

Note. This Questionnaire should be completed so far as possible with such information as can be furnished at once, and returned with photographs and additional notes or letters, if available, to Department of War Records, State Library, Hartford, Conn. Your completed Questionnaire will convey to your children and to their children, your story in your own words, of the part you took in the great conflict. The "Roll of Honor" and the accompanying list of names certified by a town official, will form the Title-Page and Table of Contents to the volumes of War Records relating to those in service from your Town.



Connecticut Participation in the World War

State of Connecticut

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MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

D. H. R.—Form 1. Ed. 2
State Library

Compiled by the Department of War Records, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, where it will be filed, as a permanent memorial of the deeds of Connecticut soldiers, sailors and marines in the service of the federal, state and allied governments during American participation in the World War.

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Name in full Thompson Clarence McGregor
(family name) (first name) (middle names)

Date of birth August 18 1881
(month) (day) (year)

Place of birth St. Mary's Ohio U.S.
(town) (county) (state) (country)

Name of father Henry M. Thompson Birthplace U.S.
(country)

Maiden name of mother Elizabeth R. McGregor Birthplace U.S.
(country)

Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? White

Citizen yes Voter yes Church Baptist
(yes or no) (yes or no) (denomination)

Married June 22 1905 at Providence, R.I.

To Martha P. Cristy Born Jan. 28 1882 at

Children Ruth Estelle Thompson Born May 5 1907 at Latoria, Tenn.

Cristy McGregor Thompson Born Oct. 26 1915 at Hartford, Conn.
Born 1 at

Fraternal Orders Masons

Previous military service or training Conn. National Guard 1913-

Occupation before entry into the service Secy. & Agent "The Connecticut Prison Association"

; employer The Conn. Prison Association

Residence before entry into the service 42 Oak St. Hartford Hartford
(street number) (town) (county)

Present home address 13 Ravine Ave. Clen Cove Massau N.Y.
(street number) (town) (county) (state)

WAR RECORD

called out by President's Proclamation
 Inducted into service or enlisted on Mar. 26-1917, at Hartford (place)
 (date)

as a Captain (rank)

in the Infantry (infantry, artillery aviation, etc.) section of

the National Guard (Connecticut)
 (Regular Army, National Guard, Home Guard, National Army, Navy, Naval Reserve, or Marine Corps)

Assigned originally to H (company) 103rd Ind. Inf. (regiment) 26th (division)
 Identification number 197

(or) - (ship) at New Haven, Conn. (place)

Trained or stationed before going to Europe: —

School, camp, station, ship	From (date)	to (date)
<u>Camp Yale</u>	<u>July 1917</u>	<u>Sept. 15, 1917</u>

Transferred to: —

Company	Regiment	Division	Ship	Date	New Location

Promoted: —

From (rank) Captain to (rank) Major Date Aug. 2, 1918

Embarked from Montreal, Can. (port) on S.S. Canada (ship)

Sept. 16, 1917 (date) and arrived at Liverpool, Eng. (foreign port) (date)

Proceeded from Liverpool, Eng. to Southampton (date)

From Southampton to La Harre, France Oct. 3, 1917 (date)

From La Harre to Neufchateau Oct. 6, 1917 (date)

Trained or stationed abroad: —

Country	Place	From (date)	to (date)
<u>France</u>	<u>Certilleux</u>	<u>Oct. 6, 1917</u>	<u>Feb. 2-1918</u>
	<u>Langres</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 1918</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 1918</u>
	<u>Paris</u>	<u>Mar. 4, 1919</u>	<u>May 22, 1919</u>

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WAR RECORD

First went into action Mar. 1, 1918 Chemin des Dames
(date) (place)

Participated in the following engagements Chemin des Dames, (defensive) Toul Sector
(defensive), Seicheprey, Marne-Aisne (defensive) (offensive), St. Meiel,
(offensive) Marcheville (offensive)

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):—

Croix de Guerre (Seicheprey, Apr. 21, 1918)

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

Nature of casualty	Place	Date

Under medical care: —

Name of hospital	Location	From (date)	to (date)

Permanently disabled (through loss of limb, eyesight, etc.) (specify disability)

Arrived at Brooklyn, N.Y. on U.S.S. Frederick June 3, 1919 Brest
(American port) (ship) (date) (from)

Discharged from service at (place) (date)

as a Major (rank)

RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE

Occupation after the war Agent, Phoenix Mutual Life Ins. Co.

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 in furnishing the new occupations:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What was your attitude toward military service in general and toward your call in particular? *A pleasure and a duty for every citizen. The call? It had to be.*

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

Believe it did me much good both mentally and physical.

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

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

Too soon to state this definitely.

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

I did not expect a picnic and it was what I looked for. The glory of war is all an illusion, but therefore do nothing to the conclusion that there are not worse evils which our war can overcome.

Photographs — If possible enclose one taken before entering the service and one taken afterwards in uniform, both signed and dated.

Will try to send one when I can have them made.

Additional data

Signed at *New York* on *October 28* 1919,

Clarence W. Thompson Major *Infantry*

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

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Mr. George S. Goddard,
State Librarian,
Hartford, Conn.
My dear Mr. Goddard:

Glen Cove, N.Y. Jan. 19, 1922.

Nearly a year ago I filled out the enclosed form and put it away because it seemed so futile to try to express ones ideas of the great times we have been through. I cannot do better now so forward it in case it is not too late.

Sincerely
C. H. Thompson