Military Service Record

This is the Military Service Record of **Samuel Benjamin Yaffo**

Born on March 15, 1890 In Russia

Father’s Name: Tobias Yaffo Born in Russia

Mother’s Maiden Name: Sarah Born in Russia

Are you white, colored, Indian, or Mongolian: White

Citizen: YES

Voter: Yes

Church: None indicated

Married: No

Fraternal Orders: Modern Woodsmen of America

Previous Military Experience: six years in 1st Infantry Connecticut National Guard. Corp when discharged.

Occupation before entry to the service: Salesman

Employer: G. Fox & Co. and other

Residence before entry into service: 156 Lawrence St., Hartford, Conn. in Hartford County

Present home address: 156 Lawrence St., Hartford, Conn. in Hartford County

**War Record**

Inducted into service or enlisted: on Dec. 13, 1917 at Fort Slocum, NY As a: Private in the Ordnance Department of USA of the regular army (Note that the word “inducted” is crossed out)

Identification Number: 1869028

Assigned originally to: 24 Company, Ordnance Detachment Regiment at Camp Jackson in South Carolina

Trained or stationed before going to Europe: at Camp Jackson in South Carolina and Camp Hancock in Georgia from May 15 to 18   
Transferred to: 19 Company, Ordnance Department

Promoted- from rank of Private to Corporal in August 1918; promoted from frank of Corporal to rank of Sergeant in November 1918

Embarked from: Hoboken, New Jersey On the ship: Cedric or Transport 510 On May 26, 1918 And arrived at (port): Liverpool On June 6, 1918

Proceeded from: Liverpool To: Southhampton On June 6, 1918

From: Le Havre To: Mehun, France On: June 12, 1918

Trained or stationed abroad: in Mehun, France from June 12, 1918 to July 15, 1918; Frankfurt to Hdg. Company D Ord. 90th Division before going into action on Saint Mihiel front, then stationed at Toul.

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First went into action on Sept 3, 1918 in Saint Mihiel

Participated in the following engagements: in the entire Saint Mihiel offensive till it was captured. Then went to Meuse Argonne, and remained till Nov. 11, 1918 Armistice day, served in Army of occupation till June 32, 1919.

Cited, decorated or otherwise honored for distinguished services. (Give circumstantial accounts of exploits, including dates and places where performed, also by whom and in what manner the honors were bestowed): **None indicated**

Killed in action, killed by accident, died of wounds, died of disease, wounded, gassed, shell-shocked, taken prisoner**: None indicated,**

Under medical care: **None indicated**

Permanently disabled (specify): none indicated

Arrived in: New Port, Va. On the ship: USS Kamar On July 3, 1919

Discharged from service at Camp Upton, NY On: July 8, 1919 as a Sergeant.

**Return to civilian life:**

Occupation: Salesman

If a change of occupation was occasioned by reason of disability acquired in the service, describe the process or re-education and readjustment, and indicate the agencies or individuals chiefly instrumental in furnishing the new occupation: **None indicated**

Additional information:

**What was your attitude toward military service in general and toward your call in particular?**

I have always favored and advocated military service for young men, and war ready when wanted. Did not wait to be drafted in this.

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**What were the effects of camp experiences in the United States upon yourself – mental and physical?**

Best of effects.

**What were the effects upon yourself experience, either in the army or navy or in camp in France or in England? Upon arrival to England, we were greeted by a respentative of King George, fine country. Did not get as good a treatment in France as expected.**

**If you took part in fighting, what impressions were made upon you by this experience**? At first I could not get angry enough at the time to want to kill them. After I saw my pals fall in agony, from their shells, I did the rest.

**What has been the effect of all these experiences as contrasted with your state of mind before the war?**

No bad effects at all; only I lost a brother in this conflict and can’t get over it. Didn’t even know where he rests.

**Additional data**: I have in my possession some German revolvers and rifle trophies, and would be glad to loan them for exhibition if wanted.

Signed at Hartford On Nov. 8, 1919

Signature: Samuel B. Yaffo Rank: Sergeant Branch: Ordnance Department United States Army

**ATTACHMENTS:** (Type-written letter from State Librarian and Director, dated November 25, 19 See attached: record with this survey.)

Two photographs included: one in a military uniform taken in March 1919of Samuel B. Yaffo and the other in a suit taken in 1915. A third photograph is included. Another letter with handwritten name: Max W. Yaffo, 156 Lawrence St. Then typed in large letters, “Died In Service.” Then the document is stamped E. H. Crocker.