



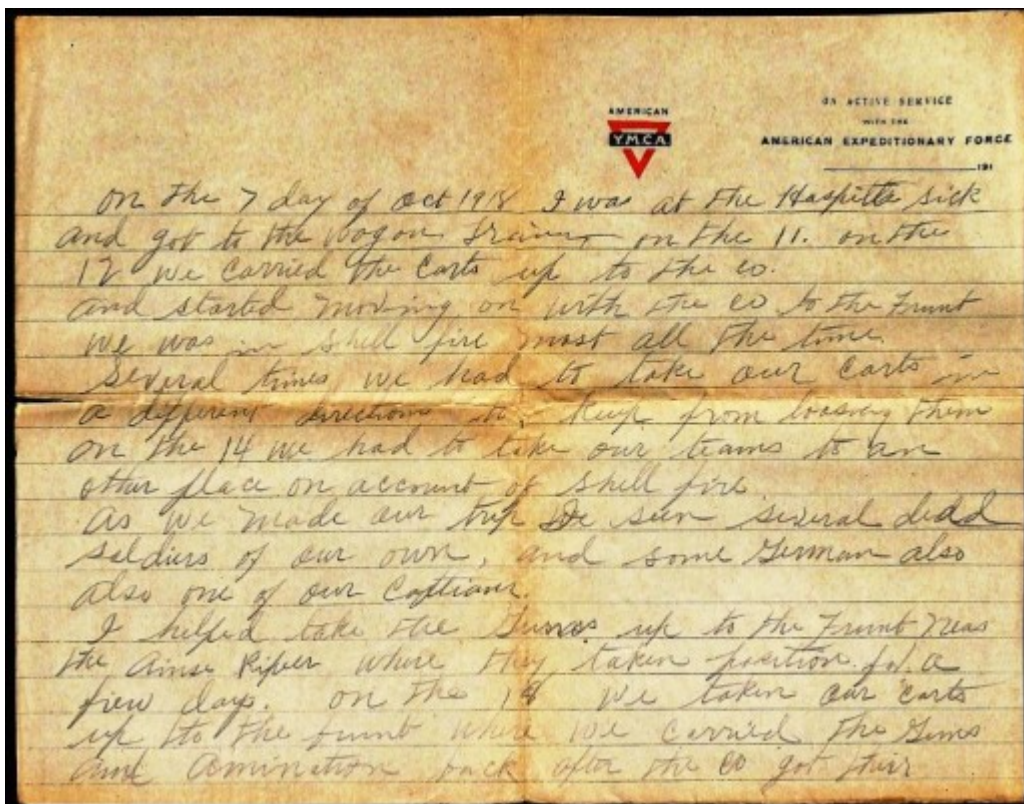
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Transcriptions Reveal Life in the Trenches

As part of our World War I commemoration, we recently invited you to help transcribe [“Tales from the Trenches”](#): written accounts of World War I soldiers and their first experiences in battles. This [series](#) contains remarkable and moving accounts of war through unit histories, station lists, operations reports, messages, and more.



Brumbelow, James L. Pvt. 132nd M.G. Bn. Co. C 36th Division 1918, 236.33.61.

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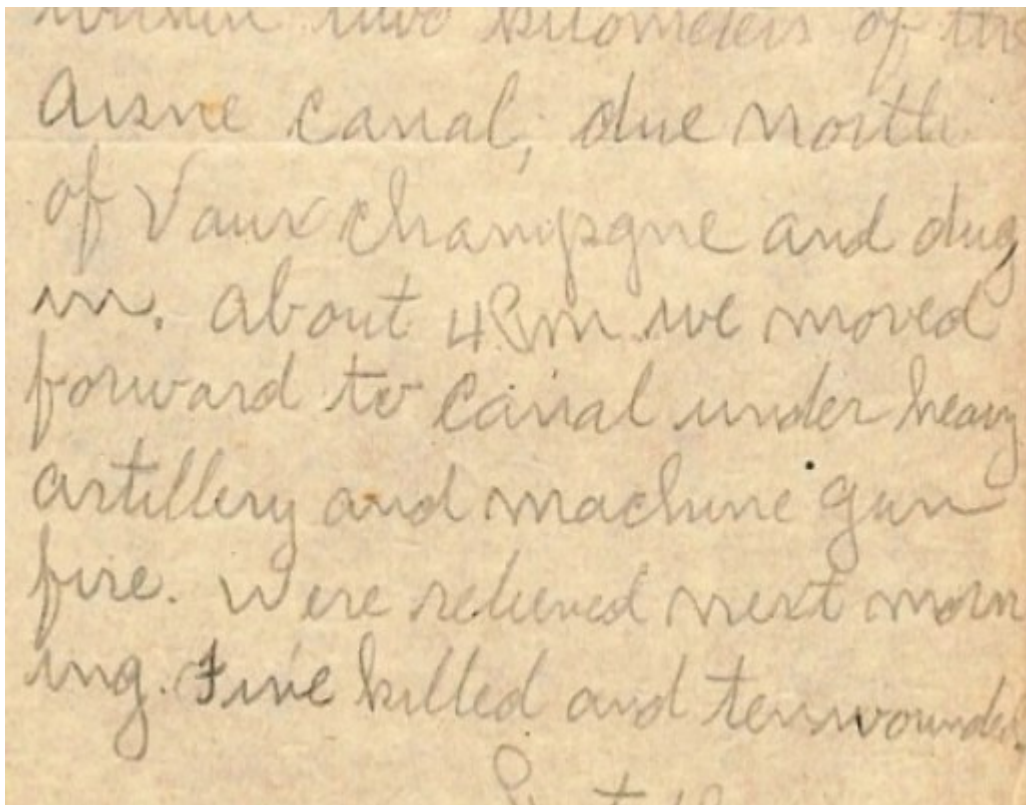
You answered the call! Of the 2,409 records in the series, 6,652 pages were transcribed by

our citizen volunteers. We were especially moved by the descriptions of the battlefield by the soldiers who experienced the war first hand, and wanted to find a way to capture their experiences.

Now that the transcriptions are nearly complete, we are excited to share how your work transcribing has unlocked the stories within these records, and ensured these soldier's voices are heard.

By performing a "[search within](#)" these records in the Catalog, we can now search for events, battlefield conditions, or even emotions that soldiers wrote about within their accounts. For example:

The word "artillery" can be found in 523 records in this series:



"About 4 PM we moved forward to canal under heavy artillery and machine gun fire. Were relieved next morning."

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The word "afraid" can be found in 23 records in this series:

...car but I fought my way -
through it. With only one man
left. I kept firing all time
there was only one squad in
the Co. to cover 500 meters -
but we was strong and brave
men. When we reached our
objective we had captured
at least a Battalion of the Boer.
I was afraid that we would never
reach our objective with one man
but we only had 4 killed and two
wounded. All it takes is nerve

"I was afraid that we would never reach our objective with one man alive but we only had 4 killed and two wounded all it takes is nerve"

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National Archives Identifier: 301641

Creator(s): War Department, American Expeditionary Forces, 5/26/1917-9/31/1920 (Must Reveal)

From: Record Group 120 Records of the American Expeditionary Forces (World War I), 1917 - 1920

Details

Level of Description: Series

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The creator compiled or maintained the series between:

Date Note: The bulk of the records date from 1917-1920. There are a few reports that date to 2020.

Includes: 2406 file unit(s) described in the catalog
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Other Title(s): Combat Divisions: Records of the 1st-20th, 26th-42d, and 76th-100th Divisions, 1917-1920 Records

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Arrangement: Arranged numerically by combat division and attached miscellaneous units. Within the records of each division, the arrangement is in three parts: historical file general administrative correspondence, and divisional issuances. Within the historical files, each document is filed by a War Department Historical Section three digit decimal number that indicates the record type, with station lists, unit histories, operations reports, and field orders predominate. The general administrative correspondence is arranged by the War Department three digit decimal filing scheme. The group of divisional issuances at the end of each division's records is arranged chronologically.

Access Restriction(s): Unrestricted

Use Restriction(s): Unrestricted

Microform Publication(s): M615

Online Resource(s): Records of the 27th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces (World War I), 1917-1920.
Filing manual.
The War Department Decimal File System can be used to determine the file codes for specific files within this series.

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Letter from the Commanding Officer of the 242nd Infantry to the Commanding General of the 26th Division, stating how messages would be transmitted during World War I in Chateau as the enemy "could not decipher it"

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Pigeon Message from Capt. Whittesley to the Commanding Officer of the 308th Infantry

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This is a message delivered by pigeon from the commander of the "Lost Battalion" to the headquarters of the 308th Infantry requesting a halt of the artillery barrage that was causing numerous friendly fire casualties.

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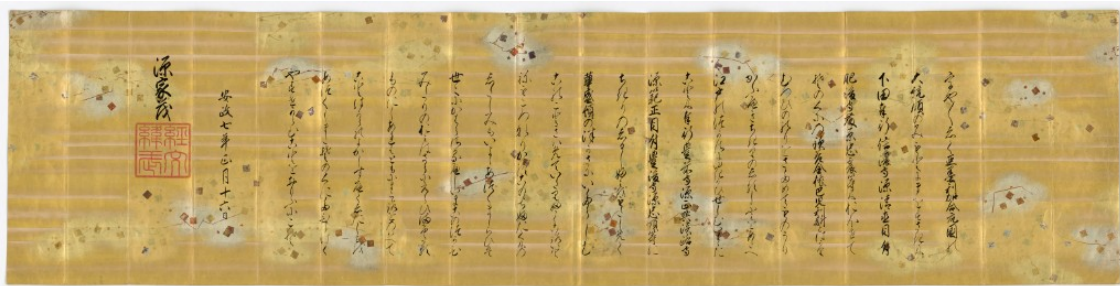
Give it a try, and let us know what you find within these records! You could try searching for “trench,” or “Verdun,” or even “pigeon.” Have you discovered something interesting or unexpected? How else could you use this feature in your research?

There are a few more records in this series that can still be transcribed! Help us finish up these last few records to make these stirring accounts fully accessible.

New in the Catalog

[Notes from Japan Regarding the Treaty of Yedo, 1860 - 1862](#)

This series consists of original Japanese notes received from the Japanese Shogunate, foreign ministers, and the first Japanese Embassy in the United States regarding the Treaty of Yedo, courtesies extended to the Japanese Mission, and Minister to Japan Townsend Harris. Included are letters to President James Buchanan from the Tycoon of Japan, and an album of autographs of members of the mission. English and Dutch translations of some documents are filed with the notes; other translations are filed as enclosures to despatches from Townsend Harris. Many documents are in Chinese.



Letter from Shogun Takugawa Iyemochi, 8/15/1860. [National Archives Identifier 6883722](#)



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WHEN: October 24, starting at 10 a.m. EST

WHO: Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero, Executive for Research Services Ann Cummings, and records experts from National Archives’ research facilities nationwide

WHERE: Anywhere! Participate during the Fair while it is live streamed on the US National Archives’ [YouTube channel](#). Watch individual sessions and download the materials at your convenience -- live or after the event.

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