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MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

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Name in full... *Whitehouse Gibson Sharry*
(family name) (first name) (middle names)

Date of birth... *July 18 1898*
(month) (day) (year)

Place of birth... *Birmingham Warwickshire England*
(town) (county) (state) (country)

Name of father... *William James* Birthplace... *Iditto*
(country)

Maiden name of mother... *Amy Redward* Birthplace... *Iditto*
(country)

Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? *White*

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

Married *No* 1 at _____

To _____ Born _____ 1 at _____
(maiden name)

Children _____ Born _____ 1 at _____
(name)

_____ Born _____ 1 at _____

_____ Born _____ 1 at _____

Fraternal Orders... *Ormenaco Tribe # 44 Improved Order of Red men - League of Pochontas I.O. O. Red Men*

Previous military service or training _____

Occupation before entry into the service... *Die Tool Maker*

_____ ; employer *R. Wallace & Sons Mfg Co Wallingford Conn*

Residence before entry into the service... *189 S. Church St. Wallingford Conn*
(street number) (town) (county)

Present home address... *97 N. Elm St. Wallingford New Haven Conn*
(street number) (town) (county) (state)

WAR RECORD

Inducted into service or enlisted on May 5 1917, at New Haven Conn
(date) (place)

as a Privt.
(rank)

in the 1st Conn. Infantry section of
(infantry, artillery, aviation, etc.)

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

Assigned originally to Co K Identification number 65769
(company) 102nd (regiment) 26th (division) Y

(or) _____ at New Haven Conn
(ship) (place)

Trained or stationed before going to Europe: —

School, camp, station, ship	From (date)	to (date)
<u>Camp Gale New Haven Conn</u>	<u>?</u>	<u>Sept 15 1917</u>

Transferred to: —

Company	Regiment	Division	Ship	Date	New Location

Promoted: —

From (rank)	to (rank)	Date
<u>Private</u>	<u>Privt, 1st class</u>	<u>Sept 25 1917</u>
<u>Private, 1st class</u>	<u>corporal</u>	<u>Sept 25 1917</u>

Embarked from Montreal Canada on H.M.S. Canada
(port) (ship)
Sept 16 1917 and arrived at Liverpool England Oct 2 1917
(date) (foreign port) (date)

Proceeded from Liverpool Eng. to Southampton Eng Oct 2 1917
(date) (date)

From Southampton Eng. to Haare France Oct 4 1917
(date) (date)

From Haare France to Certileaux Villars France Oct 6 1917
(date) (date)

Trained or stationed abroad: —

Country	Place	From (date)	to (date)
<u>Belgium</u>	<u>Certileaux Villars France</u>	<u>Oct 7 1917</u>	<u>Feb 7 1918</u>

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WAR RECORD

Returned *March 1 & 12 1918* Chemin De Rome Sector
 First went into action (date) (place)

Participated in the following engagements: *Gas Attack Chemin De Rome 3/17/18*
Sickbay 4/20/18 Chateau Thierry 7/20/18 - 7/25/18 St. Michel 9/12/18 - 9/17/18
Verdun 10/23/18 - 10/25/18

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):

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

Nature of casualty	Place	Date
<i>Gassed</i>	<i>Chemin De Rome</i>	<i>3/17/18</i>
<i>Gassed & Wounded</i>	<i>Verdun</i>	<i>10/25/18</i>

Under medical care: —

Name of hospital	Location	From (date)	to (date)
<i>Base # 66</i>	<i>Maufchaten France</i>	<i>Mar 29/18</i>	—
<i>" # 6</i>	<i>Bordeaux France</i>	—	—

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

Arrived at *Boston Mass* on *U.S.S. Agamemnon* *Brest France*
 (American port) (ship) (date) (from)

Discharged from service at *Camp Devens Ayer Mass.* *April 29 1919*
 (place) (date)

as a *Corporal* *Co K 102 2nd U.S. Inf 26 Div*
 (rank)

RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE

Occupation after the war *Shiner - Clerk - Shoe 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 in furnishing the new occupations:

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

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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 & 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 & physical conditions was concerned. But they might have been more lenient with their passes.*

What were the effects upon yourself of your overseas 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 the fighting, what impressions were made upon you by this experience?

That Sherman was more than right, but then he didn't have so much mud & 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 & self-determination to succeed despite the cost.

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

Additional data

Signed at *Wallingford Conn* on this *7th* day of *June* 19*10*

Wilson Harry Whitehouse *Corporal* Co *K 102* *2d* *Inf* *26* *Ill*

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

My personal diary & discharge, & memory.

(Signature)