

THE PROJECT

Voices of World War I is a pilot project that seeks to make archival records and historical documents more accessible to individuals with visual, cognitive, learning or other print disabilities. The project demonstrates the use of new technology tools along with human narration to make this possible.

The IDEAL Group technologies developed for this project include online Optical Character Recognition (OCR) engines, an HTML editor, a sample accessible eBook, the ability to explore knowledge-mined texts of archival collections, and the development of an accessible Android CRIS ePub3 eBook Reader.

The recordings and technology tools are made available on CRIS Radio's web site, www.crisradio.org.

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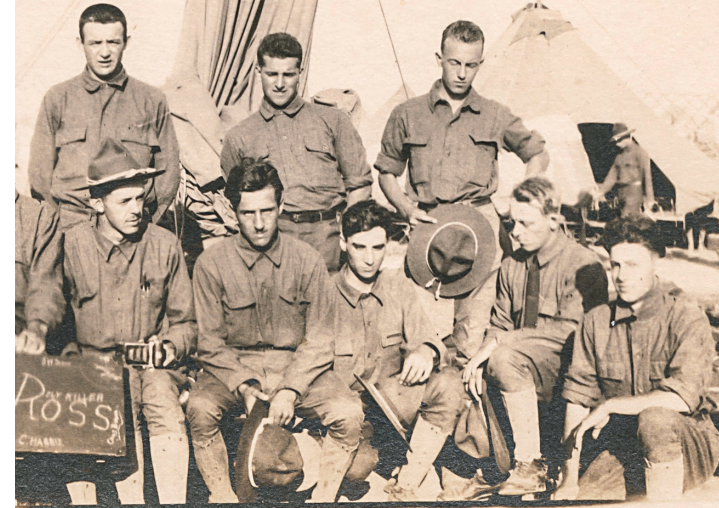
CRIS Radio, a nonprofit radio service, provides audio versions of print materials for people who are blind or print disabled. Read more at crisradio.org.

The Connecticut State Library provides a variety of library information, archival, public records, museum, and administrative services. Read more about its WWI collection at ctinworldwar1.org.

IDEAL Group, Inc., a 2002 spin-off from NCR Corp., enhances the independence and quality-of-life of individuals with disabilities through the development of low/no-cost technology-based products and services. Read more at ideal-group.org.



Voices of World War I



History comes alive ...

through narrated audio recordings of the thoughts and experiences of Connecticut residents and servicemen during World War I.



Presented by CRIS Radio

Voices of World War I provides people who are blind or unable to read due to print disabilities with **access** to the same historic documents their friends, classmates, neighbors and colleagues **research** and **enjoy**.

For more information about IDEAL Group's technologies being developed for this project, please visit: www.crisradio.org/?page_id=1084.



THE VOICES



“I was scared stiff but I was afraid to show it. I saw so many killed that I lost all fear of death. My only fear was the thought of how the folks at home would receive notice of my death.”

– Raymond J. Queenin

The Bridgeport Times (September 12th, 1918):
GERMAN ARMIES IN FORCED RETREAT ON FIFTY MILE FRONT AS RESULT OF UNCEASING HAMMER BLOWS BY FOCH
 British Making Fast Pace On Somme Field Toward Canal Du Nord
YANKS KEPT SCHEDULE IN CAPTURING JUVIGNY
 JOHNSTON EXPRESSES HIS DISAPPROVAL

The Hartford Courant (February 1, 1918):
GERMANY DECLARES UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WARFARE; U. S. ON BRINK OF BREAK WITH IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT; LONG-FEARED CAMPAIGN OF RUTHLESSNESS BEGINS TODAY
 JOHNSON IN HARTFORD AFTER LEAVING NORFOLK
 GOVERNMENT BUILT

State of Connecticut MILITARY SERVICE RECORD
 Name in full: **QUEENIN, RAYMOND**
 Date of birth: **NOVEMBER**
 Place of birth: **MERIDEN**
 Name of father: **JOHN PATRICK QUEENIN**
 Maiden name of mother: **MARY ELLEN SMITH**
 Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? **WHITE**
 Citizen of U.S. **Yes** Voter **Yes** Church **Catholic**
 Fraternities: **Knights of Columbus, Reserve Order of St. Michael, U.S. Navy Reserve**
 Previous military service or training: **Enlisted in U.S. Army, 25th Infantry, 1915; Hawaiian Border Guard, 1916; U.S. Army, 1917**
 Occupation before entry into the service: **Submarine (Reserve)**
 Residence before entry into the service: **125 Elm Street, Meriden, Conn.**
 Present home address: **125 Elm Street, Meriden, Conn.**

LISTEN

Listening to narrations of historical World War I documents – including diaries, letters to home, questionnaires, newspapers and government pamphlets – is easy.

To listen to narrations of WWI records and documents archived by the Connecticut State Library:

- **Go to** www.crisradio.org
- **Click** “Voices of WWI”

Or **Scan** the following QR Code:



For more information visit www.crisradio.org.

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