Commemorating the Great War

April 6, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I. As the largest repository of American World War I records, the National Archives holds a wealth of records and information documenting the U.S. experience in this conflict, including photographs, documents, audiovisual recordings, educational resources, articles, blog posts, lectures, and exhibits.

In commemoration of this event, we’ve launched a World War I research portal with the goal of creating a central space for all National Archives resources and content related to World War I for use by researchers, students and educators, and those curious about the War.
Explore World War I by topic area. Organized by subject, each topic page includes newly digitized photographs and films, subject guides and finding aids. As shown in The Homefront topic page below, you can:

- Browse digitized records in the Catalog. This includes a curated list of descriptions for you to Explore.
- Review descriptions of records in the Catalog that are not yet digitized, but are available for in person research.
Discover interactive educational resources and lesson plans for teachers and educators.

Read recent articles and blog posts written by National Archives staff about World War I.

New Citizen Archivist Missions!

Help us make records more discoverable! We’ve created special tagging and transcription missions and challenges using World War I content for our citizen archivists. Throughout the two year commemoration, we’ll be rotating missions to focus on different aspects of World War I both on the battlefield and on the homefront. We hope you’ll join us in this special project.
Bureau of Pensions: Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Revolutionary War Service, ca. 1800-ca. 1912

Applications and other records pertaining to claims for pensions and bounty land warrants for service in the Revolutionary War. Records contain information pertaining to a soldier's rank, unit, and period of service, his age or date of birth, his residence, and sometimes his birthplace.
Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application File B. L. Wt. 1601-500, Ethan Allen, Continental. Green Mt Boys. National Archives Identifier 53802584

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