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### **In the National Guard**

In 1913, I got my wireless license. A friend and I were out in a city park in Kansas City, with our wireless equipment. We were sending messages back and forth to each other when a fellow in an army uniform came up and asked me what I was doing. I had noticed some men in uniform in the park practicing with signal flags. This fellow was one of them. He wanted to know all about what we were doing. He called his buddies over. I showed them what I was doing with my wireless equipment, then I found out why they were so interested. They were in the Kansas City National Guard Division. They had been issued wireless equipment, but none of them knew how to use it. The upshot was that I joined the National Guard on the next meeting night! (I wasn't yet 18 years old, so I had to advance my birthdate a little in order to join.) So, I carried two birthdays during my career, my actual birthdate and the one I changed slightly, in order to join the National Guard.

On Tuesday night, after I met the National Guardsmen in the park on Sunday, I attended the meeting at the Armory. They showed me the boxes the wireless equipment was packed in. I got them unpacked and started putting it together. There were two tall antennas on the Armory roof. About two blocks away we saw another tall antenna. I went to see the people who owned the second antenna. That was how I met Dr. Planck. We had plenty of wire, so with his permission, we strung wire between the two tall antennas, with insulators in the middle. He used one end of the two-block-long wire and we used the other. Dr. Planck and I had a long, congenial friendship over many years. I built electrical equipment according to his specifications for use in his medical practice and he took care of my health.

I earned my way through all the ranks open to enlisted men in the National

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Guard—Private, Corporal, Sergeant, 1st Sergeant, and Master Signal Electrician. It was as Master Signal Electrician I went to "the Border" with my unit in 1916. I had been building wireless equipment for amateurs and electrical medical equipment for doctors after I finished high school. The activities of the Scouts and the National Guard kept me busy in my spare time.

About that time the newspapers were keeping the public informed about the activities of a certain Mexican Bandido called Pancho Villa. He and his men were fugitives from Mexican Justice. Villa was the South of the Border Robin Hood. Many lives would have remained uneventful if Villa had been content to play Bandits south of the Border. Villa raided the village of Columbus, New Mexico early on a Monday morning. He and his men robbed the bank and burned a village store. General Pershing, of the United States Army, was sent to deal with the situation. Our National Guard Company with Captain Garrett in command of our Company A, Missouri Signal Corps, was ordered to Laredo, Texas on the Mexican border, July 4, 1916. It rained there as we arrived for the first time in 6 months. Upon our arrival our Company Captain, Captain Garrett, reported to the commanding officer. The next evening he and Lt. Jones were invited to dinner with the commanding officer and some of his staff. During dinner the Colonel was telling of the inability of his wireless unit to get a message through to Ft. Sam Houston. "That's odd," remarked Captain Garrett. "We sent messages to Ft. Sam Houston and received messages in return after our arrival in Laredo yesterday." The upshot of this was that a courier was sent to me (I was Master Signal Electrician) with a message from Captain Garrett to get the messages brought by the Courier through to Ft. Sam Houston without fail. I recruited three of my friends to be sure we received the return messages. We sent the messages by wireless. They were received and we logged the answers, gave them to the Courier, and he returned to his post. Not long afterward, the Master Signal Electrician from the commanding officers unit came to see me. From his description of the response of his sending equipment when he attempted to get a message through to its destination, I thought I knew what was causing the problem. I asked him to get his equipment and bring it to our wireless tent. When he arrived with the wireless equipment, I examined it and found it full of flecks of rust. The mechanism was a crystal set with a mica diaphragm connected to a vibrating arm of a polarized relay. Mica is fragile and easy to bend. The mica in the set had been bent and the bend was set. There were flecks of rust all over the crucial parts of the set. We soon repaired the set and had it in operation, sending and receiving as it was designed to do.

After we had our camp set up and all divisions (such as wireless, command, cook and quartermasters, etc.) functioning in their new headquarters, Captain Garrett

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told me to go into town and get as many maps of the county as I could find. We were a mounted unit, so I rode my horse into town. I was able to buy four maps. I took them back to Captain Garrett. He gave one to Lt. Jones, one to me, one to the 1st Sergeant, and kept one for himself. That initiated a period of training that made our company the most efficient and best trained in the Division.

The territory was divided. Each group packed their wireless equipment on mules and set out in different directions mounted on horses. Each Section Chief had orders sealed in an envelope. At a certain time after leaving camp, each group opened and read its orders and proceeded to obey them. One of our orders was to immediately "open station" (set up our wireless equipment and report to headquarters). Sometimes the orders were to report to another place and "open station." Sometimes our order-envelope contained several other envelopes, the last one, about four-thirty or five o'clock, "report to certain location." We would go there and find the Soup Kitchen and mess ready. On most of these maneuvers we were out away from headquarters as much as three days. All these maneuvers were a lot of work, but I enjoyed it. I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

There were two other Divisions camped there on the Mexican Border: an Oklahoma Division and a Kansas State Division. The men of these Divisions spent most of their time playing football.

One of my duties, when we were not out on maneuvers, was to train mules to carry our wireless equipment. The equipment was carried on the mule's back on a type of harness called aparejos. It was the duty of my men and I to teach the mules to wear the aparejos and carry the wireless equipment lashed to the aparejos. Anyone who has never had to scheme and plan to alter a mule's state of consciousness to accept carrying fragile, wireless equipment at a steady gait, will never appreciate the futility of all known methods of persuasion. As the 1st Sergeant told me, when he hit a mule between the ears with a two-by-four, "First you have to get the mule's attention." After we got the mule's attention, we set up a post with one end of a rope fastened to the post and the other end to the mule. After that we buckled the aparejos on to the mule's sides and back. The aparejo was made of leather. It was hinged at the top, came down over the mule's sides, was put under the mule's belly and fastened to the other side. We had two aparejos and neither was easy to work with. After we got the aparejos on the mule all securely buckled in place, we led the mule around and around the post until the mule was accustomed to wearing the aparejo. Then we could fasten the wireless set to the aparejo and lead the mule around and around the post until he became accustomed to carrying the wireless equipment at a safe, steady pace. Then the mule was ready to carry the equipment

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on maneuvers. I must say the process of training the mules to wear the aparejos and carry the wireless equipment was as hard on me and my crew as it was on the mules. I certainly learned a lot about mule psychology while our Company was on the Mexican border.

Sometimes when we had leave, we could go hunting. Strangely enough, we saw very few deer, but there was usually an abundance of Texas Jack Rabbits. They are fast, but we did bag some. The meat was somewhat stringy, but palatable when roasted in hot coals.

Once four of us on leave (including my friends Raven-Croft and Owen Marvel) rode off on our horses on a hunting trip. We made camp westward of our Division Headquarters. Two of the group went out together before the other two of us. After a while we heard a shot and speculated as to whether our friends had found any game. We went out later, and just where their trail branched off from the trail we planned to take, there lay a dead skunk, still warm. It had been shot only a short time before.

We were out all afternoon and found no game, not even a Jack Rabbit. Finally, we gave up and went back to camp. We had brought some bacon, salt, flour and coffee with us, since we planned to cook and eat the game we hoped to shoot. It was late and we were hungry. The others had not returned. Finally I went down the trail to where the skunk was lying and brought it back to camp. I cut out the scent gland, skinned the animal and cut the meat off the thighs. The skunk was young and the meat was tender. We disposed of the carcass and fur. Then we fried some bacon, rolled the meat in flour and fried it brown in the bacon fat. We made some gravy and coffee. About that time our friends came back to camp. They too had found no game and were tired and hungry. I served the meat and gravy, poured the coffee, and all ate with relish. Finally, one of the fellows said, "Odd that we didn't find any game. All we saw was a skunk. I shot it when we first started out this afternoon and left it lying in the path. Now that I think about it, the skunk wasn't there when we came back." He frowned and then said, "You couldn't! You didn't!" Our grins gave us away. The skunk meat was delicious. We were very hungry, so we ate all of it.

After some months south of Laredo, we were ordered to Ft. Sam Houston before returning to Kansas City. We had spent most of our time on the border on maneuvers, finding locations and opening stations, so we had become very fast and efficient "opening station" (reporting to headquarters) by wireless in barely a minute after we opened our orders. We were tough, fast and efficient as a result of our training there. We had built an excellent reputation for our Division, a reputation that led to our Division being chosen to be part of the famous Rainbow Division in 1917, when the U.S.A. declared war on Germany and sent our Division to France.

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*Thomas Galen Hieronymus, Master Signal Electrician, and his horse, John Henry, on active duty near Laredo, Texas in 1916.*



*Thomas Galen Hieronymus, Master Signal Electrician, Kansas City, Missouri, National Guard, Company A., 1916.*

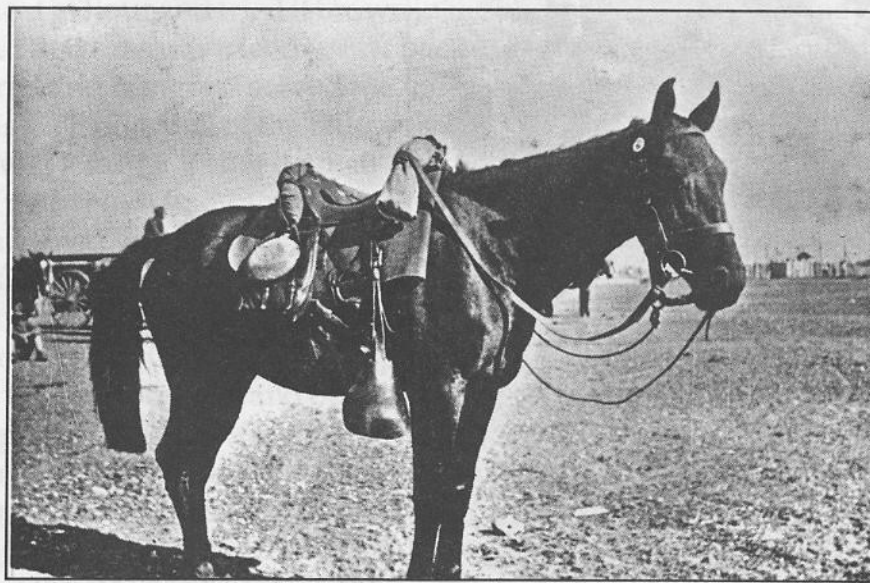


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*T. G. Hieronymus, Master Signal Electrician, riding John Henry, and leading a pack mule, equipped with aparejo, carrying wireless equipment on active duty near Laredo, Texas, in 1916.*



*John Henry, T. G. Hieronymus' (Master Signal Electrician) horse, John Henry.*



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Form 705

PROVISIONAL.

Number 3095

LICENSE FOR GENERAL AMATEUR RADIO STATION  
(General or restricted)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION  
RADIO SERVICE

Pursuant to the act to regulate radio communication, approved August 13, 1912,  
THOMAS G. HIERONYMUS,

a citizen of the State of MISSOURI, having applied therefor, is hereby granted by the Secretary of Commerce, for a period of ONE year, on and subject to the restrictions and conditions hereinafter stated and revocable for cause by him, this License to use or operate the apparatus for radio communication (identified in the Schedule hereinafter) for the purpose of transmitting private radiograms or signals, notwithstanding the effect thereof extends beyond the jurisdiction of the State or Territory in which the said station is located: Provided, That no interference other than may result under the restrictions contained in this License shall be caused with the radio communication of stations of the Government of the United States or licensed stations.

2. The use or operation of apparatus for radio communication pursuant to this License shall be subject also to the articles and regulations established by the International Radiotelegraphic Convention, ratified by the Senate of the United States and caused to be made public by the President; and shall be subject also to such regulations as may be established from time to time by authority of subsequent acts and treaties of the United States.

3. The apparatus shall at all times while in use and operation be in charge of a person or persons licensed for that purpose by the Secretary of Commerce, and the operator of the apparatus shall not wilfully or maliciously interfere with any other radio communication.

4. The station shall give absolute priority to signals or radiograms relating to ships in distress; shall cease all sending on hearing a distress signal; and shall refrain from sending until all the signals and radiograms relating thereto are completed.

5. The station shall use the minimum amount of energy necessary to carry out any communication desired, and the transformer input shall not exceed <sup>one</sup> ~~one-half~~ kilowatt.\*

6. The station shall not use a transmitting wave length exceeding 200 meters.

7. The station shall not use a transmitter during the first 15 minutes of each hour, local standard time, whenever the Secretary of Commerce by notice in writing shall require it to observe a division of the time, pursuant to the Twelfth Regulation of the act of August 13, 1912.

8. The President of the United States in time of war or public peril or disaster is authorized by law to close the station and cause the removal therefrom of all radio apparatus, or may authorize the use or control of the station or apparatus by any department of the Government upon just compensation to the owners.

9. The Secretary of Commerce and Collectors of Customs or other officers of the Government authorized by him may at all reasonable times enter upon the station for the purpose of inspecting and may inspect any apparatus for radio communication of such station and the operation and operators of such apparatus.

10. The apparatus shall not be altered or modified in respect of any of the particulars mentioned in the following Schedule except with the approval of a radio inspector, or other duly authorized officer of the Government.

\* Strike out "one" if the station be within 5 nautical miles of a naval or military station; otherwise strike out "one-half."

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## SCHEDULE OF STATION AND APPARATUS

Name of owner, THOMAS G. HIERONYMUS.; Age, 17  
Location: State, MISSOURI.; County, JACKSON.  
City or town, KANSAS CITY.; Street, INDEPENDENCE AVE.; No. 3512  
Official call, 9--C--U.  
Name of naval or military station, if within 5 nautical miles, none.  
Power: Transformer input, 50, W.\*  
Antenna: Type (T, T, fan, umbrella, etc.), "L".  
Height, 55; Horizontal length, 150  
(Above ground)  
Wires: Number in vertical part, 3; In horizontal part, 1  
The normal sending and receiving wave length shall be 200 meters and  
(Not exceeding 200)  
the station is authorized to use the following additional wave lengths, not exceeding 200  
meters: --- meters, --- meters.

Satisfactory proof has been furnished that the station was actually operating August 13, 1912.

This License expires on Oct- 17th, 191 4

**EDWIN F. SWEET,**  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

**E. T. CHAMBERLAIN,**  
Commissioner of Navigation.

Delivered by W. H. G. G. G.  
(Radio Inspector)

Place, St. Louis., Date, OCT. 17th, 191 3

\* Not to exceed 1,000; or if the station be within 5 nautical miles of a naval or military station, not to exceed 500.

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## COMING IS CELEBRATED

Field Co. A, Signal Corps, Mechanicsville, Va.  
Dance at Their Armory.

With dancing, feasting and story telling, the members of Field Company A, signal corps, celebrated their homecoming last night at the armory, 3608 Main street. The soldiers were in full uniform.

Although all of the boys thought, no doubt, they had much to be thankful for in having returned from seven months of gruelling "exercise" on the border, there was one who was almost overcome with joy. He was Master Signal Electrician Thomas G. Hieronymus, 20 years old, who is to be married today to Miss Mary Edith Newton, 16.

Although one of the youngest men in the company, Hieronymus was known all along the border as a wizard with the wireless and often was sent for by regular army signal corps commanders to repair refractory radio outfits or increase their radius of communication. He never failed, for since he was 16 he has been making the instruments.

Like many another soldier, he left a girl behind when he left Kansas City last June with the understanding that he was going to fight the Mexicans, but evidently he hoped to return for he was an ambitious "noncom" and soon held the biggest job an enlisted man of his years can hold in the army, at a salary of \$75 a month. Mr. Hieronymus lives at 507 Grauman avenue.



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Form 29—A. G. O., Mo., 4-6-16—5M.

ENLISTMENT CONTRACT

AND  
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION  
OF

*Jhos G. Hieronymus*  
A Company  
*Signal Corps* Regiment  
N. G. M.

Enlisted at *Kansas City Mo*  
By *Ruby D. Sarratt*  
Dated *June 18*, 191*6*

INSTRUCTIONS

This form to be filled out in duplicate, one copy to be retained by Company Commander, and one copy forwarded to The Adjutant General of Missouri, Jefferson City, Sec. G. O., No. 1, A. G. O., Mo., 1915.

The greatest care will be taken that the name of the applicant is correctly shown and that it corresponds with the name on his physical examination and descriptive and assignment card. The Christian name must not be abbreviated, but if it consists of more than one name, only the first will be written and signed in full.

The period of enlistment in all cases dates from the day the applicant is sworn in by the recruiting officer.

No person is lawfully enlisted until he has passed the prescribed physical examination.

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NATIONAL GUARD OF THE STATE  
OF MISSOURI

I, *Jhos G. Hieronymus*  
born in *Valparaiso*  
in the State of *Ind*  
aged *27* years and by occupation a *Electrician*  
do hereby, on this *18* day of  
*June*, 191*6*, volunteer and enlist to  
serve as a soldier in the National Guard of the State of Missouri,  
in *A* Company *Signal Coy*  
Regiment thereof, for the term of THREE YEARS unless sooner  
discharged under the provisions of the Laws and Regulations for  
the Government of the National Guard of Missouri and such  
amendments as may be made thereto.

And I, *Jhos G. Hieronymus*  
do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the  
State of Missouri and the United States, and will support the  
Constitution and Laws thereof, and the Constitution and Laws  
of the United States, and that I will faithfully observe and obey  
the rules, laws and regulations for the government of the National  
Guard and the lawful orders of all officers elected or appointed  
over me, so help me God.

*Jhos Galen Hieronymus*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me at  
*Kansas City* this *18*  
day of *June*, 191*6*  
*[Signature]*  
N. G. M.

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DESCRIPTION OF RECRUIT

I CERTIFY that, to the best of my knowledge and belief,  
the volunteer Thos Hieronymus  
is of lawful age.

This soldier is 5 feet 7  
inches high, has Light complexion,  
Hazel eyes, Dark hair, and resides at  
413 ymca Bldg KCMO

[Signature]  
N. G. M.  
Enlisting Officer.

CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
certify that I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ and that the  
said \_\_\_\_\_ is  
\_\_\_\_\_ years of age, and do hereby freely gives  
my consent to his volunteering and enlisting as a soldier in the  
National Guard of the State of Missouri.  
Given at \_\_\_\_\_  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_\_

Hieronymus Thos  
(Surname) (Christian name.)

Report of Physical Examination  
OF THE MAN NAMED ABOVE

Accepted June 19, 1916  
at Kansas City Mo  
Enlisted\* June 18, 1916  
Rejected June 18, 1916  
at Kansas City Mo

\*Strike out the word "enlisted" or "rejected," as required.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. So much of page 5 of this report as pertains to name of applicant and date and place of acceptance, and pages 6, 7, 8, and the certificate on page 9, will be filled in at the time of the applicant's examination for acceptance; the remainder of the report will be filled in at the time of his final examination preliminary to enlistment or rejection, as the case may be. The questions on pages 6, 7 and 8 will be asked before the applicant has been stripped, and any answer indicating a possible cause of rejection will be followed up by searching inquiry and examination, and the result will be noted under "Remarks."
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3. Under the heading "Remarks," on pages 8 and 11, will be noted any authorized special assignment or waiver of defects, the nature of the authority being stated.
4. The physical examination will conform strictly to the provisions of the orders for the examination of recruits.

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STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

Name: *Jos. G. Hieronymus*

Residence (street and house number, if any, town or city, and State)

*417 Ymca Bldg  
KCMO*

Day and place of birth: *Valparaiso, Ind*

*Nov 21 - 1864*

Occupation: *Elect*

White or colored: *White*

Married or single: *Single*

Name and address of last employer, and duration of employment:

*Hallevered KCMO  
18 months*

Do you know that if you secure your enlistment by means of any false statement or misrepresentation you are liable to trial by court-martial for fraudulent enlistment?

Nationality of father: *American*

Are you a citizen of the United States? *Yes*. If not, have you made application for citizenship, and if so when and in what court?

State previous Army, Navy, or Marine Corps service (United States or foreign): *none*

Date and place of last enlistment

Date on which and organization from which last discharged

Are you a member of the organized militia of any State, Territory, or District of Columbia? *No*

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### SERVICE RECORD OF THOMAS GALEN HIERONYMUS

Data taken from various sources. This data is furnished in order to assist in compiling the accurate record.

Two copies of the official record are requested, one for the files of the Veterans Administration and a copy for T.G. Hieronymus.

June 17, 1913 Tuesday. Enlisted in the Missouri National Guard, Co. A Sig. Corps. Promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, Sergeant 1st Class, Section Chief Radio Section.

Reenlisted June 18, 1916 as Sergeant 1st Class, Section Chief radio section, same organization. Called into federal service for Mexican Border service. Promoted to Master Signal Electrician by order Comd. General Southern Dept. Spent seven months in Texas. Returned to Missouri National Guard status Jan. 1917.

Called into Federal service August 25, 1917. Spent time at camp in Missouri and at Camp Mills, Long Island, N.Y. Left United States Oct. 18, 1917 enroute France. Arrived Liverpool, England Nov. 19, 1917. (Started out on board the President Grant. Ship defective. Returned and went aboard SS Lapland. Anchored several days in Halifax Harbor.) Arrived Brest, France, Nov. 25, 1917. Rank, Master Signal Electrician, Co. A, 117th Field Signal Battalion, 42nd Division.

Made the famous march, full pack through the snow of the Vosges Mountains where the 42nd Divn. proved that National Guard units should be given full recognition and remain as is rather than be difused through the Regular Army units.

Assigned as instructor in Radio to 2nd Corps Signal School, Châtillon, France. Records show transferred to 12th Service Co. Signal Corps, June 24th 1918.

Transferred to Army Signal School, Officers Training School, Langres, France, October 28th, 1918. Graduated second from top of class and given reserve commission in Signal Corps as 2nd Lt. and ordered to be returned home.

Transferred to personnel officer 1st replacement Depot, Feb. 4, 1919 per par. 6 - S.O. 32 - Army Schools Hq.

Transferred to St. Aignan Casual Co. # 2468 - per S.O. 66 Feb. 3rd 1919.

Returned to United States aboard French Liner La Touraine and transferred to Casual Battalion Camp Merritt, N.J. per cir. 106 W.D. March 29th, 1919.

Transferred to Hoboken Gas ual Co. 368, Camp Taylor, Ky. per cir. 106 - W.D. Discharged from Federal Service at Camp Taylor, Ky.

The number 199923 was assigned in 1917 and shows on all records. The Number of the Officer assignment is not known. Date of first commission is Feb. 1, 1919 as 2nd Lt. Signal Section. Promotion to 1st Lt. dated July 24, 1924. Re commissioned July 24, 1929.

All records were lost from the files sometime between Camp Merritt, N.J. and Camp Taylor, KY. A temporary discharge was made up with promise that if original papers were ever found, I would be given a proper discharge that showed all service with proper dates. This has not been done. While assigned as instructor in Radio at 2nd Corps School, I made numerous inspection trips especially to the 26th Divn. front, in order to keep instruction up to date.

T. Galen Hieronymus.  
Feb. 1, 1961.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



*Army Branch  
Military Personnel Records Center  
9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis 32, Missouri*

FEB 23 1961

IN REPLY REFER TO: 6NMA-1C

Mr. Thomas G. Hieronymus  
1325 Orange Isle  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mr. Hieronymus:

There is no provision for the issuance of a certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed discharge certificate covering the service of men, not assigned to extended active duty, who served as member of the Officers' Reserve Corps.

There are inclosed a certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed discharge certificate covering your service as an enlisted man and a statement of service covering your service as a member of the Officers' Reserve Corps.

It is not the policy of this Center to furnish certificates in lieu of lost or destroyed discharge certificates covering the same period of service. If additional copies of the certificate are desired you should have photographic copies made by a commercial firm performing such service.

For a statement of service while serving as a member of the Missouri National Guard, not in Federal service, prior to June 19, 1916, I suggest you direct an inquiry to the Adjutant General, State of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri.

*John W. Gross*  
for JOHN W. GROSS  
Chief

Enclosures-4



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#53 yuca*

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND CORPS SCHOOLS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

PASS FOR NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF OFFICERS

*Thos G. Hieronymus*  
(NAME)

*Mstr. Signal Electrician*  
(RANK)

*Asst. Instr.*  
(DUTIES)

*Signal School*  
(SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION)

By order of MAJOR HAWLEY:



*H. O. Ware*  
H. O. WARE  
and Lt., Cav., U.S.R.  
Adjutant.

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NATIONAL GUARD OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

I, Thos G. Hieronymus born in Valparaiso in the State of Ind aged 21 years and by occupation a Electrician do hereby, on this 18 day of June 1916, volunteer and enlist to serve as a soldier in the National Guard of the State of Missouri, in A Company Signal Coy Regiment thereof, for the term of THREE YEARS unless sooner discharged under the provisions of the Laws and Regulations for the Government of the National Guard of Missouri and such amendments as may be made thereto.

And I, Thos G Hieronymus do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the State of Missouri and the United States, and will support the Constitution and Laws thereof, and the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and that I will faithfully observe and obey the rules, laws and regulations for the government of the National Guard and the lawful orders of all officers elected or appointed over me, so help me God.

Thos G. Hieronymus  
Subscribed and sworn to before me at Kansas City this 18 day of June 1916  
[Signature]  
N. G. M.

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Given at ..... the ..... day of ..... 191.....

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 Residence (street and house number, if any, town, city, and State) 477 ymca bldg KCMo  
 Date and place of birth: Kalparaucho  
VI 21-1894  
 Occupation: Electric  
 White or colored: White  
 Married or single: Single  
 Name and address of last employer, and duration of employment: Hallevered KCMo  
18 months

Do you know that if you secure your enlistment by means of any false statement or misrepresentation you are liable to trial by court-martial for fraudulent enlistment? Yes

Nationality of father: American  
 Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes. If not, have you made application for citizenship, and if so when and in what court?

State previous Army, Navy, or Marine Corps service (United States or foreign): none

Date and place of last enlistment: .....

Date on which and organization from which last discharged: .....

Are you a member of the organized militia of any State, Territory, or District of Columbia? No

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Have you applied for enlistment before, and if so, when and where?  
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If rejected, for what cause? .....

Are there any reasons for your parents or other relatives objecting to your enlistment? .....

Give names and addresses of persons dependent upon you for support: .....

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or imprisoned under sentence of a court in a reformatory, jail or penitentiary? .....

Have you found that your health and habits in any way interfere with your success in civil life, and if so, give details. ....

Are you addicted to the use of intoxicants or narcotics, and if so, to what extent? .....

Do you consider that you are now sound and well? .....

What illness, diseases or accidents have you had since childhood? .....

Have you ever had any of the following. If so, give approximate dates? .....

Convulsions: .....

Epilepsy: .....

Gonorrhoea: .....

Sore on penis: .....

Have you ever raised or spat up blood? .....

When were you last treated by a physician, and for what ailment? .....

(7)

(8)

Have you ever been under treatment at a hospital or asylum, and if so, for what ailment? .....

I certify that the foregoing questions and my answers thereto have been read over to me; that I fully understand the questions, and that my answers thereto are correctly recorded and are true in all respects.

*Miss Baker (Applicant's name)*  
(Signature of Applicant)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT PLACE OF ACCEPTANCE

(Applicant stripped. See instruction 4.)

Weight..... lbs.; height..... inches.

Vision: Right eye, .....

Left eye, .....

Hearing: Right ear, .....

Left ear, .....

Girth of chest (at nipples): At expiration..... inches;

At inspiration..... inches.

Remarks: .....

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I certify that I have personally asked the foregoing questions; that I have explained to the applicant such of the questions as he did not understand; that I have recorded the answers as given to me; and that I have personally examined him, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, he fulfills the physical and legal requirements for enlistment; he speaks, reads and writes the English language..... his intelligence is..... and he has presented satisfactory evidence of good character.

*[Signature]*

Recruiting Officer.

(Place.)

(Date.)

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT PLACE OF ENLISTMENT

(Applicant stripped. See instruction 4.)

Weight ~~144~~ lbs., height 67 inches.

Girth of chest (at nipples): At expiration 35 1/2 inches.

At inspiration 32 1/2 inches.

General examination (head, chest, abdomen, extremities):

normal

(9)

(10)

Genito-urinary organs: Normal

Nose and throat: Normal

Eyes: Vision, right eye 20-20

left eye 20-20

Ears: Hearing, right ear Normal

left ear Normal

**Teeth**

		Right.		Left.
Missing	}	Upper, 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	}	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Teeth:	}	Lower, 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	}	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

(Strike out those that are missing.)

In the National Guard

Remarks: .....

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I certify that I have carefully examined the applicant, and have correctly recorded the results of the examination, and that, to the best of my judgment and belief,

Line out clause not applicable } he has no mental or physical defect disqualifying him from service in the National Guard of Missouri, (or) ~~he is disqualified from service in the National Guard of Missouri by reason of~~ .....

*M. Eiser*  
Capt Surgeon, N. G. M., Examining Officer.

I certify that the applicant was ..... by me this  
(Enlisted or rejected)

at *18* day of *June*, 191*6*  
*Kansas City Mo*

Remarks: .....

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*[Signature]*  
Recruiting Officer.

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From "In Memoriam"

By: Alfred Lord Tennyson

Strong Son of God, immortal Love  
Whom we, who have not seen Thy Face,  
By faith, and Faith alone, embrace,  
Believing, where we cannot prove:  
Thine are these of Light and Shade.  
Thou madest Life in man and brute,  
Thou madest Death, and lo, thy foot  
Is on the skull that Thou has made!

Thou wilt not leave us in the dust:  
Thou madest man, he knows not why.  
He thinks he was not made to die,  
And Thou hast made him. Thou art just.

Thou seemest human and Divine.  
The highest, holiest manhood, Thou.  
Our wills are ours, we know not how.  
Our wills are ours, to make them thine.

Forgive our grief for one removed,  
Thy creature, whom we found so fair.  
We trust he lives in Thee, and there  
we find him worthier to be loved.