This is the Military Service Record of **Wilson Harry Whitehouse**

Born on **July 18, 1898** In Birmingham, Warwickshire County, England

Father’s name: William James Whitehouse. Born in Birmingham, Warwickshire County, England

Mother’s Maiden Name: Amy Kedward. Born in Birmingham, Warwickshire County: England

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

Citizen: No

Voter: no

Church: Baptist

Married: No

Fraternal Orders: Improved Order of Red Men – Degree of Pocahontas, IOO Red Men, Orvenaco Tribe #44

Previous Military Experience: Connecticut National Guard 3 ½ years

Occupation before entry to the service: Die Tool Maker

Employer: R. Wallace & Sons Manufacturing Co. in Wallingford, Connecticut

Residence before entry into service: 189 S. Orchard Street, Wallingford, Conn. in New Haven County.

Present home address: 97 North Elm Street Wallingford, Conn., in New Haven County

**War Record**

Inducted into service or **enlisted on**: May 5, 1917 in New Haven, Conn.

As a: **Private in 2nd Connecticut Infantry Division of the National Guard (Note that the word “inducted” is crossed out)**

His Identification Number: 65769

Assigned originally to: Company “K”, 102 Regiment, 26th Division in New Haven.

Trained or stationed before going to Europe: at Camp Yale, New Haven, Conn. until Sept. 15, 1917

Transferred to: **None indicated**

Promoted from the rank of private to the rank of Private 1st class; and from the rank of Private 1st Class to rank of Corporal on Sept. 25, 1917

Embarked from: Montreal, Canada On the: H.M.J. Canada on: Sept. 16, 1917
 And arrived at (port): Liverpool, Eng. on Oct. 2, 1917

Proceeded from: Liverpool, England. To: Southhampton, England. On Oct. 2, 1917

From: To: Southhampton, England. To: Havre, France on Oct.4, 1917

From: Havre, France To Certibeaux Villars, France on Oct.6, 1917

Trained or stationed abroad: in Neufchateau Vosges, France from October 1917 to February 1917

War Record

First went into action between March 1 and March 12, 1918 in Chamin de Dames Sector

Participated in the following engagements: Gas attack Chemin Des Dames on March 7, 1918; Seichprey on April 20, 1918; Chateau-Thierry from July 20, 1918 through July 28, 1918; Verdun from October, 23, 1918 through October, 25, 1918

Cited, decorated or otherwise honored for distinguished services: **None indicated**

Killed in action, killed by accident, died of wounds, died of disease, wounded, gassed, shell-shocked, taken prisoner:

Gassed in Chemin des Dames on April 29, 1918; Gassed and wounded in Verdun on October 25, 1918

Under medical care: At Base #66 Hospital in Neufchateau, Vosges, France From March 29, 1918 To March 1919; At Base #6 hospital in Bordeaux, France [no date indicated].

Permanently disabled: **None indicated**

Arrived: in Boston Mass. on the USS Agamemnon from Brest, France

Discharged from service at place at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. on April 29, 1919 as a Corporal in Company “K”, 102nd U.S. Infantry, 26th Division

**Return to civilian life:**

Occupation: Driver, Clerk, Die tool maker

If a change of occupation was occasioned by reason of disability acquired in the service, describe the process of re-education and readjustment, and indicate the agencies or individuals chiefly instrumental I furnishing the new occupations:

 **Not as yet. But found it almost impossible to work inside. Have been more or less sick since going inside.**

Additional information:

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

**When in the service was anxious to get out as soon as possible but after, due consideration in civilian life think that the service is a fine thing. The Infantry has too much to carry and too far to carry it.**

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

**They were of the best as far as mental and physical conditions was concerned. But they might have been more lenient with their passes.**

What were the effects upon yourself experience, either in the army or navy or in camp in France or in England?

**That there is a way to do anything no matter how hard it or far away it may seem.**

 If you took part in fighting, what impressions were made upon you by this experience?

**That Sherman was more than right, but then he didn’t have so much need and such large rats to contend with.**

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

**That it gives a person greater insight into big things. Develops a greater will power and self determination to succeed despite the cost.**

Photographs: None included

Additional data: None indicated

Ssigned in Wallingford, Connecticut on June 7, 1920

Signature: Wilson Harry Whitehouse Rank: Corporal Branch: Company K , 102nd US Infantry, 26th Division

The information contained was obtained in this record, unless indicated, was obtained from the following persons or sources:

**My personal diary + diary + discharge + memory.**