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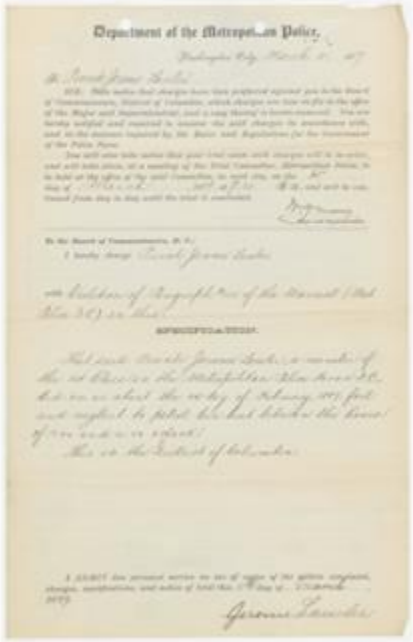
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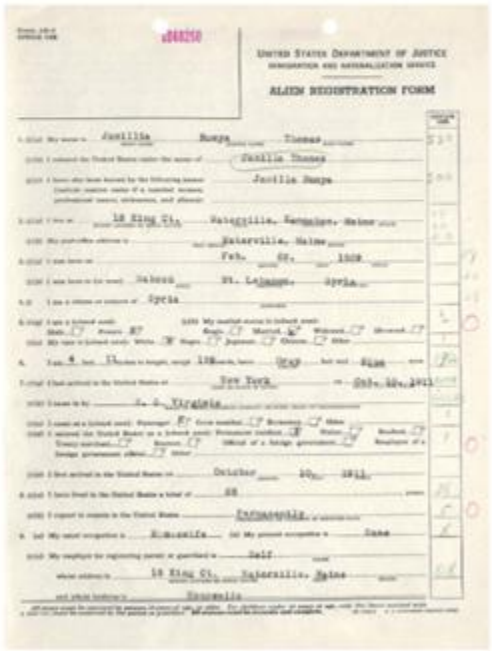
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Join us in May and June for our annual series on family history research!

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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.

NARA's mission is to preserve and provide access to the records of the government of the United States of America. We are thrilled to share our records that relate to family history and to make those records available to you through the Genealogy Series.

About the Sessions

Our presentations will demonstrate how to use federal resources at the National Archives and Records Administration for genealogical research.

National Archives experts are presenting from our locations across the United States. 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 **YouTube**: Log in and type your questions and comments

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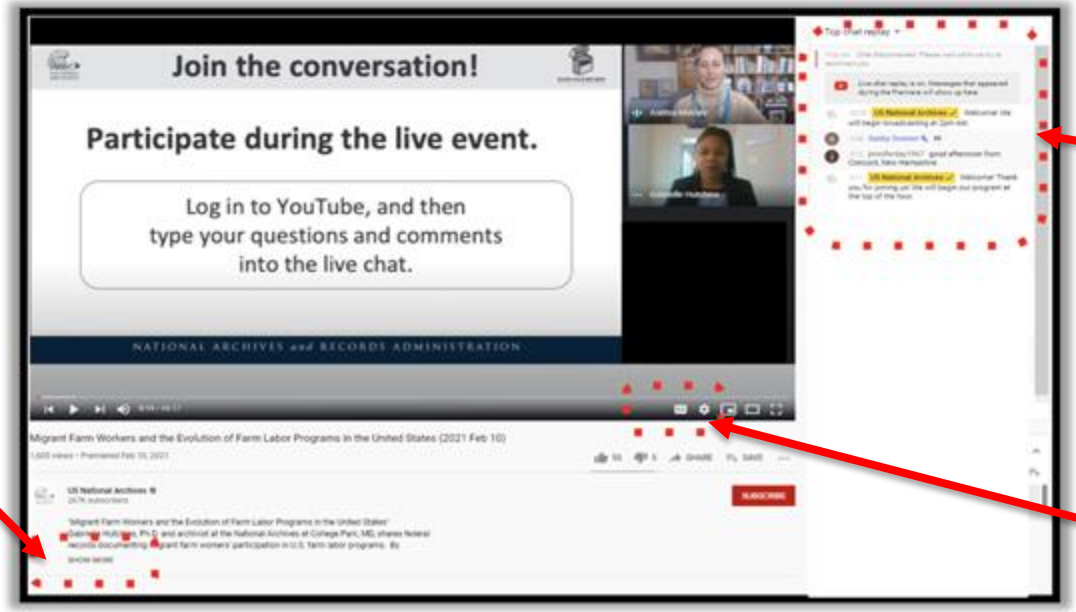

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- ask questions

Closed Captions

Videos and presentation materials remain available after the premiere date.

Schedule

Tuesday, May 13, 1 p.m. ET

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- ***Revealing Ties to Espionage in the Office of Strategic Services Records***
  Presenter: Molly Kamph

Wednesday, May 21, 1 p.m. ET

- ***From the Territory of Montana to the Republic of Vietnam; Researching Native American Veterans in the National Archives, 1881–1966***
  Presenters: Cody White, Kayla Dawkins, Rose Buchanan, and Leo Belleville

Tuesday, June 3, 1 p.m. ET

- ***Washington, DC, Law and Order: Cops and Robbers, 1861–1991***
  Presenter: M Marie Maxwell

Schedule

Wednesday, June 11, 1 p.m. ET

- ***Disaster Preparedness and Response for Family Collections***

  Presenters: Sara Holmes and Sara Leonowitz

Tuesday, June 17, 1 p.m. ET

- ***Researching Immigrant Ancestors: Alien Registration (AR-2) Forms***

  Presenters: Elizabeth Burnes and John LeGloahec
- **Closing Remarks**

Session Overview

From the Territory of Montana to the Republic of Vietnam: Researching Native American Veterans in the National Archives, 1881–1966

Native Americans have a long and distinguished history of service in the United States Armed Forces. Using a host of records from across National Archives facilities, this talk will explore how National Archives records can be used to reconstruct their lives and service, using case studies from the Indian Wars, World War II, and the Vietnam Conflict.

Presenter Biographies

Cody White

Cody White is an archivist at the National Archives at Denver and a Subject Matter Expert for Native American Related Records. He holds a bachelor of arts in history from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and a master of library and information science from University of California, Los Angeles. He has been with the National Archives since 2012.

Presenter Biographies

Kayla Dawkins

Kayla Dawkins is a reference archives specialist at the National Archives at St. Louis, where she has been employed for nine years. She has a bachelor of arts in English language and literature from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as well as a master of library and information science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Presenter Biographies

Rose Buchanan

Rose Buchanan is a reference archivist at the National Archives in Washington, DC, and a Subject Matter Expert for Native American Related Records. She has been with the National Archives since 2015.

Presenter Biographies

Leo Belleville

Leo Belleville began his career at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in 2012. Currently, he is an archivist at the National Archives at Chicago. He has a master of arts in history with a focus in archival museum science from California State University, Northridge, and a bachelor of arts in history from California State University, Channel Islands.

From the Territory of Montana to the Republic of Vietnam:
Researching Native American Veterans in the National Archives, 1881–1966

Excerpt from 1913 township survey plat; 32 north, 15 east (National Archives Identifier: 2406691).

Three Native American Female Marines at Camp Lejeune (National Archives Identifier: 404791854).

600 - Photo of Service Men – Blackfeet (National Archives Identifier 7329402).

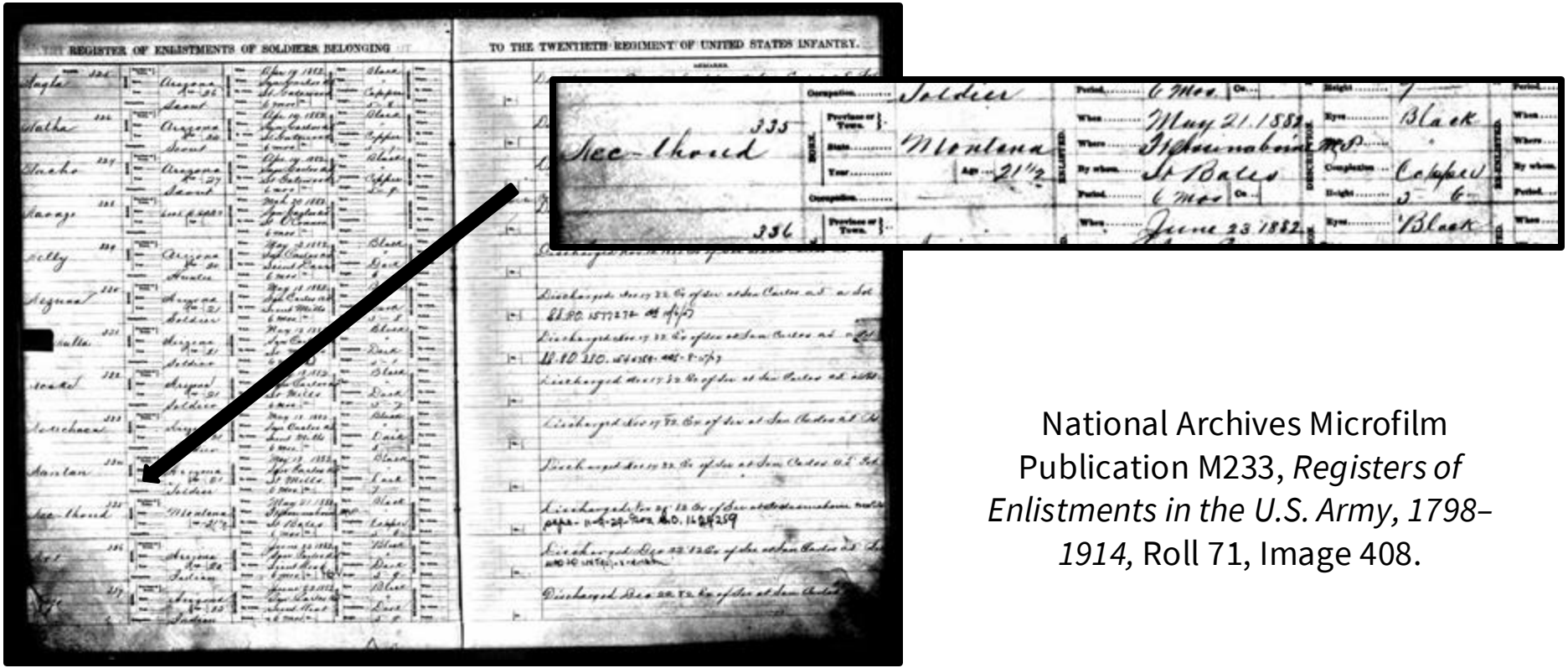
Records are Coast to Coast!

Left to right: National Archives in Washington, DC, 2009 (National Archives Identifier: 184341230); National Personnel Records Center, 2012 (National Archives Identifier: 184341469); and National Archives at Denver, 2025 (presenter's photograph).

Meet Fork/Nec Thoud (Gros Ventre)

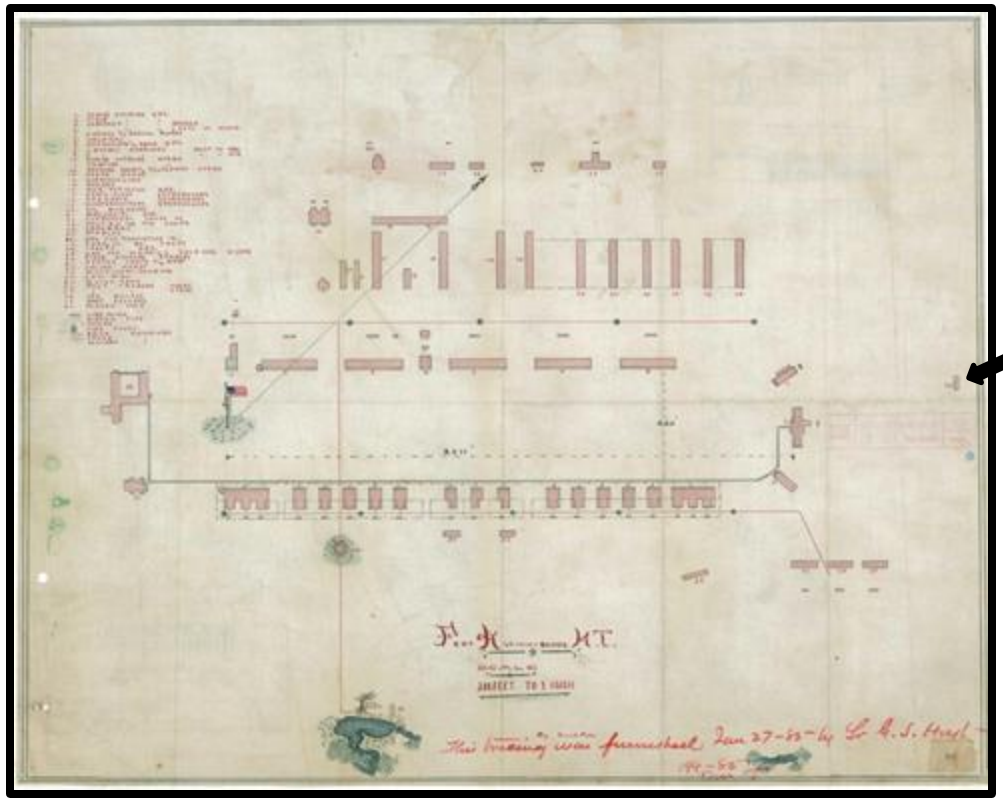
Fork and wife Hits, June 3, 1925 (National Archives Identifier: 1899054).

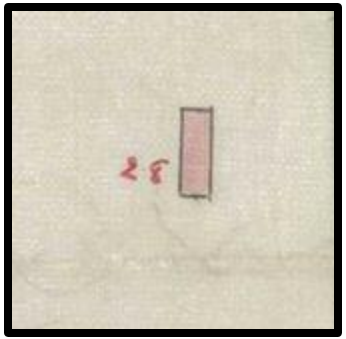
Fork's 2nd Enlistment, May 1882



National Archives Microfilm Publication M233, *Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798–1914*, Roll 71, Image 408.

Fort Assinniboine, January 27, 1885





Fort Assinniboine, Montana Territory (National Archives Identifier: 205135266).

Fort Assinniboine Post Return, May 1882

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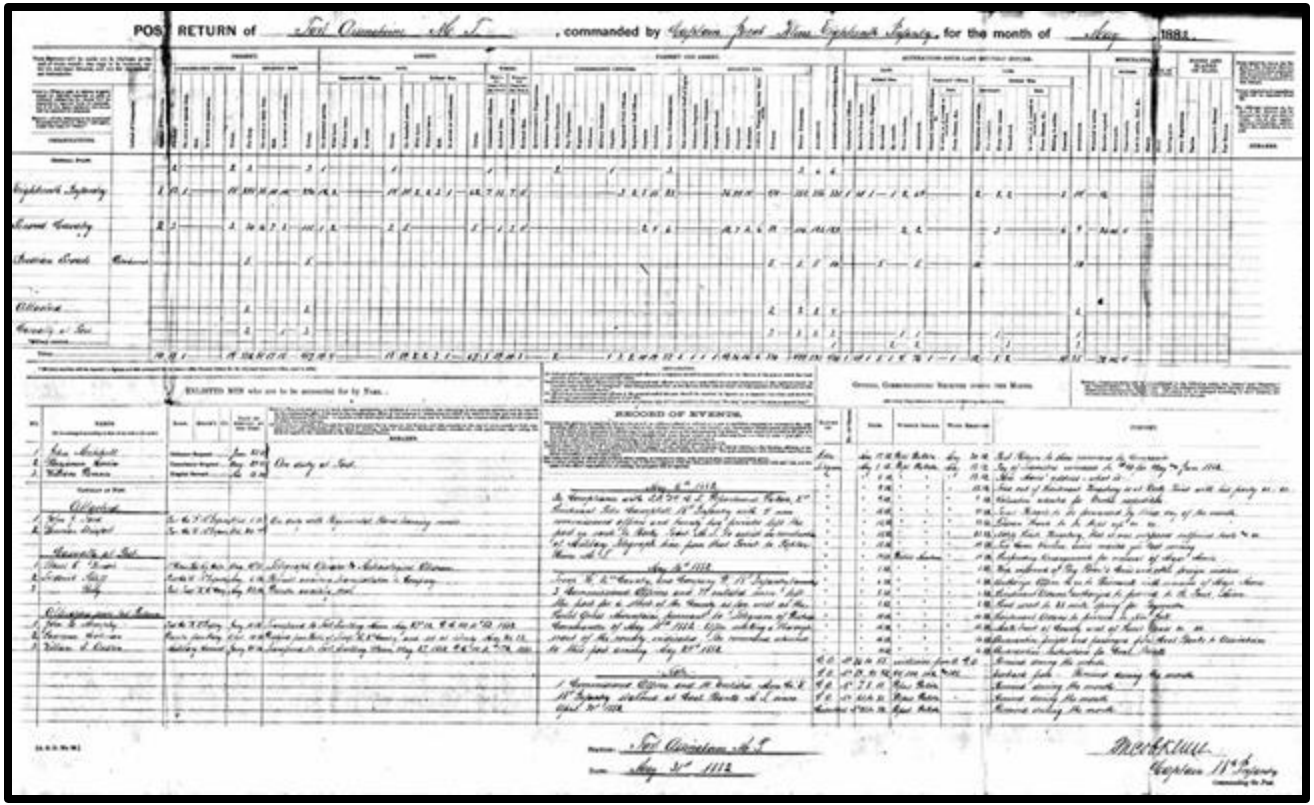
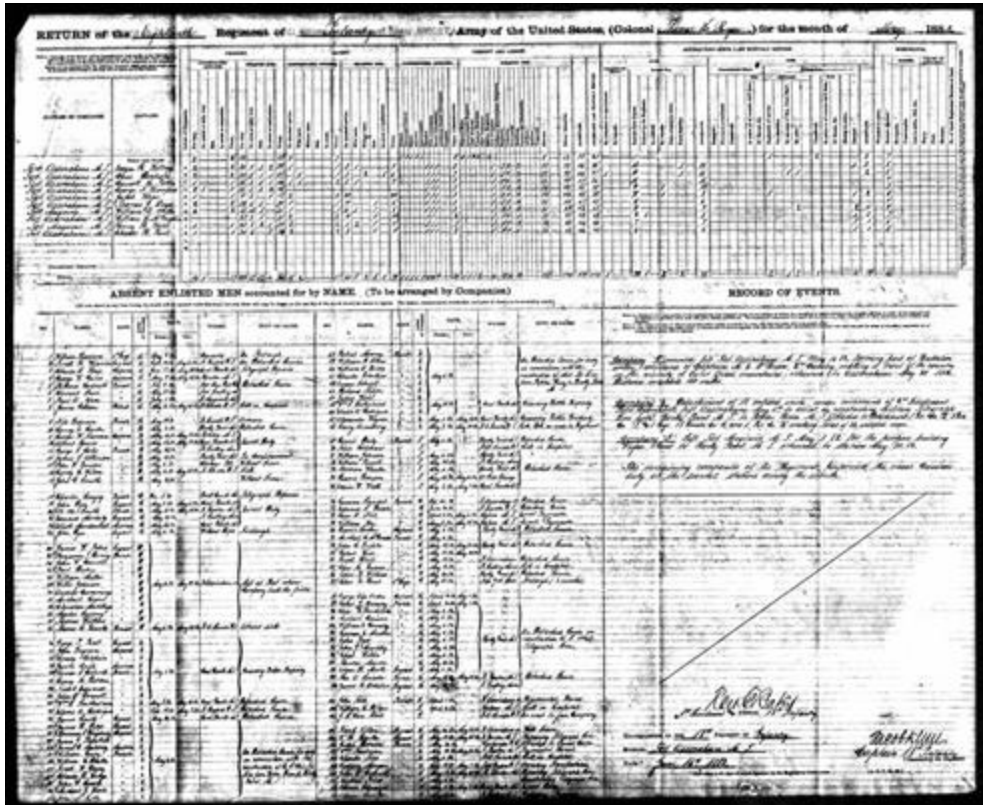

POST RETURN of Fort Assiniboine M. T., commanded by Captain [illegible] for the month of May 1882.

RECORD OF EVENTS.

Fort Assiniboine M. T. May 31st 1882

[illegible] Captain 11th Infantry

18th Regiment of Infantry Return, May 1882

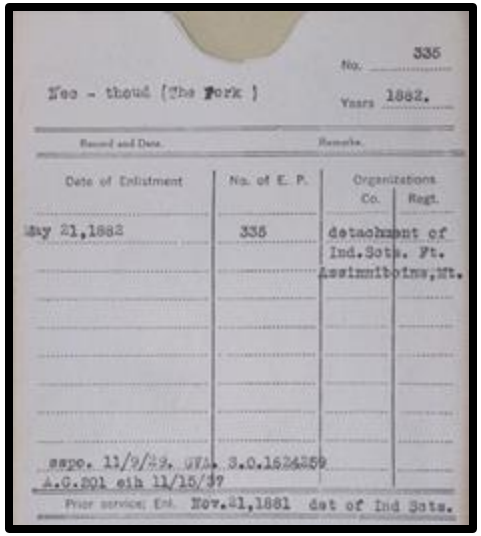


National Archives Microfilm Publication M665, *Returns from Regular Army Infantry Regiments, June 1821–December 1916,* Roll 195, Image 51.

Now to Rose Buchanan, Archivist and Subject Matter Expert for Native American Related Records, National Archives in Washington, DC

Southwest Corner of National Archives Building, 1952 (National Archives Identifier: 266848129).

Fork's 2nd Enlistment, May 1882



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Foo - thoud (The Fork)

Years 1882.

Record and Date.	Remarks.		
Date of Enlistment	No. of E. P.	Organizations Co.	Regt.
May 21,1882	335	detachment of Ind.Scts. Ft. Assiniboine,Mt.	

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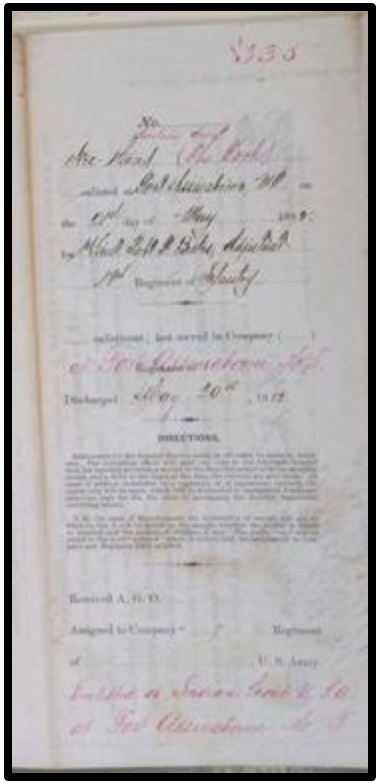
Prior service: Enl. Nov.21,1881 det of Ind Scts.

Enlistment Papers of Indian Scouts, 1866–1914
(National Archives Identifier: 593325).

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OATH OF ENLISTMENT AND ALLEGIANCE.



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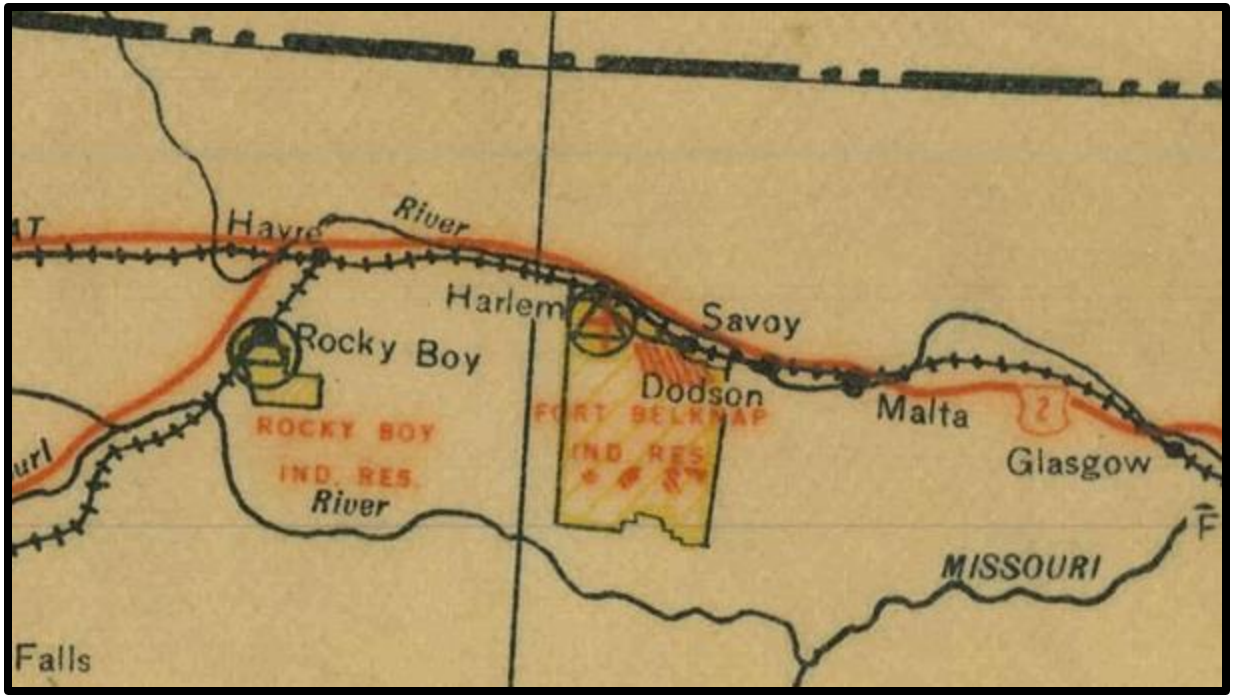
Discharged May 20th 1887

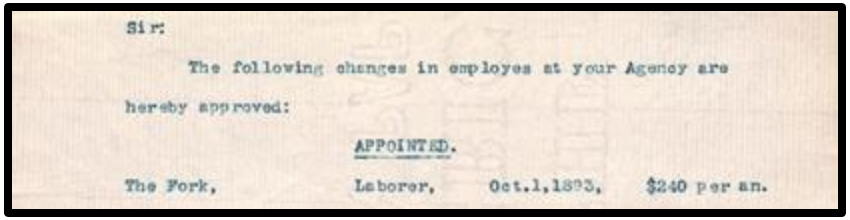
DIRECTIONS

Working for the Fort Belknap Agency, 1893–1917



Part of United States West of the Mississippi River (Excerpt) (National Archives Identifier: 100306991).

Working for the Fort Belknap Agency, 1893–1917



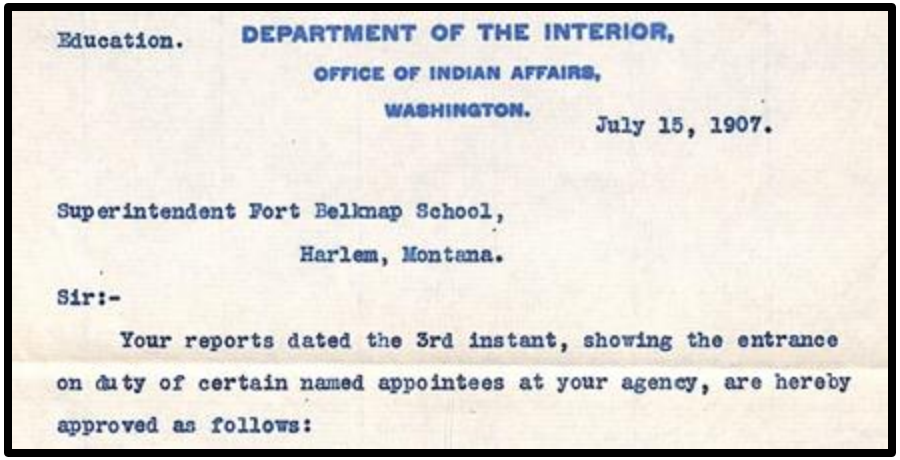
Sir:

The following changes in employes at your Agency are hereby approved:

APPOINTED.

The Fork,	Laborer,	Oct.1,1893,	$240 per an.

Police and School Personnel Records, 1878–1951 (National Archives Identifier: 2579946).

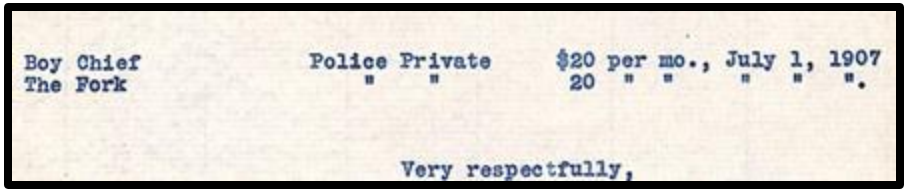


Education. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.
July 15, 1907.

Superintendent Fort Belknap School,
Harlem, Montana.

Sir:-

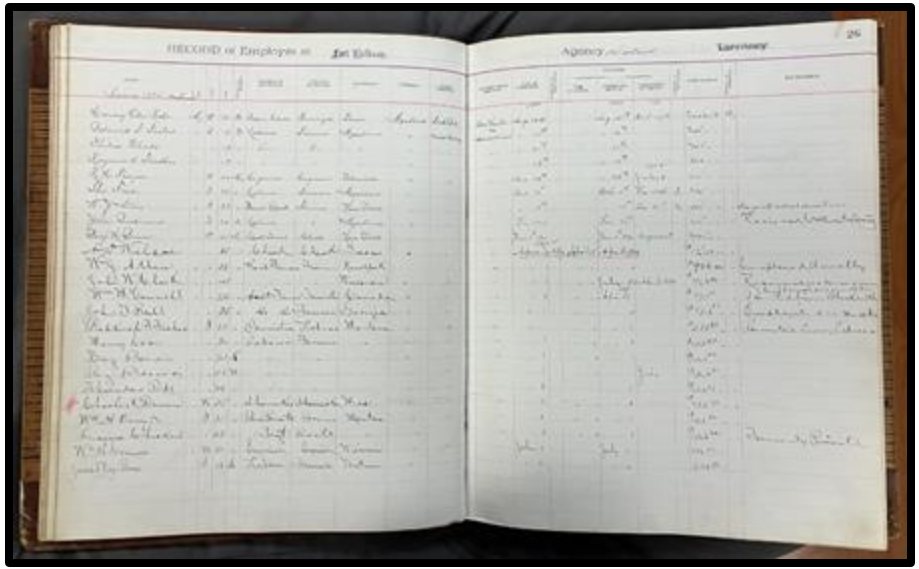
Your reports dated the 3rd instant, showing the entrance on duty of certain named appointees at your agency, are hereby approved as follows:



Boy Chief	Police Private	$20 per mo., July 1, 1907
The Fork	" "	20 " " " " ".

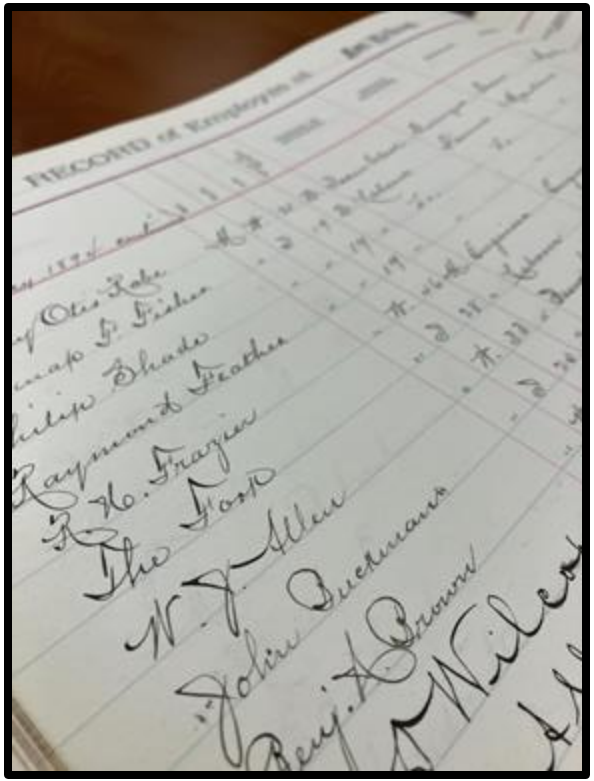
Very respectfully,

Working for the Fort Belknap Agency, 1893–1917



Registers of Employees, 1878–1925 (National Archives Identifier: 2576605).

For more, check out "Get to Know Your Office of Indian Affairs Forms: The 5-929, Record of Employees" blog.



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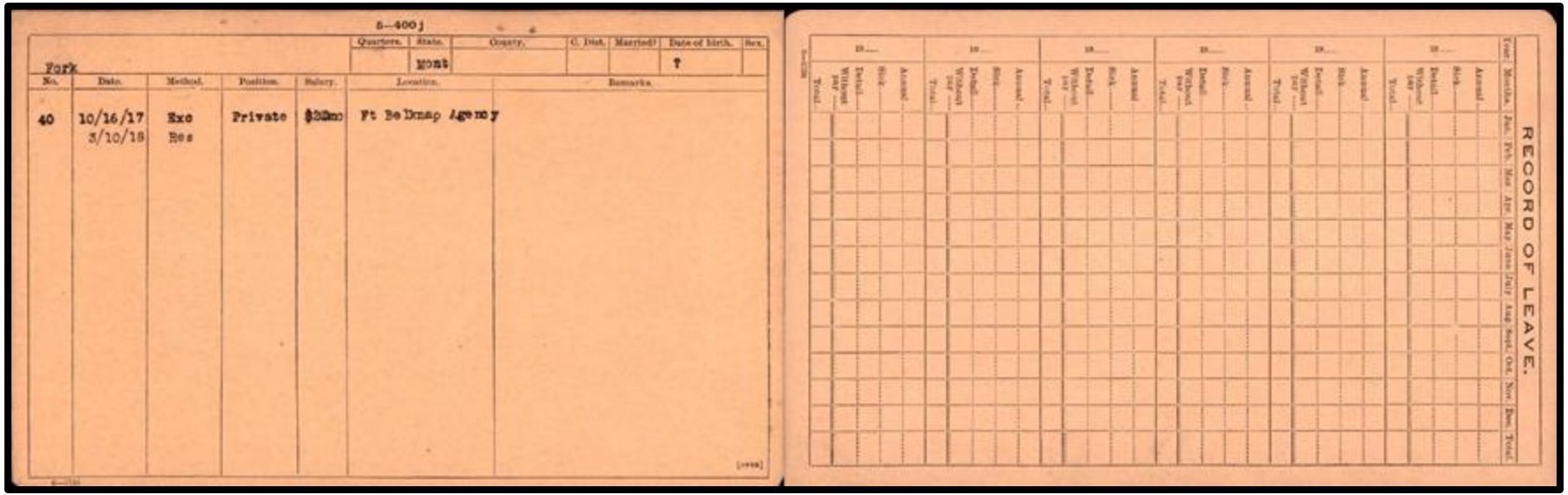
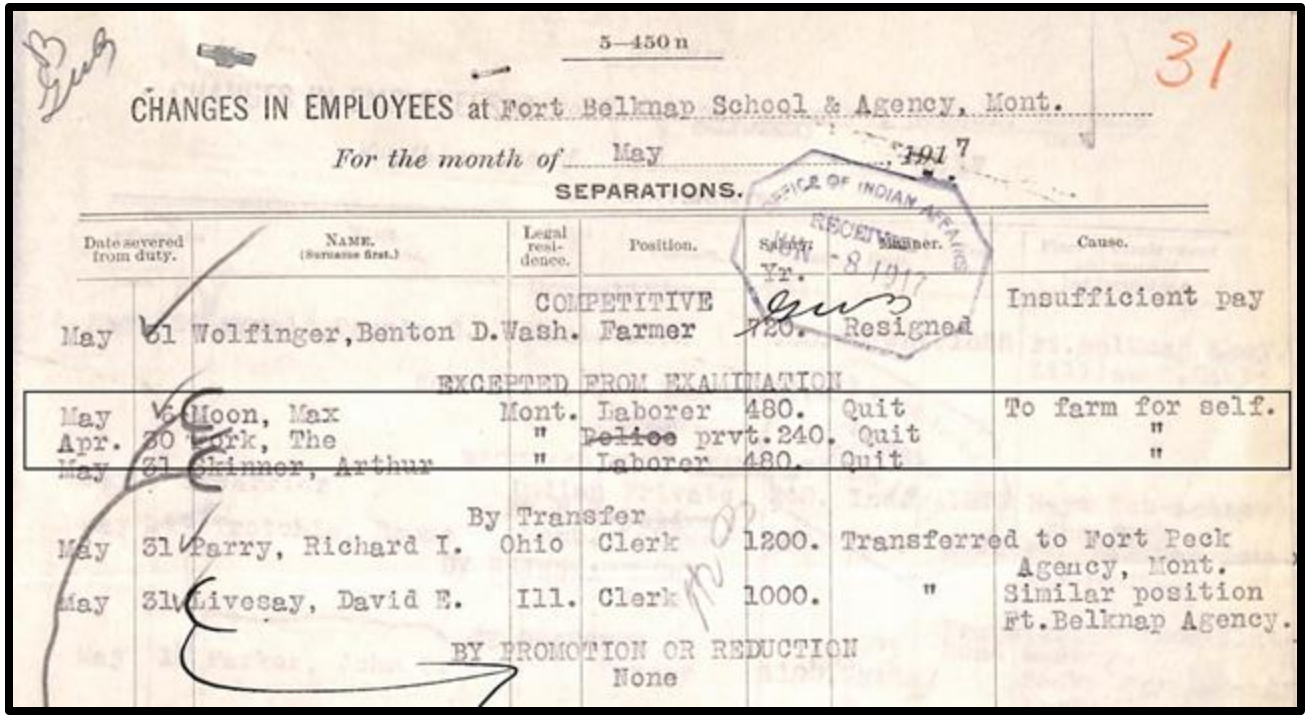


No.	Date.	Method.	Position.	Salary.	Location.	Remarks.
40	10/16/17 3/10/18	Exc Res	Private	$30mo	Ft Belknap Agency	

RECORD OF LEAVE.

Personnel Files, January 1850–December 1947 (National Archives Identifier: 3758184).

Resigns as Police Private to Farm



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CHANGES IN EMPLOYEES at Fort Belknap School & Agency, Mont.

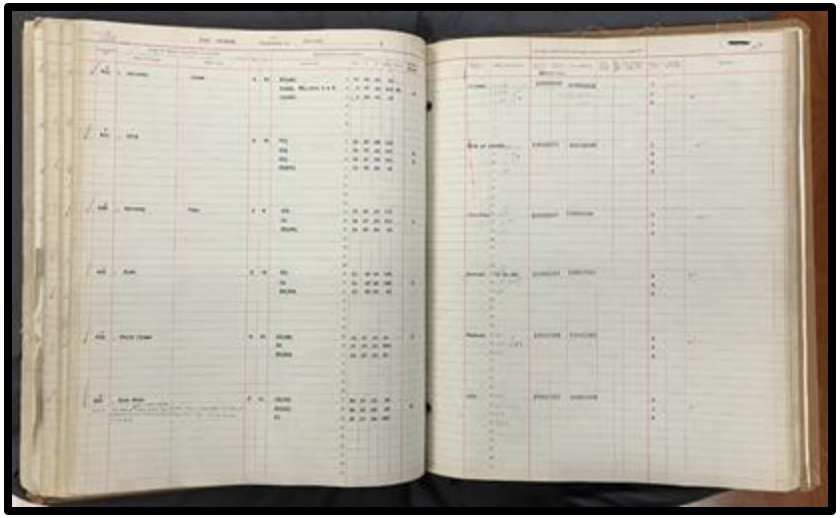
For the month of May 1917

SEPARATIONS.

Date severed from duty.	Name. (Surname first.)	Legal residence.	Position.	Salary: Yr.	Manner.	Cause.
			COMPETITIVE			
May 31	Wolfinger, Benton D.	Wash.	Farmer	720.	Resigned	Insufficient pay
			EXCEPTED FROM EXAMINATION			
May 6	Moon, Max	Mont.	Laborer	480.	Quit	To farm for self.
Apr. 30	Work, The	"	~~Police~~ prvt.	240.	Quit	"
May 31	Skinner, Arthur	"	Laborer	480.	Quit	"
			By Transfer			
May 31	Parry, Richard I.	Ohio	Clerk	1200.	Transferred to	Fort Peck Agency, Mont.
May 31	Livesay, David E.	Ill.	Clerk	1000.	"	Similar position Ft. Belknap Agency.
			BY PROMOTION OR REDUCTION			
			None			

Personnel Administration Records, 1910–1949 (National Archives Identifier: 2576610).

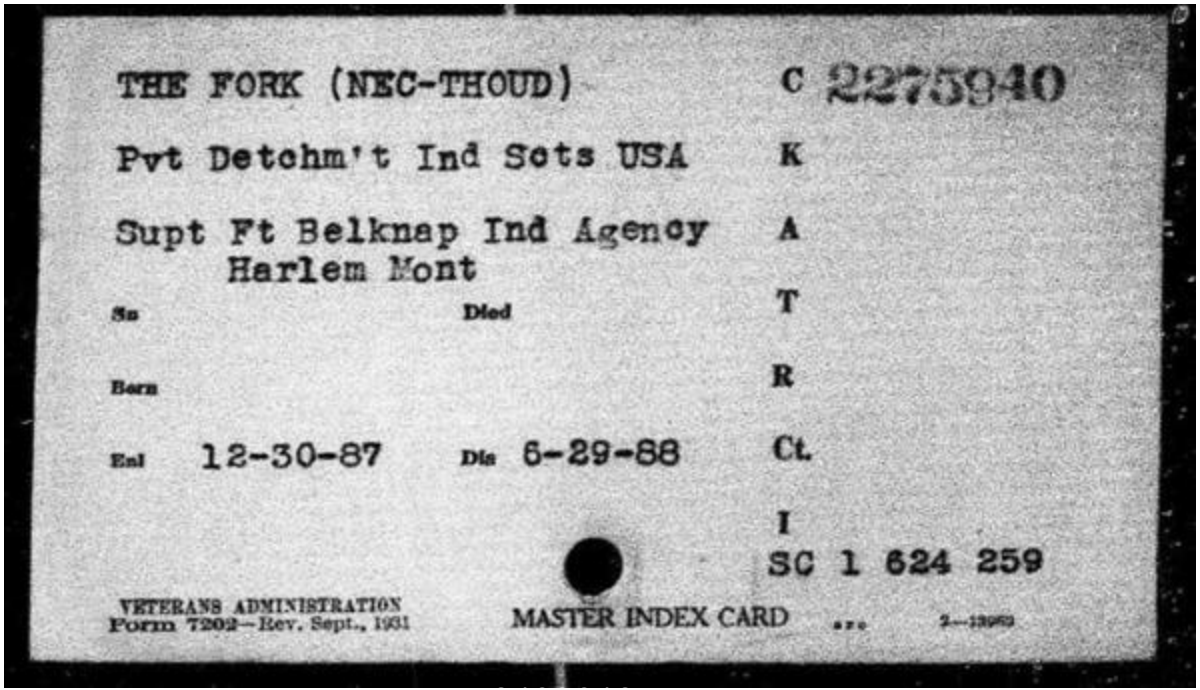
Life as a Montana Farmer



Tract books, 1867–1963 (National Archives Identifier: 731103).

The 320-acre land parcel where Fork farmed (Google Maps 2008).

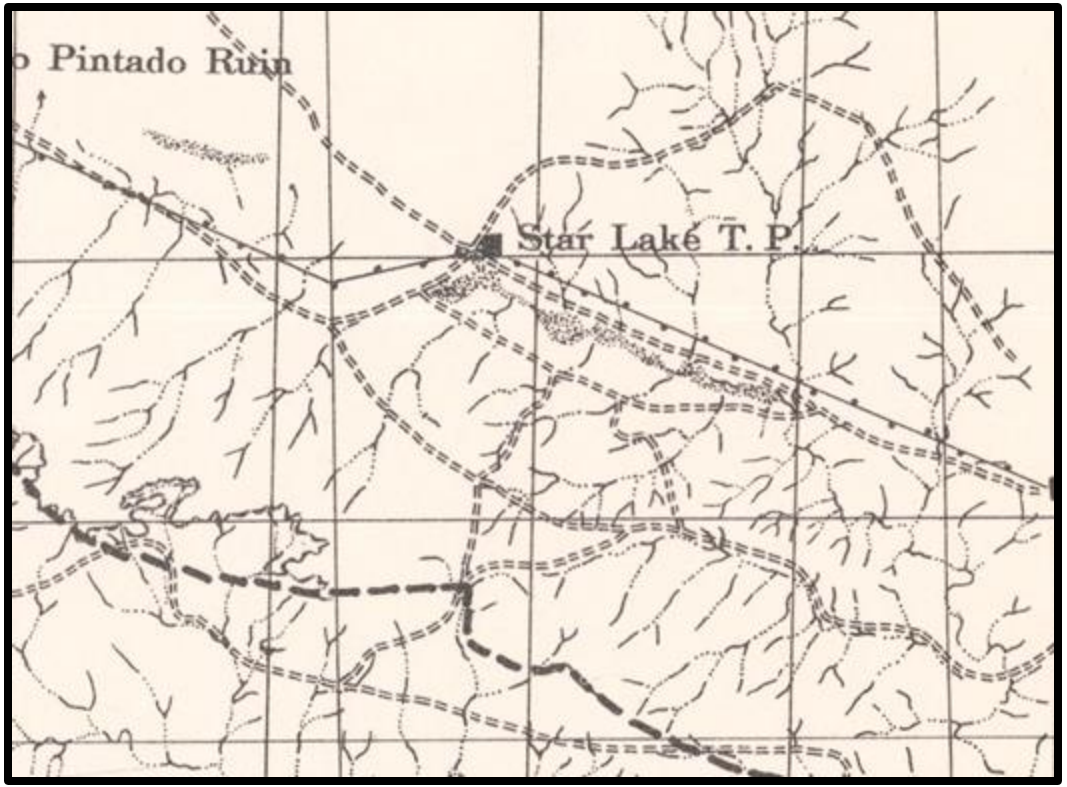
Indian War Veteran Pension



Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917–January 1972 (National Archives Identifier: 76193916).

Meet John Werito (Navajo)

Map of the Navajo Country, 1937 (Excerpt) (National Archives Identifier: 234271298).



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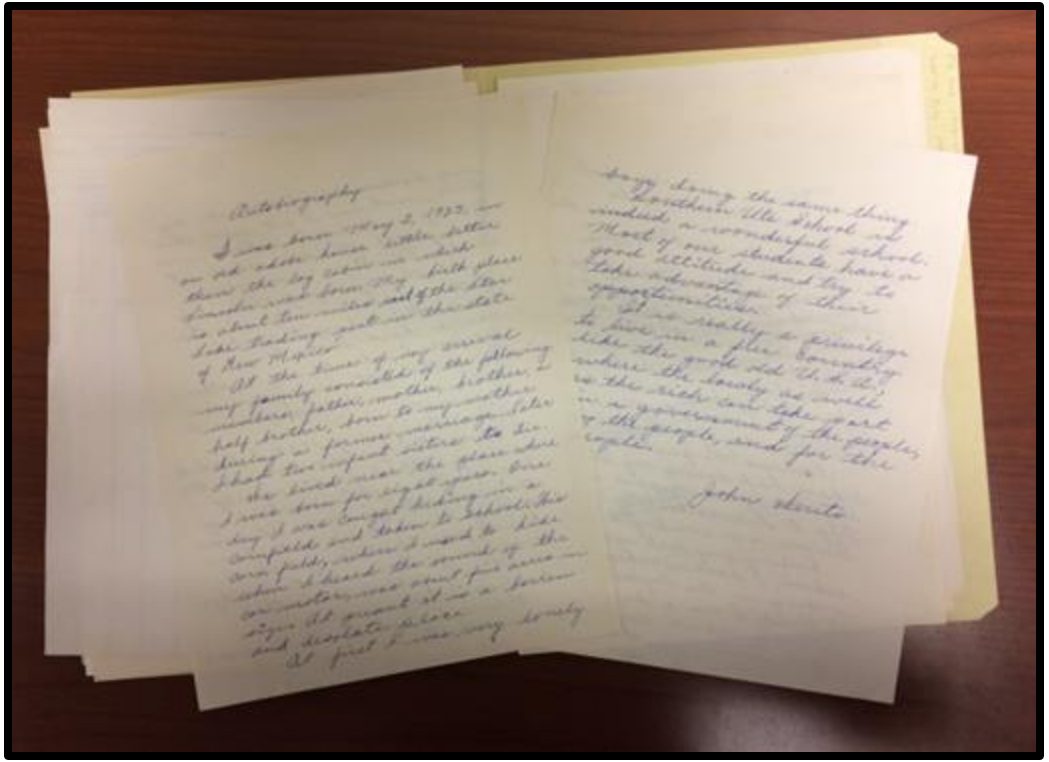
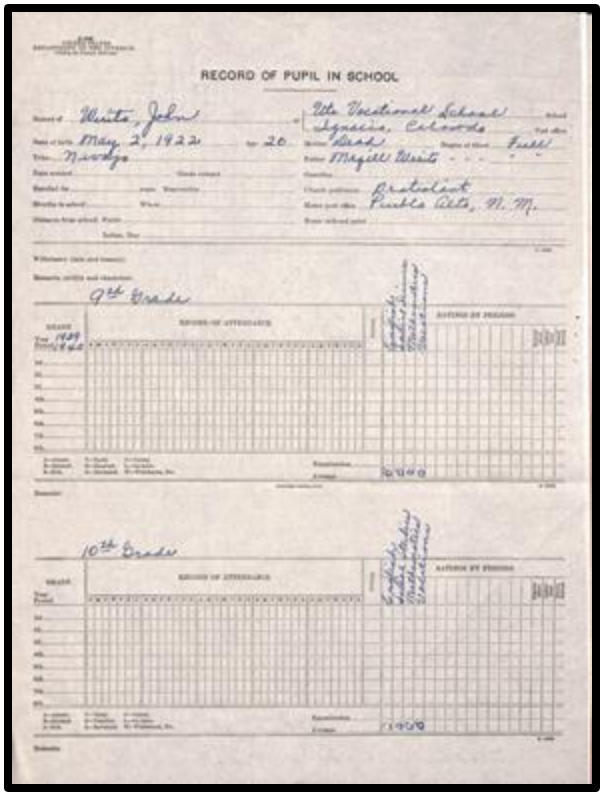


Handwritten autobiography from John Werito's Ute Vocational School student case file (National Archives Identifier: 74589173).

Attending Ute Vocational School

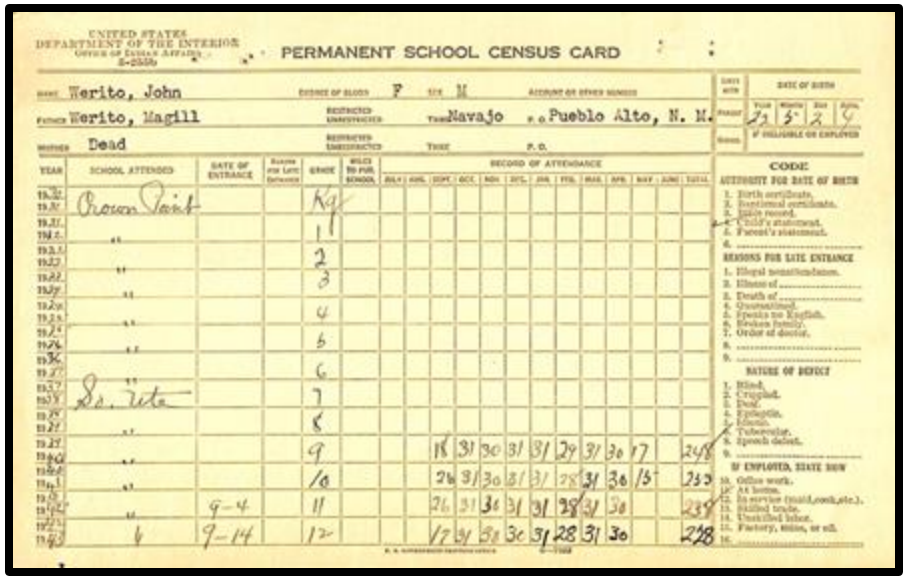


RECORD OF PUPIL IN SCHOOL

Name of Pupil: Waite, John
Name of School: Ute Vocational School, Ignacio, Colorado
Date of Birth: May 2, 1922 Age: 20
Tribe: Navajo
Name of Parent or Guardian: Magill Waite
Post Office: Pratolent, Pueblo Alto, N. M.

9th Grade

10th Grade



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PERMANENT SCHOOL CENSUS CARD

Name: Werito, John
Father: Werito, Magill
Mother: Dead
Tribe: Navajo
P. O. Pueblo Alto, N. M.

YEAR	SCHOOL ATTENDED	DATE OF ENTRANCE	GRADE	DAYS TO PUB. SCHOOL	RECORD OF ATTENDANCE												
1927-28	Brown Point		Kg														
1928-29	"		1														
1929-30	"		2														
1930-31	"		3														
1931-32	"		4														
1932-33	"		5														
1933-34	"		6														
1934-35	So. Ute		7														
1935-36	"		8														
1936-37	"		9				18	31	30	31	31	29	31	30	17		248
1937-38	"		10				26	31	30	31	31	28	31	30	15		253
1938-39	"	9-4	11				26	31	30	31	31	28	31	30			238
1939-40	"	9-14	12				17	31	30	31	28	31	30				228

CODE
AUTHORITY FOR DATE OF BIRTH
1. Birth certificate.
2. Baptismal certificate.
3. Bible record.
4. Child's statement.
5. Parent's statement.
6. _____

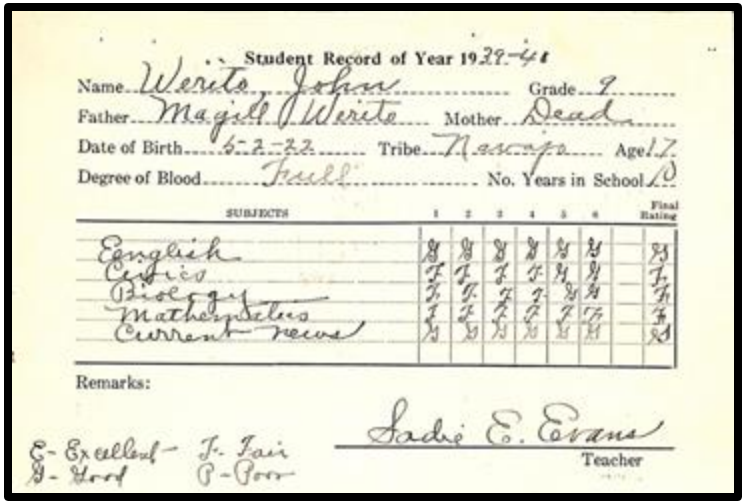
REASONS FOR LATE ENTRANCE
1. Illegal vacation/leave.
2. Illness of _____
3. Death of _____
4. Quarantined.
5. Needed to work.
6. Broken family.
7. Order of doctor.
8. _____
9. _____

NATURE OF DEFECT
1. Blind.
2. Crippled.
3. Deaf.
4. Tuberculin.
5. Feeble.
6. Tubercular.
7. Speech defect.
8. _____
9. _____

IF EMPLOYED, STATE HOW
10. Office work.
11. At home.
12. In service (maid, cook, etc.).
13. Skilled trade.
14. Unskilled labor.
15. Factory, mine, or oil.
16. _____

Record of Pupil in School form, to note grades, and Permanent School Census Card, to note attendance (National Archives Identifier: 74589173).

Attending Ute Vocational School



Student Record of Year 1941

Name Werito, Johan Grade 9

Father Magill Werito Mother Dead

Date of Birth 6-2-23 Tribe Navajo Age 17

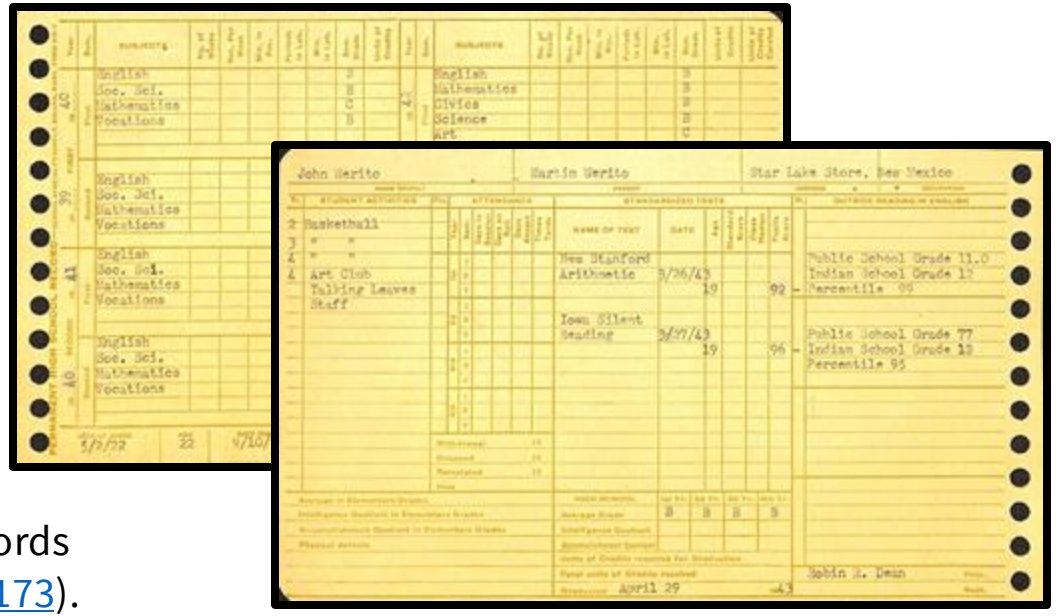
Degree of Blood Full No. Years in School 10

SUBJECTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	Final Rating
English	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Civics	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Biology	C	C	C	C	B	B	C
Mathematics	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Current news	B	B	B	B	B	B	B

Remarks:

E- Excellent F- Fair
G- Good P- Poor

Sadie E. Evans
Teacher



John Werito — Martin Werito — Star Lake Store, New Mexico

Basketball

Art Club
Talking Leaves
Staff

New Stanford Arithmetic 5/26/43 19 92 – Public School Grade 11.0 Indian School Grade 12 Percentile 99

Iowa Silent Reading 5/27/43 19 96 – Public School Grade 77 Indian School Grade 12 Percentile 95

Robin E. Dean

April 29

Locally used student transcript records (National Archives Identifier: [74589173](#)).

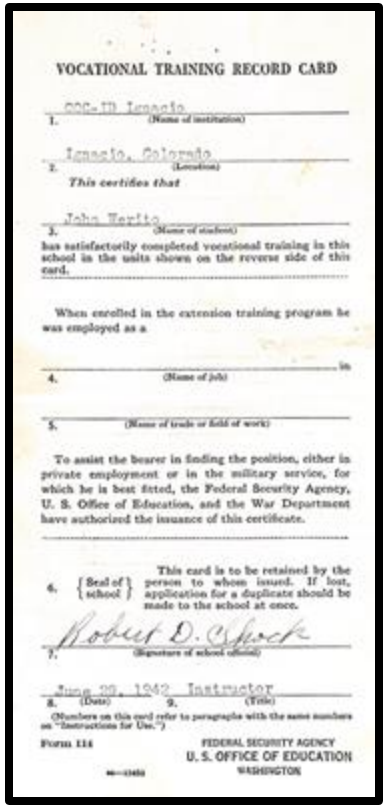
Attending Ute Vocational School

10. John Wirtz
(Signature of student)

11. (Occupation for which training was given)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING RECORD

School years 12	Units of training (Preparatory—Extension) 13	Clock hours of training 14
	Servicing Cars	25 hrs.
	Repairing Tires & Tubes	10 "
	Fitting bearings & piston rings	5 "
	Cleaning motors-parts	10 "
	Soldering radiators	5 "
	Removing & installing radiators	10 "
	Adjusting brakes	10 "
	Repairing brakes	10 "
	Removing & installing transmitters-clutches	25 "
	Adjusting Clutches	10 "
	Servicing tractors	15 "
	Removing & installing tractor brakes	10 "
	Timing cars-tractors	7 "
	Driving instruction	10 "
	Studying literature & discussion	15 "
	Washing cars-tractors	10 "
	Adjusting Differentials	5 "
	Total No. of Hours	192



VOCATIONAL TRAINING RECORD CARD

1. CCC-ID Ignacio
(Name of institution)

2. Ignacio, Colorado
(Location)

This certifies that

3. John Wirtz
(Name of student)

has satisfactorily completed vocational training in this school in the units shown on the reverse side of this card.

When enrolled in the extension training program he was employed as a

4. (Name of job)

5. (Name of trade or field of work)

To assist the bearer in finding the position, either in private employment or in the military service, for which he is best fitted, the Federal Security Agency, U. S. Office of Education, and the War Department have authorized the issuance of this certificate.

6. {Seal of school} This card is to be retained by the person to whom issued. If lost, application for a duplicate should be made to the school at once.

Robert D. Chuck
7. (Signature of school official)

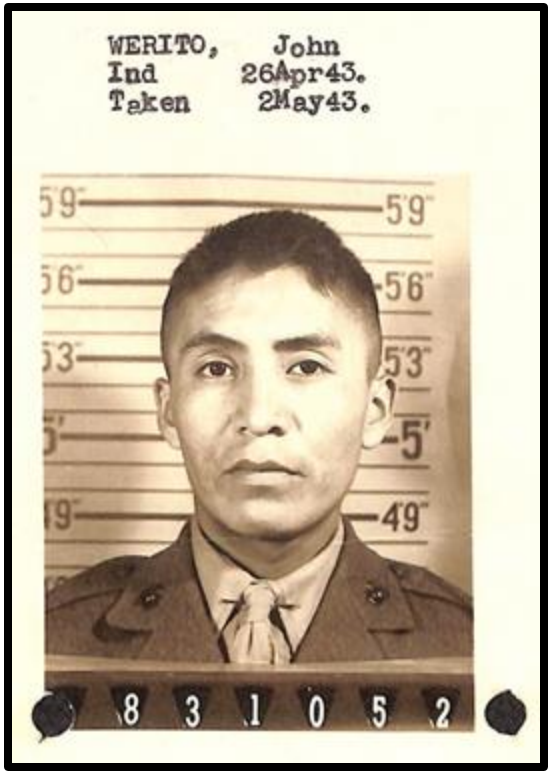
June 29, 1942 Instructor
8. (Date) 9. (Title)

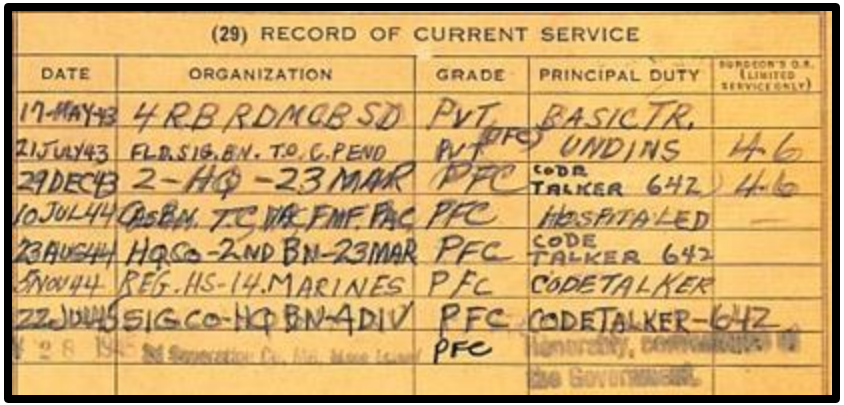
(Numbers on this card refer to paragraphs with the same numbers on "Instructions for Use.")

Form 114 FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

Vocational Training Record Card (National Archives Identifier: 1899054).

Becoming a U.S. Marine Corps Code Talker

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21 JUN 43	FLD SIG. BN. T.D. C. PEND	PVT PFC	UNDINS	4-6
29 DEC 43	2-HQ-23 MAR	PFC	CODE TALKER 642	4-6
10 JUL 44	C&S BN. T.C. V.A. FMF. PAC	PFC	HOSPITALED	
23 AUG 44	HQ Co-2ND BN-23 MAR	PFC	CODE TALKER 642	
5 NOV 44	REG. HS-14. MARINES	PFC	CODE TALKER	
22 JUN 45	SIG CO-HQ BN-4 DIV	PFC	CODE TALKER-642	
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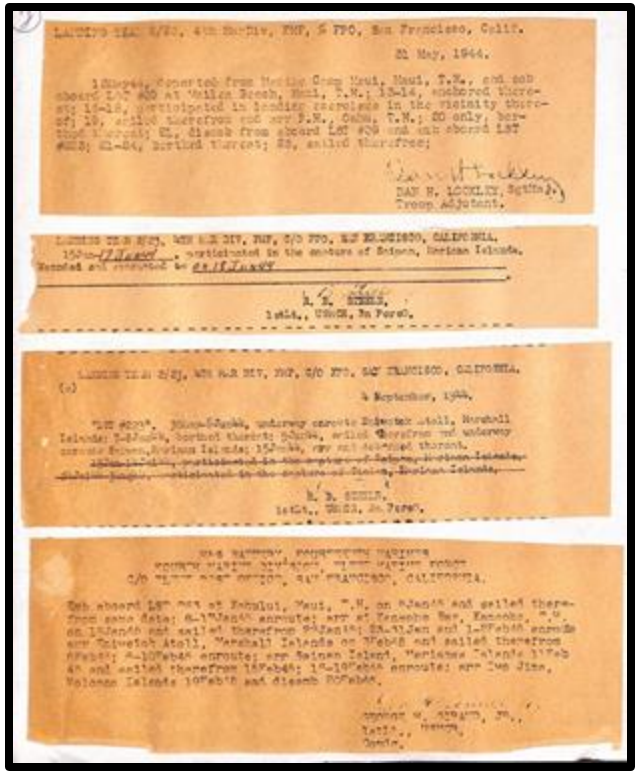
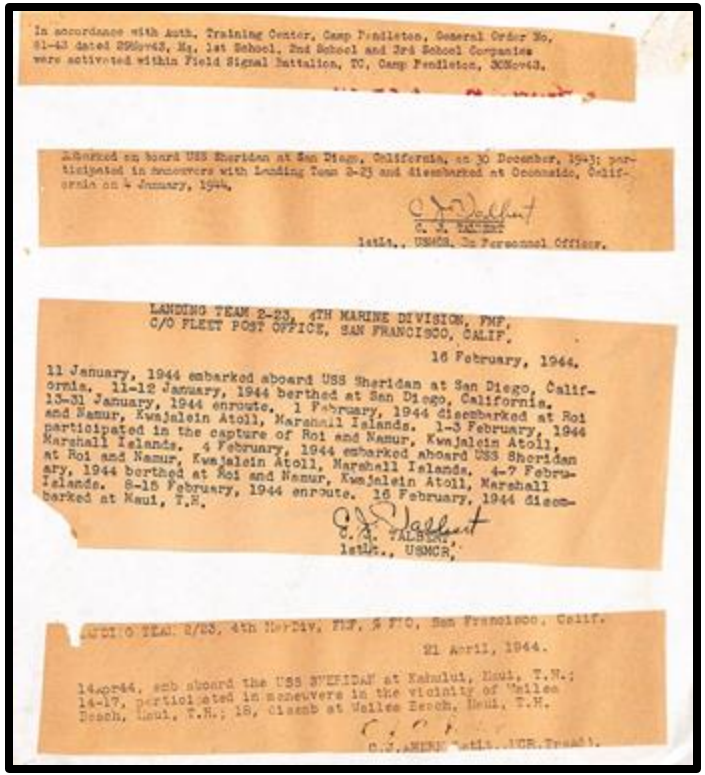
John Werito Official Military Personnel File (National Archives Identifier: 299715).

To the battles of Kwajalein, Saipan, and Iwo Jima...



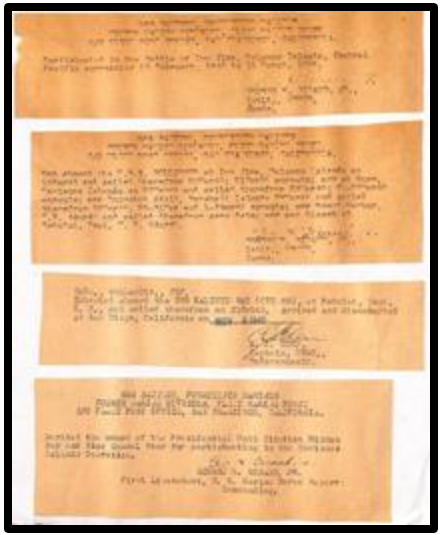


LANDING TEAM 2-23, 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMF,
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

16 February, 1944.

11 January, 1944 embarked aboard USS Sheridan at San Diego, California. 11-12 January, 1944 berthed at San Diego, California. 13-31 January, 1944 enroute. 1 February, 1944 disembarked at Roi and Namur, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. 1-3 February, 1944 participated in the capture of Roi and Namur, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. 4 February, 1944 embarked aboard USS Sheridan at Roi and Namur, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. 4-7 February, 1944 berthed at Roi and Namur, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. 8-15 February, 1944 enroute. 16 February, 1944 disembarked at Maui, T.H.

C. J. Wallant
1stLt., USMCR.



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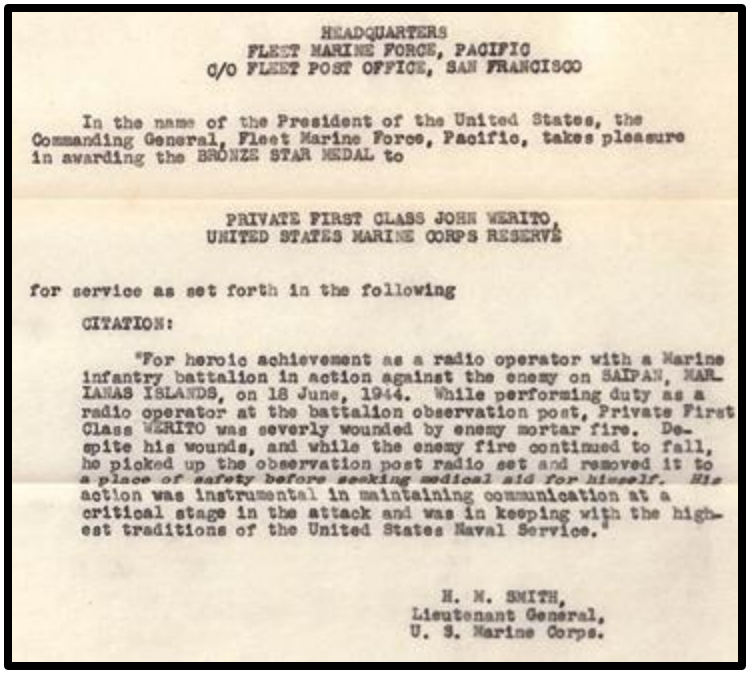


HEADQUARTERS
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO

In the name of the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, takes pleasure in awarding the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN WERITO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

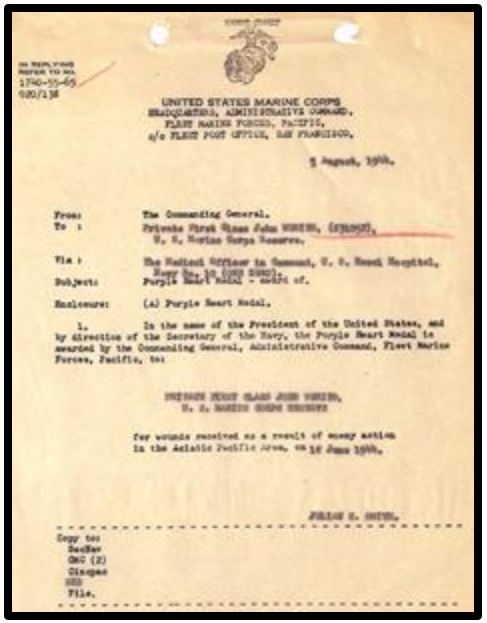
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement as a radio operator with a Marine infantry battalion in action against the enemy on SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS, on 18 June, 1944. While performing duty as a radio operator at the battalion observation post, Private First Class WERITO was severly wounded by enemy mortar fire. Despite his wounds, and while the enemy fire continued to fall, he picked up the observation post radio set and removed it to a place of safety before seeking medical aid for himself. His action was instrumental in maintaining communication at a critical stage in the attack and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

H. M. SMITH,
Lieutenant General,
U. S. Marine Corps.

Bronze Star medal citation (National Archives Identifier: 299715).



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND,
FLEET MARINE FORCES, PACIFIC,
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO,

From: The Commanding General.
To :
Via :
Subject:
Enclosure: (A) Purple Heart Medal.

1. In the name of the President of the United States, and by direction of the Secretary of the Navy, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Administrative Command, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific, to:

for wounds received as a result of enemy action

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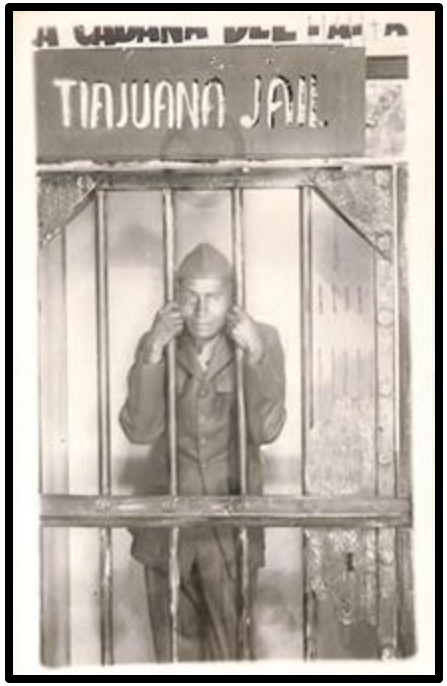
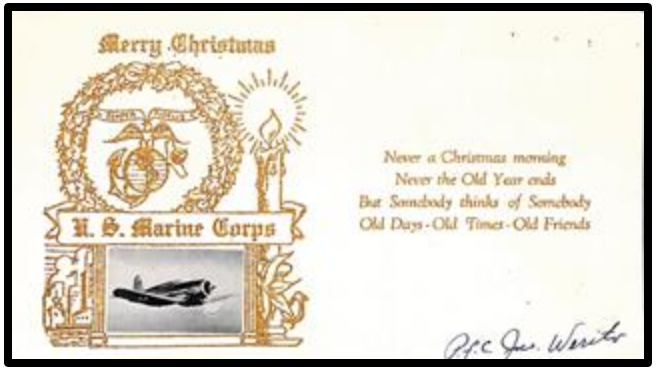
Purple Heart medal citation (National Archives Identifier: 299715).

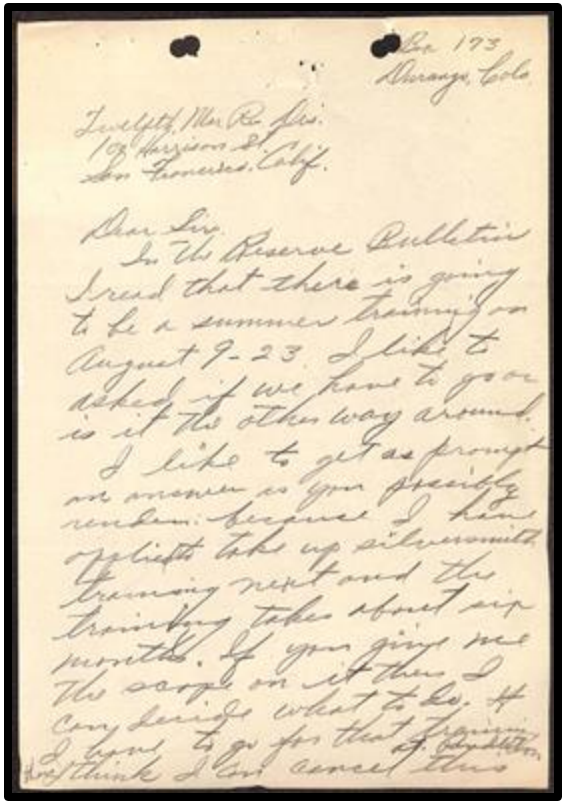
Writing to the Home Front…





Correspondence sent back to Ute Vocational School principal Robin Dean (National Archives Identifier: 1899054).

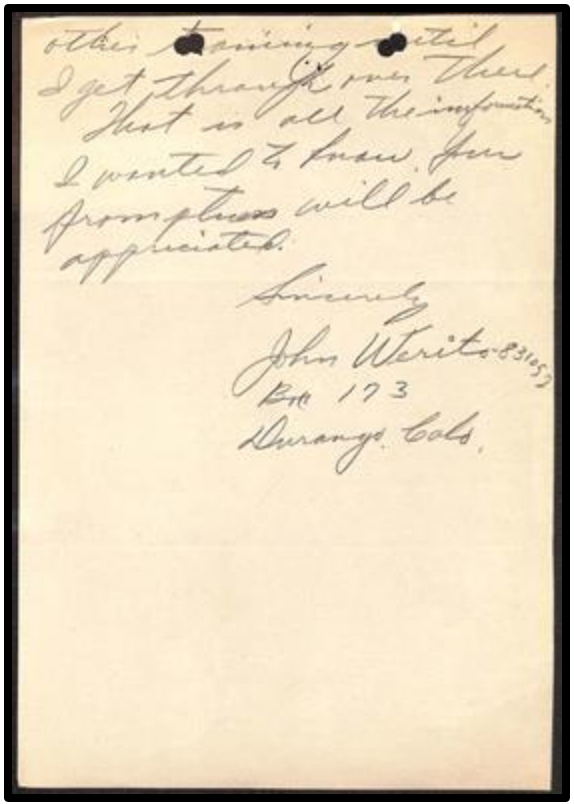
After the War...



Co 173
Durango, Colo.

1st Lieut. Mar. Res. Div.
107 Harrison St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir,
In the Reserve Bulletin I read that there is going to be a summer training on August 9-23. I like to asked if we have to go or is it the other way around.
I like to get as prompt an answer as you possibly can because I have applied take up silversmith training next and the training take about six months. If you give me the range on it then I can decide what to do. If I have to go for that training I think I can cancel this



other training until I get through over there. That is all the information I wanted to know. Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

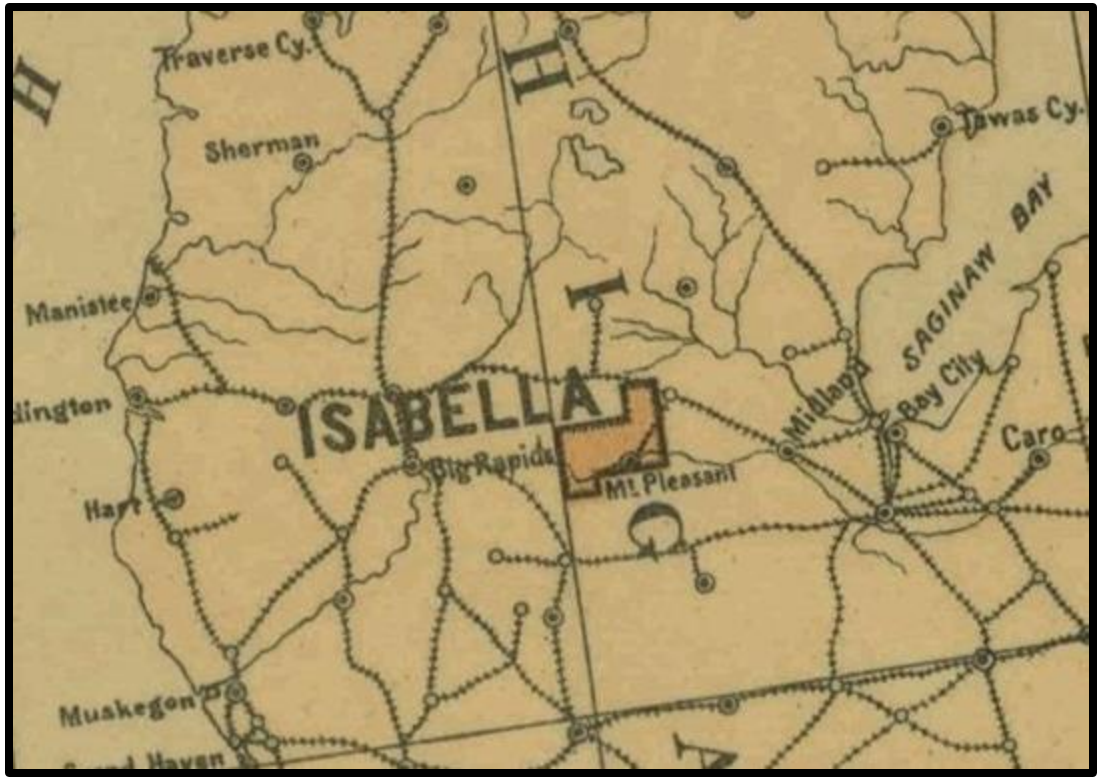
Sincerely,
John Werito 831057
Co 173
Durango, Colo.

John Werito to 12th Marine Reserve Division, 1947 (National Archives Identifier: 299715).

Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO

Meet Viola Eastman
(Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate/Saginaw Chippewa)

Map of Indian Reservations, 1885 (Excerpt) (National Archives Identifier: 152615806).



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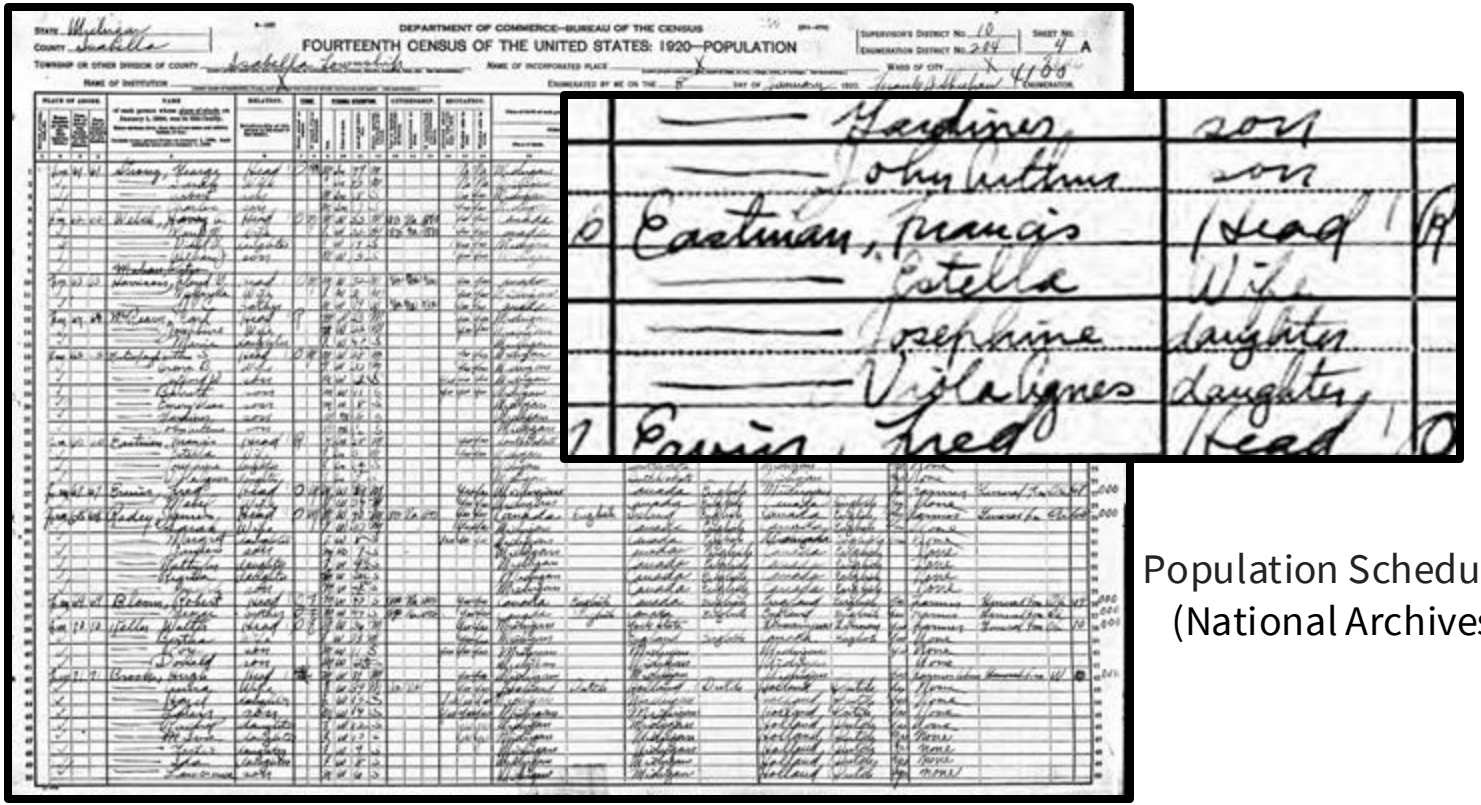

Population Schedules for the 1920 Census (National Archives Identifier: 2353589).

Now to Leo Belleville, Archivist at National Archives at Chicago

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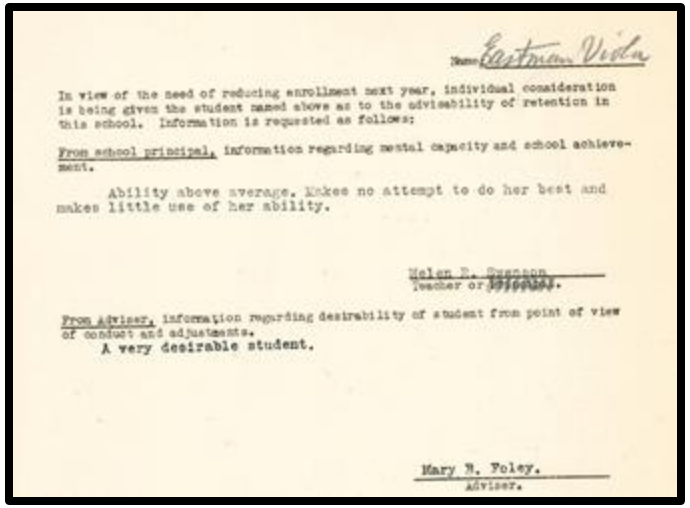
Attending Mount Pleasant Indian School



Name Eastman Viola

In view of the need of reducing enrollment next year, individual consideration is being given the student named above as to the advisability of retention in this school. Information is requested as follows:

From school principal, information regarding mental capacity and school achievement.

Ability above average. Makes no attempt to do her best and makes little use of her ability.

Helen D. Swenson
Teacher or [illegible].

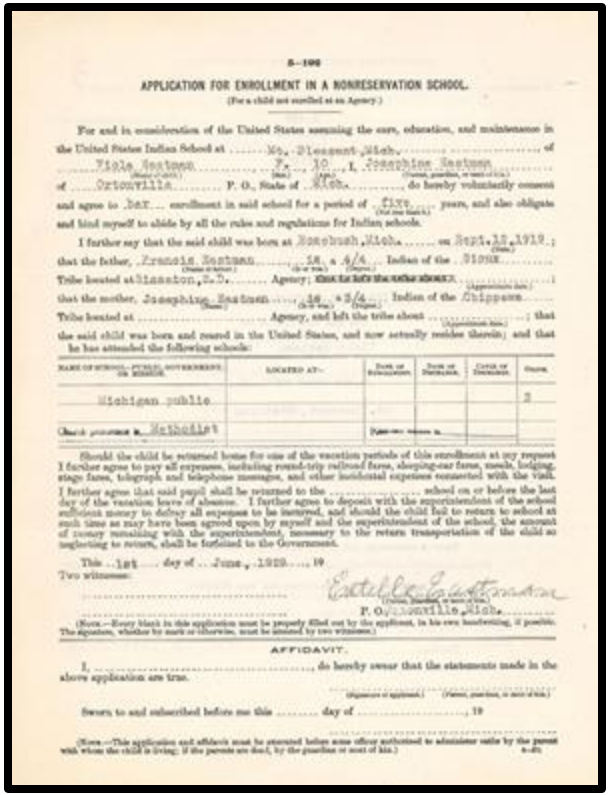
From adviser, information regarding desirability of student from point of view of conduct and adjustments.

A very desirable student.

Mary N. Foley.
Adviser.

School application records (National Archives Identifier: 158331779).

For more, check out "Get to Know Your Office of Indian Affairs Forms: The 5-192, Application for Enrollment in a Non-Reservation School" blog.



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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN A NONRESERVATION SCHOOL.

(For a child not enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Mt. Pleasant, Mich. of Viola Eastman, F., 10, I, Josephine Eastman (Name of child.) (Sex.) (Age.) (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) of Ortonville, P. O., State of Mich., do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to her enrollment in said school for a period of five years, and also obligate and bind myself to abide by all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

I further say that the said child was born at Rosebush, Mich. on Sept. 13, 1919; that the father, Francis Eastman, 1/4, Indian of the Sioux Tribe located at Standing Rock, S. D. Agency; [illegible]; that the mother, Josephine Eastman, 14, 3/4, Indian of the Chippewa Tribe located at [illegible] Agency, and left the tribe about [illegible]; that the said child was born and reared in the United States, and now actually resides therein; and that he has attended the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL—PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT, OR MISSION	LOCATED AT—	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE.	GRADE.
Michigan public					2
Church preference M. Methodist					

Should the child be returned home for one of the vacation periods of this enrollment at my request I further agree to pay all expenses, including round-trip railroad fares, sleeping-car fares, meals, lodging, stage fares, telegraph and telephone messages, and other incidental expenses connected with the visit.

I further agree that said pupil shall be returned to the [illegible] school on or before the last day of the vacation leave of absence. I further agree to deposit with the superintendent of the school sufficient money to defray all expenses to be incurred, and should the child fail to return to school at such time as may have been agreed upon by myself and the superintendent of the school, the amount of money remaining with the superintendent, necessary to the return transportation of the child so neglecting to return, shall be forfeited to the Government.

This 1st day of June, 1929, 19

Two witnesses:

[illegible]

Estelle Eastman (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

[illegible]

P. O. Ortonville, Mich.

(Note.—Every blank in this application must be properly filled out by the applicant, in his own handwriting, if possible. The signatures, whether by mark or otherwise, must be attested by two witnesses.)

AFFIDAVIT.

I, [illegible], do hereby swear that the statements made in the above application are true.

(Signature of applicant.) (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], 19

(Note.—This application and affidavit must be executed before some officer authorized to administer oaths by the parent with whom the child is living; if the parents are dead, by the guardian or next of kin.)

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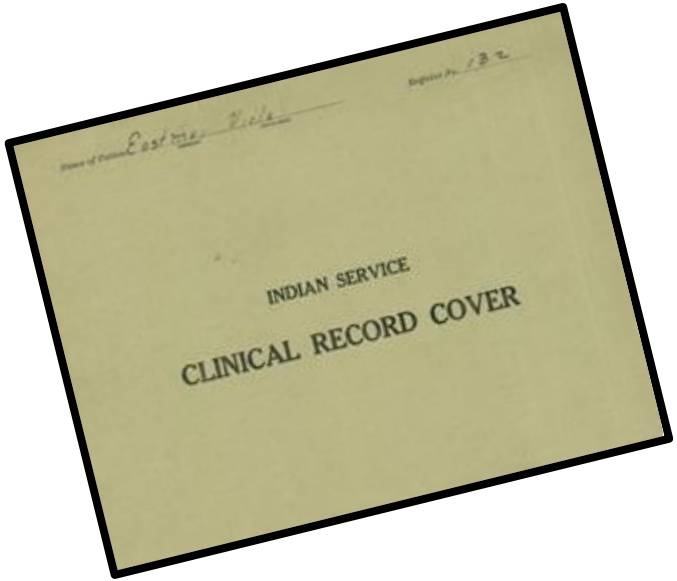
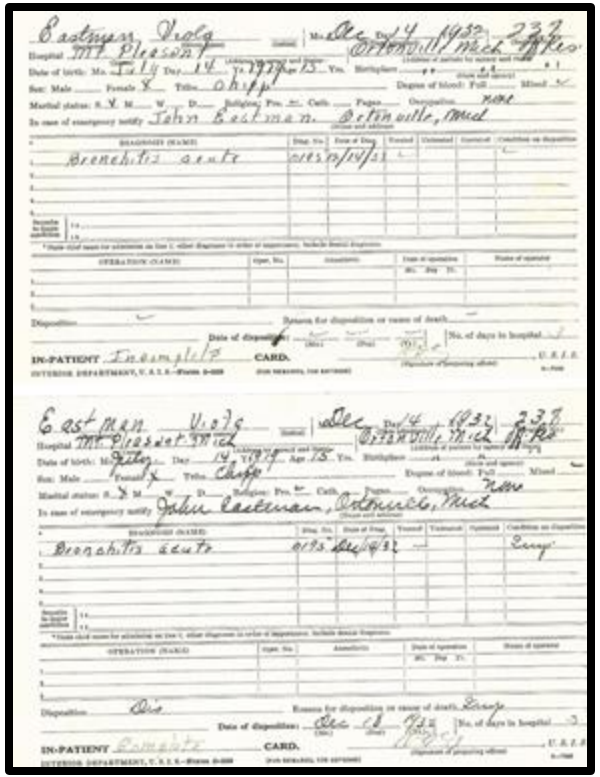
Attending Mount Pleasant Indian School





School clinical records (National Archives Identifier: 158331779).

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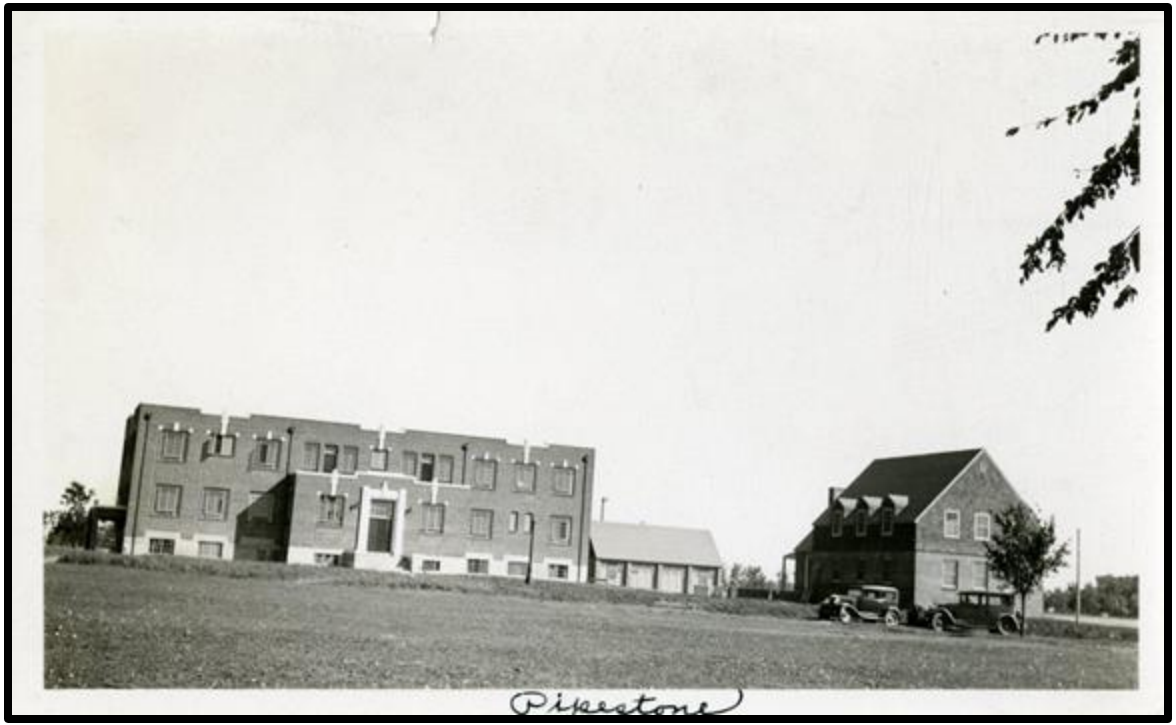
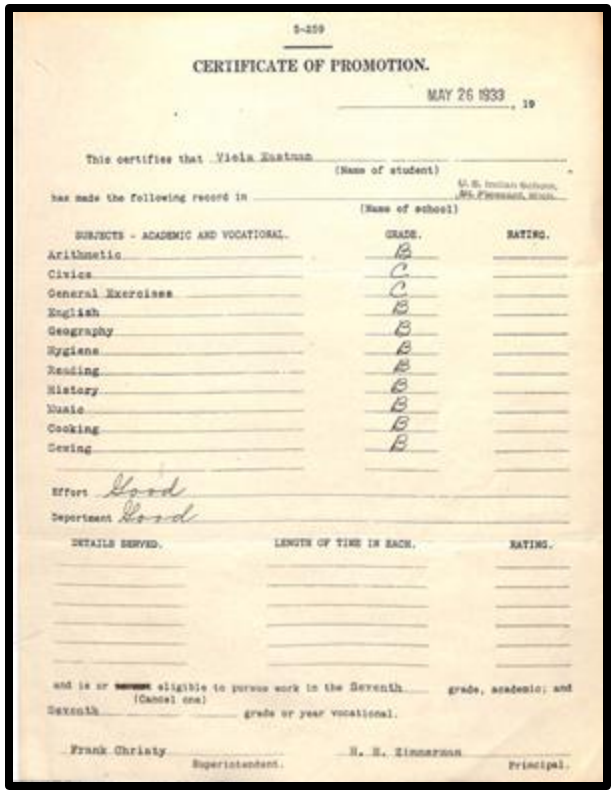


Pipestone-Building (National Archives Identifier: 41089540).

Attending Pipestone Indian School



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CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION.

MAY 26 1933, 19

This certifies that Viola Eastman (Name of student)

has made the following record in U. S. Indian School, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. (Name of school)

SUBJECTS - ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE.	RATING.
Arithmetic	B	
Civics	C	
General Exercises	C	
English	B	
Geography	B	
Hygiene	B	
Reading	B	
History	B	
Music	B	
Cooking	B	
Sewing	B	

Effort Good

Deportment Good

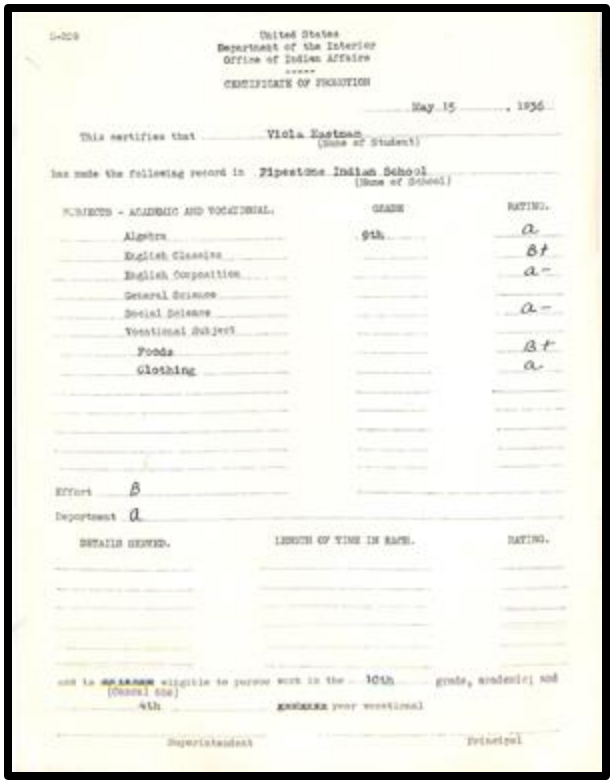
DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.

and is or ~~is not~~ eligible to pursue work in the Seventh grade, academic; and (Cancel one)

Seventh grade or year vocational.

Frank Christy, Superintendent. H. E. Zimmerman, Principal.

Certificate of Promotion forms, completed after each school year (National Archives Identifier: 599708).



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United States
Department of the Interior
Office of Indian Affairs

CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION

May 15, 1936

This certifies that Viola Eastman (Name of Student)

has made the following record in Pipestone Indian School (Name of School)

SUBJECTS - ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL.	GRADE	RATING.
Algebra	9th	a
English Classics		B+
English Composition		a-
General Science		
Social Science		a-
Vocational Subject		
Foods		B+
Clothing		a

Effort B

Deportment a

DETAILS SERVED.	LENGTH OF TIME IN EACH.	RATING.

~~is~~ is eligible to pursue work in the 10th grade, academic; and (Cancel one)

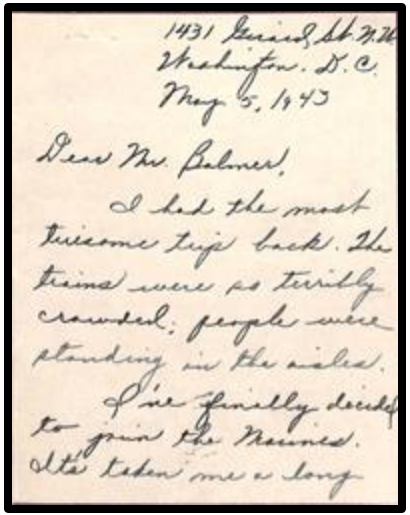
4th ~~grade~~ year vocational

Superintendent Principal

Transfer to Haskell Institute

Girls' Shorthand Class, Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, ca. 1910 (National Archives identifier: 518924).

“I’ve finally decided to join the Marines.”

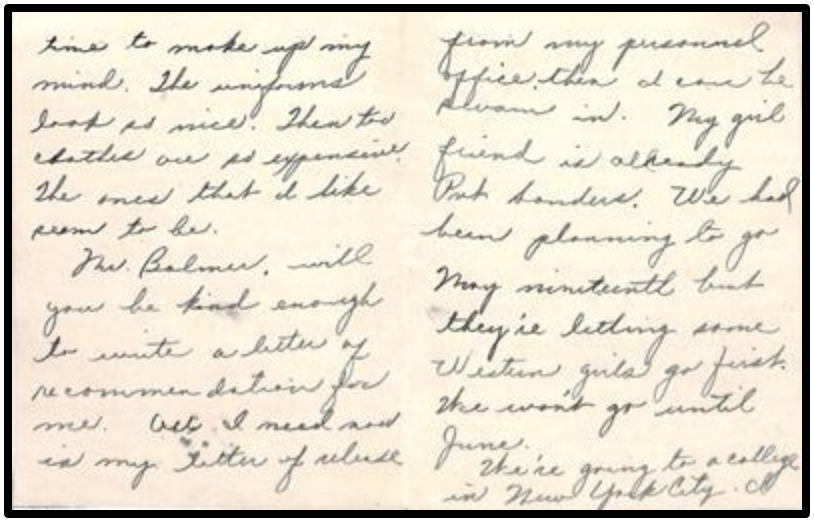


1431 [illegible]
Washington, D. C.
May 5, 1943

Dear Mr. Balmer,

I had the most awesome trip back. The trains were so terribly crowded; people were standing in the aisles.

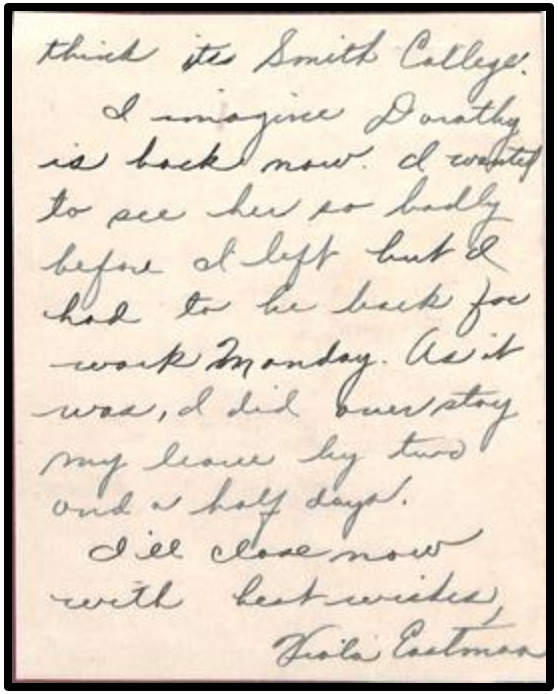
I've finally decided to join the Marines. It's taken me a long



time to make up my mind. The uniforms look so nice. Then to outfit one is expensive. The ones that I like seem to be.

Mr. Balmer, will you be kind enough to write a letter of recommendation for me. All I need now is my letter of release from my present office, then I can be sworn in. My girl friend is already Pvt. Eastman. We had been planning to go May nineteenth but they're letting some Western girls go first. We won't go until June.

We're going to a college in New York City. I



think it's Smith College.

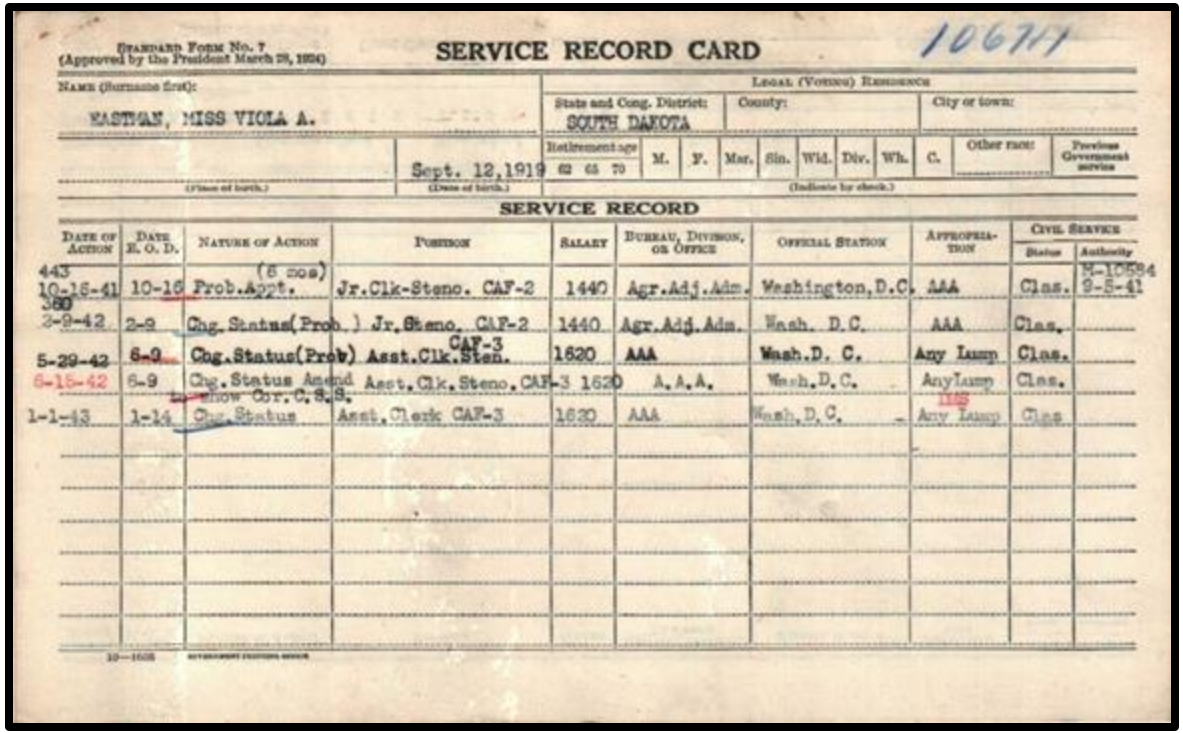
I imagine Dorothy is back now. I wanted to see her so badly before I left but I had to be back for work Monday. As it was, I did over stay my leave by two and a half days.

I'll close now with best wishes,

Viola Eastman

Viola Eastman to Pipestone Indian School Superintendent J. W. Balmer, May 5, 1943 (National Archives Identifier: 599708).

Working for the Department of Agriculture



STANDARD FORM No. 7
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

SERVICE RECORD CARD

10671

NAME (Surname first): EASTMAN, MISS VIOLA A.

LEGAL (VOTING) RESIDENCE — State and Cong. District: SOUTH DAKOTA; County: ; City or town:

(Place of birth.) Sept. 12,1919 (Date of birth.)

Retirement age 62 65 70 | M. | F. | Mar. | Sin. | Wid. | Div. | Wh. | C. | Other race: | Previous Government service

(Indicate by check.)

SERVICE RECORD

Date of Action	Date E. O. D.	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Bureau, Division, or Office	Official Station	Appropriation	Civil Service Status	Civil Service Authority
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380 3-9-42	3-9	Chg.Status(Prob.)	Jr.Steno. CAF-2	1440	Agr.Adj.Adm.	Wash. D.C.	AAA	Clas.	
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6-15-42	6-9	Chg.Status Amend by Memo Cor. C.S.C.	Asst.Clk.Steno.CAF-3	1620	A.A.A.	Wash.D.C.	Any Lump 1942	Clas.	
1-1-43	1-14	Chg.Status	Asst.Clerk CAF-3	1620	AAA	Wash.D.C.	Any Lump	Clas.	

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Service record card (National Archives Identifier: 7403261).

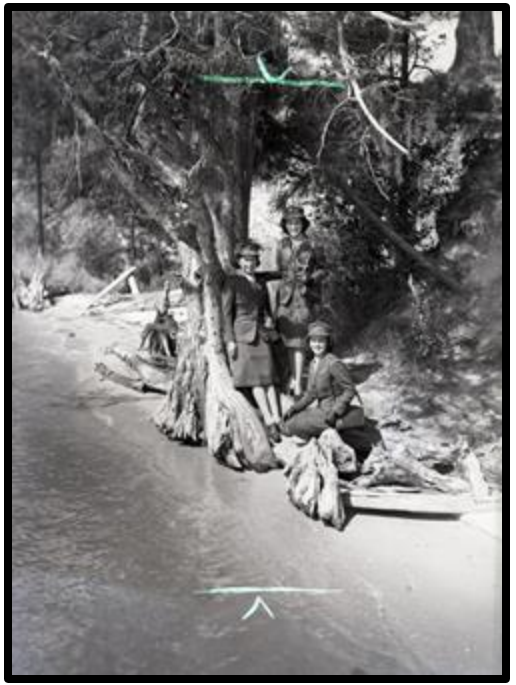
Enlists in the U.S. Marine Corps

Service photographs (National Archives Identifier: 299715).

Among the First Native American Women Marines

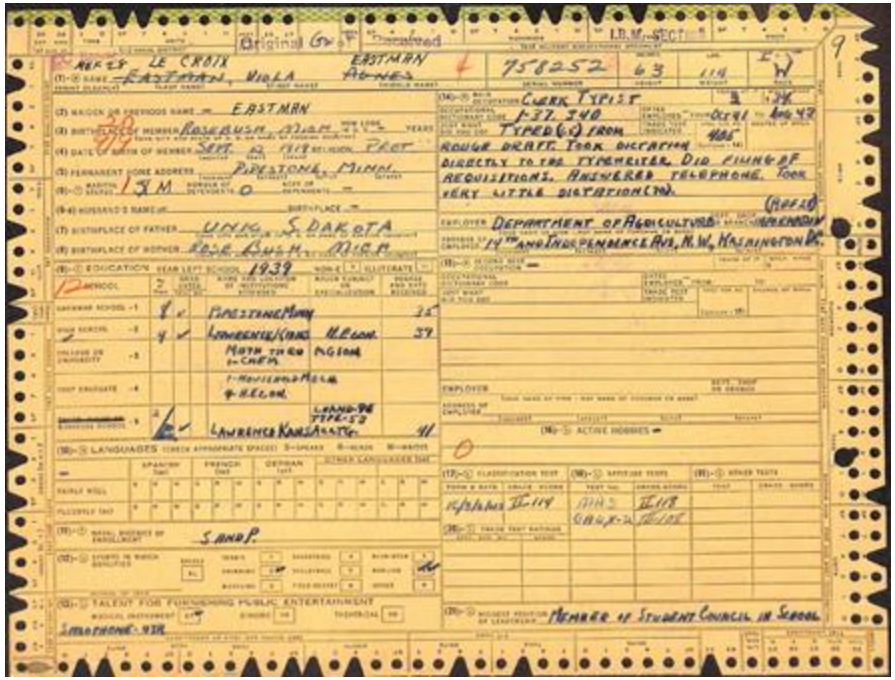
Photograph of Three Marine Corps Women Reservists, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (National Archives Identifier: 535876).

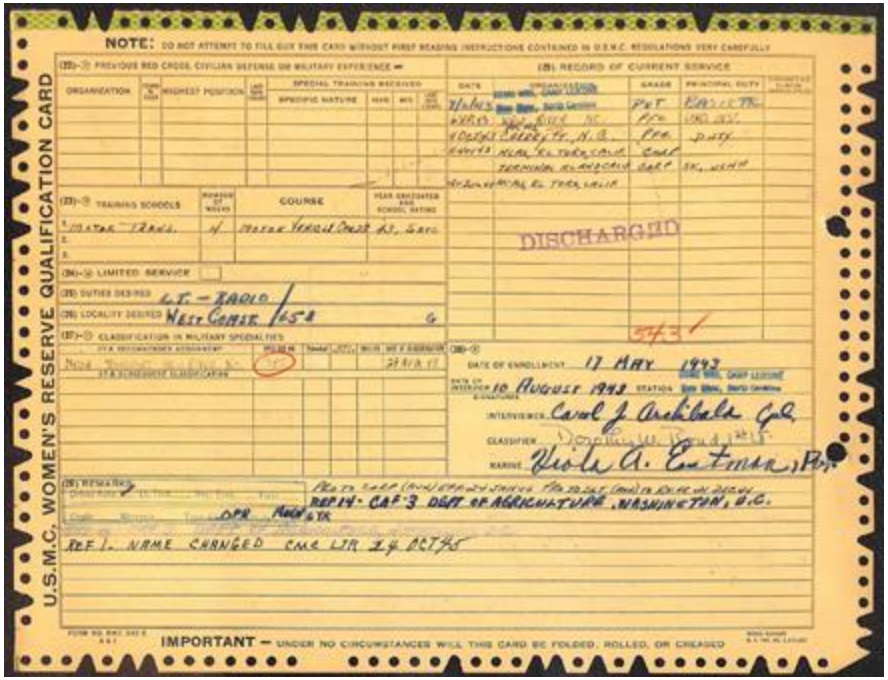
Minnie Spotted-Wolf, Viola Eastman, and Celia Mix on the Wooded Shore of New River, near Camp Lejeune (National Archives Identifier: 404791852).



Three Native American Female Marines at Camp Lejeune (National Archives Identifier: 404791854).

Stateside Military Service





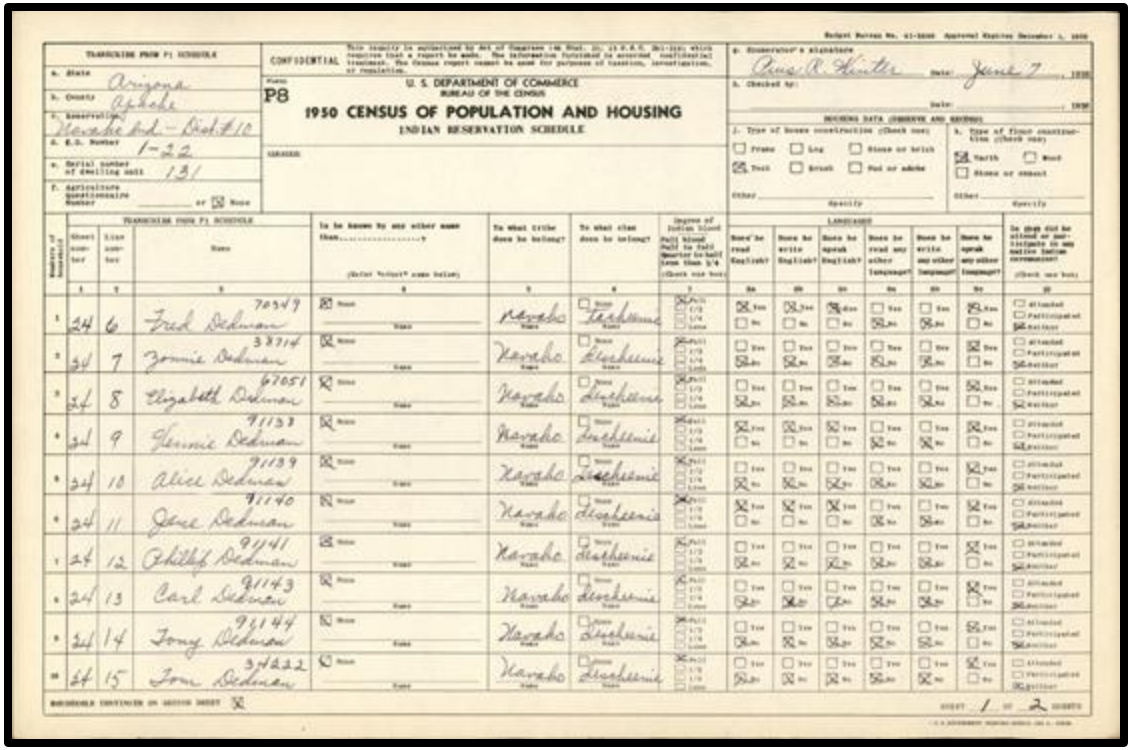
U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve Qualification (National Archives Identifier: 299715).

Access to Non-Archival Civilian Records

National Personnel Records Center-Valmeyer (Illinois) Annex
(National Archives identifier: 184341468).

National Personnel Records Center, Annex
1411 Boulder Boulevard
Valmeyer, IL 62295
Email: cpr.center@nara.gov.

Meet Tony Dedman (Navajo)



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING
INDIAN RESERVATION SCHEDULE

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TRANSCRIBE FROM P1 SCHEDULE
a. State Arizona
b. County Apache
c. Reservation Navajo Ind. - Dist #10
d. E.D. Number 1-22
e. Serial number of dwelling unit 131
f. Agricultural questionnaire Number ____ or ☒ None

Enumerator's signature: Chas. A. Hunter Date: June 7, 1950
Checked by: Date: 1950

Dwelling unit number	Sheet number	Line number	Name	Is he known by any other name than...?	To what tribe does he belong?	To what clan does he belong?	Degree of Indian blood	Can read English?	Can write English?	Can speak English?	Can read any other language?	Can write any other language?	Can speak any other language?	Did he attend school or participate in any native Indian entertainment?
1	24	6	Fred Dedman 70349	☒ None	Navaho	Tachiinii		☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither
2	24	7	Jennie Dedman 33714	☒ None	Navaho	Kinyaa'aanii		☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither
3	24	8	Elizabeth Dedman 67051	☒ None	Navaho	Tsenjikini		☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither
4	24	9	Jennie Dedman 91133	☒ None	Navaho	Tsenjikini		☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither
5	24	10	Alice Dedman 91139	☒ None	Navaho	Kinyaa'aanii		☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither
6	24	11	Jane Dedman 91140	☒ None	Navaho	Tsenjikini		☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither
7	24	12	Achilla Dedman 91141	☒ None	Navaho	Tsenjikini		☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither
8	24	13	Carl Dedman 91143	☒ None	Navaho	Tsenjikini		☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither
9	24	14	Tony Dedman 91144	☒ None	Navaho	Tsenjikini		☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither
10	24	15	Tom Dedman 34222	☐ None	Navaho	Tsenjikini		☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Attended ☐ Participated ☒ Neither

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SHEET 1 OF 2 SHEETS

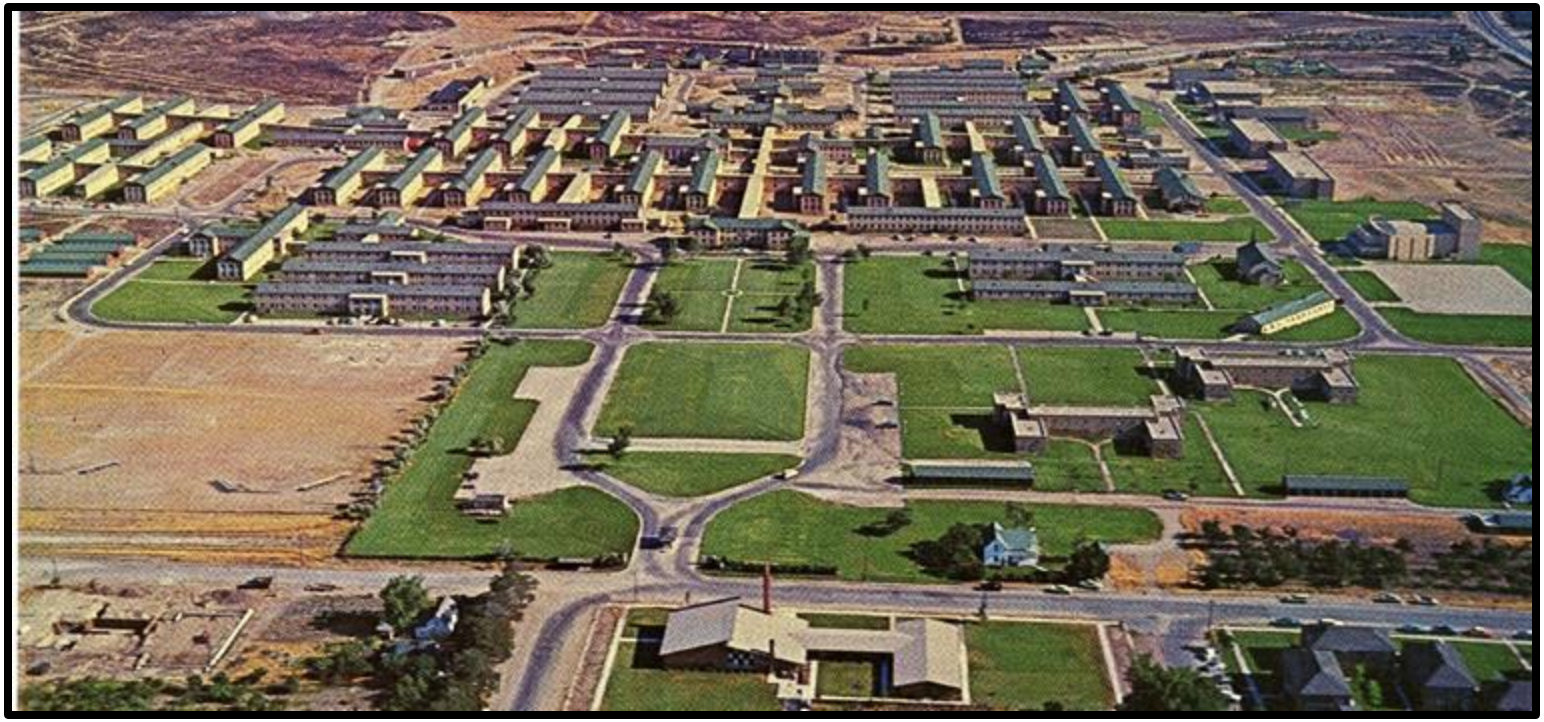
Tony Dedman and family in the 1950 Census of Population and Housing, P8 Indian Reservation Schedule [Navajo, 10th District](), Arizona, Apache, 1–22, page 203.

For more about these schedules, check out "[The Story of the 1950 Census P8 Indian Reservation Schedule]()" blog.

At Phoenix Indian School, 1957–1961

Student photographs of Tony Dedman, as saved in his Phoenix Indian School student case file (National Archives Identifier: 6899040).

At Intermountain Indian School, 1961–1964



Aerial view of Intermountain Indian School, undated postcard (presenter's personal collection).

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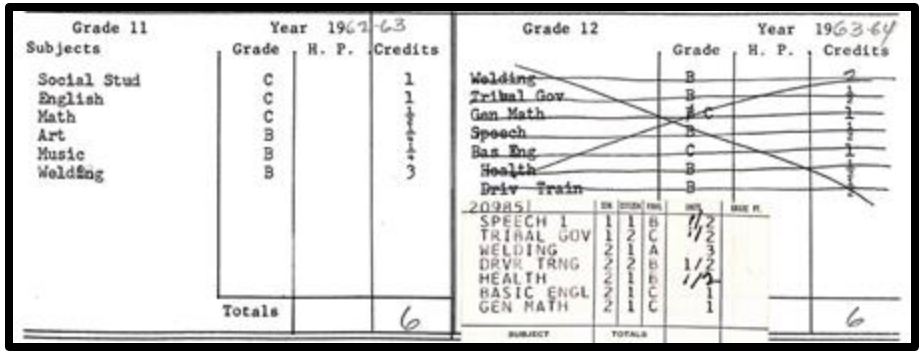
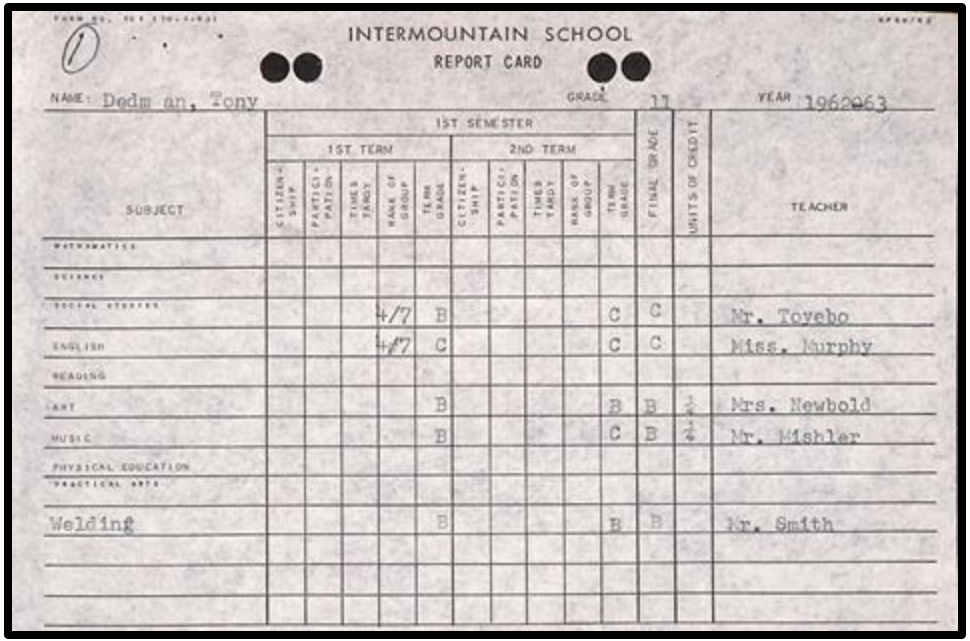


Grade 11 — Year 1962-63

Subjects	Grade	H. P.	Credits
Social Stud	C		1
English	C		1
Math	C		1
Art	B		½
Music	B		½
Weldfng	B		3
Totals			6

Grade 12 — Year 1963-64

	Grade	H. P.	Credits
Welding	B		2
Tribal Gov	B		½
Gen Math	B C		1
Speech	B		½
Bas Eng	C		1
Health	B		½
Driv Train	B		½
209851			
SPEECH 1	1 1 B		½
TRIBAL GOV	1 2 C		½
WELDING	2 1 A		3
DRVR TRNG	2 2 B		1/2
HEALTH	2 1 B		½
BASIC ENGL	2 1 C		1
GEN MATH	2 1 C		1
			6



INTERMOUNTAIN SCHOOL
REPORT CARD

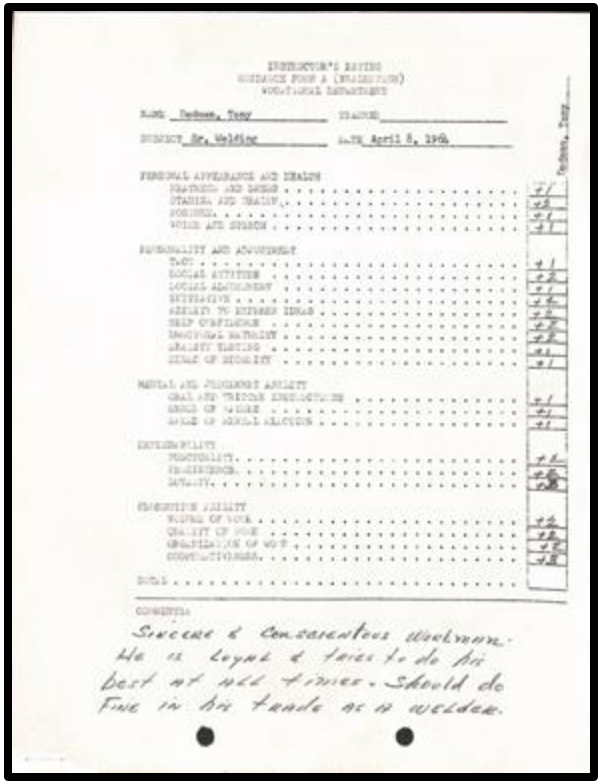
NAME: Dedm an, Tony — GRADE 11 — YEAR 1962063

1ST SEMESTER

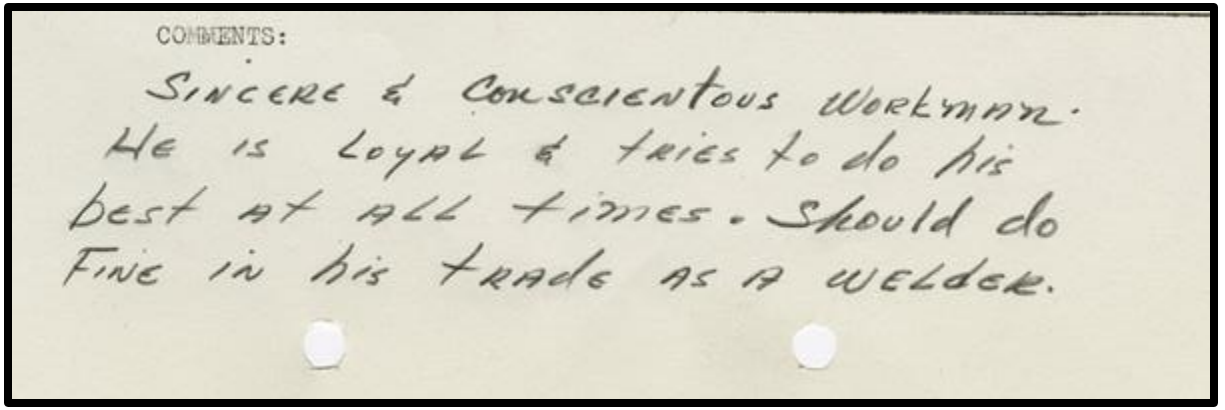
SUBJECT	1ST TERM: CITIZENSHIP	1ST TERM: PARTICIPATION	1ST TERM: TIMES TARDY	1ST TERM: RANK OF GROUP	1ST TERM: TERM GRADE	2ND TERM: CITIZENSHIP	2ND TERM: PARTICIPATION	2ND TERM: TIMES TARDY	2ND TERM: RANK OF GROUP	2ND TERM: TERM GRADE	FINAL GRADE	UNITS OF CREDIT	TEACHER
MATHEMATICS													
SCIENCE													
SOCIAL STUDIES				4/7	B					C	C		Mr. Toyebo
ENGLISH				4/7	C					C	C		Miss. Murphy
READING													
ART					B					B	B	½	Mrs. Newbold
MUSIC					B					C	B	½	Mr. Mishler
PHYSICAL EDUCATION													
PRACTICAL ARTS													
Welding					B					B	B		Mr. Smith

Sampling of various forms noting class grades (National Archives Identifier: 74595102).

At Intermountain Indian School , 1961–1964



Sincere & Conscientous Workmnn.
He is Loyal & tries to do his
best at all times. Should do
Fine in his trade as a welder.



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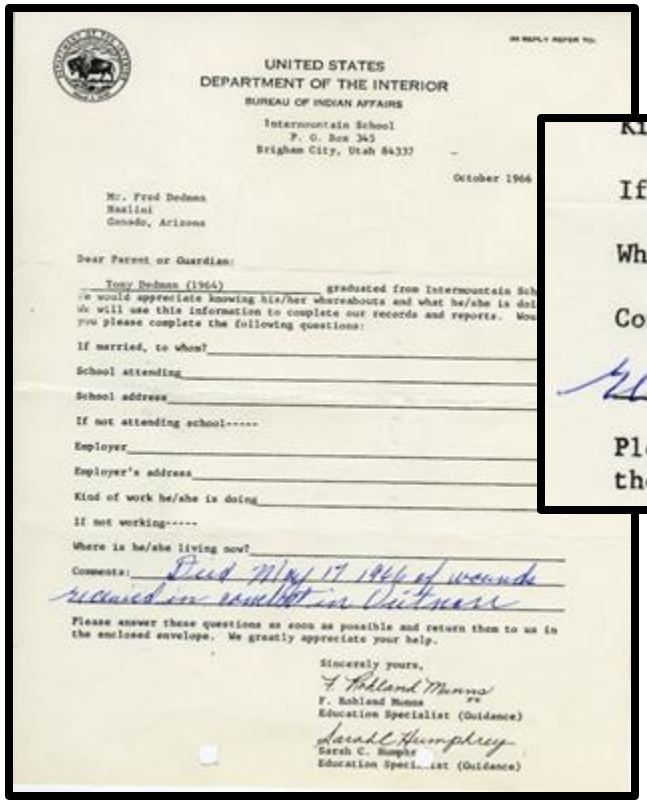

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Intermountain School
P. O. Box 345
Brigham City, Utah 84337

October 1966

Mr. Fred Dedmon
Naalini
Conado, Arizona

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Tony Dedmon (1964) graduated from Intermountain Sch
We would appreciate knowing his/her whereabouts and what he/she is doi
We will use this information to complete our records and reports. Wou
you please complete the following questions:

If married, to whom?
School attending
School address
If not attending school-----
Employer
Employer's address
Kind of work he/she is doing
If not working-----
Where is he/she living now?
Comments: Died May 17 1966 of wounds received in combat in Vietnam

Please answer these questions as soon as possible and return them to us in the enclosed envelope. We greatly appreciate your help.

Sincerely yours,
F. Rohland Monns
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Education Specialist (Guidance)
Sarah C. Humphrey
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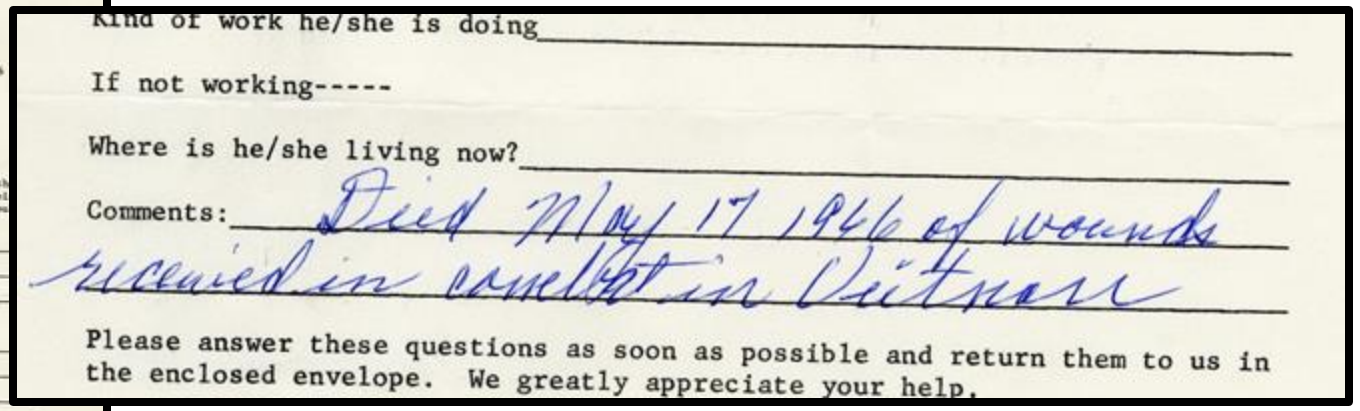
Education Speci...ist (Guidance)



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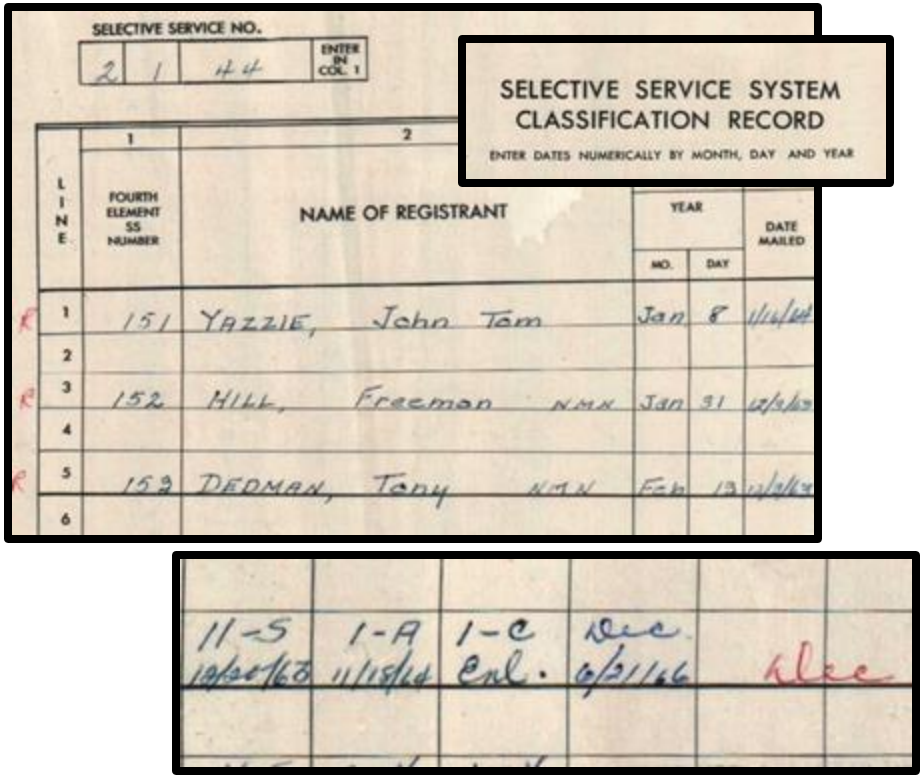
School Deferment While at Intermountain, Decides to Enlist

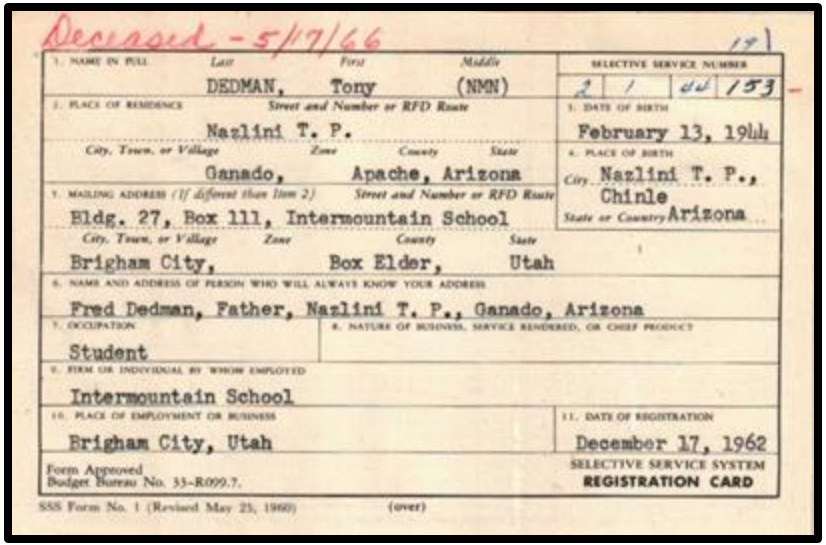


SELECTIVE SERVICE NO. 21 44 ENTER IN COL. 1

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
CLASSIFICATION RECORD
ENTER DATES NUMERICALLY BY MONTH, DAY AND YEAR

LINE	1 FOURTH ELEMENT SS NUMBER	2 NAME OF REGISTRANT	YEAR MO.	YEAR DAY	DATE MAILED
1	151	YAZZIE, John Tom	Jan	8	11/15/44
2					
3	152	HILL, Freeman NMN	Jan	31	12/5/63
4					
5	153	DEDMAN, Tony NMN	Feb	13	12/26/62
6					

11-S 10/20/63	1-A 11/15/44	1-C Enl.	Dec 6/21/66		Alec



Decased - 5/17/66

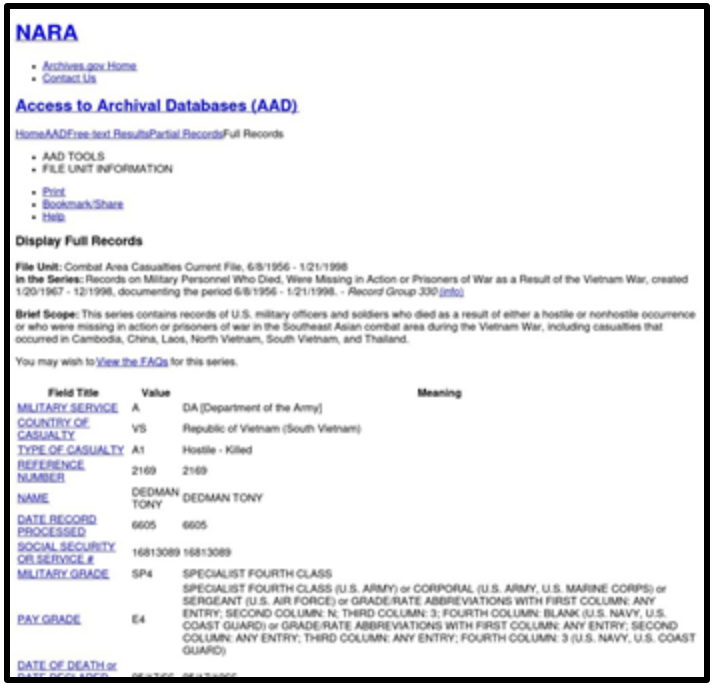
1. NAME IN FULL: Last DEDMAN, First Tony, Middle (NMN)
SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER: 21 44 153
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: Street and Number or RFD Route: Nazlini T. P.
3. DATE OF BIRTH: February 13, 1944
City, Town, or Village: Ganado, Zone, County: Apache, State: Arizona
4. PLACE OF BIRTH: City Nazlini T. P., Chinle; State or Country Arizona
5. MAILING ADDRESS (If different than Item 2): Street and Number or RFD Route: Bldg. 27, Box 111, Intermountain School
City, Town, or Village: Brigham City, Zone, County: Box Elder, State: Utah
6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Fred Dedman, Father, Nazlini T. P., Ganado, Arizona
7. OCCUPATION: Student
8. NATURE OF BUSINESS, SERVICE RENDERED, OR CHIEF PRODUCT
9. FIRM OR INDIVIDUAL BY WHOM EMPLOYED: Intermountain School
10. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Brigham City, Utah
11. DATE OF REGISTRATION: December 17, 1962

Form Approved Budget Bureau No. 33-R099.7.
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
REGISTRATION CARD
SSS Form No. 1 (Revised May 25, 1960) (over)

Draft Registration Cards for Arizona, 1959–1975,
(National Archives Identifier: 66050268).

Classification Records for Arizona, 1959–1975,
(National Archives Identifier: 77821834).

Death on Hill 72, Republic of Vietnam



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File Unit: Combat Area Casualties Current File, 6/8/1956 - 1/21/1998
in the Series: Records on Military Personnel Who Died, Were Missing in Action or Prisoners of War as a Result of the Vietnam War, created 1/20/1967 - 12/1998, documenting the period 6/8/1956 - 1/21/1998. - *Record Group 330* (info)

Brief Scope: This series contains records of U.S. military officers and soldiers who died as a result of either a hostile or nonhostile occurrence or who were missing in action or prisoners of war in the Southeast Asian combat area during the Vietnam War, including casualties that occurred in Cambodia, China, Laos, North Vietnam, South Vietnam, and Thailand.

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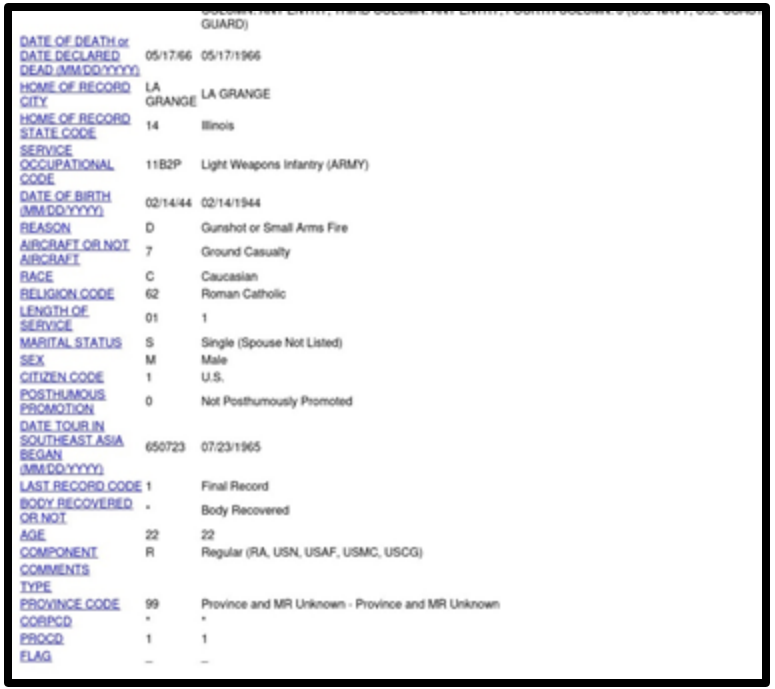
Field Title	Value	Meaning
MILITARY SERVICE	A	DA [Department of the Army]
COUNTRY OF CASUALTY	VS	Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
TYPE OF CASUALTY	A1	Hostile - Killed
REFERENCE NUMBER	2169	2169
NAME	DEDMAN TONY	DEDMAN TONY
DATE RECORD PROCESSED	6605	6605
SOCIAL SECURITY OR SERVICE #	16813089	16813089
MILITARY GRADE	SP4	SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS
PAY GRADE	E4	SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS (U.S. ARMY) or CORPORAL (U.S. ARMY, U.S. MARINE CORPS) or SERGEANT (U.S. AIR FORCE) or GRADE/RATE ABBREVIATIONS WITH FIRST COLUMN: ANY ENTRY; SECOND COLUMN: N; THIRD COLUMN: 3; FOURTH COLUMN: BLANK (U.S. NAVY, U.S. COAST GUARD) or GRADE/RATE ABBREVIATIONS WITH FIRST COLUMN: ANY ENTRY; SECOND COLUMN: ANY ENTRY; THIRD COLUMN: ANY ENTRY; FOURTH COLUMN: 3 (U.S. NAVY, U.S. COAST GUARD)
DATE OF DEATH or		



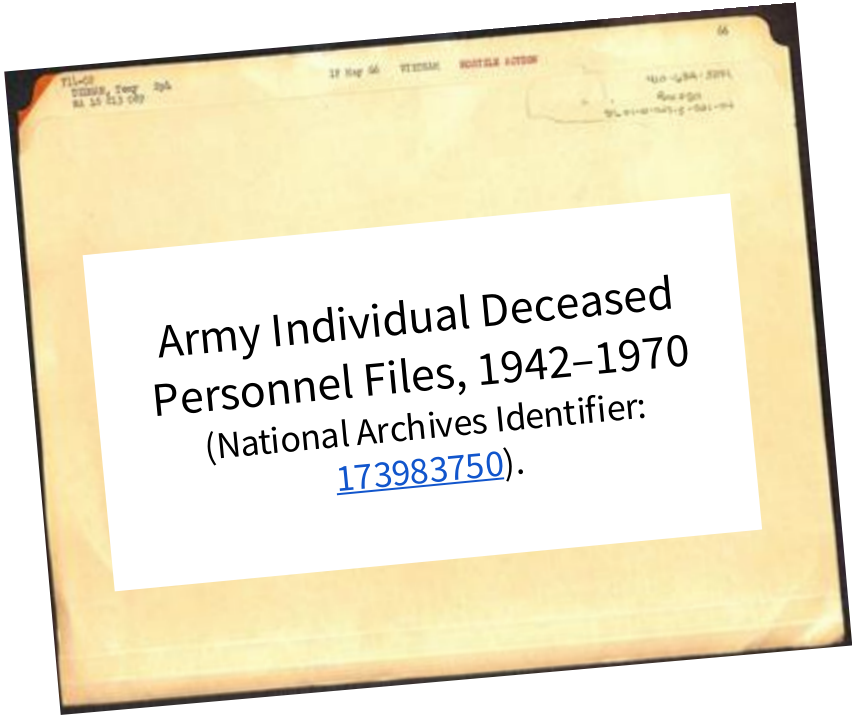
		GUARD)
DATE OF DEATH or DATE DECLARED DEAD (MM/DD/YYYY)	05/17/66	05/17/1966
HOME OF RECORD CITY	LA GRANGE	LA GRANGE
HOME OF RECORD STATE CODE	14	Illinois
SERVICE OCCUPATIONAL CODE	11B2P	Light Weapons Infantry (ARMY)
DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	02/14/44	02/14/1944
REASON	D	Gunshot or Small Arms Fire
AIRCRAFT OR NOT AIRCRAFT	7	Ground Casualty
RACE	C	Caucasian
RELIGION CODE	62	Roman Catholic
LENGTH OF SERVICE	01	1
MARITAL STATUS	S	Single (Spouse Not Listed)
SEX	M	Male
CITIZEN CODE	1	U.S.
POSTHUMOUS PROMOTION	0	Not Posthumously Promoted
DATE TOUR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BEGAN (MM/DD/YYYY)	650723	07/23/1965
LAST RECORD CODE	1	Final Record
BODY RECOVERED OR NOT	*	Body Recovered
AGE	22	22
COMPONENT	R	Regular (RA, USN, USAF, USMC, USCG)
COMMENTS		
TYPE		
PROVINCE CODE	99	Province and MR Unknown - Province and MR Unknown
CORPCD	*	*
PROCD	1	1
FLAG	_	_

Combat Area Casualties Current File, 6/8/1956–1/21/1998.

Death on Hill 72, Republic of Vietnam

Photograph of the 4th Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade being Heli-lifted by UH-1D Helicopters, September 1966 (National Archives Identifier: 17331406).

Individual Deceased Personnel File and Mortuary File



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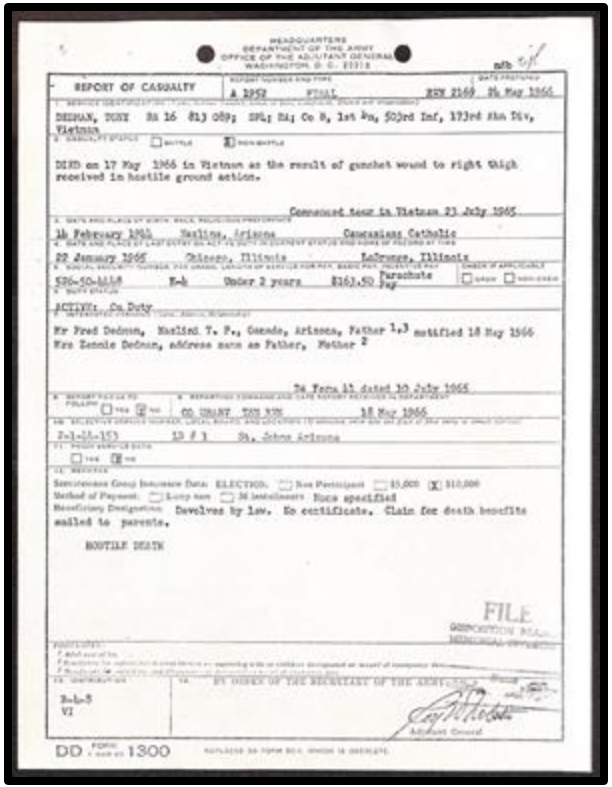

REPORT OF CASUALTY

DEDMAN, DUKE 3s 16 813 089; SP4; DA; Co B, 1st Bn, 503rd Inf, 173rd Abn Div, Vietnam

DIED on 17 May 1966 in Vietnam as the result of gunshot wound to right thigh received in hostile ground action.

Commenced tour in Vietnam 23 July 1965.

16 February 1965 Naylor, Arizona Caucasian Catholic

22 January 1966 Chicago, Illinois LaGrange, Illinois

526-50-4618 B-A Under 2 years $161.50 Parachute Pay

ACTIVE, On Duty

Mr Fred Dedman, Husband T. F., Canada, Arizona, Father 1,3 notified 18 May 1966
Mrs Zennie Dedman, address same as Father, Mother 2

DA Form 11 dated 30 July 1965

CG USARV THU NTR 18 May 1966

2-1-15-153 13 F 3 St. Johns Arizona

Servicemens Group Insurance Data: ELECTED: Non Participant $5,000 X $10,000
Method of Payment: Lump sum 36 Installments None specified
Beneficiary Designation: Devolves by law. No certificate. Claim for death benefits mailed to parents.

HOSTILE DEATH

FILE

By ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

E-1-5
VI

DD FORM 1300

Report of casualty (National Archives Identifier: 173983750).

STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION

17 March 1966

The remains which I have [X] personally viewed [ ] seen photographs of are those of

NAME (Last, First, MI)	Grade:	Service No.	ORGANIZATION:
Dedman, Duke	E-5	US 16813089	Co B, 1st Bn 503 Inf 173 Abn

Recognition is based upon personal acquaintance covering a period of: 1 (Years)

I recognize the remains because of the following (Facial features, scars, birthmarks, another unusual features):

FACIAL FEATURES

Typed Name of Person Making Identification	Verified by (Typed Name of CIO)
Moore, Samuel	Stark, Roger
Grade: E-5	SERVICE NO: US 53405567
ORGANIZATION: Co B, 1st Bn 503 Inf 173 Abn	GRADE: 2nd Lt
SERVICE NO: 05536892	ORGANIZATION: 503rd Bn (Airborne)

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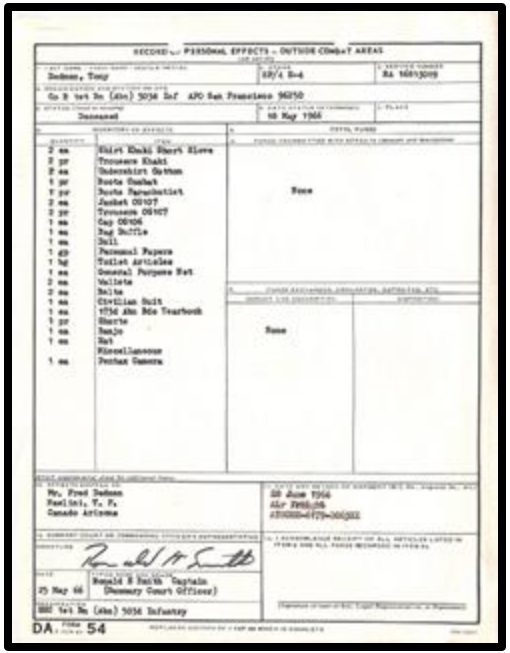
Statement of recognition (National Archives Identifier: 29842556).

Individual Deceased Personnel File and Mortuary File



QUANTITY	ITEM
2 ea	Shirt Khaki Short Sleve
2 pr	Trousers Khaki
2 ea	Undershirt Cotton
1 pr	Boots Combat
1 pr	Boots Parachutist
2 ea	Jacket OG107
2 pr	Trousers OG107
1 ea	Cap OG106
1 ea	Bag Duffle
1 ea	Doll
1 gp	Personal Papers
1 bg	Toilet Articles
1 ea	General Purpose Net
2 ea	Wallets
2 ea	Belts
1 ea	Civilian Suit
1 ea	173d Abn Bde Yearbook
1 pr	Shorts
1 ea	Banjo
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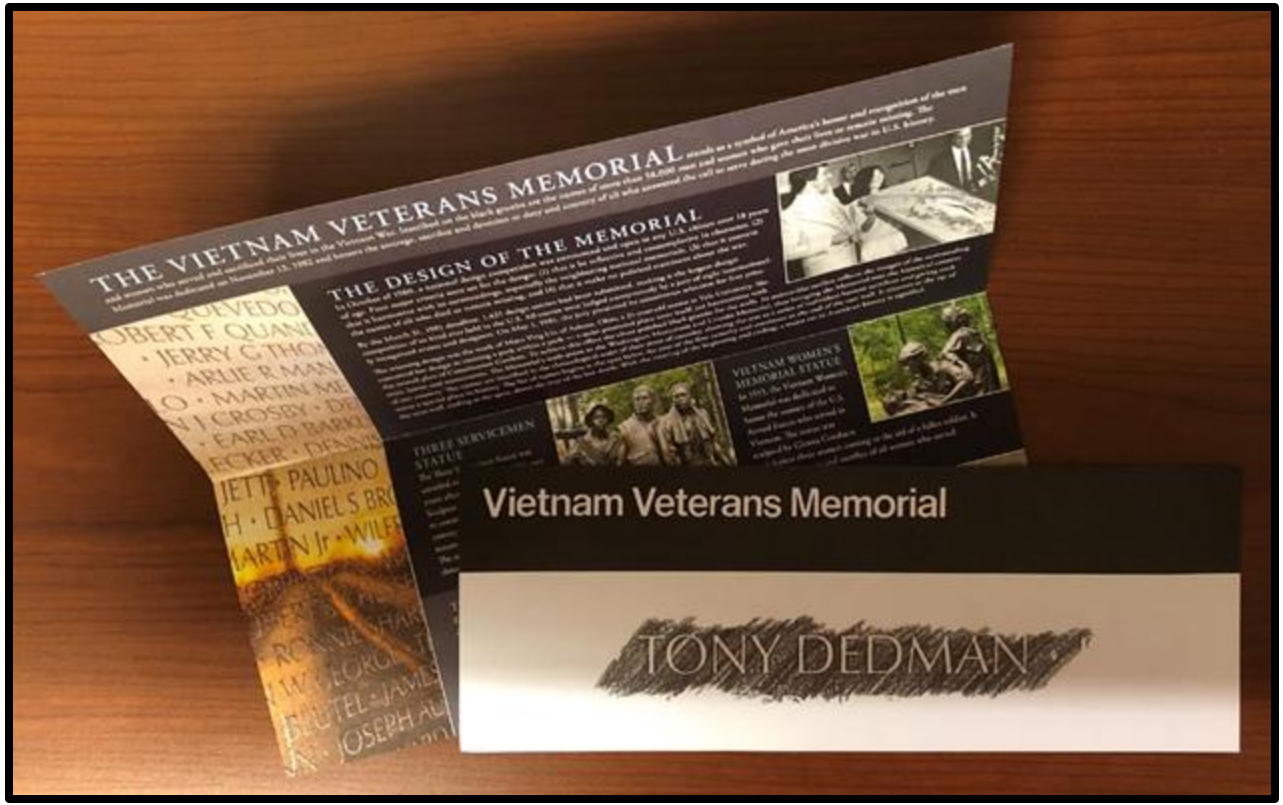
Record of personal effects (National Archives Identifier: 173983750).

Vietnam Veterans Memorial; Panel 07E-Line 69



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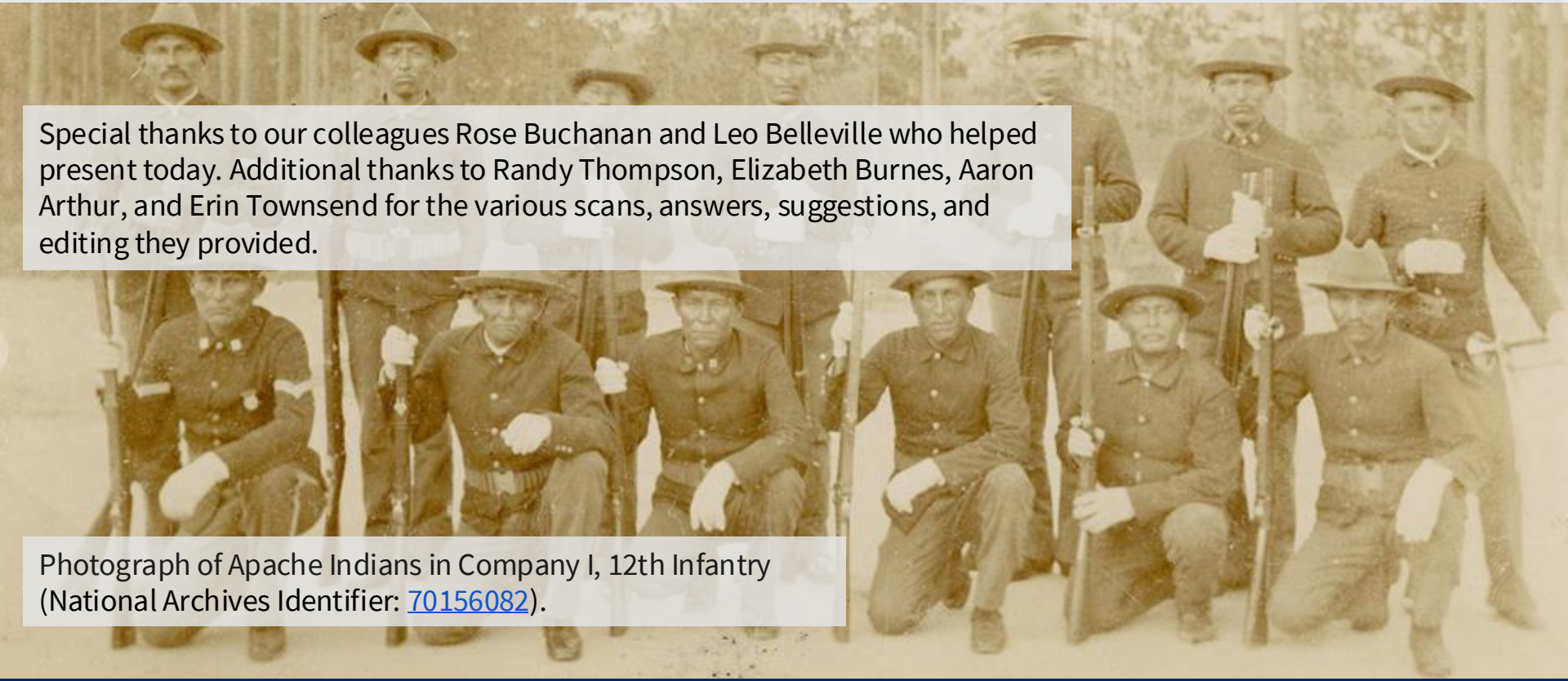

Photograph of Apache Indians in Company I, 12th Infantry (National Archives Identifier: 70156082).

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