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2023 GENEALOGY SERIES

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

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2023 Genealogy Series

Public Service: Military and Civilian

Welcome!

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

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





About the Sessions



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

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



Join the conversation!



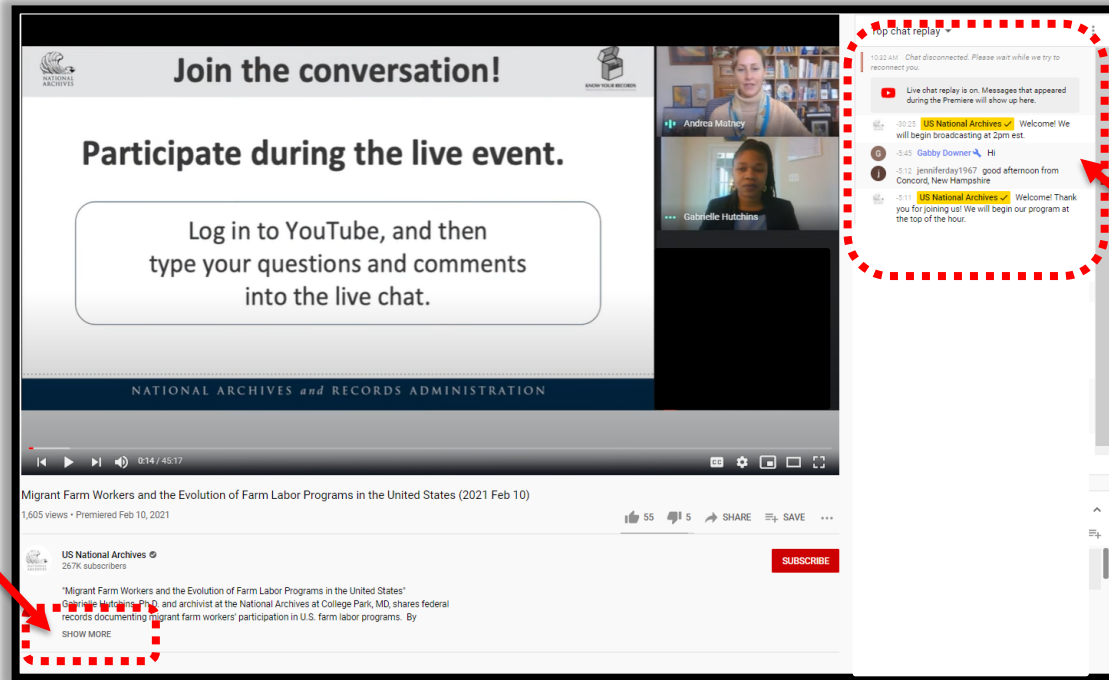
Participate with the presenters and other family historians during a session's premiere.

Live Chat on **You**  **Tube**

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Instructions



The screenshot shows a YouTube live event interface. The main content area displays a video player with a title "Migrant Farm Workers and the Evolution of Farm Labor Programs in the United States (2021 Feb 10)" and a description. A red dashed box highlights the "SHOW MORE" link in the description. To the right, a chat window is open, showing a "top chat replay" section and a list of messages. A red arrow points from the "Chat" section on the right towards the chat window. Another red arrow points from the "Show More" section on the left towards the "SHOW MORE" link in the description.

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Chat

- log in
- participate
- ask questions

Show More

- handout
- evaluation

Videos and presentation materials remain available after the premiere date.



Schedule: May 3–17



May 3
1 p.m. ET

Welcome and Introductions

May 3
1:05 p.m. ET

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

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

May 10
1 p.m. ET

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

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

May 17
1 p.m. ET

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

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



Schedule: May 31 – June 14



May 31

1 p.m. ET

Civilian Conservation Corps Indian Division on the Reservation

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

June 7

1 p.m. ET

Accessing and Understanding Korean War Army Unit Records

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

June 14

1 p.m. ET

Creating Your Own Preservation Survey and Plan for Family Collections

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

June 14

1:55 p.m. ET

Closing Remarks



Session



Accessing and Understanding Korean War Army Unit Records

In honor of the 70th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that officially ended the Korean War, this session is being offered as an introduction to two large series that contain records relating to Army units that served during that conflict: the Command Reports, 1949–1954 ([entry NM-3 29](#)) in the Records of the Adjutant General's Office (Record Group 407) and the Unit Histories, 1943–1967 ([entry UD 37042](#)) in the Records of U.S. Army Operational, Tactical, and Support Organizations (World War II and

Thereafter) (Record Group 338). The records in these series provide information about the activities and engagements of specific Army units that may give genealogists a deeper insight into their family members' service. The presentation will outline how to use available finding aids to search for relevant records, and it will also include examples of the types of records that are generally found in these series. The session will conclude with some troubleshooting tips and a few additional resources.



Presenter Biography



Rachael Salyer

Rachael Salyer is a Subject Matter Expert in Modern Military Records and an Archivist from the National Archives at College Park, MD (Archives II). Rachael started her career at the National Archives in 2015 as an archives technician in the Textual Research Room at Archives II and became an archivist in Textual Processing the following year. Since 2019, Rachael has served as an archivist in the Augmented Processing Section and in the Reference Section of the Textual Records Branch.

Rachael has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and German from Oklahoma Baptist University, a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in German Studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a Master of Science in Library and Information Science with an archives concentration from Simmons University. Prior to coming to the National Archives, Rachael worked as a professor of English composition, literature, and German at various colleges and universities in Massachusetts.



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Accessing Korean War Army Unit Records at the National Archives at College Park

RACHAEL SALYER

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70th Anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice

Armistice Agreement for the Restoration of the South Korean State (July 27, 1953)

Actual hostilities: June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1953
War period extended by Congress to January 31,
1955

Image: Korean War Armistice Agreement, July 27, 1953, in the series *Treaties and Other International Agreements* (entry A1 13) in the General Records of the United States Government (Record Group 11). catalog.archives.gov/id/5730903

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, ON THE ONE HAND, AND
THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S
ARMY AND THE COMMANDER OF THE CHINESE
PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS, ON THE OTHER HAND,
CONCERNING A MILITARY ARMISTICE IN KOREA

P R E A M B L E

The undersigned, the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, on the one hand, and the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army and the Commander of the Chinese People's Volunteers, on the other hand, in the interest of stopping the Korean conflict, with its great toll of suffering and bloodshed on both sides, and with the objective of establishing an armistice which will insure a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea until a final peaceful settlement is achieved, do individually, collectively, and mutually agree to accept and to be bound and governed by the conditions and terms of armistice set forth in the following Articles and Paragraphs, which said conditions and terms are intended to be purely military in character and to pertain solely to the belligerents in Korea.



Korean War by the Numbers

- 6.8 million American service members served during the Korean War period, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
- 54,200 deaths of Americans in service during the period of hostilities, June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1953. Of these, 33,700 were actual battle deaths.
- 7,140 Prisoners of War during the Korean War. Of these, 4,418 returned to the United States, 2,701 died, and 21 refused repatriation.

Source: www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/specialreports/kw2000.pdf

Army Divisions and Regimental Combat Teams (RCTs)

The Army deployed eight divisions to Korea:

- 1st Cavalry Division
- 2nd Infantry Division
- 3rd Infantry Division
- 7th Infantry Division
- 24th Infantry Division
- 25th Infantry Division
- 40th Infantry Division
- 45th Infantry Division

The Army deployed three Regimental Combat Teams to Korea:

- 5th RCT, 29th RCT, and 187th RCT



Source: www.nps.gov/kowa/learn/historyculture/korean-war-overview.htm



1973 Fire at the National Personnel Records Center

These records are **not** a replacement for the personnel records that were lost in the 1973 fire, and they typically do **not** include personal details about individual soldiers, although General Orders (GOs) may include names.

However, if you know the unit of the soldier you are interested in, you may be able to learn more about the activities and engagements of their unit, which could provide some insight into their service.

See: www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/fire-1973





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Command Reports, 1949–1954

in the

Records of the Adjutant General's Office (Record Group 407)

Entry NM-3 429

National Archives Identifier (NAID) 596354

catalog.archives.gov/id/596354



What to Expect in the Command Reports

Typical documents include: historical reports, operations journals, staff studies, and other documents produced by Army commands, staffs, and units

Arranged by military administrative or geographic area, thereunder by Army unit or file designator, thereunder by document type, and finally by date of document

6,544 containers (2,868 linear feet, 8 linear inches)

25,735 file units searchable online in the Catalog (*not digitized*)

Other finding aids available from the Textual Reference staff at the National Archives at College Park, MD (Archives II)



National Archives NextGen Catalog

catalog.archives.gov/id/596354

Potentially Harmful Content Alert: The Catalog contains content that may be harmful or difficult to view. Click here to learn more.

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Record Group 407: Records of the Adjutant General's Office

Series **PARTIALLY DIGITIZED**

Command Reports, 1949–1954

Other title: Army - AG Command Reports, 1949-54

Creator: Department of Defense. Department of the Army. The Adjutant General's Office. 9/18/1947-11/17/1986 (Most Recent)

NAID: 596354 | Maps and Charts | Photographs and other Graphic Materials | Textual Records | Collected: 1949–1954

Search within this Series 25,733 File Units

Partially Digitized
This Series contains records, some of which are available online.
2 Items (with a total of **6 digital objects**) from this Series are currently online and ready to view.

This series consists of historical reports, operations journals, staff studies, and other documents produced by Army commands, staffs, and units during the Korean War era.

Search within
this Series



“click here” to
search within the
series








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Inside this Series

i The following table represents the next level of record within this Series, which includes **25,733 File Units**. Each of these records may additionally hold more records.

w Note: The table below is a sample of the contents found within this Series. To access more and to search within the Series [click here](#).

Record Title	Level	National Archives ID
 209 - IX Corps: Supporting Documents, Book II and Volume VII, 09/1951	File Unit	797596
 209 - IX Corps: Supporting Documents, Book IV and Volume I, 09/1951	File Unit	797600
 209 - IX Corps: Supporting Documents, Book VI and Volume III, 09/1951	File Unit	797604
 209 - IX Corps: Supporting Documents, Book VII and Volume I, 09/1951	File Unit	797605
 209 - IX Corps: Supporting Documents, Book II and Volume I, 10/1951	File Unit	797609
 209 - IX Corps: Supporting Documents, Book III and Volume I, 10/1951	File Unit	797617
 209 - IX Corps: Supporting Documents, Book III and Volume II, 10/1951	File Unit	797618



Enter unit information in search bar

National Archives NextGen Catalog | catalog.archives.gov/search-within/596354

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Command Reports

Includes: 25,733 File Units

Search within this Series

1-20 of 25,735 results within this Series in 0.26 seconds. Results per page: 20

Filter by: Sort by: Most Relevant 1 of 1,287

- All records
- Available to access online (2)
- Type of Materials
 - Textual Records (25,735)
- Level of Description
 - File Unit (25,733)
 - Item (2)

File Unit
USAFFE - US Army Forces, Far East: G-3 Operations Report, 04/1953
NAID: 816869 | Container ID: 6542
Creator: Department of Defense. Department of the Army. The Adjutant General's Office. 9/18/1947-11/17/1986
Series: Command Reports

File Unit
UNC - United Nations Command: G-3 Operations Report, December 6, 1951
NAID: 816862 | Container ID: 6540
Creator: Department of Defense. Department of the Army. The Adjutant General's Office. 9/18/1947-11/17/1986
Series: Command Reports



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Unit Histories, 1943–1967

in the
Records of U.S. Army
Operational, Tactical, and
Support Organizations
(World War II and Thereafter)
(Record Group 338)

Entry UD 37042
National Archives Identifier (NAID) 895216
catalog.archives.gov/id/895216



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL catalog.archives.gov/id/895216. A blue banner at the top contains a 'Potentially Harmful Content Alert' and a 'Dismiss' link. Below this is the National Archives logo and a search bar. The main content area displays the following information:

- Record Group 338: Records of U.S. Army Operational, Tactical, and Support Organizations (World War II and Thereafter)
- Series **NOT YET DIGITIZED**
- Unit Histories, 1943–1967**
- Creator: Department of Defense. Department of the Army. The Adjutant General's Office. Administrative Services Division. Departmental Records Branch. 9/18/1947-1967 ? (Most Recent)
- NAID: 895216 | Photographs and other Graphic Materials | Textual Records | Collected: 1943–1967 | Covers: 1755–1967
- A blue button labeled 'Search within this Series' with a magnifying glass icon and '35,541 File Units' next to it.

A yellow warning box below the series information states: **Not Yet Digitized** This Series contains records, none of which have been digitized.

Below the warning box, a paragraph of text describes the series: 'This series consists of the working files of division level, organic, and non-organic U.S. Army units, which were maintained and consolidated by the Departmental Records Branch. Usually division records include historical reports, general orders, directives, journals, memorandums, circulars, bulletins, and policy files. Records of organic units, such as infantry regiments that were permanently attached to divisions, typically document actions not described elsewhere in the parent division's records and consist of unit histories, general orders, and other administrative files. Records of non-organic units, such as ordnance or quartermaster units that were not permanently attached to a division, generally consist of historical reports and'

Use the Catalog to search within the series for the unit you are interested in.



What You Might Find in the Unit Histories

Division records: historical reports, general orders, directives, journals, memorandums, circulars, bulletins, and policy files.

Records of organic units, such as infantry regiments that were permanently attached to divisions: unit histories, general orders, and other administrative files.

Records of non-organic units, such as ordnance or quartermaster units that were not permanently attached to a division: historical reports and some administrative files.

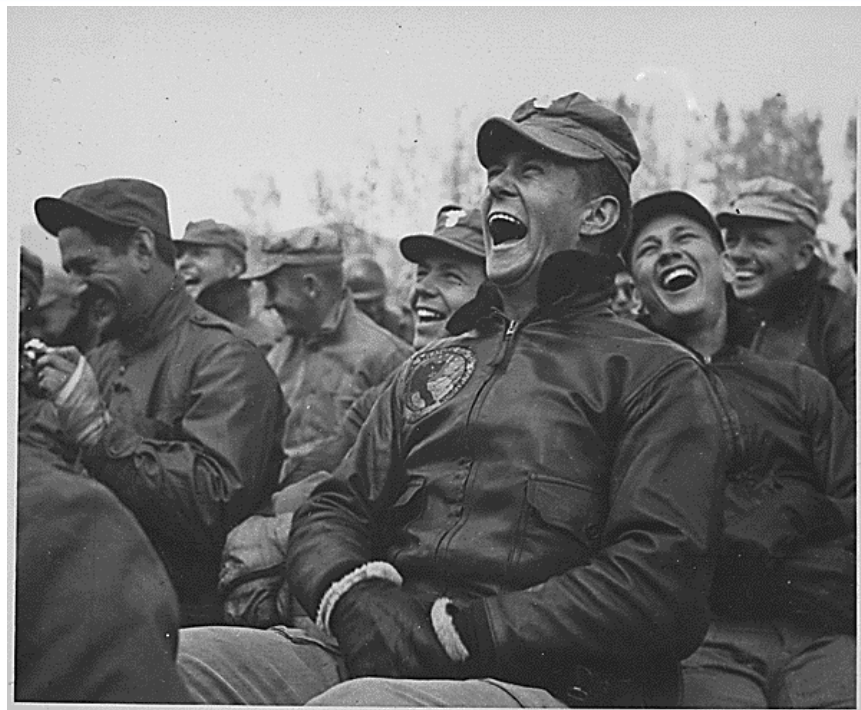
Arranged in sections: Miscellaneous, Airborne, Armored, Artillery (Anti-Aircraft, Coast, and Field), Cavalry, Chemical, Constabulary, Engineer, Finance, Infantry, Labor, Machine Records, Medical, Military Government, Military Intelligence, Military Police, Ordnance, Postal, Quartermaster, Replacement, Signal, Special Service, and Transportation.

Then by type of unit (e.g., battalion, group, regiment), and thereunder **numerically or alphabetically by unit designation.**



More about the Unit Histories

- 6,117 containers (2,500 linear feet)
- 35,541 file units searchable online in the Catalog (*not digitized*)
- "Index to the Series Unit Histories, 1943-1967" (NAID 895217):
catalog.archives.gov/id/895217





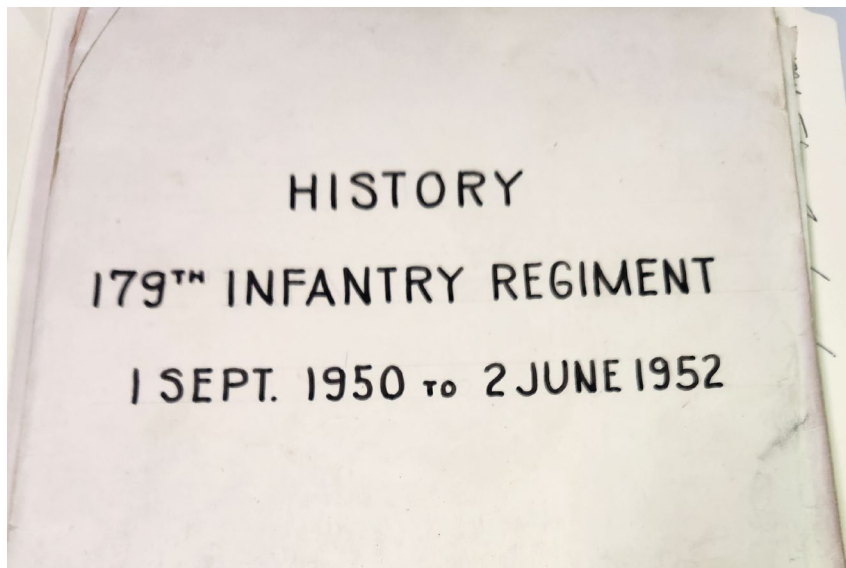
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Sample Documents from the Command Reports and Unit Histories



History of the 179th Infantry Regiment 1 Sept. 1950 to 2 June 1952



Declassified: NND 887540

Some documents like unit histories or historical reports are narratives that provide an overview or summary of the unit's activities over a specific period of time.



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Table of Contents for 179th Infantry Regiment History

Sample Text from the Document:

- I. Training at Camp Polk
- II. The Movement to Japan
- III. Japan Interlude
- IV. Alert and Move to Korea
 - A. The Rumor Stage
 - B. Preparation for the Move
 - C. Shipping Assignments
 - D. The Advance Party
 - E. We Get 7th Cav Equipment
 - F. Last Minute Training and the Reserve Mission
- V. Communication
- VI. First Time on the MLR
 - A. Operations
 - B. First Enemy Contacts

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II	The Movement to Japan	5
III	Japan Interlude	9
IV	Alert and Move to Korea	20
	A. The Rumor Stage	22
	B. Preparation for the Move	23
	C. Shipping Assignments	26
	D. The Advance Party	30
	E. We Get 7th Cav Equipment	31
	F. Last Minute Training and the Reserve Mission	32
V	Communication	35
VI	First Time on the MLR	38
	A. Operations	38
	B. First Enemy Contacts	40
	C. Operation Chicago	53

Declassified: NND 887540



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Cover Sheet for the Command Report of the 65th Infantry Regiment for November 1950

Text Includes:

- Army Post Office (APO) for the unit headquarters
- Date and subject
- Recipient
- Brief description of contents and enclosures
- Commanding Officers' names, ranks, and signatures

Declassified: NND 785101

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HEADQUARTERS 65TH RCT
Office of the Commanding Officer
APO 468 c/o PM San Francisco, California

4 January 1951

SUBJECT: Command Report

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(c) and 5(D) or (E)
TAG 12-331
By TYM NARS, Date 10/16/78

TO: Commanding General
3rd Infantry Division
APO 468

Transmitted herewith Command Report, 65th Infantry RCT for the
month of November 1950.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
Command Report w/7
Annexes

W. J. McLaughlin
WALTER J. McLAUGHLIN
Capt 65th Infantry
Adjutant

3DC 314.7 1st Ind

HQ 3D INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 468, c/o PM San Francisco, Calif. 29 Jan 51

TO: Commanding General, X Corps, APO 909, c/o PM San Francisco, Calif.
(Attn: Historian)

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. P. Hurst
E. P. HURST
Captain, AGC
Asst Adj Gen

Incls: N/C



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Excerpt from First Page of the Same Command Report

Sample Text from the Document:

1. General.

a. This Command Report is a narrative summary of events from 1 November 1950 to 30 November 1950. It covers events from the relief of the 65th RCT from responsibility of the Yongdong – Chupungyong-ni – Kumchon area in South Korea; missions and operations in North Korea and up to the preparation and planning of the movement to the Hamhung – Hungnam area.

b. [...]

2. Task Organization and Personnel.

a. Task Organization.

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COMMAND REPORT

Maps: Korea: 1:250,000 AMS L551, Sheets J-52-M, J-52-B
1:50,000 AMS L751, Sheets 6532-I-II, 6631-I, 6632-II-III,
6633-II-III

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b. This period was characterized by a considerable enemy activity at the early part of the period, including one enemy attack in force on the 7th of November; one enemy attempt to penetrate our lines on the 8th of November; another enemy attack on the 21st of November; frequent small engagements by our patrols; and a relatively calm period in which we patrolled intensively and aggressively our sector of responsibility with little or no contact with the enemy; and finally, at the end of the period, an increasing enemy activity with a big enemy counter-attack on friendly positions west of our boundary and increasing activity within our sector.

2. Task Organization and Personnel.

a. Task Organization.

RCT - Tps & Tns - Col W. W. Harris, Commanding
Hq & Hq Co 65th Inf Regt
Svc Co 65th Inf Regt (-)
Med Co 65th Inf Regt (-)
Hv Mort Co 65th Inf Regt (-)
58th Armd FA Bn (-)
Tank Co 65th Inf Regt
Co "C" 64th Hv Tk Bn
Co "C" 10th Engr (C) Bn



Note the Inclusion of Subordinate and Other Associated Units

Sample Text from the Document:

a. Task Organization.

RCT - Tps & Tns - Col W. W. Harris, Commanding
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RCT – Tps & Tns – Col. W.W. Harris,
Commanding

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Journal of the Hq. 3d Bn, 65th Inf. Reg. for Nov. 1952

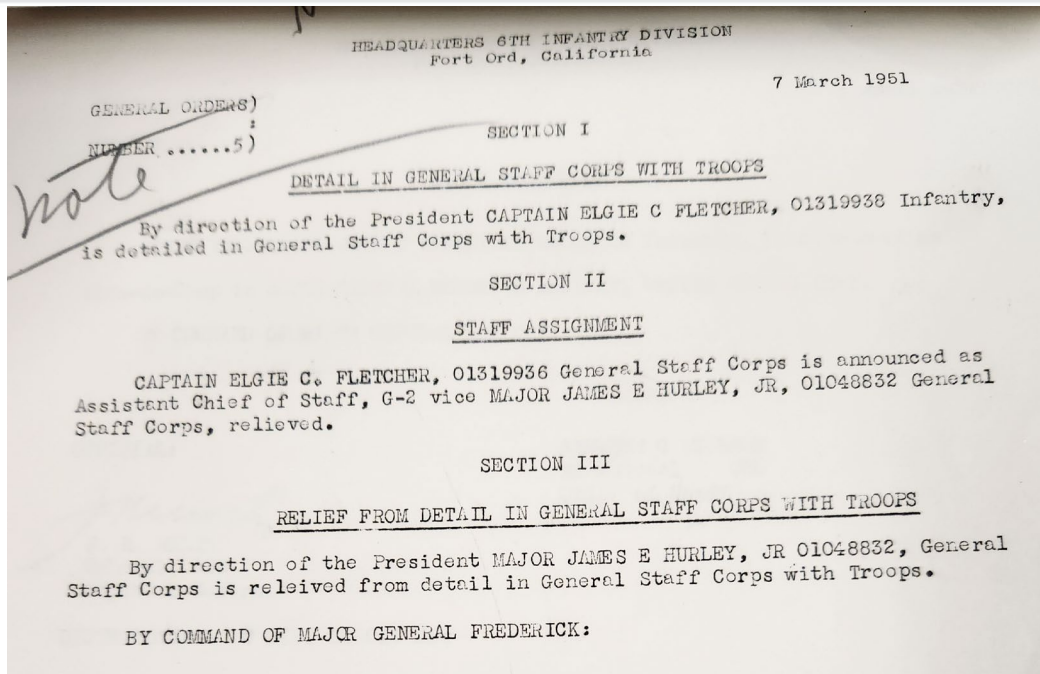
SERIAL NUMBER	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	
010001	Nov 1952		ORGANIZATION: <u>Hq, 3d Bn, 65th</u>
012400	Nov 1952		PLACE: <u>APC 468</u>
			JOURNAL
1	0400	<u>Co L</u> - Ambush Patrol Rtn MLR -0355. Neg Results.	S
2	0830	<u>Co L</u> - Lt Bogel report he has one casualty lightly wounded on left arm.	S
3	1935	<u>2d Bn, 15th Inf</u> - Reports TK noises to the front.	S
4	2030	<u>Co I</u> - Combat Patrol crossed LD.	S,
5	2200	<u>Co I</u> - Combat Patrol at Check Point Able.	S,
6	2220	<u>Co I</u> - Patrol is at Check Point Baker.	S
7	2245	<u>Co I</u> - Patrol is at check Point Charlie.	S
8	2310	<u>Co I</u> - Patrol is at Check Point Dog.	
9	2325	<u>Co I</u> - Patrol is on the objective.	
10		Journal closed at 012400.	

Note the inclusion of subordinate units like Company L (“Co L”) and Company I (“Co I”).

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General Orders: Commanding Officers, Staff Assignments, etc.



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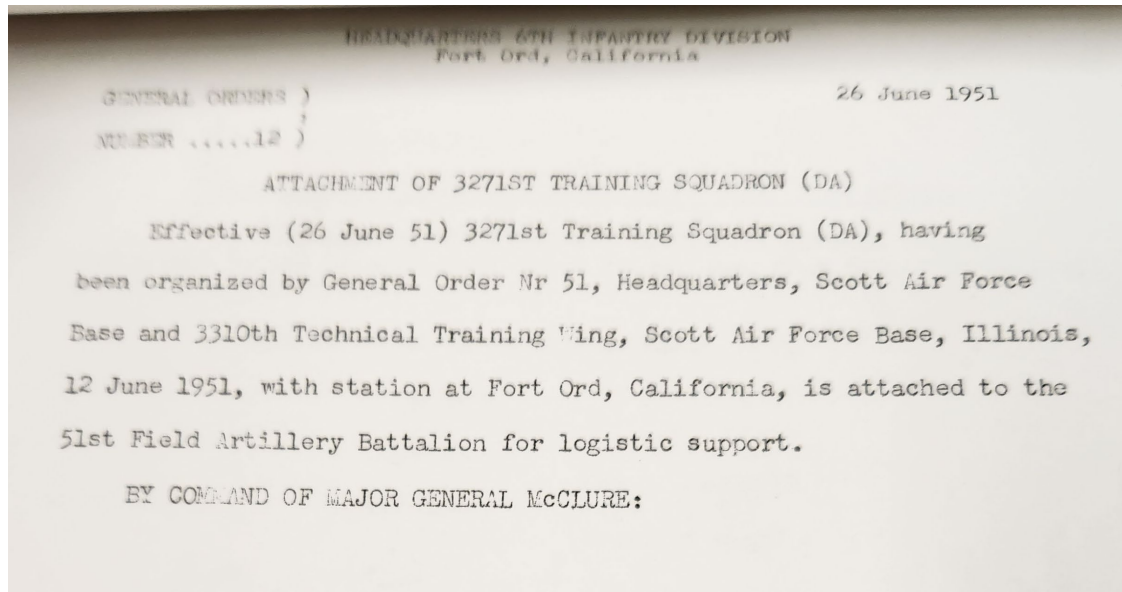
Changes in commanding officers, **some** staff assignments, and similar information may also be found in GOs. Routine personnel matters or rosters are **not** documented.

For more information about Korean War-era Morning Reports and Rosters, see:

www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel/morning-reports-and-unit-rosters#archival



General Orders: Unit Assignments or Attachments



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As an example, GOs may also include information about a subordinate unit being attached or assigned to another unit or organization.

Sample Text from the Document:

Effective (26 June 51) 3271st Training Squadron (DA) [...] is attached to the 51st Field Artillery Battalion for logistics support.



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General Orders: Purple Heart

Example: GO #42, Headquarters 65th Infantry, 6 July 1951 - Purple Heart awarded "for wounds received in action against the enemy in Korea on dates shown opposite their names." This example includes name, rank, Army Serial/Service Number (ASN), organization (ORGN), date wounded, and "entered federal service from" columns.

GOs usually include basic information like this, but they do not typically contain details about the specific injuries or actions of an individual soldier.

There is no name index to these records, so you would need to know the unit and approximate date and/or GO number to request a search.

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HEADQUARTERS 65TH INFANTRY
Office of the Commanding Officer
APO 468 c/o PM, San Francisco, California

6 July 1951.

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 42.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 dtd 27 June 1950 the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following Officers & EM Orgn this Regt as indicated for wounds received in action against the enemy in Korea on dates shown opposite their names.

<u>RAN NAME & A.S.N.</u>	<u>ORGN</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>	<u>ENTERED FEDERAL SERVICE FROM:</u>
CAPT FRANK BLAZBY • 28693 INF	Hq Co 2d Bn	5 June 51	ILLINOIS
2B LT ERASMO TORRES O2 263 228 INF	do	3 June 51	Puerto Rico
SFC AURELIO PONSECA RA 10 401 257	Co G	6 June 51	do
PVT-2 WILLIAM RIVERA US 51 061 839	do	7 June 51	do
CPL ENGRACIO COLON-RIVERA RA 30 425 972	Hq Co	24 May 51	do
PFC DOMINGO ALTORAN-MONTIJO RA 10 406 363	do	24 May 51	do

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 dtd 27 Jun 50 the 1ST OAK LEAF CLUSTER to PURPLE HEART (2d Award) is awarded to 1ST LT ROBERT E. STROM O1 174 449 INF Hq Co 2d Bn this Regt for wounds received in action against the enemy in Korea on 5 June 1951. Entered Federal Service from New Jersey.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL GIBSON:

OFFICIAL:

Dan H. Bonner
DAN H. BONNER
1st Lt 65th Inf
Asst Adjutant

DAN H. BONNER
1st Lt 65th Inf
Asst Adjutant



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General Orders: Other Awards and Citations

Fort Ord, California

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER..... 7)

6 April 1951 M

AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Under the provisions of paragraph 8b, AR 600-65, the Good Conduct Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men, Company L, 20th Infantry, Fort Ord, California, for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity, during the periods indicated:

Sergeant First Class Jack B. Peraino, RA 13007179, 17 December 1947 to 16 December 1950.

Sergeant First Class Louis Russo, RA 13028578, 15 June 1943 to 14 June 1946 and 15 June 1946 to 14 June 1949.

Corporal Emory S. Ferguson, RA 17233224, 22 January 1948 to 21 January 1951.

Corporal Clarence Long, Jr. RA 19313452, 22 January 1948 to 21 January 1951.

Private First Class Calvin A. Brown, RA 18297081, 8 July 1947 to 7 July 1950.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McCLURE:

II. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President under Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec II, WD Bul. 3, 1944), and pursuant to authority in SR 600-45-1, 27 July 1950, the Bronze Star Medal (Letter "V" device authorized) for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant Richard C. Levers, 01314503, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, is awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement on 10 July 1950 at Chonui, Korea. Lieutenant Levers was assigned the mission of delivering a message from the Regimental Commander to the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion who was located at a forward command post. While he was at the command post, Company I was ordered to attack. The company advanced about 800 yards when Lieutenant Levers observed that the entire company was pinned down by heavy enemy automatic and mortar fire. After determining the location of the enemy automatic weapons, Lieutenant Levers voluntarily left the command post and advanced to Company I's position. After directing the mortar squads in placing their weapons in position, he advanced to high ground and directed mortar fire on the enemy positions. By this action enemy fire was so reduced that the company was able to resume the attack. Seeing that the company commander was wounded, he volunteered to go forward with the company and assist in the attack. After reaching the objective, he assisted the company commander in placing two platoons in position and then assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. This act of heroic achievement on the part of Lieutenant Levers reflects great credit on himself and the military service. He entered the service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Amount of information and number of details can vary depending on the award.

Again, there is no name index to these records.

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Catalog Search Strategies

A. Search *both* series.

You may find that one series has records related to the unit you are researching and one does not, or they may both contain records related to it. It is also possible that neither series has any records about a given unit.

B. Spell out the unit name in the search bar (e.g., 65th Infantry Regiment vs. 65th Inf. Regt.).

If that does not work, then try acronyms, abbreviations, or variant names.

C. If you are not getting any results, try searching for the unit that is at the next level higher.

Records of lower-level units or information about them (e.g., companies, battalions) are sometimes found with the records of upper-level units like regiments or divisions.



General Information about the Records

- The available records can vary greatly from unit to unit, both in quantity and in types of documents.
- While these are primarily textual records, there may be other records like photographs or maps interspersed with the documents.
- Some of the records are quite fragile due to the acidic nature of the paper, for example. Onion skin paper (i.e., thin, tissue-like paper) was also commonly used.
- As noted earlier in the presentation, these records do not include details about individual soldiers, and National Archives staff cannot search for individual documents or names within the series.
- These records have not been digitized.
- If you identify specific files of interest listed in the Catalog, email the Textual Reference Branch at Archives II (archives2reference@nara.gov) to find out more about visiting College Park to view the records in person or about potentially ordering copies of those complete files.



Other than Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs), where can I find the unit designation or other information about a soldier?

- **Headstone Applications** in Record Group 92: catalog.archives.gov/id/596118 (digitized in Catalog)
- **Interment Control Forms** in RG 92: catalog.archives.gov/id/5833879 (partially digitized in Catalog)
- **Hospital Admission Cards** in Record Group 112: catalog.archives.gov/id/570973 (some on Ancestry, email National Archives at St. Louis stl.archives@nara.gov)
- **Access to Archival Databases (AAD) series for Korean War casualties, prisoners of war (POWs):** aad.archives.gov/aad
- **Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs):** Surnames A-L email stl.archives@nara.gov; surnames M-Z write to Department of the Army, US Army Human Resources Command ATTN: AHRC-FOIA, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Department 107, Fort Knox KY 40122. Or usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.foia@army.mil.
- **State or Local Veterans Organizations:** www.archives.gov/veterans/benefits#local
- **American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) Korean War Veterans Memorial Honor Roll:** www.abmc.gov/korean-war-veterans-memorial-honor-roll



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National Archives at College Park (Archives II):

- Textual Reference: archives2reference@nara.gov
- Still Pictures: stillpix@nara.gov
- Cartographic: carto@nara.gov
- Motion Pictures: mopix@nara.gov
- Electronic Records: cer@nara.gov

Harry S. Truman Presidential Library:

- www.trumanlibrary.gov/library/online-collections/korean-war-and-its-origins

Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library:

- www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/research/online-documents/korean-war

History Hub: historyhub.history.gov

National Archives Catalog: catalog.archives.gov



Additional NARA Resources Related to the Korean War

- Reference Information Paper #102 *Records Relating to American Prisoners of War and Missing-in-Action Personnel from the Korean War and During the Cold War Era* (www.archives.gov/files/publications/ref-info-papers/rip102.pdf)
- Reference Information Paper #103 *The Korean War* (www.archives.gov/files/publications/ref-info-papers/rip103.pdf)
- Reference Information Paper #104 *Presidential Libraries Holdings Relating to Prisoners of War and Missing in Action* (www.archives.gov/files/publications/ref-info-papers/rip104.pdf)
- Reference Information Paper #105 *Records of Military Agencies Relating to African Americans from the Post-World War I Period to the Korean War* (www.archives.gov/files/publications/ref-info-papers/rip105.pdf)
- Korean War Records web page: www.archives.gov/research/military/korean-war



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U.S. Army & Other Federal Resources and Websites

U.S. Army Center of Military History:

- history.army.mil

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center:

- ahec.armywarcollege.edu

U.S. Army: Korean War, 1950-1953:

- www.army.mil/koreanwar

Department of Defense:

- www.defense.gov/Spotlights/korean-War/
- www.defense.gov/Multimedia/Experience/Korean-War-Memorial

Veterans Affairs (VA):

- www.data.va.gov/stories/s/Korean-War-Veterans/7wja-85c3
- www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/specialreports/kw2000.pdf
- www.benefits.va.gov/persona/veteran-korea.asp



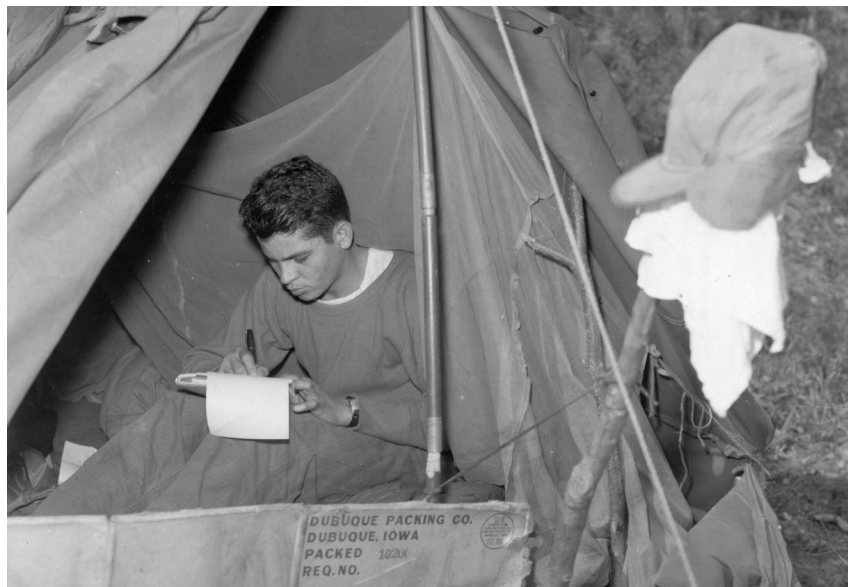


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Ashley Behringer – Archivist from the National Archives at College Park, MD

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The Records of the Provost Marshal General and Enemy Prisoners of War Held in the United States during World War II

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



Questions & Answers in Chat



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