S. Navy,
 Executive Officer.



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U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force: How to Research Records Affected by the Fire





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MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS		PARTIAL PAYMENTS		CREDITS	
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CLASS Y 22.00x2.5	148.00	Capt, FD		FLYING PAY	
CLASS M 6.50x6	39.00			COMBAT INF. PAY	1 Apr 45 1 Dec 45 80.33
TOTAL	586.99	See reverse side		EXPERT INF. PAY	
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TOTAL				PARACHUTE BADGE PAY	SEE REVERSE 55.28
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C M FINES 21901				SEE REVERSE	123.20
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				QUARTERS ALLOWANCE	
				SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE	
				Furlough Rations	1 Sep 45 10 Sep 45 6.60
				TRAVEL PAY	
				MUSTERING-OUT PAYMENT	100.00 2.95
TOTAL				TOTAL CREDITS	803.58
REMARKS: MOP \$300.00 Due sol add pay proht dy fr Apr 1/45 to Apr 3/45 incl per cert atchd. Rd fr S/Sgt to Pvt Dec 2/44. Due US diff in base & FSP betw S/Sgt & Pvt fr Dec 2/44 to Mar 31/45 incl erron shown on prior rol. See reverse side					
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		<i>William J. Guarnere</i>			



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GUAR GUARNERE WILLIAM J 013 11 3070
AR 013 11 3070

William Guarnere
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19145

9/1/58

Dear Susan Madam:

I am writing this letter to inquire about getting a "Certificate of awards" I served honorably with the 101st Airborne Division World War II from 8/4/42 to 12-45. Participated in all campaigns - D-Day 1944, Operation Market Garden - Parachute Drop on Holland 9-14-44 & also in the Battle of Bulge Dec 1944. Awarded Silver Star, Normandy 6 June 44, Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hearts, 1 - Holland 10-44 - 2 - Bastogne 12-44. I would like certificates please, if not please advise as to file I may contact. If you need further info please contact me. Army Serial # 13113070. V.A. claim # C-4 086-58.

I await your response. Thanks.

Respectfully,
William J. Guarnere
Philadelphia, Pa. 19145

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**ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL: Guarnere William J
SERIAL NUMBER: 13 113 070
DATE OF SEPARATION: 1 Dec 1945
PLACE OF SEPARATION: Gen Hosp Atlantic City
PLACE OF BIRTH: Philadelphia Pa
DATE OF BIRTH: 28 Apr 1925
RACE: Brown
HAIR: Brown
EYES: Blue
HEIGHT: 5'6 1/2
WEIGHT: 161
COMMENTS: Machine Operator (at the 5-13, CO)

MILITARY HISTORY

DATE OF ENTRY: 31 Aug 1942
PLACE OF ENTRY: Philadelphia Pa
REGIMENT: 1st Infantry Div
COMPANY: A
POSITION: Rifleman Platoon Leader
GRADE: PFC
REMARKS: 101st Air Cdn Philadelphia Pa

REGIONS AND COUNTRIES: Germany, Holland, Belgium

RECORDS AND AWARDS: ETC Ribbon Cir 1 WD 45, EMBROID Ribbon 2 Battle Stars on EMBROID Ribbon, Combat Inf Badge GO #12 In 806th Front Inf 64, Silver Star GO #80 In 101st A/B Div 44, President Citation GO #26 1st US Army 44, Purple Heart with OLC GO #20 102nd GI 44

SEPARATION DATA

REASON FOR SEPARATION: 8-12-45
DATE OF SEPARATION: 5 Sep 1945
STATUS: none
REMARKS: 78-12-14-45

REMARKS

Seven (7) days lost under AM 107 WD Pamphlet 21-4 issued Lap-Button issued
Dist Unit Badge with OLC GO #26 1st US Army 44
Amer Theater Ribbon Cir 226 45 World War II Victory Medal Cir 226 45
AWR Score (5 Sept 1945) 85

WILLIAM J. GUARNERE
MAJ & POLICY 1st Lt MAC
Chief of Mil Pers Br



Alternative Sources and Organizational Records: Veterans Administration (VA) Index Card

LAMBRECHT, ALEXANDER JOHN
T/S AC
Pvt. Unsgd
Attached Reception Center
1406 5th St., N.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Sn 17 051 814 Died 6-21-45
Born 11-23-17
Enl 5-19-42 Dis.

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Alternative Sources and Organizational Records: Morning Reports

COMPANY RESTRICTED MORNING REPORT ENDING 16 May 1944

STATION **Stettenton Heath, Norfolk County**
ORGANIZATION **330th Bomb Sq 96th Bomb Gp (H) AAF**

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
12079258	Garwood, Kenneth P. (767)	S/Sgt	A
12079258	Garwood, Kenneth P. (767)	S/Sgt	A
35092522	Mille, Clarence E. (767)	S/Sgt	
31412552	Kauf, John A. (767)	S/Sgt	
ascd 10th May by trf fr Hq AAF Sta 112			
per Par 1 SQ#89 Hq 86th			
Bomb Gp and id 1900			
11th May			
T-61942	Murray, John J. (Co-Pilot) F/O		A
ascd 10th May by trf fr Hq AAF Sta 112			
per Par 1 SQ#89 Hq 86th			
Bomb Gp and id 2400 13th May			
32558920	Hoesehe, Edward G. (748)	S/Sgt	A
17051814	Lambrecht, Alexander J. (748)	S/Sgt	
18078859	Morris, Henry G. (748)	S/Sgt	
19122517	Armenta, Concepcion V. (612)	Sgt	
191179797	Atkinson, Eugene K. (748)	Sgt	
32772123	Biglia, Edward F. (748)	Sgt	
12042968	Blow, William J. (612)	Sgt	
32488375	Calloway, Howard A. (748)	Sgt	
34548344	Currie, Dillon L. (748)	Sgt	
18088975	Lo, Gus W. (612)	Sgt	

OFFICER STRENGTH	F/O	CAPT	1ST LT	2D LT	WO	FLT O
PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT
TOTAL						

AVN CADET STRENGTH	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT FOR SUPP	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
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COMPANY SECRET MORNING REPORT ENDING 20 June 1944

STATION **Stettenton Heath, Norfolk County**
ORGANIZATION **330th Bomb Sq 96th Bomb Gp (H) AAF**

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
34267900	Grinstead (911) Cpl		
fr dy to sk qrs ID Yes 231st Sta Hosp			
Wymondham 10th -			
T-2177	Scheld (Bmbdr)	F/O	
fr dy to sk qrs ID Yes 10th -			
34267900	Grinstead (911) Cpl		
fr ab sk 10th 231st Sta Hosp Wymondham to			
sk qrs ID Yes -			
10th			
0-7191128	Martins, JG (Nav)	2d Lt	
T-61927	Volant, (Co-Pilot)	F/O	
16122079	Rutherford (757)	T/Sgt	
16089236	Thompson, NV I (748)	T/Sgt	
39461268	Keith (748)	S/Sgt	
36732537	Struman (612)	S/Sgt	
36218960	Ziegler (748)	S/Sgt	
above officers and EM all wounded in action -			
fr dy to ab sk ID Yes 231st Sta Hosp Wymondham			
0-808738	De Brandes (21st)	2d Lt	M
0-720334	Harrison, SA (Co-Pilot)	2d Lt	/

OFFICER STRENGTH	F/O	CAPT	1ST LT	2D LT	WO	FLT O
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COMPANY SECRET MORNING REPORT ENDING 20 June 1944

STATION **Stettenton Heath, Norfolk County**
ORGANIZATION **330th Bomb Sq 96th Bomb Gp (H) AAF**

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
0-712891	Northington (Nav)	2d Lt	M
0-757679	Armstrong, JQ (Bmbdr)	2d Lt	
12079258	Garwood, Kenneth P. (767)	T/Sgt	
17051814	Lambrecht (748)	T/Sgt	
35410510	Stauffer (612)	S/Sgt	
12042968	Blow (612)	S/Sgt	
19149725	Smith, GA (612)	S/Sgt	
18193372	Rogers, TC (612)	S/Sgt	
fr dy to missing in action and dropped fr			
SQ Rolls per Cir #46, Hqs BTOUSA			
dated 22 April/44 -			

RECORD OF EVENTS

20 June - Bombing mission performed on Medzeburz, Germany. 12 crews - 49 officers and 72 EW took off at 0345, one crew, Lt Horn aborted as scheduled and returned to base. Approx 20 enemy fighters encountered. 24x heavy and accurate. Battle damage to all ships but only 2 out of commission more than 24 hours. Lt. De Brandes crew - 2 2d Lts, 2 T/Sgts, 4 S/Sgts missing in action in F/O & CAPT. 1st Lt WO. 2d Lt FLY O.

OFFICER STRENGTH	F/O	CAPT	1ST LT	2D LT	WO	FLT O
PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT
TOTAL						

AVN CADET STRENGTH	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT FOR SUPP	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
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Army Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF) Record Group 92

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

237 108
128

N. A. M. E.	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARMY OR SERVICE	REPORTED THROUGH
JAMBRECHT ALEXANDER J	17051814	T SG AC	ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY	PLACE OF DEATH	CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
GERMANY	20 JUN 44	H MIA		110

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATES THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND THE OFFICIAL FILE GRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT OF KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID BONA MORTIS PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

MR.-MRS.-MIS	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP
MIS	SUSANNA		LAMBRECHT	MOTHER
NO. AND NAME OF STREET CITY COUNTY STATE				
1406 6TH STREET NORTH MINNEAPOLIS MINN MN 55404				

REMARKS: CORRECTED COPY 30 June 1944

**ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
RECEIVED
JUL 5 1944
STENO**

ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED FORM #1 AS SIR REG
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES (AS INDICATED BELOW)
FILE NO. _____ MESSAGE NO. _____ TYPE _____ DATE AND AREA _____ E. A. NOTIFIED _____

REPORT NOT VERIFIED NO FORM #1 NO CAS. BR. FILE CHECKED BY _____

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A. G. O.

ACT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL SER. NO.	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE NO.	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE NO.	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE NO.	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE NO.	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE NO.	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE NO.	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE NO.	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE NO.	ISSUE DATE	ISSUE NO.					
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AAF 201 - (5997) Lambrecht, Alexander J.
17051814

APPA/MBG/lsg/76365
Rn 4311, #8/1/44

August 2, 1944

Mrs. Susanna Lambrecht,
1406 6th Street North,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Lambrecht:

I am writing you with reference to your son, Technical Sergeant Alexander J. Lambrecht, who was reported by The Adjutant General as missing in action over Germany since June 20th.

Further information has just been received which indicates that Sergeant Lambrecht was a crew member of a B-17 (Flying Fortress) bomber which departed from England on a bombardment mission to Hagelburg, Germany on June 20th. Full details are not available, the report indicating that during this mission at about 9:15 a.m., in the target area, our planes encountered enemy aircraft and in the ensuing engagement your son's bomber sustained damage. The crew members of accompanying planes were unable to furnish any further details with reference to the disappearance of this aircraft.

Due to necessity for military security it is regretted that the names of those who were in the plane and the names and addresses of their next of kin may not be furnished at the present time.

Please be assured that a continuing search by land, sea, and air is being made to discover the whereabouts of our missing personnel. As our armies advance over enemy occupied territory special troops are assigned to this task, and all agencies of the government in every country are constantly working in details which aid us in bringing additional information to you.

Very sincerely,

E. A. BRAUNAS,
Major, A. G. O.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.

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MEMORANDUM TO: OIG, Casualty Section, F.A. Branch, AGO
SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. Technical Sergeant Alexander J. Lambrecht, 17051814, Air Corps, was reported missing in action since 20 June 1944, in Germany, while in flying pay status, by Casualty Shipments No. 110, 871, and was presumed dead as of 21 June 1945, under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act.

2. Missing Air Crew Report No. 5897, dated 11 June 1944, and submitted by the 96th Group, 397th Squadron, reveals that subject enlisted man was a crew member, consisting of ten men, of a B-17D type aircraft, serial No. 42-102612, which departed AAF Station 138, (England) on an operational mission to Magdeburg, Germany, on 20 June 1944. The aircraft was last sighted over the target area, at 0215 hours and was believed to have been lost as the result of enemy aircraft fire. The names of the other crew members, not considered in this review, and their status are as follows:

Pilot	DelVandres, Richard	0808798	POW
Co-P	Harrison, Glenn Alton	0750384	POW
Nav.	Northington, William Sterling, Jr.	0712891	POW
Bomb.	Armstrong, Joe Quincy	0757679	POW
R. Op. RD	Garwood, Kenneth Paul	1237968	POW
Ast. Eng. RW	Blow, William Joseph	1204268	POW
Ast. RO BT	Stauffer, Eugene Victor	2541051D	POW
Armorer RT	Rogers, Carroll Chester	1213372	POW
Ast. Arm. LW	Smith, Glenn Andrew	10149725	POW

3. A request for the Service Record for Tec Sergeant Lambrecht, or for the disposition made of it, was addressed to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, on 19 April 1945. This communication was returned by 11th Informant stating that the Service Record had been forwarded to the War Department 21 July 1944. At the time the case was reviewed and Technical Sergeant Lambrecht was presumed dead, a diligent search was made for the Service Record, but it could not be located. At the present date it is not on file in his enlisted jacket.

4. Captured German Records, now of record in this office, record the downing of a FORTRESS at 0930, 20 June 1944 at Exleben, 29 km west-north-west Magdeburg, Germany, serial No. 2120612, and lists by name and serial No. nine members of the crew as prisoners. The name of subject enlisted man is not included in their re-

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ording. The report also shows that the prisoners were captured at 1200 hours on the outskirts of Millersleben, Germany.

5. The following statements are quoted from the Individual Casualty Questionnaires filled in by the returned crew members regarding Technical Sergeant Lambrecht:

By S Sgt. Glenn A. Smith, 10149725:

"I heard him start firing on E/A attacking. I saw him (or I believed it to be him) fall below the plane as I prepared to jump from the rear door. His chute was not yet open. My belief is that he was murdered by civilians upon reaching the ground and that his body was hidden to prevent disclosure of the crime. I was the second person to leave the plane. I reached the ground at 0930 all other crew members bailed out successfully and were picked up by the enemy with the exception of Top-turret gunner, 7/Sgt Lambrecht, Alexander John 10051679 (believed to be the first man to bail out). Aircraft exploded before striking the ground. No one was left in the aircraft."

By 1st Lt. Richard DeVandres 0808798:

"He said 'The Top Turret guns are damaged and No. 2 and 3 engines were afire.' He was not injured to my knowledge. Upon interrogation of my crew shortly after capture results: 'Sgt. Cunnors believed to have seen Sgt. Lambrecht's leave plane with parachute. Supposition: Due to the treatment we received from German civilians and German Landsturm which was brutal and hostile, we believe that Sgt. Lambrecht had been fallen into their hands say have been killed. This is my personal belief."

By 2nd Lt. Joe Quincy Armstrong, 0757679:

"He was 1st man to jump, leaving before the Navigator. Last seen jumping through escape hatch in nose. I was told by a German interrogator that they hadn't been able to find him. The civilians were very hostile giving us all a bad time, what with beating us & all. Aircraft blew up in air."

By 7 Sgt. Kenneth P. Garwood, 1237968:

"I heard him say 'We're on fire.' Beobardier said he bailed out

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Name: LAMBRECHT, Alexander J.
Rank: 7/Sgt
Serial: 17 051 814

Date: 31 January 1950

DEFERRED SEARCH CERTIFICATE

1. Information received from American Graves Registration Command, European Area (file reference: 1st, CGMH 293 MHC-11, subj: Procedure For Handling Residual Cases of Unlocated Remains of World War II Personnel, dtd 23 Oct 49, and 1st Ind Directo, dtd 18 Nov 49, with Incls) indicates that the case involving the recovery of the remains of the above named decedent cannot be resolved until further field investigation is conducted in the area specified below:

Russian Zone of Germany, Map Sheet M-53, Magdeburg. No specific burial information. MIA 20 Jun 44. Air crash B-17D #42-102612.

2. Due to the political situation in the area cited above, the American Graves Registration Command, European Area, considers it impracticable to conduct the necessary field investigation at this time.

3. Information on this case, and all similar cases known to the Identification Branch, has been forwarded to the Liaison Office, Memorial Division, for continuation of action to obtain entry into the area involved for performing the required field investigation.

4. Under the provisions of Memorial Division Information Bulletin No 21, dtd 27 Dec 49, further action on this case has been deferred until such time as it is possible to perform field investigation in the area involved.

Cys to: 293 file
Liaison Office, Mem Div
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Pentagon Liaison

WILLIAM R. DOWDSE
1st Lt. SAC
Chief, Final Determination
Section

NOTE: Dental Charts, CGMH 371, Battle Casualty Report, and Finding of Death Report in 293 File.



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- **U.S. Army Individual Deceased Personnel Files:** RG 92
- **Vietnam Mortuary Files 1963–1978**
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- **Records of the Selective Service System Registration Cards and Classification Ledgers:** RG 147 and RG 163
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