

## **Before Rosie: The Women of the Great War**

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### **Military**

Women served in the military too! Any female who served in the military will have a military personnel record just as a male soldier would. Some of these records were impacted by the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. Additional information about that fire can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vDYLfa> but the most important thing to remember is that NARA is still working on preserving the records that were saved from the fire. Whether you think the fire affected your ancestor's records or not, ***don't*** just assume your ancestor's file was destroyed in the fire, ***always*** submit a request to NARA to see if the records still exist. The NARA staff strives to be as helpful as they can be with these requests!

- **The Great War: a guide to the service Records of all the World's Fighting Men and Volunteers** by Christine K. Schaefer
- **General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934**: NARA microfilm publication T288 which reproduces a general index to pension files, 1861-1934. Information on this microfilm can be found at (<http://bit.ly/2vzIPea>).
- **World War I Officers and Nurses Pay Cards, 1917 – 1921**: NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 1488333). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vTyqMO>.
- **Field Clerk Pay Cards, 8/1916 – 1921**: NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 2990428). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vT4AYl>.
- **World War I Officers and Nurses Final Pay Vouchers, 1917 – 1921**: NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 1561423). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vTecTz>.

There were those who felt the need to join the war effort before the United States entered the war. Many of those individuals crossed the border to Canada and joined the Canadian military until the United States entered the war in 1917.

- **Library and Archives Canada** (<http://bit.ly/2o8OFOL>): Canadian database which includes names indexed from the following First World War personnel records:
  - Files of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF): Soldiers, Nurses and Chaplains
  - Files of CEF volunteers who were rejected at Valcartier
  - Non-Permanent Active Militia Files
  - Files of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and Newfoundland Forestry Corps
  - Imperial War Service Gratuity Files

- **Canada, WWI CEF Attestation Papers, 1914-1918:** index to the Attestation papers of men and women enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) of the First World War, accessible via Ancestry at <http://ancestry.me/2vVLode>.
- **Canada, Selected Service Records of Soldiers, 1914-1918:** selections from the personnel files of 100 First World War veterans, accessible via Ancestry at <http://ancestry.me/2vWvhMn> (FREE)
- **Canada, Militia and Defence Forces Lists, 1832, 1863-1939:** comprehensive list of Canadian military officers (no enlisted men), with some records appearing in French, accessible via Ancestry at <http://ancestry.me/2vWvsHx>.

### Army and Army Air Corps (Air Force)

Women were only allowed to serve in the U.S. Army as nurses from 1901-1917. They served in military hospitals in the United States and overseas. Women telephone operators and stenographers were recruited by the U.S. Army to serve in France with the Quartermaster Corps. Women did not serve in the Army Air Corps (now known as the Air Force) until World War II.

- **United States World War I Infantry Divisions** (<http://bit.ly/2vTstQh>): chart showing the division number, type of service, camp locality, and states from which the division was drawn
- **(Army) Official Military Personnel Files, 1912-1998:** NARA record group 319, Records of the Army Staff, 1903-2009 (NARA identifier 299741). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vSWBuX>.
- **Official Army register** (varying years) by U.S. Adjutant General: listing of official Army registers ranging from 1831-1922 accessible via Hathi Trust (<http://bit.ly/2vSDHnV>) in digital format
- **U.S. Army Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914:** collection of enlistments in the U.S. regular army from 1798-1914 accessible via Ancestry.com (<http://ancestry.me/2vSTaVc>), this database does not include reservists, draftees, or state military units
- **U.S. Army Transport Service Passenger Lists, 1910-1939:** collection of passenger lists created between 1910 and 1939 accessible via Ancestry.com (<http://ancestry.me/2vStMPI>), these lists could also include support personnel, family members, and other passengers who may have been traveling on these ships
- **U.S. Army Discharge Reports, ca. 1917 – 1920:** NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 4683632). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vT9Hbo>.
- **World War I Army Officers Reports of Change Cards, 1918 – 1918:** NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 6050409). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vTfwWC>.
- **U.S. Army Warrant Officer Pay Cards, 1917 – 1921:** NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 3518560). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vTfLRw>.

- **Army Student Nurse Individual Academic Records, 1918 – 1951:** NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 4851528). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vTdLIQ>.
- **U.S. Army Files of the Mexican Border Service, 1916 – 1917:** NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 2462216). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vTawRw>.
- **Court-Martial Case Files, 1917-1938:** NARA record group 153, Records of the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army), 1792-2010 (NARA identifier 5916929). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vTAK6E>.
- **Monthly Reports and Personnel Records, 1917-1950:** NARA record group 247, Records of the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, 1902-1964 (NARA identifier 6016856). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vT4xMT>.
- **U.S. Army Enlisted Personnel Payment Records, 7/1915 – 9/1917:** NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 5756921). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vSXpzZ>.
- **Army Reserve Officer Training Camp Rosters, 1917 – 1919:** NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 4735009). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vT5mVZ>.
- **Returns of the Nurse Corps, 1917 – 1921:** NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 3370993). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vTbpKd>.

## Navy

Navy Secretary Josephus Daniels issued an order authorizing the enlistment of women in the U.S. Navy on March 19, 1917. Two days later the first woman was enlisted in the Navy as a Yeoman(F)...she was also America's first official enlisted woman of any branch of the service.

- **(Navy) Official Military Personnel Files, 1885-1998:** NARA record group 24, Records of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, 1798-2007 (NARA identifier 299693). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vT6mJJ>.
- **Women & the U.S. Navy** (<http://bit.ly/2vAfOyL>): overview and special image selection of the employment of women as Naval personnel

## Marines

The first woman joined the Marine Corps Reserves in August 1918, another decision of Navy Secretary Josephus Daniels. The women who joined the Marine Corps served in clerical capacities, freeing male soldiers to be sent to the front lines.

- **Women Marines History, Women Marines Association** (<https://www.womenmarines.org/wm-history>): a short history and list of milestones of women Marines

- **(Marine Corps) Official Military Personnel Files, 1905-1998:** NARA record group 127, Records of the U.S. Marine Corps 1775- (NARA identifier 299715). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vSfsXa>.
- **U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958:** index of Marine Corps muster rolls from 1798-1958 accessible via Ancestry.com (<http://ancstry.me/2vSLphN>), while not specific to the Great War it does contain entries from those years

### Coast Guard

Women have served the Coast Guard as civilian lighthouse keepers since the early 1800s. They were finally authorized to wear the uniform when the Naval policy of authorizing the enlistment of women as female yeoman was extended to the Coast Guard. The female yeoman served as uniformed clerical workers at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC.

- **(Coast Guard) Official Military Personnel Files, ca. 1898 – ca. 2004:** NARA record group 26, Records of the U.S. Coast Guard, 1785-2005 (NARA identifier 597218). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vSYRCr>.

### Prisoners of War/Injuries/Casualties

Casualty statistics vary widely for the Great War. Estimates range from 9 million to over 15 million casualties. Wikipedia has a good article on World War I Casualties at <http://bit.ly/1GkLaw8>. It includes an explanation of classification of casualty statistics and a detailed table showing casualties by 1914-1918 borders. Influenza and its complications were a common cause of death among women although some women were killed during battles and a few were executed for being spies.

- **Prisoners of the First World War, the ICRC archives:** this database is a result of the POW records of the International Committee of the Red Cross and can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/2vAhpoy>. This site also provides information on life in internment camps, postcard photos, and copies of reports, letters, and other historic records sent to the ICRC.
- **Officers and Enlisted Men of the United States Navy Who lost their lives during the World War, from April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918** by U.S. Bureau of Naval Personnel: this book was published in 1920 and can be accessed digitally via Google Books at <http://bit.ly/2wGS8ct>.
- **U.S. Casualties of World War I** by William Mitchell Haulsee: a three volume book that lists the name of every American casualty in the Great War. This book was published in 1920 and can be accessed digitally via Google Books at <http://bit.ly/2w3OziF>.
- **U.S. World War I Naval Deaths, 1917-1919:** database of over 7,200 sailors who died between 1917 and 1919 accessible via Ancestry.com (<http://ancstry.me/2vzE7gu>)
- **American Battle Monuments Commission** (<https://www.abmc.gov/>): The agency of the federal government that administers, operates, and maintains 26 permanent American burial grounds and 29 separate memorials, monuments, and markers on foreign soil.

- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Nationwide Gravesite Locator** (<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>)
- **The Honor Roll 1917-1918-1919** by Clifford Russell Trimble: this book was published in 1920 and can be accessed digitally at <http://bit.ly/2vA4OBr>.
- **Correspondence, Reports, Telegrams, Applications, and Other Papers Relating to Burials of Service Personnel, 1/1/1915-12/31/1939**: NARA record group 92, Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774-1985 (NARA identifier 595318). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vSNvhl>.
- **Deceased Veterans Claims (XC Files), 10/1917 – ca. 1945**: NARA record group 15, Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 1773-2007. More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vSLtyg>.
- **Disinterment Records Files, Gravesite Reservation Cards, Records of Interments, and Grave Cards, 6/15/1864-12/31/2011**: NARA record group 319, Records of the Army Staff, 1903-2009 (NARA identifier 7543569). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vTeNES>.
- **Canada, CEF Commonwealth War Graves Registers, 1914-1919**: database of records from the War Graves Registers for service personnel of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) who died during the First World War in Belgium, France and the UK, accessible via Ancestry at <http://ancstry.me/2vX9mok>.
- **Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty), 1914-1918**: database containing death and burial information for Canadian military personnel who died during the First World War in France, Belgium or the UK, accessible via Ancestry at <http://ancstry.me/2vWjFck>.

### Awards and Medals

There are a number of decorations, awards, and medals earned by military and civilian personnel during the Great War. Presented here are a few resources related to these honors.

- **Medal of Honor Recipients** (<http://www.history.army.mil/moh/index.html>)
- **Armed Forces Decorations and Awards** (<http://bit.ly/2w5bGKI>): wonderful 37-page publication from the American Forces Information Service showing illustrations and brief descriptions of the decorations and awards that may be earned by members of the armed forces
- **Awards and Decorations, World War I Statistics** (<http://bit.ly/2vWC5ta>): an extract from the annual report of the Secretary of War to the President (fiscal year ending 30 June 1923)
- **Army Award Cards, 1917-1947**: NARA record group 64, Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 – ca. 2007 (NARA identifier 5720378). More information on this series can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vT4rF1>.

- **The Medical Book of Merit: United States Army and Navy Decorations awarded to Medical offices for distinguished service in the World War** by Edgar Erskine Hume: WorldCat listing <http://bit.ly/2w1K6O4>
- **The American Journal of Nursing, Vol. XIX, April 1919** published by The American Journal of Nursing Company and available online at <http://bit.ly/2wvBnIN>
- **National Purple Heart Hall of Honor** (<https://www.thepurpleheart.com/>)
- **Replace Veterans' Medals, Awards, and Decorations** (<http://bit.ly/2vVMGVC>): information on the NARA website about how to request and replace military awards and decorations

### Division and Unit Histories

Division and Unit Histories are “yearbook style” books published after the Great War that contain information on the orders, movements, and soldiers of the book’s focus. Sometimes lists of soldiers’ names or even pages of soldiers’ photographs can be found in these histories. I recommend searching WorldCat, Hathi Trust or Google to learn whether there was a history written on the specific division or unit your ancestor was a part of.

- **The Edward Jones Research Center at the National World War I Museum and Memorial** (<http://bit.ly/2w23sm9>): The Museum’s research center has a large collection of division and unit histories. An appointment does not need to be made to go view these books and a research center attendant will be happy to assist you in locating the book you’d like to view.
- **United States Army Unit Histories: A reference and bibliography** by James T. Controvitch
- **United States Air Force and Its Antecedents: Published and Printed Unit Histories, a Bibliography** by M.D. Lantham
- **History of Army Units, World Wars I and II and Korean Conflict** by Charles E. Dornbusch
- **Library of Congress**
- **Google Books** (<https://books.google.com/>): Many of these histories are old enough that they can be found on Google Books.
- **Local libraries or research facilities:** Check with the local libraries, archives, museums, military history centers, historical societies, and other research facilities in the area where the division or unit was based to see if they have a copy of the history you’re searching for.

### State Records

I truly wish I could list every state resource that I’m aware of on this handout but with 50 states, a federal district, and 14 territories I’m afraid that would make the handout entirely too long. Instead, I offer a list of suggestions for finding state resources:

- Check with your state historic society to see if they have record holdings related to the Great War
- Check with a state-sponsored library to see if they have record holdings related to the War
- Don’t forget about the smaller, local libraries!



- Soldiers technically were required to file their discharge papers at the local county courthouse; these may have been filed in the “loose papers” and may require some piece-by-piece searching
- Do a Google search for your state name and either World War I or the Great War
- Do a Google search for your state name and either a specific year within the Great War period or the overall time frame; use the advanced search options in Google for this type of search

### Civilians

Just because someone didn't serve in the military during the war, doesn't mean they didn't serve in some capacity which would have created a record for you to look for!

- **YWCA of the U.S.A. Records. Record Group 6. Program: Series VII. War Work and Defense Services** accessible in the Sophia Smith Collection held at Smith College in Northampton, MA: records of the YWCA War Work Council and its committees (<http://bit.ly/2wvdcmy>)
- **Pilgrimage for the mothers and widows of soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe as provided by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929** by U.S. Government Printing Office: this publication can be viewed online through Villanova University Falvey Memorial Library's digitalLIBRARY (<http://bit.ly/2wVEz8l>)
- **U.S. World War I Mothers' Pilgrimage, 1929**: database of names of women who were entitled to make a pilgrimage as shown by the U.S. War Department records on 15 November 1929, accessible via Ancestry at <http://ancestry.me/2vT30q4>. This collection is both browsable and searchable.
- **U.S. YMCA World War I Service Cards, 1917-1919**: The original collection is housed in the Kautz Family YMCA Library at the University of Minnesota, but digitized copies can be viewed on FamilySearch at <http://bit.ly/2uSVt5U>. The records are both browsable and searchable.
- **American Women's Hospitals records** accessible in the Drexel University: College of Medicine Legacy Center in Philadelphia, PA: records of the American Women's Hospitals (<http://bit.ly/2ombws0>)

### Women's Organizations

There were many women's organizations already in existence at the start of the Great War and many more formed during the war to support the war, military personnel, war relief effort, home front efforts, and women's suffrage. It's recommended that you search the histories of your ancestor's area to determine which organizations existed in their area during the time period you're researching. Following are just a few of the more well-known organizations:

- **A Guide to the Women's Overseas Service League Records, 1910-2017** accessible in the University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries Special Collections: records of the Women's Overseas Service League (<http://bit.ly/2LA2mS4>)

- **American Legion Auxiliary** (<http://alaforveterans.org/>): largest women's veteran service organization in the world, established in 1919 from a number of organizations which existed at that time
- **National Woman's Party** (<http://www.nationalwomansparty.org/>): American organization formed in 1916 to fight for women's suffrage
- **Women's City Club of New York (WCC)** (<http://www.wccny.org/>): organization founded in 1915 by New York City suffragettes
- **Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)** (<https://www.ywca.org>): while founded much earlier than the Great War era, the YWCA was the first organization to provide overseas administrative support to the U.S. military
- **American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.** (<https://www.goldstarmoms.com/>): while not an "official" organization until 1928, Gold Star Mothers began gathering together in 1918 in an effort to support military personnel and each other

### Enemy Aliens

Many people automatically equate the term enemy alien with World War II, however, once a country declared war, natives from belligerent countries were immediately considered enemy aliens. Non-naturalized enemy aliens were required to register with U.S. authorities after the U.S. entry into the war. This included women of both foreign birth and American birth who were married to enemy aliens.

- **U.S. Marshals Service, History – the U.S. Marshals during World War I** (<http://bit.ly/2LJXjyp>): history and duties of the U.S. Marshals during World War I
- **California, San Francisco, World War I Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits, 1918:** registration affidavits of people from countries at war with the United States, accessible via FamilySearch at <http://bit.ly/2vAjJvx>.
- **Kansas, Registration Affidavits of Alien Enemies, 1917-1918:** records of German immigrants living in the state of Kansas who registered as alien enemies, accessible via Ancestry at <http://ancstry.me/2vAujTz>.
- **Redefining the Word 'Home.' German Internment Camp in World War I, 1917-1918** (<http://bit.ly/2N97LnK>): blog post for the North Carolina Museum of History about the German internment camp once located in Hot Springs, NC.
- **National Records and Archives Administration, Record Group 118: Records of U.S. Attorneys and Marshals** (more information on this group can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vA6gUr>)
  - Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits
  - Alien Application Permits
  - Reports on Aliens
  - Correspondence Relating to Enemy Alien and Espionage Act Violations



- **National Records and Archives Administration, Record Group 21: Records of District Courts of the United States** (more information on this group can be found at <http://bit.ly/2vAo6GU>)
  - Alien Applications for Permission to Depart from the U.S. (name index available at <http://bit.ly/2vA54As>)
- **Britain, Enemy Aliens and Internees, First and Second World Wars Browse** (<http://bit.ly/2vAhjx6>): records from the National Archives, created by the Home Office and the Prison Commission, ranging from individual index cards to internment camp rolls. Not a comprehensive collection of every enemy alien registered or interned in Britain.

**Publications about women's roles during the Great War:**

- **Women, War, and Work: The Impact of World War I on Women Workers in the United States** (Maurine Weiner Greenwald)
- **In Uncle Sam's Service, Women Workers with the American Expeditionary Force** (Susan Zeiger)
- **American Women in World War I: They Also Served** (Lettie Gavin)
- **Women in the War Zone: Hospital Service in the First World War** (Anne Powell)
- **I Was a Yeoman (F)** (Mrs. Henry F. Butler [Estelle Kemper]), available to be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/2vAFECT>.
- **Women in the Military: An Unfinished Revolution** (Jeanne Holm)
- **Two Colored women with the American Expeditionary Forces** (Addie W. Hunton and Kathryn M. Johnson): available to be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/2MIpi79>.
- **Lady in the Navy: A Personal Reminiscence** (Joy B. Hancock)
- **Into the Breach: American Women Overseas in World War I** (Dorothy and Carl J. Schneider)
- **Women Marines in World War I** (Linda L. Hewitt), available to be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/2BWbGA2>.
- **Cultivating Victory: The Women's Land Army and the Victory Garden Movement** (Cecilia Gowdy-Wygant)
- **Fruits of Victory: the Women's Land Army of America in the Great War** (Elaine F. Weiss)
- **Answering the Call, The U.S. Army Nurse Corps, 1917- 1919, A Commemorative Tribute to Military Nursing in World War I** (Lisa M. Budreau and Richard M. Prior)
- **A History of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps** (Mary T. Sarnecky)
- **Highlights in the History of the Army Nurse Corps** (Carolyn M. Feller and Debora R. Cox)
- **The First, the Few, the Forgotten: Navy and Marine Corps Women in World War I** (Jean Ebbert)

- **Finding Themselves: The Letters of an American Army Chief Nurse in a British Hospital in France** (Julia Stimson)
- **The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers** (Elizabeth Cobbs)
- **World War I's Hello Girls: Paving The Way For Women In The U.S. Army** (Elizabeth M. Collins): article available to be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/2wwfUIN>
- **Mobilizing Minerva: American Women in the First World War** (Kimberly Jensen)
- **Women Workers in the First World War** (Gail Braybon)
- **Serving Proudly: A History of Women in the U.S. Navy** (Susan Godson)
- **American Women and the World War** (Ida Clyde Clark)
- **Disloyal Mothers and Scurrilous Citizens: Women and Subversion during World War I** (Kathleen Kennedy)
- **Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women Workers of the First World War** (Carrie Brown)
- **The Backwash of War** (Ellen N. La Motte)
- **The Second Line of Defense: American Women and World War I** (Lynn Dumenil)
- **War Girls: The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry in the First World** (Janet Lee)
- **The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women** (Kate Moore)

### Miscellaneous

Interested in learning more about the Great War in general? Here's some resources that might help you.

- **The Veteran's History Project at the Library of Congress** (<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>): The Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.
- **U.S. Army Center of Military History** (<http://www.history.army.mil/>)
- **World War I, Library of Congress** (<http://bit.ly/2vWoPoy>)
- **World War I, The British Library** (<http://bit.ly/2vWy7Rx>)
- **The Western Front Association** (<http://www.westernfrontassociation.com/>)
- **World War One Historical Association** (<https://ww1ha.org/>)
- **The United States World War One Centennial Commission** (<http://www.worldwar1centennial.org/>)
- **Trenches on the Web** (<http://www.worldwar1.com/>): a website which has one of the largest collections of information about the Great War on the web.
- **Naval History and Heritage Command** (<http://bit.ly/2vAmzka>)

- **The National World War I Museum and Memorial** (<https://www.theworldwar.org/>): America's leading institution dedicated to remembering, interpreting and understanding the Great War and its enduring impact on the global community. The collection of the research center has a very strong focus on primary and secondary texts and periodicals.
- **The World War I Document Archive** (<http://www.gwpda.org/>): An archive of primary documents from the Great War period with an international focus. This website includes both primary and relevant secondary documents between 1890-1930.
- **Firstworldwar.com** (<http://www.firstworldwar.com>): a multimedia history of World War One – This website contains links to Great War basics, battlefield tours, a section of transcribed primary documents which document the course of the war from many different countries
- **The Heritage of the Great War** (<http://www.greatwar.nl/>): **CAUTION** – this website contains some graphic medical images, however, they claim to have one of the most extensive historical photo collections on the internet. Whether their photo collection is truly the most extensive or not, they have some great images available for viewing. War is not pretty, and this website provides photographic evidence of that.
- **South Peace Regional Archives** (<http://southpeacearchives.org/>): Canadian archives

#### **Books containing general information about the Great War and the AEF:**

- First World War For Dummies (Dr. Seán Lang)
- A World Undone: The Story of the Great War, 1914 to 1918 (G.J. Meyer)
- The War to End All Wars (E.M. Coffman)
- Over There (Frank Freidel)
- Soldiers' Songs and Slang of the Great War (collected by Martin Pegler)
- The Doughboys (Gary Meade)
- The Guns of August: The Outbreak of World War I (Barbara W. Tuchman)
- Doughboy War: The American Expeditionary Force in World War I
- The First World War: The war to end all wars (Geoffrey Jukes)

#### **Books containing detailed information about the Great War and the AEF:**

- American Armies and Battlefields in France (GPO)
- Order of Battle of United States Land Forces in the World War, 1917-1919 (U.S. Army)
- World War I: The U.S. Army Overseas (U.S. Army Center for Military History)
- Conscientious Objectors of the First World War: A Determined Resistance (Ann Kramer)
- Official Record of the United States' Part in The Great War (Leonard Porter Ayres), available to be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/2vAlkBG>. (This listing has been included under the "Awards and Medals" section because it contains information regarding the men who received the Congressional Medal of Honor)

## Additional Information

- What's up with the funky looking hyperlinks?
  - Website addresses can often be very long. I prefer to use a URL shortening service called Bitly for longer URLs that could be mistyped. The shortened links will be valid as long as the host of the URL keeps the original URL active.
- What are NARA identifiers?
  - NARA identifiers are numbers that will allow you to quickly find information on that specific record group just by typing the words "NARA identifier" and the identifier number into the Google search box!
- I can't find what I'm looking for on the NARA website.
  - I always recommend using the advanced search option instead of the basic search option on the NARA website (<https://catalog.archives.gov/advancedsearch>).
- I can't find my ancestor's name in [insert database name here] but I know they should be there!
  - If there is a database description or additional information provided make sure to read it. Many times databases may be missing counties, etc. and the description or additional information will indicate if there are portions of the database missing.
- Is this a list of all the resources available for World War I research?
  - No! I'm by no means the world expert on the Great War and additional material is being made available regularly. I've created a page on my website where these resources (and more!) are listed. You can find that page on my website at <https://talkingboxgenealogy.com>. And if you know of a resource that should be included please don't hesitate to contact me with the information for that resource!