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Searching Still Photographs for Army Personalities

Searching for photographs of specific service members can be difficult. Within the holdings of the Still Picture Branch at the National Archives, you can find personality indexes to aid in the search for specific individuals in the military.



Aeroplane Graflex camera in action. circa 1917-18. [National Archives Identifier 530712](#)

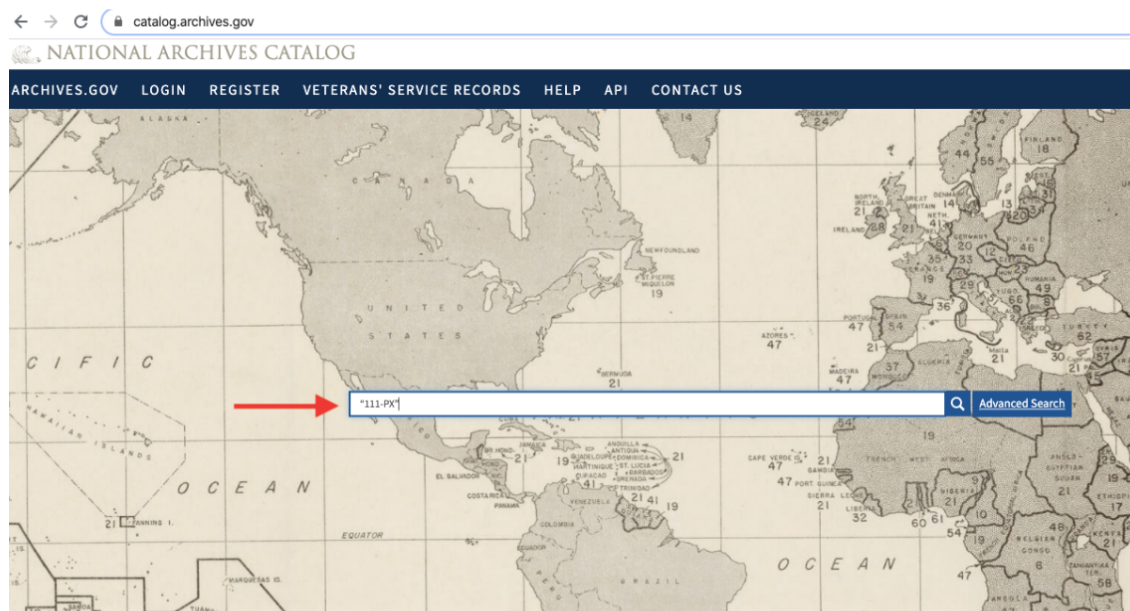
Recently added to the National Archives Catalog includes a digitized portion of the Army's personality index titled [111-PX: Index to Personalities in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Photographic Files \(111-SC, 111-P, 111-PC, 111-C\), 1940 – 1981](#), covering World War II and the Korean War time period. The index can be useful for locating Army service members as

well as notable personalities. A second section covering the Vietnam War time period is available onsite in our research room, and will be made available in the Catalog in the near future.

One important detail to keep in mind while searching 111-PX is that not every service member is included within the index. Typically, higher ranking individuals are the most frequently found in the index and oftentimes, individuals are not identified in the photographs. If you are unable to find the name of a specific individual, that indicates that we likely do not have a photograph of them or if we do, they were not identified in the caption.

Searching 111-PX

To locate the series 111-PX through the Catalog search, simply enter “111-PX” into the search bar of the [Catalog](#). You can also search by the [National Archives Identifier \(NAID\)](#) “530686.”



Then, click the result titled “Index to Personalities in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Photographic Files (111-SC, 111-P, 111-PC, 111-C), 1940 – 1981,” [NAID 530686](#).

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Series [Index to Personalities in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Photographic Files \(111-SC, 111-P, 111-PC, 111-C\), 1940 - 1981](#)
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Index to Personalities in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Photographic Files (111-SC, 111-P, 111-PC, 111-C), 1940 - 1981

⚠ This Series contains records, some of which may not be available online.
 To obtain a copy or view the records, please contact or visit the National Archives and Records Administration location(s) listed in the Contact information below.

Additional Information About this Series

National Archives Identifier: 530686

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Creator(s): Department of Defense. Department of the Army. Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. U.S. Arr 5/15/1984 (Most Recent)

From: Record Group 111: Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, 1860 - 1985

Details

Level of Description: Series

Type(s) of Archival Materials: Textual Records

The creator compiled or maintained the series between: 1940 - 1981

Includes: 399 file unit(s) described in the catalog

Numbering Note: Entries that have only Field Numbers (Example:ETO-HQ-45-9593) and no assigned Signal Corps Number (E located within the series using available indexes.

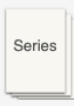
General Note(s): In Part 1 1900-1955, a large portion of entries starting with I through K have gone within the index

[Search within this series](#)

Within the Catalog, the records are grouped in an alphabetical range by the last names of individuals within File Units. After clicking the “Search within this series” button, you will see a list of all of the available file units. To search, you will need to locate the group of records that includes the last name of the person you are searching for.

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For example, to search for someone with the last name “Davis,” we would find the File Unit, titled “Index to Personalities in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Photographic Files, 1940 – 1954: Danner – Davis.”

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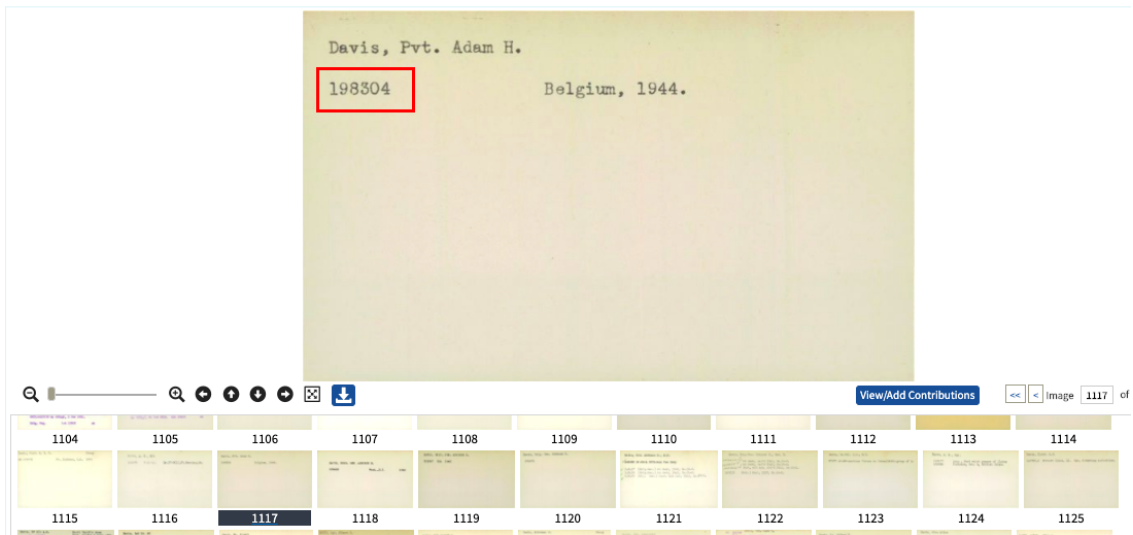
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 From RG: 111
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After selecting a File Unit, you can view all of the cards in the alphabetical range. Below the main image viewer is a list of all of the cards. The index cards have Signal Corps numbers associated with each name, which are the individual photograph identifier numbers. Once you have located a card with the name of the person we are searching for, we can then find the six-digit Signal Corps number.



The numbers are typically five to six digits and oftentimes preceded by “SC.” The complete Signal Corps number would combine “111-SC” and the six digit Signal Corps number to be “111-SC-XXXXXX.” In this example, the photograph of Pvt. Adam H. Davis is identified by the Signal Corps number 111-SC-198304.

These numbers align to various series of records within the Still Picture Branch, but will primarily align to the series [111-SC: Photographs of American Military Activities, ca. 1918 – ca. 1981](#). While not all of the related photographs have been digitized or are available in our Catalog, we were able to locate the photograph of Pvt. Davis within the series [111-SC: Photographs of American Military Activities, ca. 1918 – ca. 1981](#) by searching the Catalog for the Signal Corps number [111-SC-198304](#).



111-SC-198304

[Local Identifier: 111-SC-198304](#), Original caption: “Bastogne, Belgium—Weary infantrymen of the 110th Regt., 28th Div., US 1st Army following the German breakthrough in that area. The enemy overran their battalion. (L-R) Pvt. Adam H. Davis and T/S Milford A. Sillars. Dec. 19, 1944”

Important Tips

It is helpful to know of a few gaps within the series that may cause difficulty while searching. First, a portion of the index covering last names that start with J through K were never transferred to NARA and it is unknown where they could be located. Next, a few cards within the index have only the “Field Number” and no associated or clear Signal Corps number. For example, a card may have only the number “FEC-49-2102,” and no easily identifiable six digit number.

Additionally, the majority of photographs within 111-SC have not been digitized. If you do locate an image that you would be interested in viewing, we invite you to our College Park Research Room to view the photo and any other related photographs as well.

If you have questions about still photographs, you may contact the Still Picture Branch at stillpix@nara.gov.

Today’s post comes from Sarah Lepianka, Archives Specialist in the Still Picture Branch at the National Archives. For additional information about these records and what you can expect to find within these series, see the original post on the [Unwritten Record blog](#).

New Mission: Chinese Heritage Project



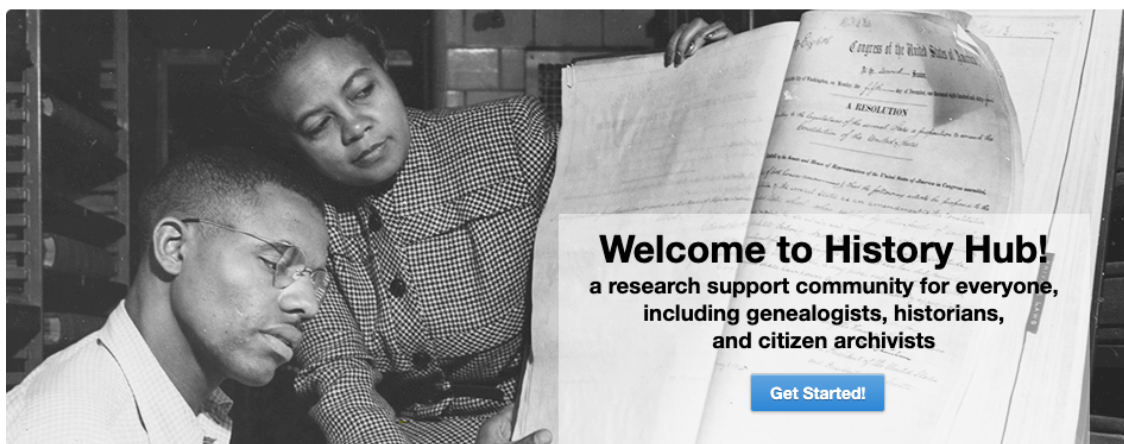
Our latest mission invites you to [transcribe and tag records related to the Chinese Exclusion Era](#). We need your transcribing these immigration records and tagging very specific details that will help provide greater access to these records.

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For more information, visit <https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus>

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