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WAR RECORDS COMMISSION

An Inventory of Its World War I Military Service Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota War Records Commission.
- Series Title:** World War I military service records,
- Dates:** 1918-1920.
- Abstract:** Four-page questionnaires, filled out by Minnesota veterans of World War I with biographical data and details of their military service. They occasionally are accompanied by photographs, war letters, or other related material. They are supplemented by similar records for nurses and for Hennepin County personnel of service organizations.
- Quantity:** 77.5 cu. ft. (78 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

These files consist of three series: (1) military service record questionnaires, arranged alphabetically; (2) nurses; and (3) Hennepin County non-military service.

The four-page **Military Service Record** questionnaires comprise the majority of these files. They were distributed by the War Records Commission, with the cooperation of the commission's county committees and the Soldiers Bonus Board, among service men and women (or the relatives of deceased service personnel) residing in Minnesota. Not all of them originally enlisted from Minnesota. Information provided: name, birth date/place, race, information on parents and pre-military life and residence, induction date/place, assignments and transfers, ranks, information on overseas embarkments and stations, battle service, honors, injuries (or death), discharge date/place, and data on return to civilian life. The completeness of the data varies. The questionnaires are occasionally accompanied by photographs, war letters, and other related material.

A set of the same forms was filled out by **nurses** who served in the Army, the Navy, and the Red Cross; they, too, are sometimes accompanied by related attachments. An occasional nurse's form may be found in the main set of military service records (above).

There are some similar records for **non-military personnel from Hennepin County**. A set of two-page War Service Record forms describe, generally more briefly than the military

service questionnaires, the service of Red Cross, YMCA, and other service organizations' personnel, both in the United States and overseas. These are likewise, and more frequently, accompanied by letters, photographs, newspaper clippings, and narrative accounts of service (sometimes quite detailed). They were apparently compiled by the Hennepin County War Records Commission and turned over to the state War Records Commission. No similar forms for other counties have been located.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Military nursing.
Soldiers--Minnesota--Biography.
World War, 1914-1918--Medical care.
World War, 1914-1918--Veterans--Minnesota.
World War, 1914-1918--War work--Minnesota--Hennepin County.

Organizations:

American Red Cross.
Minnesota. Soldiers Bonus Board.
Young Men's Christian Association.

Types of Documents:

Photographs.
Questionnaires.

Occupations:

Nurses--Minnesota.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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World War I Military Service Records. Minnesota Historical Society. State Archives.
See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.

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These records were microfilmed by or for the State Archives Commission in the early 1960s. In June, 1979, the microfilm was evaluated and found to be of such poor quality that it was discarded.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location	Box	Contents
109.K.1.1B	1	Aas - Anderson, Albin
109.K.1.2F	2	Anderson, Alex - Anderson, Lyle
109.K.1.3B	3	Anderson, M. - Austad
109.K.1.4F	4	Austin - Bartholomans
109.K.1.5B	5	Bartholomew - Benjamin
109.K.1.6F	6	Benke - Bez
109.K.1.7B	7	Bi - Boen
109.K.1.8F	8	Boentges - Brandtner
109.K.1.9B	9	Brandsvold - Brune
109.K.1.10F	10	Bruneau – Bz [box not quite full]
109.K.1.11B	11	Cabal - Carpenter
109.K.1.12F	12	Carr - Christianson, H.
109.K.1.13B	13	Christianson, J. - Connor, J.
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109.K.2.3B	17	Dols - Dwinnell
109.K.2.4F	18	Dworakowski - Elwood
109.K.2.5B	19	Ely - Evans
109.K.2.6F	20	Evanson - Fishel
109.K.2.7B	21	Fisher – Frauenholtz Contains public-use photocopy of F. Scott Fitzgerald's military service record (questionnaire); the original was removed and is housed in the Society's Reserve Collection [Reserve 84].
109.K.2.8F	22	Frauley - Gaston
109.K.2.9B	23	Gates - Goffney
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109.K.3.12F	40	Larson, Marvin - Leopold
109.K.3.13B	41	LePage - Lisle
109.K.3.14F	42	Lisowski - Lundon
109.K.4.1B	43	Lundquist - McGrorty
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109.K.4.14F	56	Peterson, Joel - Polan

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109.I.1.2F	58	Raab - Remen
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109.I.1.5B	61	Ruf - Sannwald
109.I.1.6F	62	Sanocki - Schneider
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109.I.2.6F	76	War Service Records for Non-Military Service, Hennepin County, E-Z. Army, Navy, and Red Cross Nurses, A-Z.
109.I.2.7B	77	Wirta – Wyzermans, X, Y
109.I.2.8F	78	Zabel - Zywioloski (box half full)